



## **Jebel Rum, Zion, and Other Routes**

Jordan, Wadi Rum

**During a 28-day frenzy on the sandstone walls of Wadi Rum, in January and February 2023, Alberto Luque and Albert Segura (both from Spain) established seven new multi-pitch climbs from 6b to 8a.** It was a particularly meaningful trip for Segura, who was on the rebound from chemotherapy for a tumor and who'd had to curtail his guiding work for six months during treatment.

Their standout climb was Zion, a 12-pitch 8a up an eye-catching buttress on the west side of the Jebel Rum massif, with its crux on pitch ten. Segura had learned of the potential on the west face from French climber Arnaud Petit, and when they showed a photo of it to their local guide, Atayek Hamad, he took them there the next day.

This objective took four days to complete, leaving the climbers with time and bolts to spare. (The climbers used bolts sparingly on their routes—there are only 20 protection bolts on Zion's 12 pitches, for example, plus bolted anchors.) Taking only 1.5 rest days on their trip, the duo put up six more climbs ranging from 6b to 7b, and from 130m to 450m. Four of these were in the remote area of Jebel Suwebit, south of Rum, near the border with Saudi Arabia.

The team's new routes are listed below:

Zion (450m, 8a), west face of Jebel Rum  
Shehana (160m, 6b), north face of Jebel Abu Braisheimana  
El Petaquintos (330m, 6c), east face of Jebel Barrah  
The Jordan Pass (450m, 6c+), west face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Jebel Suwebit)  
Insha'Allah (365m, 7b), north face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Jebel Suwebit)  
Nightmares on the Sand (450m, 7b), north face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Jebel Suwebit)  
Amina (130m, 7b), north face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Jebel Suwebit)

— **Matt Samet, AAJ, with information from Desnivel and Albert Segura**

## Images



### Zion 450, 8a (6C,A2)

Abierta en 4 días en Enero 2023  
Alberto Luque y Albert Segura  
2 x cams BD hasta #4  
1 x juego de bicoins  
1 x micros  
10 cintas expres  
10 Cintas largas  
Equipada con 20 bolts(12mm) Y 2 Pitones + reuniones  
Reuniones equipadas con 2 bolts  
Línea de rapel equipada a 5 Metros después del final de la vía, en el lado izquierdo (cara norte)  
3 rapeles (55,50 y 50 metros)  
Llevar cordinos par a remplazar  
**WEST FACE OF JEBEL RUM**  
25 minutes driving from Wadi Rum  
Access 25 minutes walk  
Atayek Hamad from Wadi Rum can take you to the crag  
Need more info?  
Albert\_Segura\_Climbing (Instagram)

Photo-topo for Zion on the west face of Jebel Rum.



### Shehana (شُهَانَا), 160m

Abierta el 17 de Enero 2023  
Alberto Luque y Albert Segura  
1 x cams BD hasta #4  
1x juego de bicoins  
1 x micros  
5 cintas expres  
10 Cintas largas  
Abierta con 3 bolts(12mm) + reuniones  
Llevar cordinos par a remplazar  
**Jebel Abu Braisheimana North West**  
15 minutes driving from Wadi Rum  
Access 30 seconds from the car  
Atayek Hamad from Wadi Rum can take you to the crag  
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Photo-topo for Shehana on the north face of Jebel Abu Braisheimana.



### El Petaquintos, 330m 6c

Abierta el 18 de Enero 2023  
Alberto Luque y Albert Segura  
1 x cams BD hasta #4  
1x juego de bicoins  
1 x micros  
5 cintas expres  
10 Cintas largas  
Abierta con 4 bolts(12mm) + reuniones  
Llevar cordinos par a remplazar  
Jebel Barrah East face  
15 minutes driving from Wadi Rum  
Access 2 minutes from the car  
Atayek Hamad from Wadi Rum can take you to the crag  
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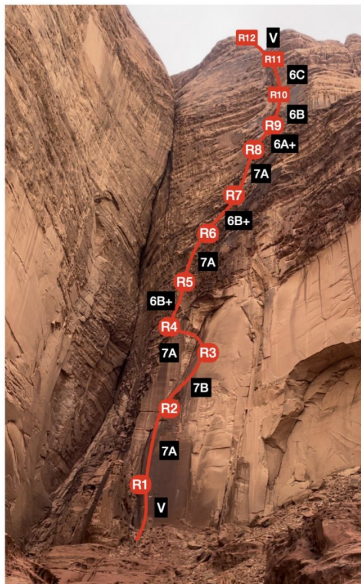
Photo-topo for El Petaquintos on the east face of Jebel Barrah.



