

STARDUST

v 5.0

HELMETS ARE NOT OPTIONAL!

While many efforts have been made to clean all climbing lines, rock continues to fall from time to time. Please wear helmets at all times while climbing and standing at the base of the climbs. Always be alert and on a look out for falling rock.

BRIEF HISTORY

While Ras Al Khaima is a known climbing destination for some time, this particular wadi has been developed only since 2015. After the beloved Hatta Crag and Wave Wall became inaccessible, a group of climbers sought new climbing destinations within UAE. They discovered the towering wadi, which they named Stardust. Its discovery coincided with the untimely passing of David Bowie. In his honor they called it Stardust. There have been persistent efforts since, of setting new lines and creating more opportunities for great climbing. The UAE Bolting Fund generously supports the route setting efforts.

THE SETTING / LOCATION

The wadi of Stardust (after the goat farm) is approximately 30 m wide and 400 m long in after the goat farm climbing area. There are rock walls on both sides with varied angles and breakages. The rock is limestone with varied levels of weathering. Occasional and unpredictable rock falls might occur so please be alert around the whole climbing area. Wearing helmets is imperative. There are opportunities for hiking into the widening and meandering canyon upstream. You could see a transmission tower on Jebel Jais ([25.926836](#), [56.118219](#)) from the climbing area floor. Also one can find a few shallow caves embedded into the canyon walls.

APPROACH

1. Drive from anywhere in UAE or Oman and take E11 to small local turn at 25°55'59.0"N 56°03'40.0"E ([25.933056](#), [56.061111](#))
2. Follow the asphalt road as it turns right and left
3. Look for a dirt road turn to the right at 25°55'45.5"N 56°04'00.2"E ([25.929314](#), [56.066723](#)) You will pass by a small store on your left
4. Follow the dirt road passing between two houses and going into the open wadi 25°55'36.5"N 56°04'02.6"E ([25.926796](#), [56.067399](#))
5. After 3 km you will reach a goat farm on your right. Proceed forward as you keep to the right side of the wadi.

6. Apx. 100 m after the goat-farm you will see Sector 1 on your right.
7. Park anywhere you feel comfortable (be aware of falling rocks)

WHAT IS SUITABLE FOR

- **Sport Climbing** (dominant set up of climbing)
- **Trad Climbing** (possible but not setup, the next wadi to the South, Gray Skull, offers great many lines of various difficulties – 25°54'35.5"N 56°04'20.8"E ([25.909868](#), [56.072456](#)))
- **Vertical cave training and rope work** (Official outdoor training area for MECET caving club of Dubai)
- **Rappelling / Abseiling**
- **Hiking**
- **Camping** (best opportunities are in the both ends of the climbing area and a small section in the middle)

RESPECT THE SETTING

This is a very serene and tranquil place. We have discussed our presence with the goat farm owner. He has no objections of us being there provided we preserve the ambiance. The only exception is the presence of dogs. They must be kept away from the farm animals, on leash or better be left at home. We hope we keep the wadi clean and joyous.

WEATHER AND THE ELEMENTS

Stardust is located in Ras Al Khaima approximately 0.5 km from the coast inland. As in all outdoor locations in UAE the optimum climbing season is from mid-September to mid-May. The comfortable camping season is October to March. Be aware that humidity is very unpredictable and might impact substantially the atmospheric experience.

The right wall (where all climbing routes are) goes in shade sometime 10 – 11 AM or earlier in the winter. However some sectors and climbs orientation varies so there might be some differences of shady conditions from climb to climb before the whole wall is in shade. Although the rock dries up relatively fast, it might become more brittle after intense rain (those do come from time to time) so it is good practice to wait a day before climbing.

Google Mapping

Latitude: 25° 50' 50.532" N Longitude: 55° 53' 7.848" E

Decimal Degrees	50.8422	55.885278
Degrees, Minutes & Seconds	N50 50 31	E55 53 07
GPS	N 50 50.532	E 55 53.117

