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The sea cliffs at the resort of Moraira are located below the tower know locally as Torres del Cap d'Or and provide a pleasant and atmospheric climbing spot. The castle tower is visible on the hill top above the town and this is the location of the cliffs.



**Important Note:**

A number of the routes are banned due to the proximity of four plants of the family Silene Hifacensis. Please respect this restriction. No new routes should be developed here.

**GENERAL APPROACH**

Travel from Calpe by following the costal road to Moraira. Alternatively follow the N-332 north to Benissa, keep on the road until you reach the roundabout for Teulada. Pass through the town and follow the road to Moraira.

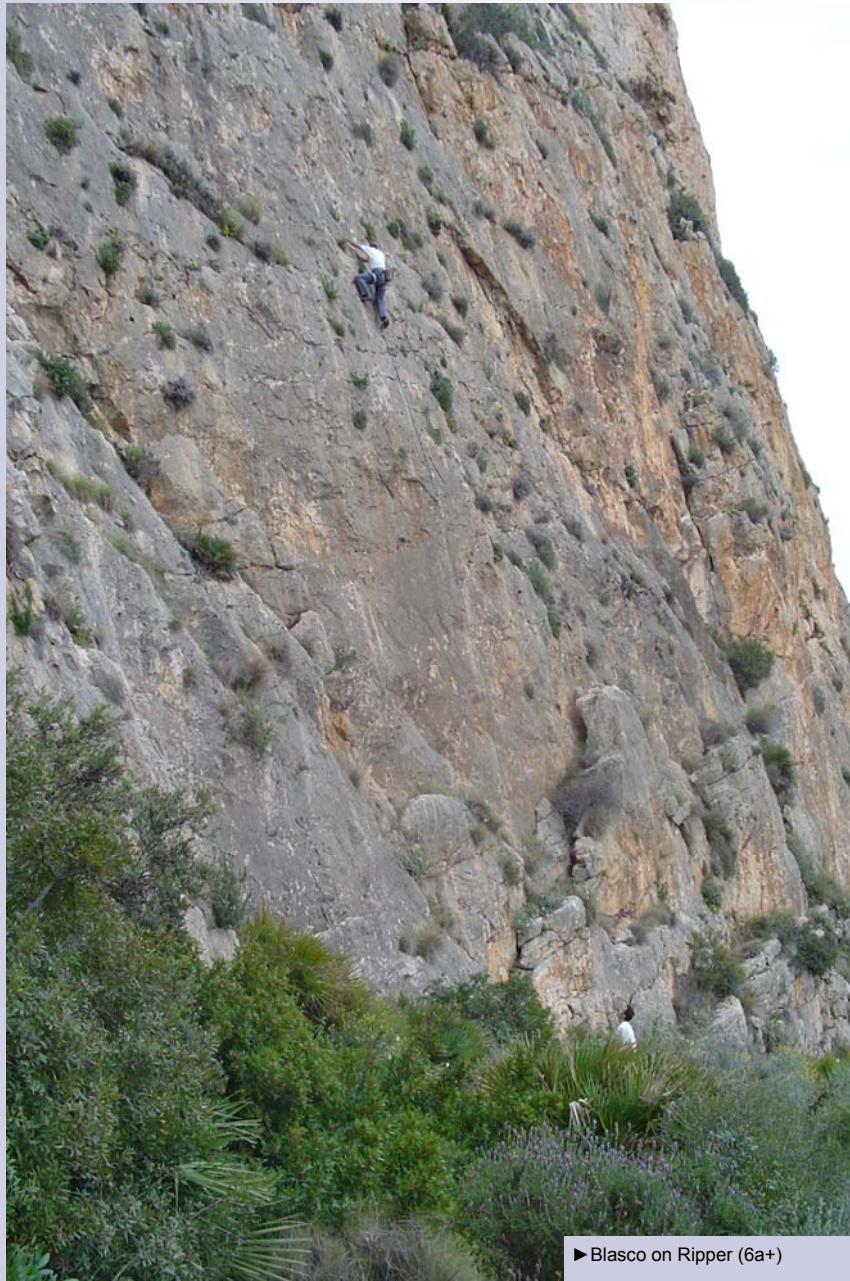
At the roundabout outside Moraira Centro Urbana is a sign for El Portet, 1.5 km. Take this road and just before it ends at the beach and Restaurant 'El Portet' turn left steeply up an unlikely looking minor road. At the cross roads turn right along the level and then take the next left, the Calle de Alcudia and the next left again up the Calle Puerto de Andraitx. When the road ends at a turning space, park the car. Note There is very little space for parking.