### THE JORDAN PASS 450, 6C+

Abierta en 2 días en Enero 2023  
 Alberto Luque y Albert Segura  
 2 x cams BD hasta #4  
 1x juego de bicoins  
 1 x micros  
 6 cintas expres  
 8 Cintas largas  
 Equipada con 19 bolts(12mm)  
 Reuniones equipadas con 2 o 3 bolts  
 Descenso por la misma vía  
 Llevar cordinos par a remplazar  
 First Pitch is from an abandoned route that goes left after pitch 1 (total 3 pitches)  
**SWEBIT MOUNTAIN**  
**Khoram Jreish Crag West Face**  
 30 minutes driving from Wadi Rum  
 Access 5 minutes walk  
 Atayek Hamad from Wadi Rum can take you to the crag  
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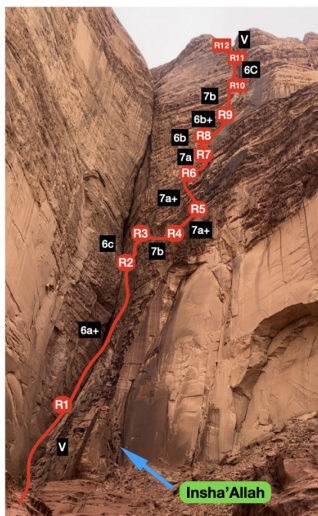
Photo-topo for The Jordan Pass (450m, 6c+), west face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Swebit Mountain).



### Insha'Allah, 365m 7b

Abierta en 3 días en Enero 2023  
 Alberto Luque y Albert Segura  
 2 x cams BD hasta #4  
 1x juego de bicoins  
 1 x micros  
 12 cintas expres  
 10 Cintas largas  
 Abierta con 16 bolts(12mm) + reuniones  
 Llevar cordinos par a remplazar  
 Descenso por la misma vía (de la R5 a la R4 hay que poner algún friend para guiar el rapel) y de la R4 se puede rapelar recto hasta encontrar 2 bolts a 30m del suelo  
**SWEBIT MOUNTAIN**  
**Khoram Jreish Crag North Face**  
 30 minutes driving from Wadi Rum  
 Access 5 minutes from the car  
 Atayek Hamad from Wadi Rum can take you to the crag  
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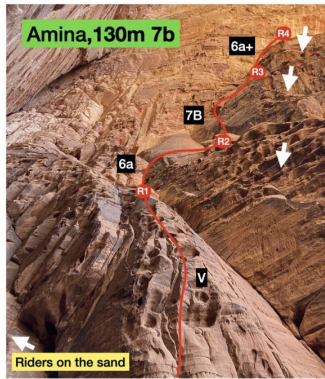
Photo-topo for Insha'Allah (365m, 7b), north face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Suwebit Mountain).



### Nightmares on the Sand, 450m 7b

Abierta en 3 días en Enero 2023  
 Alberto Luque y Albert Segura  
 2 x cams BD hasta #4  
 1x juego de bicoins  
 1 x micros  
 12 cintas expres  
 10 Cintas largas  
 Abierta con 16 bolts(12mm) + reuniones  
 Llevar cordinos par a remplazar  
**SWEBIT MOUNTAIN**  
**Khoram Jreish Crag North Face**  
 30 minutes driving from Wadi Rum  
 Access 5 minutes from the car  
 Atayek Hamad from Wadi Rum can take you to the crag  
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Photo-topo for Nightmares on the Sand (450m, 7b), north face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Suwebit Mountain).



Abierta el 1 de Febrero 2023  
 Alberto Luque y Albert Segura  
 2 x cams BD hasta #3  
 1 x cam #4  
 1 x extra Cam BD #3  
 1 x extra Cam BD #2  
 1x juego de bicoins  
 1 x micros  
 12 cintas expres  
 10 Cintas largas  
 Abierta con 8 bolts (1 en el L2, 5 en el largo 3 y 2 en el largo 4)  
 Reuniones se montan con Friends y puentes de roca  
 Llevar cordinos par a remplazar en el rapel  
 Descenso por la misma vía, desde la R4 un rapel a la R3, de la R3 buscar un puente de roca unos 30m mas abajo (Hay varios puentes de roca en la vertical, llevar coordino para remplazar)  
**SWEBIT MOUNTAIN**  
 Khoram Jreish Crag North Face  
 30 minutes driving from Wadi Rum  
 Access 5 minutes from the car  
 Atayek Hamad from Wadi Rum can take you to the crag  
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Photo topo for Amina (130m, 7b), north face of the Khoram Jreish Crag (Suwebit Mountain).

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