

TIBIA-FRESCA

Access to Tibia

Torca Tibia can be reached from two different ways, the first one, from “Las Casucas del Ason” involves 650m climb but has the advantage of requiring only one car to do the traverse.

The second and shorter way parts from the parking area at the top of “los Collados del Asón”. It takes about 1h 45min but two cars are needed. If this is the way chosen, it would be needed getting changed in “las Casucas” and leave all the dry no-caving clothes there in the car which would be parked there for when we finish the traverse. Take the other park to the Parking area at the top of the road, about 200m ahead from the overlook of the valley. From the same parking leaves a wide path, we will go up for about 2km until we reach a junction. We’ll take the path which goes up towards “Colina”.

After 400m we’ll reach a hut and our path keeps going up until we change the slope of the hill. Shortly after that, we will find a second junction on the right side of the path signalled to “El Albeo” (20minutes from the hut).

Now the path starts to go down and it isn’t always obvious, however, there are plenty of milestones which will help us to reach the destination.

Our path goes gently down until the area where the Albéo huts are and surrounds them from the top. Without descending now, we cross to the other slope. The route pass nearby a hut with a basin where we can take water.

We follow now the not so obvious path, which lead us after 15minutes to Torca Tibia. The path doesn’t lose height. Torca Tibia is about 30m higher from the only small group of trees that we are going to find. It’s difficult to see from the top, it’s only visible if we approach it from the bottom and it’s basically a fissure in the rock. Once there there’s not room to mistakes as the name is clearly written in the rock “Sima Tibia”

Going back to Las Casucas from Fresca.

Once we come out from Fresca, we take a path on the right side of the mouth. After going down about 100m, it seems like the path disappears when it reaches a 4-5meter high cliff. In that point we have to turn left and pass through a small group of trees. Careful, if it’s raining it can be very slippery. We keep going down and 5 minutes later we reach a step meadow. Keep going down until we reach a wide path. Watch out the wire fence just before taking the path, there’s not gate. Once in the path we turn left, following the river current, and it leads us directly to “Las Casucas”, where we parked the second car.

Description.

The entrance to the cave is a **P14**, with a narrow pitch head. It grows bigger after 4 meters. After that we go down a sloping ramp and reach a **P6**. Immediately after it we get to **P85**. The access is easy and at the head pitch quite comfortable, rigged with a chain. 30m underneath we find the second revelay (there's no chain, so it's not sensible to share it with more people) and from there down the abseiling is mostly free hand. Sometimes there's a small current of water in one side of the wall.

At the bottom of the pitch there's a big boulder that we will surround by its right and we'll take the **meander** that we'll find at medium level (do not follow the ramps). We have to follow the meander for about 100m; it's wider in the upper section. We'll find an arrow made with carbide which shows us when we have to go down, we pass a 3m climb down to a small traverse which reaches to the head of the **P19**. Once at the bottom, looking at the wall where the rope has been we to the left, following a second meander for about 40m which leads to the chain of a **P30**.

Just afterwards we reach a bottomless meander very narrow, "**la Gatera o Z de Tibia**". It's an about 10m long squeeze, which beds several times. The last bit is the narrower one and it might be sensible taking off the "irons" but not the harness, as immediately afterwards we reach another pitch.

The **P36** head pitch is quite uncomfortable and in the middle of the pitch we have to pass a pendulum. This pitch is usually rigged to use the rope as guide. We follow by a 10 high ramp, and we reach two P8. They lead to a wide fossil chamber (galería de las Perdidas). He find a first lose hole at the floor of the gallery, we surround it by it's right, under a boulder, following a very stepped path. A bit farther away we find a rope to avoid a second hole in the floor we have to follow the rope up to Boulevard Piegé. We walk for about 100m and in the left we'll find the second **P85**. There's a traverse that leads as to the head pitch avoiding a 6m climb down. About 25m down, we find the second revelay, in the opposite wall in a comfortable ledge.

From there we reach **Tibia's River**, we pass a R4 and several ropes to avoid big pools. Eventually we reach to a **15m** rope that **climbs** up. Up the top, go down the ramps and go up another 10m rope that leads to "**Diaclasa de los Parisinos**". There are plenty of reflectors. The rift is fun and after a while we have to progress by the top until we reach a R4 that we have to go down, and a 8m ramp rigged that we have to go up and progressing by a low gallery. Eventually we came out to a big gallery and from there to a short passage we reach "**el Cañón Rojo**" (from this point to the entrance there's less than 1h 30m)

Once we reach El Cañón Rojo, we turn left through a sand ramp and reach the big **Sala Rabelais**, (which has more that 100m diameter). In a lateral in our right and in the top section we reach the **5ª avenida**, where we'll find a traverse. Eventually we get to **La Araña** (spider) traverse. We follow the gallery, being careful with the **Tracastin** (a perfect crevice in the floor 2m wide and 20m deep that can be missed if we are going to fast through the gallery.) The way is now quite evident and we reach after some mud puddles to another traverse. We go down a calcite slope. Turn left at the bottom and go up through another calcite slope. We reach another traverse in the left wall of the gallery. We reach then the end of the gallery and a window is opened on the left, rigged with a 3m rope, from there we are in the exit galleries of **Fresca**.

