

Gambuezas

Barranco de Las Gambuezas, Bco de las Saletas, Barranco de Las Gambuezas, Gambuezas

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Country: España / Spain Region: Canarias / Canary Islands Subregion: Santa Cruz de Tenerife Town: Arafo		
Difficulty: difficult	Grading: v5 a1 IV	Total time: 6h10
Approachtime: 1h30	Tourtime: 4h30	Returtime: 10min
Altitude entry: 1400m	Altitude exit: 700m	Delta Altitude: 700m
Canyon length: 2500m	Highest rapell: 55m	Amount rapells: 15
Transport: Car required	Rock type:	Drainage area: km ²
Season:	Orientation: East	Best Time:
Rating: ★ 3.1 (4)	Info: ★ 2 (2)	Belay: ★ 2 (2)
Specialities:		
Gear: Ropes: 2x60m		
Summary: (machine translated) Dry rappel canyon, beautiful views over the sea to the neighboring island of Gran Canaria, 2 separate parts.		
Hydrology:		
Access: (machine translated) From the airport in the south of the island on the TF-1 to the NNE. After 39.3 km (from the highway ramp) leave the TF-1 at exit 20 at El Socorro and take the TF-281 in a westerly direction up to Hidalgo to the TF-28. Turn left on this 175 m towards the center of Hidalgo, then turn right again onto the TF-245 up to Arafo. In the center of the village, turn left in front of the administration building and the church. At the next traffic circle turn right into Calle Jose Antonio. Follow this road straight on uphill - later it is called Calle La Libertad - until after 1.2 km (from the traffic circle) the Camino Morra del Estanque turns off to the left. Park the (lower) car in a suitable place here. If you only have 1 car available, this is where the access begins. If you have 2 cars at your disposal, it is possible to walk 23 km. You won't save any time, you will lose time, but the access from the top is scenically stunning. The problem is that the car parked at the top is at risk of breaking (as we unfortunately found out).		
Approach: (machine translated) Access from top to bottom: We turn off the TF-24 onto the dirt road heading south. It leads us through sparse pine forest down to the black cone Caldera de Pedro Gil/Arafo/Montana de las Arenas. We pass it on the left and continue downhill. Where the track crosses the stony streambed at the confluence of the Barrancos de Cosme and de las Saletas (1450 m above sea level), we can enter the barranco (here called Bco. de las Saletas). On access from below, we take the cross road a few meters south from the car and then follow the Camino Morra del Estanque uphill. Where the road begins to turn south at an altitude of 835 m, a dirt road on the right leads to farmsteads on the edge of the canyon. We continue along the road for a few more meters on the left and then turn right onto the path uphill. It turns into the "T-2" mountain path (marked with a blue cross on a purple background). At an altitude of around 950 m, a path branches off to the right. Down here would be the access to the lower part of the Bco or the (possibly emergency) exit from the upper part. We keep left and continue on the path. We come out of the forest, pass the Refugio de las Arenas, leave the track to the right about 200 m later and cross in a left-hand bend down into the canyon (about 1250 m access altitude, i.e. significantly lower than the access from above). Of course, you can also continue down the slope from above next to the Bco. to enter at a lower point.		
Tour: (machine translated) See photos and video ! Exit and access possibility at the relay in the 2nd high rappel at the tunnel window of the water pipe. Interesting the clearly visible lava flows, especially at the 1st high rappel, each covered by earth again. Somewhat "herbaceous" at the exit.		

