**ROOF OF AFRICA ‘*28*’**

**TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE**

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**Approach:** The route starts at the top of Africa Ravine. Rappel in from the Right Face – Arrow Face Traverse by doing a 50m abseil off the big cherry tree using the lowest link in the big chain, or hike in.

**Start:** The route starts in the middle of the amphitheatre. There are two table top-sized slabs of rock lying at a diagonal angle against the rockface. This route begins up the right hand (western) one. Scramble up the slab and go right a metre or two on the ledge to the first break consisting of a vertical crack.

**Pitch 1 20m 21:** Climb the crack for a few metres. Step right and climb up to the roof. Rail left then go up to a big pocket on the left. Reach up to a rail and traverse right above the roof. Climb up to intersect the next roof on its left. Go up the corner then step out right onto the arête. Continue up to the big bushy ledge to stance where Pitch 2 directly begins up the whitish wall above;

**Pitch 2 40m 23:** Start up the white wall using little rails and pockets to reach a small rail 4m up. Rail right for 2m then climb a crack with a piton. Head up and leftwards over a couple of little ledges. On a ledge walk left along a solid rock razor. At the end climb up leftwards towards a roof. Climb through the roof and continue up to the Right Face – Arrow Face Traverse. Scramble up the back of the Breakfast Rock to stance on top;

**Pitch 3 25m 26:** At the entrance to the tunnel scramble up onto the rock shelf on the left. Stand on a jammed flake and climb up to the roof. Rail left for 8m (Camalot #3 and #4). At the horn lean out and climb up at a piton to reach the roof above. Rail right for a metre or two then climb a flake and a wall to reach a big rail. Continue up a corner to exit on the left and climb up to a good rail and ledge. (The Right Face Arrow Face Pitch);

**Pitch 4 30m 23:** Walk 3m right then go up the first break. Climb up to the corner that goes through the small roof. Climb the corner and the arête to the right for a couple of metres. Step across to the left and rail out for 3m. Pull up into the Post Box then up to a thin rail above it with a piton. From the piton go 1m right and climb the steep edge to a little ledge. Go diagonally up leftwards for some way to reach a hanging stance with a piton below the hanging corners.

**Pitch 5 30m 23:** Climb the hanging corners angling up leftwards. Break through the roof at the left end and climb the wall to a big ledge. Bring the party up then walk 10m up and over to the left and around the corner (passing Africa Safari’s arête) to make a stance directly below the big crack through the huge dimpled roof.

**Pitch 6 35m 28:** Climb up to the roof then hang upside down to climb the crack to the lip and then 2m up the wall to the first rail. Traverse a long way left and upwards to a break where you start up left then at a roof go a little right and up a finger crack and up to a roof with a good rail. Rail left to the little Diving Board, climb up onto this horizontally wedged flake without pulling it off, and continue straight up to the big camping ledge.

**Pitch 7 25m 22:** Step off the big flat rock and pull up to get onto a semi-sitting ledge. Go a metre or two to the right to the obvious post box for a Camalot #2. Climb the break up on the left to get onto the wall. Go up and left to the attractive white wall. Climb the blunt arête and head up to a good ledge;

**Pitch 8 15m 23:** Lead off to the right and climb the crack through the enormous roof. Go up the corner then exit left onto a small stance;

**Pitch 9 15m 28:** Go up right into the crawling ledge. Climb the underside of the biggest part of the roof to get to the pointy tip. Get onto the wall and climb the arête and the wall to the left to get up to a small ledge and stance. Bring the party up then scramble and then walk left along the ledge. Scramble up to the obvious rock platform below the big arête to stance;

**Pitch 10 20m 20:** From the platform pull up the steep arête and continue up to the roof. Go left for a few metres to a break through the small roof. Continue directly up to the top.

**Descent:** Cable car or India Venster walk.

**First ascent:** Tinie Versfeld, Dave Birkett and Hilton Davies, 28-29 January 2018