**AFRICA UNCHAINED ‘*25*’**

**AFRICA AMPHITHEATRE, TABLE MOUNTAIN**

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**Approach:** Hike to the Right Face – Arrow Face Traverse on the front of Table Mountain. Scramble to get on top of the Anvil, which is that enormous block forming the outside wall of the tunnel on the Traverse. The route starts off the right-hand end of the Anvil where one can only just step across the open roof of the tunnel below. This is a couple of metres to the right of the Africa Amphitheatre route.

**Pitch 1 40m 24:** Climb up rightwards for five metres into the shallow scoop in the white rockface. Follow the line of weakness up to the right past the first little overhang. At the second, bigger overhang rail out left for a metre and then pull up through the overlaps. Get up leftwards to stand below the roof. Go left and then up to the rail below the biggest roof. Go left a metre or two to where there is a crack in the roof. At this point pull over the roof and get up two metres to a rail (crux). Go up diagonally to the right for a few metres until able to stand. Go straight up to the highest roof a few metres above and then turn it on the right. Continue straight up to the big cave above. Re-establish the stance six metres to the right just beyond the stone wall and at the start of the next big cave.

**Pitch 2 10m 20:** Step off the stone wall and pull up onto the face above. Climb a metre left and then up right into the obvious recess. Climb up to the big ledge above. Re-establish the stance at the huge boulder a few metres to the right.

**Pitch 3 20m 25:** Two metres left of the boulder climb the break up to the first overlap. Rail a metre left and then pull over the overlap to the next one. Rail left to the big green hole under the huge overhang. Climb out and up leftwards to free-climb the five-metre roof. At the outside lip pull up (crux) onto the wall above. Do a hanging stance two metres up to the right on a good horizontal rail.

**Pitch 4 10m 17:** Climb up immediately right of the stance. Go straight up to the enormous ledge.

**Descent:** Abseil from a chain to get back to the stone wall and caves, and then hike rightwards to the Africa Ledge tea cave. Alternatively, do a further abseil from a chain to get to the Anvil. Alternatively climb out on Africa Safari or another route.

**First ascent:** Tinie Versfeld and Hilton Davies, 13 December 2020