

Cerro Torre, southeast ridge, fair-means ascent

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After three days of rest following a new route on Fitz Roy, Tadej Kriselj and I made a fair-means ascent of the southeast ridge of Cerro Torre, following the Kennedy-Kruk line with the Lama-Ortner variation (900m, 5.12b A2 75?). We used an A1 variation on pitch 12, but we mostly free-climbed and only used aid on a few occasions to save time; we also didn't use jumars. In the end, it was much less adventurous than the experience we'd had a few days before on Fitz Roy. The climbing proved to be less demanding than our imaginations made us think it would be, but it was still challenging and aesthetic.

Images



Only a year after the controversial bolt-removal on Cerro Torre's Compressor Route [see AAJ 2012], Luka Krajnc and Tadej Kriselj repeated the southeast ridge, mostly free-climbing the Kennedy-Kruk line with the Lama-Ortner variation.



Approaching Cerro Torre.

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