

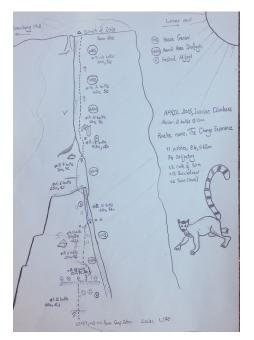
Karambony Tower, Northeast Arête, The Change Experience

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In April, Hassan Gerami, Farshad Mijoji, and I opened a new route up the stunning right (northeast) arête of Karambony Tower. We mainly aided at first, using hooks and bolts to make progress up the wall, then did our best to climb the route free. In total we spent six days opening the route, and then another three days climbing it from the ground up. Our route crosses Rain Boto (Albert-Arnold, 1995, 450m 7b+) twice—once at the big midway ledge, and again close to the summit—but does not share any notable amount of climbing. We call our climb The Change Experience (440m, 8b A2, 7c obligatory). [Download the full trip report from the team, containing first-hand beta on traveling to and climbing in Tsaranoro.]

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Images



Topo of the new route Change Experience (440m, 8b A2, 7c obligatory) on Karambony Tower.



Climbing pitch eight.



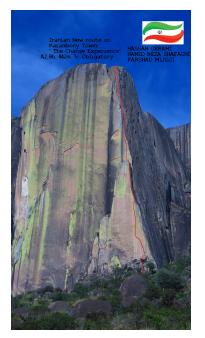
Bearing down on the pitch four crux (8b).



At work on pitch two.



Hassan Gerami, Farshad Mijoji, and Hamid Reza Shafaghi below Karambony Tower. The four-walled Tsaranoro Massif is located to the left.



The Change Experience (440m, 8b A2, 7c obligatory) on Karambony Tower.



Hamid Reza Shafagh climbing the arête on the fifth pitch.

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