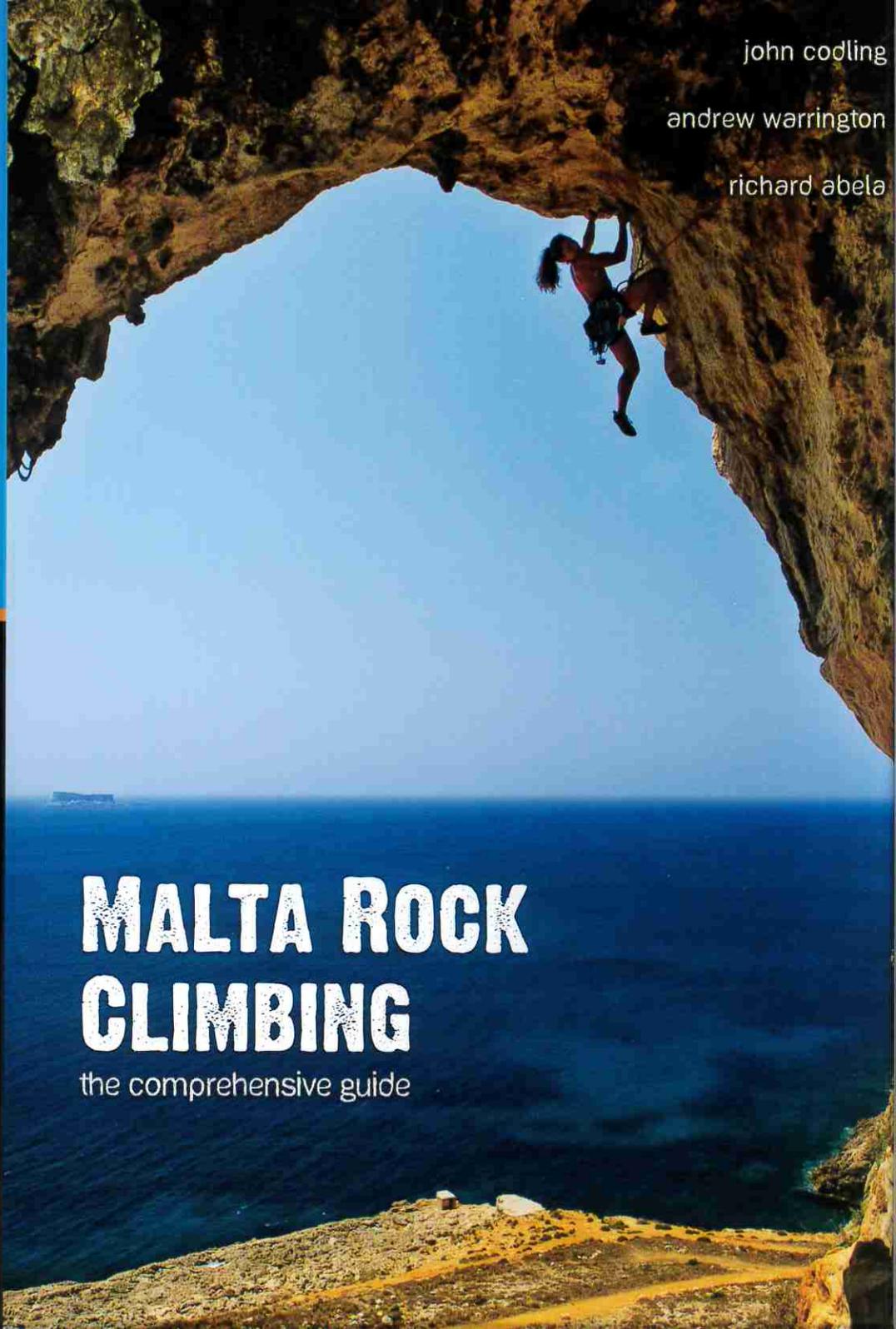




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The Maltese islands offer a varied and scenic playground for climbers of all levels. Whether you are looking to tick off some short and sweet challenges or setting out to push your limits on a multi-pitch adventure, there's a spot here to suit your style.