SECTORS

AFTER THE GOAT FARM



BEFORE THE GOAT FARM

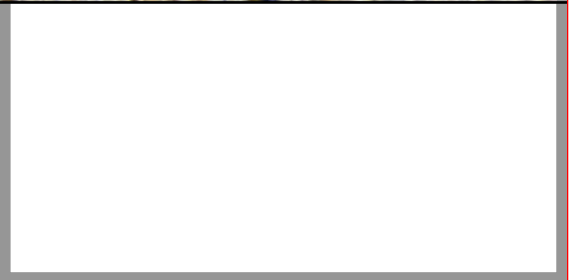
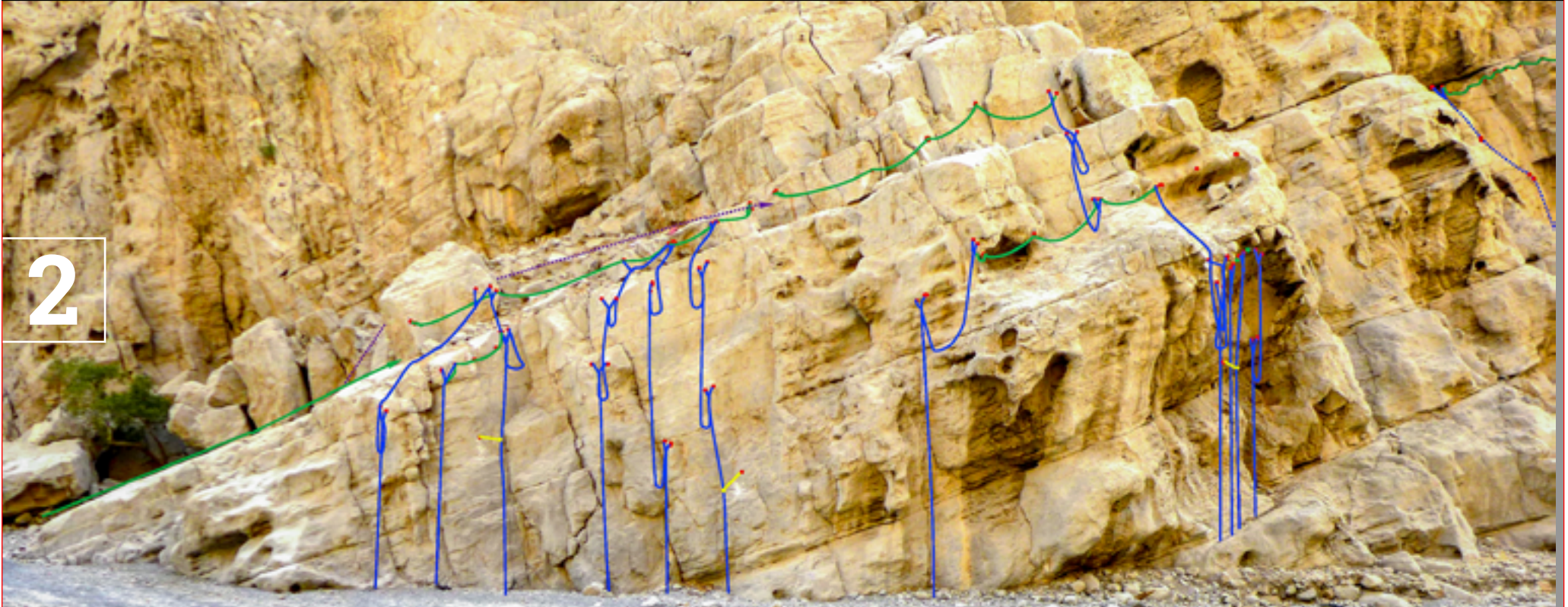