Follow the obvious path leading leftwards onto the hillside ignoring an early path to the right and a higher one to the left to arrive at a col with a signpost. Follow the sign to 'Cueva de la Cendra' and immediately you are beneath the 'Upper Cliff'. About 5 minutes from the car. Straight on takes you into the huge cave of La Cendra, dropping down lower and contouring the hillside brings you to the original climbing area.



**Graded List**

8b+	
8b	
8a+	
8a	
7c+	
7c	
7b+	
7b	
7a+	
7a	
6c+	
6c	
6b+	
6b	
6a+	
6a	



► Blasco on Ripper (6a+)

#### ASPECT AND CLIMATE

The cliffs are on the hill side above the ocean and face south east. They remain in the sun until just after mid-day except the cave which is mostly in the shade at all times. All the areas are located above the water and stepped slightly back. It is a good location when there is bad weather in the mountains.

#### GEAR

All the routes are well protected by bolts (with 2 exceptions). On some routes the bolts are now quite old and suffering erosion from the sea atmosphere. Most of the climbs have very discreet names at the foot in small black lettering to aid identification.

#### INFORMATION

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Sector 1: The Gully

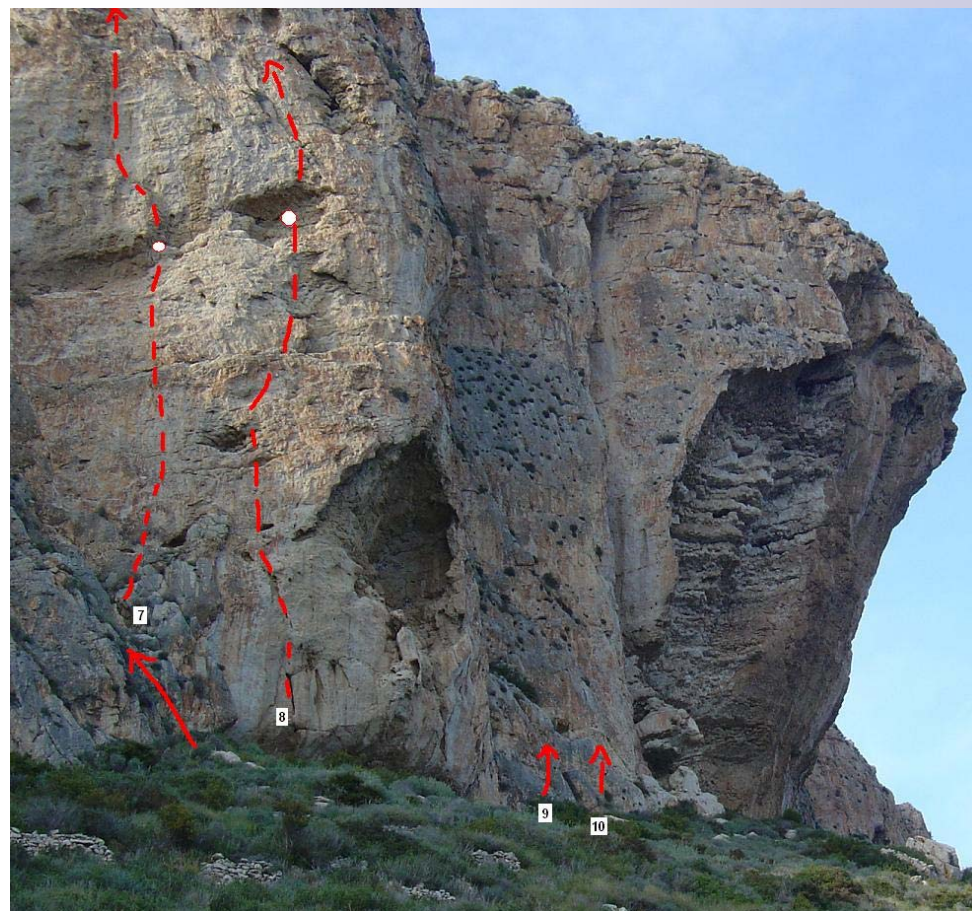
The first two climbs are on the left facing outwards as you descend the footpath down the gully.