Equipment

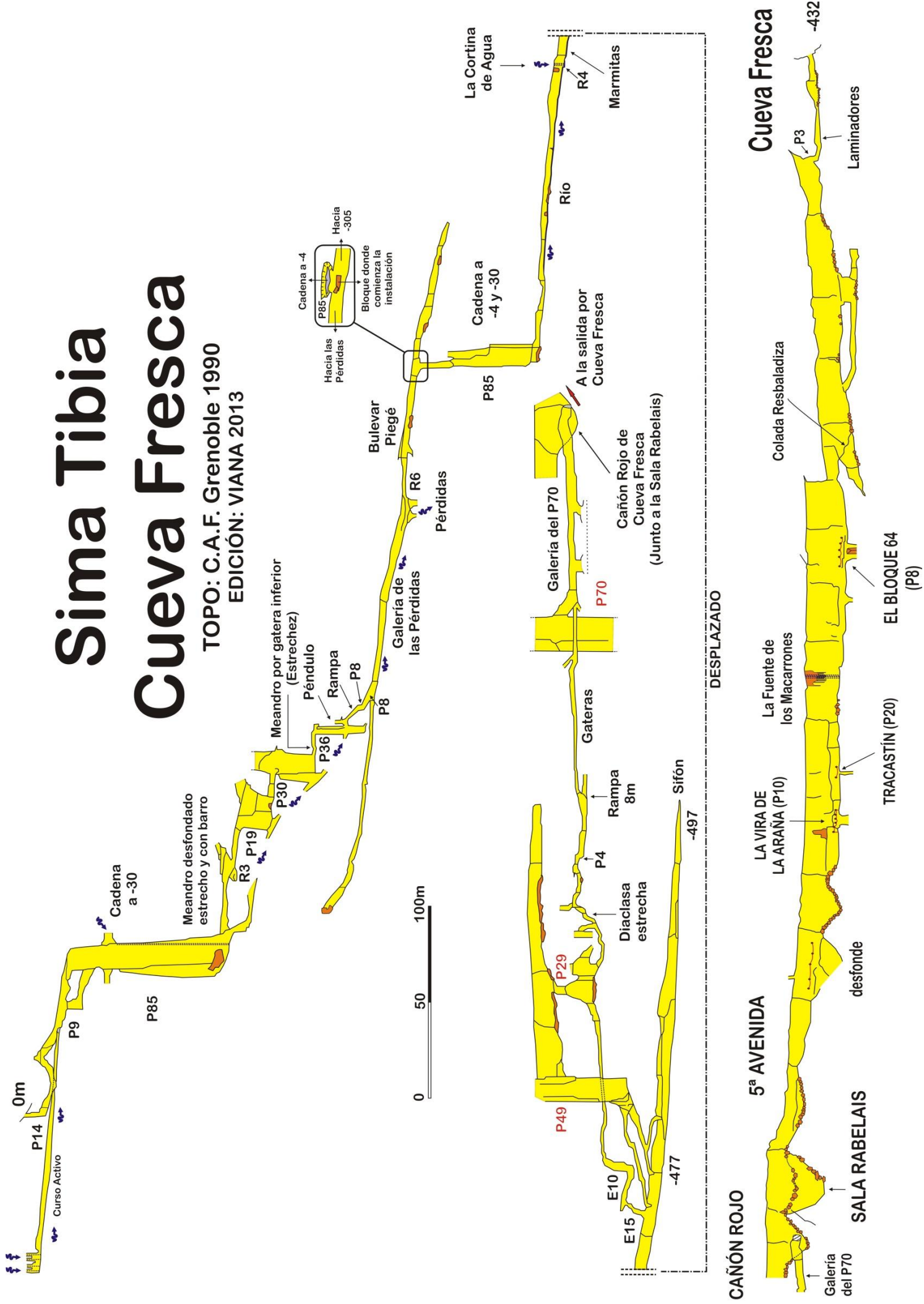
It's needed 2- 65m at least. It would be useful as well taking a 40m ropes to use in the small pitches. In general, and excepting the point we have mentioned before, Tibia is equipped to go down with double rope. The pitch heads have a two anchors united by the chain and a maillon. The pitches that unite both caves are usually equipped, as well as the Araña traverse.

Survey below

Sima Tibia

Cueva Fresca

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