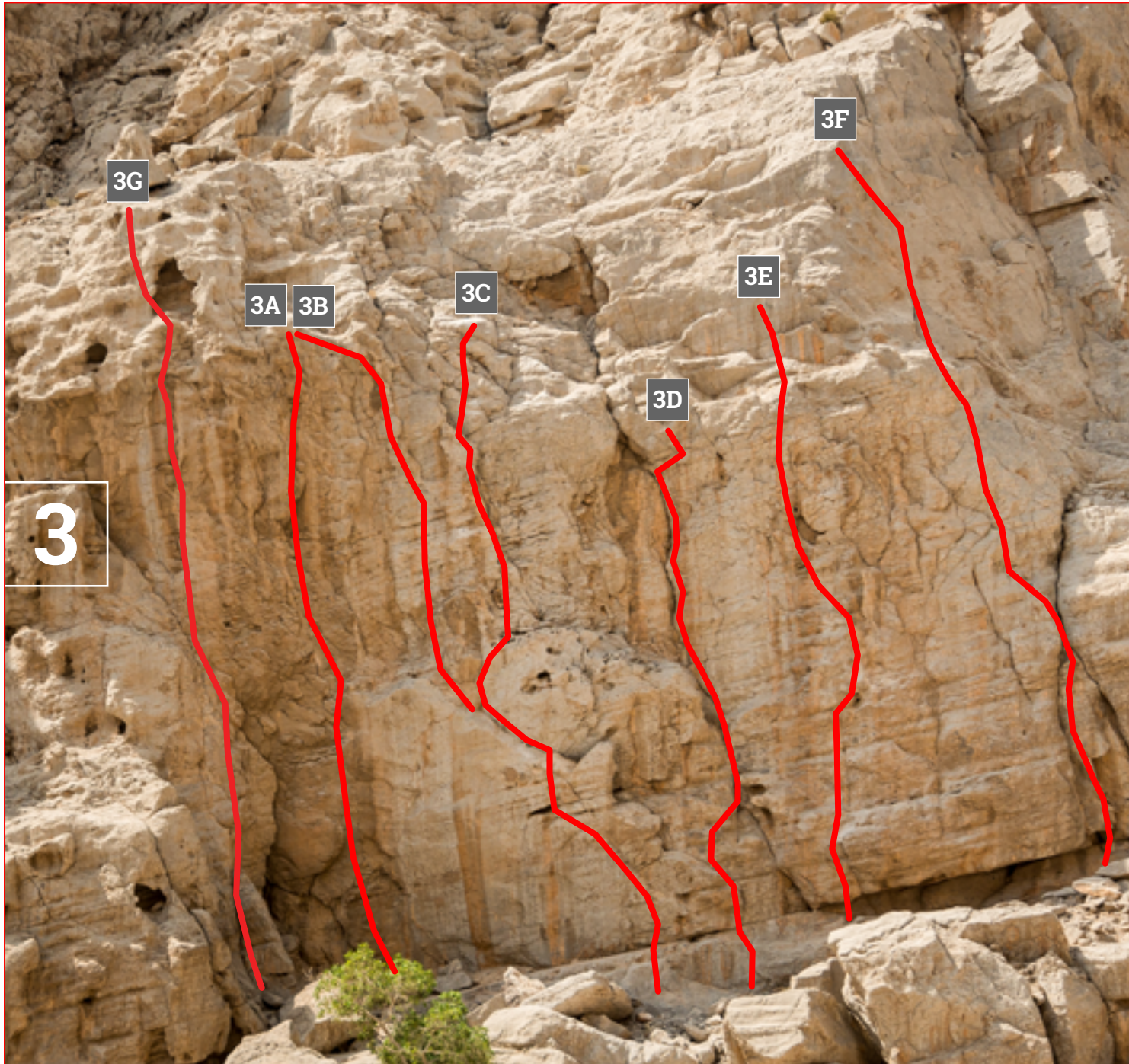


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| 1A | Because We Are Young | 28m / 11 bolts | 6a+ |
| 1B | Youthful Indiscretion | 29m / 13 bolts | 6a+ |



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3A	Ground Control	22m / 11 bolts	7b
3B	Deviation d'un trou à l'autre	22m / 10 bolts	6c
3C	Relentless Life	20m / 11 bolts	6b+
3D	The Right Choice	20m / 9 bolts	6b+
3E	Elle a Deux Trous	28m / 10 bolts	6c+
3F	Noctiluca Scintillans	32m / 14 bolts	6b+
3G	Hang On to Yourself	27m / 13 bolts	7b



4A	Hug Me 22m / 12 bolts	5c
4B	Cielo 22m / 12 bolts	6a+
4C	A Happy Land 20m / 11 bolts	5b+
4D	The Unforgiven 20m / 11 bolts	6a
4E	Kiss Me 29m / 12 bolts	5c
4F	It's No Game 30m / 11 bolts	5c+



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NO climbs in this area yet.



6A	It All Comes Down 25m / 11 bolts	5c+
6B	Follow the Rhythm 24m / 10 bolts	4c
6C	Absolute Beginners 26m / 14 bolts?	4b
6D	Rising Potential 30m / 11 bolts	5a
6E	Volare 25m / 11 bolts	5b+
6F	Dancing Dust 30m / 13 bolts	5b+
6G	Velvet Goldmine 33m / 13 bolts	6b
6E	Tango Lessons 25m / 8 bolts	4c
6Ee	Tango Lessons (p2) 28m / 11 bolts	5a+



7A Let's Dance
(beginning of multi-pitch)
29 m / 11 bolts **5b+**

7B Never Let Me Down
(beginning of multi-pitch)
29 m / 11 bolts **6a**

7C Life on Mars
30 m / 10 bolts **5a+**

ELEV: 360 m

7MA

Let's Dance [direct]