Malta and Gozo have all the advantages of Mediterranean islands, the sun, warm seas, the excellent cuisine and a warm and friendly welcome... but with the added bonus of hosting both traditional climbing areas and designated sport climbing crags. The islands are unique in offering visitors the best of both climbing worlds.

This comprehensive guide catalogues 21 areas on 3 islands, sporting 1200+ climbs described in detail and illustrated by full-color photo-topos. Road and access maps for each crag and captivating action photographs throughout complete the volume. Malta Rock Climbing - the Comprehensive Guide makes decades of route bagging, passed down from one climbing generation to the next, accessible to all in a single resource.

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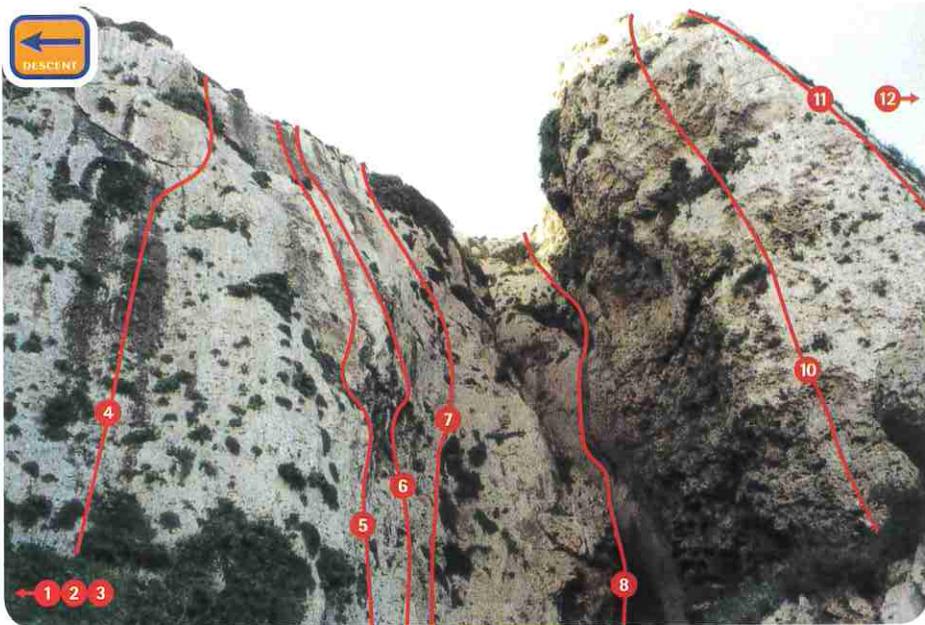
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The Amphitheatre

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An extraordinary venue with routes set either side of a chasm complete with a part-time waterfall and pool. From P2 scramble down past a pipe and onto the next terrace below. Turn L and follow the cliff top footpath until you reach a large perched boulder above the waterfall amphitheatre. There are two ways to its base:

- Scramble down past the R (looking out) side of the large perched boulder and down a rake, towards the large flat platform. This is Amphitheatre Rake route in reverse.
- A 30m abseil off placed threads from the LH prow (looking out), the last section over an overhanging wall to gain the large flat platform and pool.

The first three routes are on the east buttress of the amphitheatre and not marked above.

Amphitheatre Rake

1 35m M

Easy way down. From the extreme L edge of the amphitheatre, climb up the buttress, finishing just L of the large perched boulder.

Parallel

2 32m D

A route starting 4m R of AR and finishing R of the large perched boulder.

Amphitheatre Crack and Wall

3 25m VS 4c

From the vegetated terrace opposite the LH stream, climb the RW crack and wall.

Amphitheatre Buttress

4 31m S 4a

Opposite the LH stream is a clean wall capped with a hanging flake. Up to this, skirting its R side to the top.

Thumbs Down ★

5 28m E2 5b

Climb the LH edge of the steep wall to exit L onto the slab at 10m. Take the R edge of the slab to a flake. Step up from the flake onto indefinite holds. Get rescued or move up to jugs in the bulge. Easy slabs above, bold in its second half.

