



Aristoteles (F4+, 9 pitches), Puig Campana, Costa Blanca



Walk in

As for El Diamante (see the ROCKFAX guidebook), Head round to right of the single pitch sport routes (the lump which Espolon Finestrat traverses in above). "Arist." in Red lettering at the start of the route

- 1) a narrow rib/arete leads to another rib on the right. (III)
- 2) Head left up broken grey sheets with many large waterworn holes - continue straight up to a large flat area. Belay at the back right hand end of the flattening. (III)
- 3) Head across to the right and continue up a rib to a small ledge and nut belay (III)
- 4) Head straight up blocky flakes until they run out then make moves on pockets up the clean slabs above to reach easier ground and continue to a large pinnacle belay. (IV)
- 5) Traverse across the knife edge ridge on the right and climb a short wall to a large terrace which splits the lower and the upper half of the route. Continue up and around right to belay below a short gully. (III)
- 6) Up the gully then head trend left over broken ground to belay below a large dramatic corner.
- 6a) Optional direct pitch - From the centre of the terrace go direct up the groove in the steep wall, then trend right and continue to belay below the large dramatic corner (V?)
- 7) Climb the right hand side of the corner past a peg and trend right past more fixed gear on the pocketed slab to a large thread belay. (IV+)
- 8) From the belay head up and left past a peg and onto the arete which forms the skyline. continue in a fine position up the arete and slabs above to reach a belay. (IV)
- 9) Continue up the side of the pinnacle in an increasingly spectacular situation until the top is reached after a long pitch (50m III+, can be broken at several ledges). Bolt belay.

Descent

Ab. From the bolts at the top

- 1) 25m to a three bolt anchor (badly linked bolts)
- 2) 50m to a short 10m scramble to a tree or 60m to the tree
- 3) 50m to a terrace - cross this to a tree on the left (facing out)
- 4) 50m down a steep slope with loose rock (careful) and then over the edge to a ledge and scramble left. Or 60m to the base.