Holtes / Holtit

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Country: Shqipëria / Albania **Region:** Shqipëria e Mesme **Subregion:** Qarku i Elbasanit **Town:** Gramshi / Gramsh		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a3 IV	**Total time:** 4h20
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 4h	**Returntime:** 10min
Altitude entry: 460m	**Altitude exit:** 260m	**Delta Altitude:** 200m
Canyon length: 3200m	**Highest rapell:** 20m	**Amount rapells:** 13
Transport: Car required	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** 120.00km²
Season:	**Orientation:** West	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.8 (8)	**Info:** ★ 2.6 (5)	**Belay:** ★ 2 (8)

Specialities:
Dam (inform operator),

Gear:
Ropes: 2x20m

Summary: (machine translated)
Long great canyon, probably the most impressive canyon in Albania when the sun is shining and the water is clear.
Can be combined with the orographic left tributary Gjerzeze (see https://de.wikiloc.com/routen-canyoning/carcove-holta-explore-114374371 - albeit Gjerzeze erroneously named Çarçovë).

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Tour with hydropower plants.
Registration and deregistration at the following number is required:
+355 68 386 8027

If water is flowing at the exit of the canyon, this does not mean that there is water in the canyon. Check the entrance below the water intake.

Access: (machine translated)
from Elbasan to the parking lot exit see map section google maps under links, there also the transfer route to the P entry

Approach: (machine translated)
If you want to save yourself a long access, it is advisable to call the warden at the weir.
He will inform the 7 hydroelectric power stations that there are people in the canyon and can take you directly to the entry for 5000 lek per trip (max. 4 people at a time) in a 40-minute ride.
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Over the water catchment/dam to the western side of the stream. Via the natural stone ramp from the left into the streambed.
The first and second anchors are set very far up to the left.

Tour: (machine translated)
see photo album and video under Links

The first two anchors are set very far to the top left.
There is a walking passages of approx. 300m between the penultimate and last rappel. The anchor for the last rappel is located on the top right on a kind of platform. (Intermediate stand available for pulling off)

Numerous warm springs on the way out of the tour.

Return: (machine translated)
out of the bottleneck to the right onto the slope and to the car.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 40.9261 20.2238
Parking at Exit 40.9261 20.2218
Parking at Entry 40.9277 20.2579
Canyon Start 40.9270 20.2570

Reports:

2025-09-18 | Timothé Zen-Ruffinen | ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≈ Dry | 👍 Completed
If water is flowing at the exit of the canyon it does not mean there will be any water in the canyon. Check the entry below the water capture. Would highly recommand to do it in spring (after rainfall) and with sunshine for the rocks to be at their best. Otherwise very muddy/clay canyon. Fantastic rock formations.

2025-05-02 | Bavarian Canyoning | ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
Rock was very grippy overall, except for a few places covered with lem and sand. All anchors were present and in good condition. The first two anchors are set very far to the top left. There is a walking passages of about 300m between the penultimate and last rappel. The anchor for the last rappel is located at the top right on a kind of platform. (Intermediate stand available for pulling off) The numerous hot springs on the way out of the tour were also cool. Watch out! Stinks like rotten eggs that have been in the sun for too long (machine translated)

2025-04-16 | Ruben Casta | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ | ≈ Low | 👍 Completed
Beautiful canyon, more time climbing than rappelling but worth it. We contacted the dam operator and he made us the combination of cars saving us about 2 hours. (machine translated)

2024-10-21 | Luis Pulkrab | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 |⚓ ★ ★ | ≈ Low | 👍 Completed
Very beautiful landscape, not very challenging with our low water level. The road to the entry is not particularly good. We managed it with our small, low rental car, but something bigger would certainly be more comfortable. Contact the HEC operator. Our contact couldn't speak English, it's best to contact them by text so they can translate. He may also be able to organize a shuttle. The drill hooks are often very high so that they last longer, so look up when searching:) (machine translated)

2024-10-10 | Rachael Brock | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
Great canyon. Some of the anchors were high/involved some polished scrambling to get to - recommend good shoes or confidence. Canyon is very straightforward from start to finish. We contacted Lindor from HEC and he registered us/made sure no hydro operations were taking place and gave us a lift to the canyon start (approx 1hr) for 50€ (2 people) - well worth it. Otherwise you'd probably want a car drop. If you need his contact details please DM me on Instagram @thisistraveling and I'll share his WhatsApp details (he prefers text). He asked to please text him 2 days in advance so he can tell you if HEC are doing operations. Enjoy!

2024-09-24 | Jeanne Picart | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≈ Low | 👍 Completed
Very nice (machine translated)

2024-06-23 | Bina | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ½ |🕮 |⚓ ★ | ≈ Low | 👍 Completed
Many thanks to Lindor Carciu for the cab service. Once at the top, we were even allowed to use the Hec toilet. We were escorted to the stream, where no water was flowing. A little later, a little water came in from the right of the overflow. Great tour, all the stalls were there. (machine translated)

2023-04-11 | Canyon Dave □□□ | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ |🕮 ★ ★ ★ |⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≈ Normal | 👍 Completed
We made contact with Mr. Carciu of the Tervolit HEC before our descent as suggested by Pascal in the guidebook. At the hydro dam all water was taken into another capture so we started completely dry. There is a local man living next to the dam, he is also very concerned about your safety and reminds you if there is permission of the HEC to enter the canyon. The canyon was easy, climbing and sliding and some descents. One bolt was missing so we had to make an extra long descent at one of the stations. The original bolt was cut off by debris, this happened already several times according to Pascal. The last part of the canyon was an easy walk out, there are some (hot) springs along the hugh canyon wall. This canyon is highly recommended. And if you have energy and time enough it could be combined with the Gjërzezë canyon next to the entrance of the Holtit.