Nightshade ★★

6 28m E2 5b

2m R of TD, climb the centre of the pocketed wall and bulge, then continue up the slabs above.

Amphitheatre Wall

7 32m E1 5a

Start 6m L of the waterfall. Up the pocketed wall to the elongated black hole. Trend L past vegetation to finish.

Waterfall Direct

8 31m HVS 5a

Definitely a dry weather climb! Starting in the amphitheatre at the foot of the waterfall, climb the water bowls then head L to finish up a scoop in the LH slab.

Waterfall

9 31m HVS 4b

Another dry weather climb! Climb the water bowls, exiting delicately R from the top bowl to a rough slab. Beware damp rock and water borne powder on the holds. Esoteric! The route doesn't show on the picture but is obvious from below.

Migra Ferha



Migra Ferha is 3.5 km south of Fomm ir-Rih Bay – see access maps. Drive west from Rabat towards Fiddien Reservoir but fork L before reaching it, following signposting to Mtahleb. Follow the main road until you pass a compound carefully crowned with barbed wire. Take the next L turn, which takes you across the top of the escarpment. Turn L again down the winding hill to a carpark.

From the carpark walk down steps leading into the ravine to a break in the sea cliffs. There are two sea level traverses either side of the slipway and pleasant bouldering in the shady canyon. Excellent new bolt lines are currently being put up.

Where to Now? ★

1 70m E2 5c

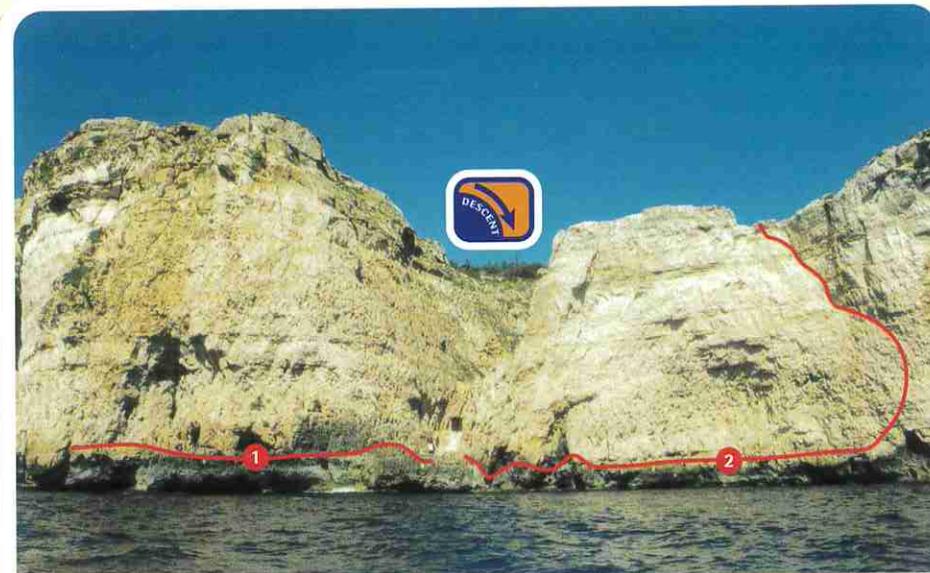
Sea traverse R to L (looking in) across the wall to the arête. Across slabs beyond to a ledge. Reverse this.

Waddy's Wander

2 30m E4 6a

Sea traverse L to R (looking in) across a sharp black wall then exit up a loose ramp.

Migra I-Ferha



Key's Route

10 35m E1 5b

The white wall of the buttress R of Waterfall. Up to the vegetated ledge and through the overhang above.

Amphitheatre R

11 35m VD

Start 5m above the sea, just R of the RH stream. Climb the buttress above on good holds.

Amphitheatre Traverse

12 60m VD

Traverses the cliff below the mouth of the amphitheatre, starting from the LH stream just below Amphitheatre Rake and finishing R of Amphitheatre Right. Crazy eh!