**Note: This section is banned for climbing!**



- 1. **Kylie**.....   **6a**  
6m. The centre of the short wall.  
FA. Alan Evans
- 2. **Britney** .....   **5**  
6m. From the start of the previous route – move rightwards sharing most of the same bolts.  
FA. Alan Evans
- 3. **Kitten Claws** .....   **III+**  
10m. The rightward leaning ramp in the centre of the face. Keep out of the corner itself and climb the ramp to its right. Care may be needed with a 'perched' block. Two bolts and three pegs lead to a bolt and peg lower off.  
FA. Alan Evans

The next two routes start 2/3 of the way down the gully.



- 5. Sal Sol** .....  **6a+** ★★  
 30m. 6a+. Start 5m to the right below a shield of good rock. Follow the line of bolts up the left side of the shield.  
 Best to finish here.  
 24m. 4+. The easier wall above.  
 F.A.
- 6. Ripper** .....  **6a+** ★★  
 30m. Start 2m to the right. Cimb the steep wall – easier on the right.  
 F.A.

Continue up and along the hillside until reaching large roof.
- 7. Mellizo Bomba** .....  **6b** ★  
 1. 30m. 6a Start a little way up the gully on the left and climb easy slabs to reach the steeper wall. Climb the wall which turns out to be much easier than initial appearances would suggest.  
 2. 30m. 6b Step left and climb through the roof and follow the weakness up the wall above.  
 F.A.
- 8. El Penultimo Moican** .....  **A0/6b+** ★  
 1. 22m. Cross the roof (2 aid bolts) and climb the crack above to a belay in the cave.  
 2. 30m. Move right out of the cave and climb the wall to a second cave. Exit rightwards from this.  
 F.A.
- 9. Route 9** .....  ?  
 ?m. Right of the large corner, past the hole is a slabby wall. Climb to the hole and climb straight up.  
 F.A.
- 10. Se Nace y se Mata** .....  **6a** ★  
 30m. Climb the wall 2m to the right to a belay in the chimney.  
 F.A.

- 4. Johnny Wilkinson** .....  **6a** ★  
 12m. Easy slab leading to a large diagonal break, climb to this then take the overhang on the left, keep left and follow the line of bolts and the odd peg to join the lower off of Kitten Claws.  
 FA. Alan Evans
- 5. Christmas Party** .....  **5+** ★  
 12m. Start as for the previous route but above the first bolt move right past a peg, follow the bolts and one peg (and a thread) to finish in the obvious corner at a lower off.  
 FA. Alan Evans
- 5. Christmas Orange**.....  **6a** ★  
 20m. Climb steeply up the pocketed wall by the bolts avoiding easier but looser possibilities on the left, from a good ledge move up left to the lower off.  
 FA. Alan Evans

Sector 2: The Cave

Continue down the gully and follow the path rightwards to reach the enormous cave.  
Two serious traditional routes have been done on the left of the cave, there are bolt belays but protection is nuts and friends.

