

# **Dos Hermanos – Two Brothers. Pen y Roc**

**Dos Hermanos. 273m Very Severe. V-.**

A wild and exciting climb up two isolated towers situated amongst some of the most beautiful mountain scenery on the Costa Blanca.

This route must rate as one of the best, at its grade, in the area for mountain rock climbing.



Approach, as for Echo Placa until the end of the newly surfaced concrete road. Continue for a further 100m to a track leading off right. Parking here. Follow the track until you reach a junction where a footpath leads off right. Follow this to the path which traverses below Pen Y Roc. Go left for 50m. and follow a faint track which goes up behind the rock face on the left. The Two Brothers are the obvious towers in the broad gully. Keep to the scree to avoid difficult vegetation.

**Roure 1. Start** at the base of the wall by a large boulder.

- 2.18m. V. Climb groove on the left for a short way and then move right onto the arête which is followed to a good ledge and bolt belay.
3. 30m. 1V. Climb the short wall on the left and then the steeper one above to reach a ledge with trees. Go through these to the right side of the pinnacle and ascend rightwards to reach a bolt Belay.
4. Abseil 25m to the base of the tower. An escape can be made here  
Walk steeply up hill to the base of the next tower.
5. 20m. 1V. Climb the arête to a wide ledge. Traverse left and climb the wall on jugs to a good ledge and peg/nut belay.
6. 40m. 1V+ Climb the steep corner crack to the top and continue up short walls, 4 of them, the last one being the hardest, and continue to the base of the obvious tower.
7. 20m. Scramble along the ridge to the base of the next tower.
8. 40m. V-. Climb onto the sloping ledge and traverse leftwards, making a long and awkward reach around the corner onto a steep narrow slab. Up this then right and then directly up grooves and ledges to the top of the final tower. Bolts. The loose boulders have been climbed direct.
9. 8m. Lasso the steel spike on the opposite tower and arrange a Tyrolean to reach the opposite tower.
10. 20m. Make an abseil down the wall to the col between the tower and La Cappella.(the mountain opposite the tower).
11. 100m. grade 2. Scrambling reaches the summit.

Descend by scrambling down ledges into the wide gully.

History of these twin towers.

Both towers have seen activity by climber in the past but no routes had completed the ascent to their summits. (Evidence left by old abseil bolts). None had made the journey between the top summits or connected them to the summit of La Capella.

**First complete ascent. R. Edwards. Mrs P Winters. S. Kenolty.**  
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## **Route 2.**

Variation pitches on the lower Tower.

Start just right of the wide  
and shallow groove below a broad arête.

1. 25m. 5b **Hard Very Severe. (6a)** Climb the centre of the arête to a bolt. Go slightly right then back left and climb direct to the bolt belay.
2. 18m. 5b ( 6a) Climb right onto the sloping ledge and climb directly up the steep corners ( peg runner). Follow the crack to the next ledge and bolt belays.



