

## Costa Blanca – Forada update

This is an update to the Forada section of the Costa Blanca Rockfax guide – 2005 edition.

It includes new routes added since the guide was published.

Where a new routes has been added to a sector all the existing climbs in the sector are also listed for reference.

### APPROACH

From junction 70 on the A7 take the A36 (Alcoy). After 30 kilometers take the first turning to Castalla. As you approach the town take the left turning at the roundabout sign posted Xorret de Catti. Follow the road to the traffic lights and turn left again sign posted. Continue for a number of kilometres through the forest until dropping down into the valley and passing the Xorret de Catti hotel. In the bottom of the dip turn left along the dirt track. Follow this, taking the left branch until it's possible to park on the brow of the hill over looking the crag. Walk along the track and footpath to the sectors..

### ASPECT AND CLIMATE

Forada north face is high up and can catch the breeze. Even in the height of summer you may find you need more than a tee-shirt. In very hot weather this is the place to go. In winter it can be very cold. The face is very steep and will shelter you from light rain.

### GEAR

All the routes are well protected by bolts with good belays. Pitches can be long – up to 32m is common so a 60m or 70m rope should be used. With extensions the routes are up to 45m in length.

### INFORMATION

Every effort has been made to make this topo as accurate as possible however the information provided is on an as-is basis. The publication of this topo does not imply any right of access to the area.

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### Sector Super Heros

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#### 1. Pajarraco

30m. Climbs up the rib and through the roof up and to the left of the start of Escalibur.

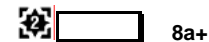
FA. Miguel, Anaya



#### 2. Escalibur

28m. The line up the left hand side of the bulging wall.

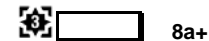
FA. ?



#### 3. Tundra

32m. Climb the steep wall on the obvious pockets. Continue up the groove and then wall above. A long pitch but split by good rests. Low in the grade.

FA. Jose Serrano, Jose Herdenandez, 1995



#### 4. Lanzarote

32m. The left-hand finish to Batman finishing at the same belay (7c) – or continue up the wall above and left of the belay. Harder if climbed on the left of the pockets.

FA. Juanvi, Juan



#### 5. Batman

24m. Climb to the diagonal crack below the roof. Pull direct through the roof with the crux being the clip on the lip.

FA. Pedro Luis, Paco, Pedro, 1989



#### 6. Muscleman

24m. The overhanging groove on mostly good holds. Low in the grade.

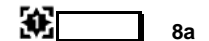
FA. Chiri Ros, Isabel Pagan 1991



#### 7. Rock'n Roll Express

24m. The large pockets to the right of Muscleman to the Muscleman belay. Unpleasant moves hindered by the resident bird.

FA. Chiri Ros, 1992



#### 8. Satori

30m. A squeezed in first pitch between Rock'n Roll Express and Rayito, then the continuation pitch above Muscleman up the impressive arête.

FA. ?



#### 9. Rayito (Radicales Libres)

32m. The scoops up the wall to the right passing the small lightning crack (Rayito). After half way the difficulties ease considerably to the final move.

FA. Jose Herdenandez, 1995



#### 10. Thor connection

32m. The start of Thor to belo the rest. Move left and continue up Rayito to the belay.

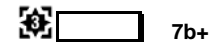
FA. Jose Herdenandez



#### 11. Thor

26m. The steep pocketed wall is straight forward, move right at mid height to a rest. The less steep wall is technical.

FA. Pedro, Paco 1989



#### 12. Plasticman

26m. Continue from the belay of Thor upwards using a number of glued on holds.

FA. Jose Herdenandez, Jose Serrano 1994



#### 13. Doctor Bacterio

32m. Start a few metres left of Elios and climb the smooth rock. Most notable by the absence of the chalk. Two distinct hard sections.

FA. Juan, Anaya

14m. Project - From the belay link across to finish up Enclenque Misanropic. (Juan)



#### 14. Elios

28m. The diagonal pocket line.