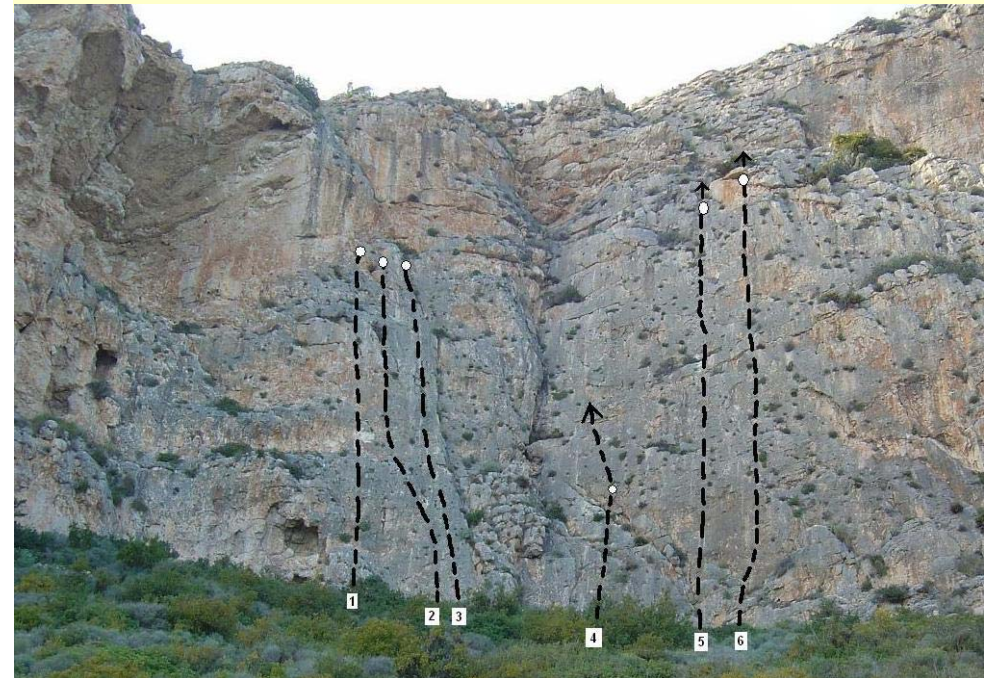
- 1. **Crumbleane**.....  ? (E5 5c) ★★  
30m. Climb the weird wall on the left side of the cave, scary.  
FA. Rich Mayfield, Miles Gibbson
- 2. **Christmas Nightmare** .....  ? (E5/6 6a) ★★  
30m. From the base of the cave left of the bars climb the large crack system up to the 15m roof.  
Some loose rock.  
FA. Rich Mayfield, Miles Gibbson
- 3. **Route 1** .....  7a ★★★  
30m. Climb the wall on the right side of the cave to a belay point. Make a hard move to gain the obvious break and follow this steeply across the middle of the cave on good holds. Fortunately there is a hands off rest in the middle. Either lower to the ground from the last bolt or reverse the route to the belay to recover your gear.  
F.A Chris Newton-Goverd, 2003



► Richard Davies on Route 1 in the large cave.

Sector 3: Placa

Back down the path from the cave and follow the other fork beneath the walls. The route names are written at the base of the routes.



- 1. **Espuma de Mar** .....  6a ★★  
24m. Take the rib on the left. Traverse right to a lower off.  
F.A.
- 2. **Via Ilkatrin** .....  5+ ★★  
24m. Start in the middle of the scooped wall, climb this trending slightly leftwards.  
F.A.
- 3. **Arciris en el Mar** .....  5 ★★  
24m. 5. Climb the grey righthand rib.  
26m. 4+. Climb the rib to the left trending ramp and finish on the cliff top.  
F.A.
- 4. **Chulla** .....  5+ ★★  
8m. 4+ In the center of the wall just right of the corner crack. Climb to a belay at 8m.  
24m. 5+ Step left and climb the wall on excellent rock.  
18m. 5. Continue up the wall above.  
F.A.