Oscuros de Balcés

Oscuros de Balcéd,Rio Isuala,Balces

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Country: España / Spain **Region:** Aragón **Subregion:** Huesca **Town:** Las Almunias		
Difficulty: a little difficult	**Grading:** v3 a4 III	**Total time:** 3h40
Approachtime: 1h30	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 40min
Altitude entry: 620m	**Altitude exit:** 470m	**Delta Altitude:** 150m
Canyon length: 1500m	**Highest rapell:** 8m	**Amount rapells:** 3
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** Southwest	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 4.5 (11)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (7)	**Belay:** ★ 2.9 (8)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Unfortunately very crowded (high summer); short but very beautiful canyon; grippy limestone; several bottlenecks and climbing; small siphon; clean water; few short rappels; diving goggles and lamp advantageous; very aquatic canyon.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From the village of Rodellar: ri. Huesca --> pass the outdoor club (on the left side of the road) --> through the small village (Bierge) --> continue up the road --> up to the Barranco Fondo hill (signposted + viewpoint) --> take the gravel road on the left for approx. 1.6 km --> parking lot at the exit of the road.

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot, walk along the gravel road --> pass a barrier and continue up to a trail marker (Steinmandl+ signs) --> take the path to the right here and walk across the boulder field --> after approx. 20 min. When you reach a viewpoint --> keep left and you will come to the descent path which leads over the steep boulder field to the stream in about 25-30 minutes --> once you reach the stream, take the right side of the stream to the entry point.

Tour: (machine translated)
A short swimming passage is immediately followed by a mighty labyrinth of rocks into which you first rappel, then rappel and swim (problematic when there is a lot of water)--> the mighty wedged limestone rocks are very impressive --> after the chaos of rocks follows a very narrow, 1m wide part with towering rock faces in which the light is only very sparse (very beautiful part) --> in this part there is also a swimming section and a slide in very dark pools (be careful, very narrow) --> further on you come to a small abseiling point in a slowly narrowing pool --> the water is very narrow and the slide is very narrow. Abseiling point in a slowly opening canyon --> swimming passage --> climbing over small rocks --> at the end you have another swimming passage of about 100m --> the exit is on the right (after a small iron plate bridge).

Return: (machine translated)
On the right side, hike up the clearly visible hiking trail next to the wooden railings to the parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 42.2425 -0.0458
Canyon End 42.2349 -0.0520
Parking Entry and Exit 42.2457 -0.0613

Reports:

2026-10-25 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] très belle descente, bonne condition pour cet automne, prévoir des sous couches (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-09-14 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Beau canyon, superbes conditions. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-08-27 | Andreas B | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
A beautiful canyon with plenty of water. Very clear. The times don't really add up, though. We're not the fastest, but we're certainly not extremely slow either. It took us 1 hour and 30 minutes to reach the canyon access. The 1 hour and 30 minutes in the canyon are accurate, and two members of our group made it back in the stated 30 minutes. Most took longer. In my opinion, 40–45 minutes is a more realistic estimate here. (machine translated)

2026-08-26 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Fait à remontée et descente. Vu personne (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-08-21 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Crazy | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Gros débit après l'orage de la nuit, eau "chocolat". (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-08-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] 7 voitures sur le parking à 11h. Marche d'approche 1h20 jusqu'au 1ier tobbogan.Aucun bouchon dans le canyon. On s'étale bien avec les qql canyoneurs présents.Bonne baignade en maillot à l'arrivée (température de l'air 38°c)Retour 40min à peu près à l'ombre. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-08-15 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Magnifique.Les lunettes de piscine ont bien servi pour le siphon final. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-08-08 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Bonnes conditions. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-08-07 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-08-05 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Bonnes conditions, parcours matinal, vu personne. A peine une douzaine de voitures sur le parking à midi. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-07-19 | System User | |🕮 |⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Balcez [Oscuros del] Débit passable. A faire le matin pour faciliter la marche d'approche. Personne dans le canyon. Seul le premier rappel du départ est obligatoire. Canyon court mais exceptionnel. Marche retour évidente (approche 1h30 / descente 1h15 / retour 35min) (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/20790/observations.html)

2026-07-17 | Georg Rudelstorfer | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
We set off at 11:00 a.m.—there was only one group ahead of us. It was a super beautiful swimming canyon with warm water and no difficulties. The only part that took us longer than the described 40 minutes was the access. (machine translated)

Parts:
Balces (superior) II, v1 a2 III, 2h30+3h30+45min
Oscuros de Balcés, v3 a4 III, 1h30+1h30+40min