FA. V Freire, Santiago (aid) 1974, FFA. M Amat, Tekila, 1991



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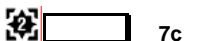
### 15. Guerrero del antifaz

28m. The less pocketed leaning wall direct from the start of Elios with a short but difficult section reaching and passing the bulge at half height.  
FA. J L Clavel, M Amat, LMont 1995



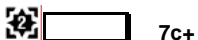
### 16. Enclenque Misanropic

45m. Climb Guerrero.... from below the belay follow bolts left past the tree to a shallow groove. Climb direct up the wall to the belay.  
FA. Juan, Anaya



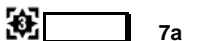
### 17. Helioscentrisimo

42m. Climb Guerrero.... from the belay climb direct up the wall above to the belay.  
FA. Juan, Anaya



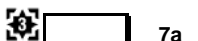
### 18. Spiderman

22m. Direct up the pockets to the right.  
FA. Pedro, Paco 1989



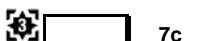
### 19. Starman

26m. The short wall leads to a broad rib. Climb this and move more easily up it's right side.  
FA. M Amat, Juanvi, 1994



### 20. Espolon Rumano

45m. Climb Startman. From the belay move right onto the overhanging arête. Climb this past a massive hole and up the wall above.  
FA. Anaya



### 21. Son Goku

18m. The right- trending line from the start of Starman looks easy but has a tricky pull onto the slab. It's steeper than it looks.  
FA. Anaya



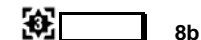
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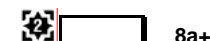
#### 1. Baby Boom

30m.



#### 2. Bombe bombero

24m.



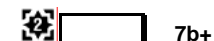
#### 3. Apatrida

32m. Climb the slots to the left of Los patos... to reach the white wall. Steep moves lead to a desperate dyno (7c+) move to gain the pocket above. The easier alternative is to use the holds of Los patos... Move left using the holes and climb the easier white wall above.  
FA. Carlos, Anaya



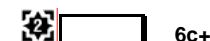
#### 4. Los patos de la Moncloa

22m.



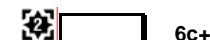
#### 5. Camara Alta

22m.



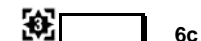
#### 6. Tekila

22m. The very obvious lines of pockets and cracks running up the shallow groove. This soon eases to provide pleasant climbing to the belay.



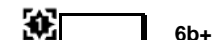
#### 7. Disturbio vertical

24m.



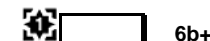
#### 8. El golfo de la guerra

20m.



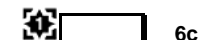
#### 9. El Guerra del golfo

20m.



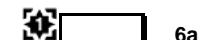
#### 10. Abstencion

18m.



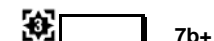
#### 11. La fuerza del parabola

16m.



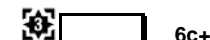
#### 12. Pepa Rota

45m. A very long pitch to the top of the ridge. Start as for Galimatais but continue direct up the wall to reach a slanting ramp. Move left along this and pull steeply up the rightwards leaning crack line. Finally pull direct to the belay.  
FA. J.Luis, Nacho, Anaya



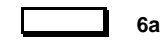
#### 13. Galimatas

32m.



#### 14. Pictolin

14m.



#### 15. Sugus

14m.



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### Sector Television

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#### 1. Bola de Cristal

30m. Climb over the bulges on the left edge of the wall and continue up the face and arête above. A poor start but superb wall climbing higher up.

FA. Alexis, Santi



#### 2. Rollito de Primavera

30m. Start 3 metres to the right and climb through the lower bulge to reach the smooth upper wall. Climb this on time undercuts.

FA. Chiri Ros



#### 3. La calle de ritmo

20m.



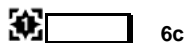
#### 4. Waku waku

20m.



#### 5. Sesion de tarde

20m.



#### 6. Television - Unknown 3

20m. Start behind the tree. Climb the groove line and pull over the roof

FA. Chiri Ros



#### 7. Papa pa atras

20m. Start 2 metres to the left of El ultimo mohicano and climb direct up the wall.

FA. Chiri Ros



#### 8. El ultimo mohicano

20m.



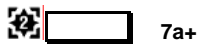
#### 9. Quieres que el tigre

20m.



#### 10. Bum-bum

20m.



#### 11. Recien vendio

18m.



#### 12. El precio justo

15m.



#### 13. Carta de adujiste

24m.



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### Graded List

<b>8b</b>	Satori Baby boom
<b>8a+</b>	Rayito (Radicales Libres) Plasticman Bombe bombero Escalibur Tundra
<b>8a</b>	Rock'n roll expres Lanzarote
<b>7c+</b>	Pajarraco
<b>7c</b>	
<b>7b+</b>	Guerrero del antifaz Quieres que el tigre Batman Los patos de la moncloa Thor
<b>7b</b>	Muscleman
<b>7a+</b>	Elios Bum-bum
<b>7a</b>	Carta de adujiste Bola de cristal Spiderman El precio justo Starman Son Goku
<b>6c+</b>	
<b>6c</b>	Waku-waku
<b>6b+</b>	
<b>6b</b>	
<b>6a+</b>	Recien venido
<b>6a</b>	