Estrechos de Balces

Estrechos del Balcez,Rio Isuala

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Aragón **Subregion:** Huesca **Town:** Alberuela de Laliena		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v1 a3 IV	**Total time:** 5h22
Approachtime: 20min	**Tourtime:** 5h	**Returntime:** 2min
Altitude entry: 645m	**Altitude exit:** 530m	**Delta Altitude:** 115m
Canyon length: 600m	**Highest rapell:** 0m	**Amount rapells:** 0
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** East	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.4 (4)	**Info:** ★ 3 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 0 ()

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: evtl. Notseil

Summary: (machine translated)
Long aquatic hike and swim canyon in conglomerate rocks

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the Barbastro - Huesca road (N-240), about 25 km after Barbastro, turn right onto the A-1229 towards Abiego, Rodellar. A few hundred meters after Abiego, turn left towards Bierge. A few meters before reaching the village of Bierge, turn right. We stay on the right at the following junction and continue east on the A-1230 towards Adahuesca. 4.4 km after Bierge we come to the bridge over the Isuala - Puente d'Alberuela de La Liena - and park our lower car there.\n\With the second one we go back again 4.3 km until we turn right at an acute angle just before reaching the village of Bierge and drive on HU-341 in the direction of Rodellar ('Bco. de Mascun'). After 9.6 km (from the exit of Bierge) we come to a saddle where, at a sign 'Barranco Fondo 840 m' (large trash cans), a dirt road branches off to the right in a northerly direction. We follow it, crossing a plateau (which offers good views and overview), then slightly downhill again to Collado de Colmenares (about 2.5 km from the beginning of the slope). Here on the saddle we park the second car.

Approach: (machine translated)
From here, several tracks lead downhill through the forest in a southerly direction. They join below a larger rock slab and the resulting path leads down to the Rio Isuala (at the exit of the Oscuros de Balces (entry).

Tour: (machine translated)
A total distance of about 7 km. First 1 hour walk to the beginning of the narrowing. Then alternate - sometimes long - swimming and walking passages. It is worth taking a look at the mouth of the barrancos from time to time. At the exit, the canyon opens up and we walk along the wide bed of the Isuala out to the bridge and our car.

Return: (machine translated)
The tour exits directly at the car

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.2349 -0.0525
Canyon End 42.1693 -0.0387

Reports:

2025-05-04 | PeterAlbertini | ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ | Normal | Completed
Recommended for people who are trained--long! Dead animals in abundance (machine translated)

2025-04-23 | Peter Lampacher | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ | Crazy | Emergency exit
Climbed out to the right after the first narrow section. Massive current, white water. Possibly doable for people who know the route well; as a first ascent - no. (machine translated)

2024-06-16 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | |
Información: Partes de la descripción del cañón se han importado automáticamente. Concretamente, los campos Ruta GPS, Topografía de https://www.docuwiki.infobarrancos.es/doku.php?id=barrancos:huesca:estrechos_balcez

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2019-05-09 | Christian Balla | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ | Normal | Completed
A fascinating canyon. We really had a lot of fun. We entered via the Barranco Alborceral (Barranco de l' Alborzeral). Videos of the tour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iC0xS5p_xI (Alborceral) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyEYGvg9PN4 (Balces Estrechos) (machine translated)