P8	35 m	06 bolts	4b+	R1a	20 m
				R1b	15 m
P7	29 m	07 bolts	5a	R2	29 m
P6	25 m	07 bolts	5a+	R3	23 m
P5	29 m	08 bolts	5b	R4	29 m
P4	29 m	12 bolts	6b	R5	29 m
P3a	07 m	03 bolts	6a+	R6a	07 m
P3	29 m	09 bolts	5b+	R6b	29 m
P2	27 m	04 bolts	4b	R7	27 m
P1	28 m	09 bolts	5b+	R8	28 m

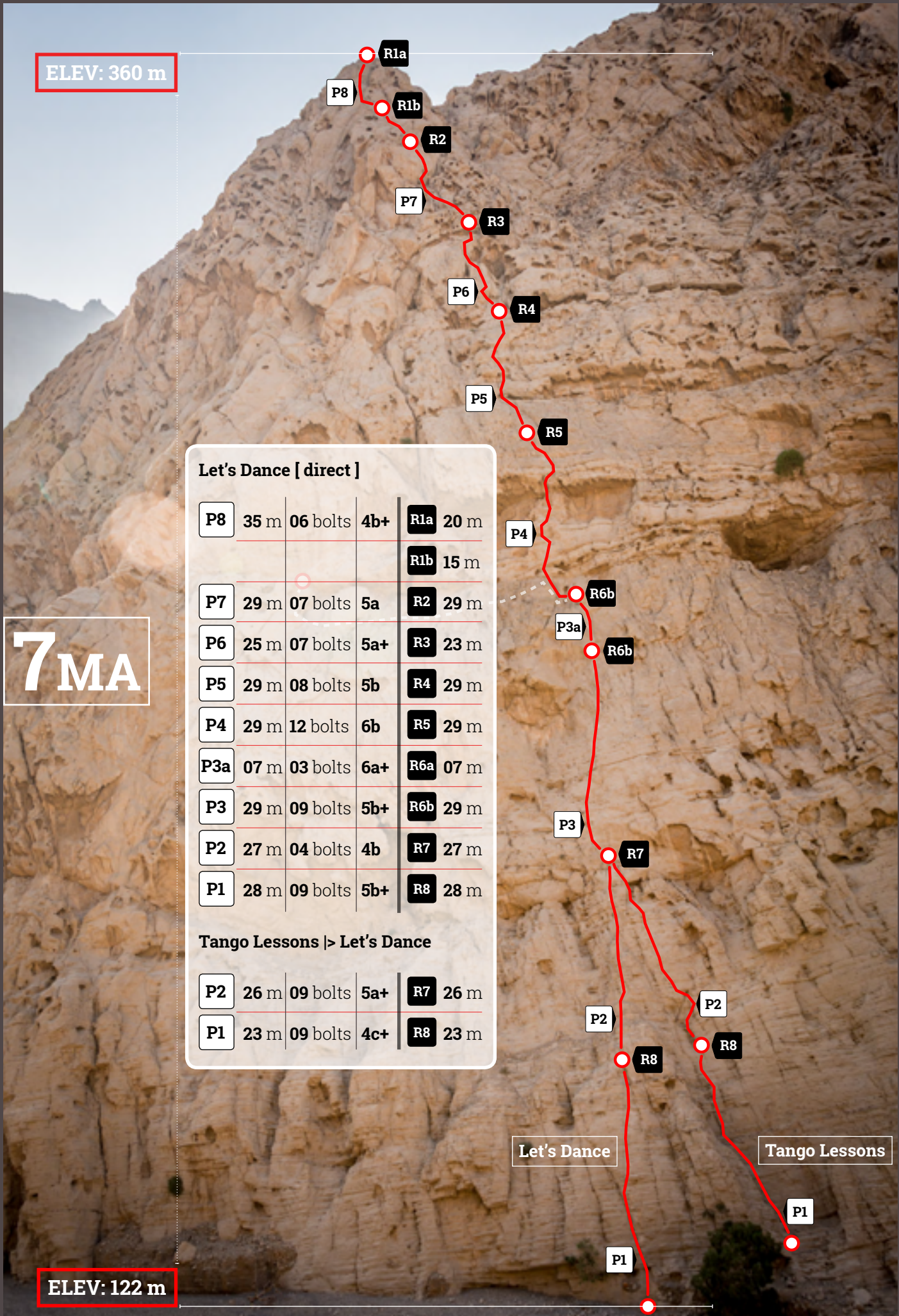
Tango Lessons |> Let's Dance

P2	26 m	09 bolts	5a+	R7	26 m
P1	23 m	09 bolts	4c+	R8	23 m

Let's Dance

Tango Lessons

ELEV: 122 m



Top Elev: 367 m

ELEV: 360 m

ELEV: 200 m

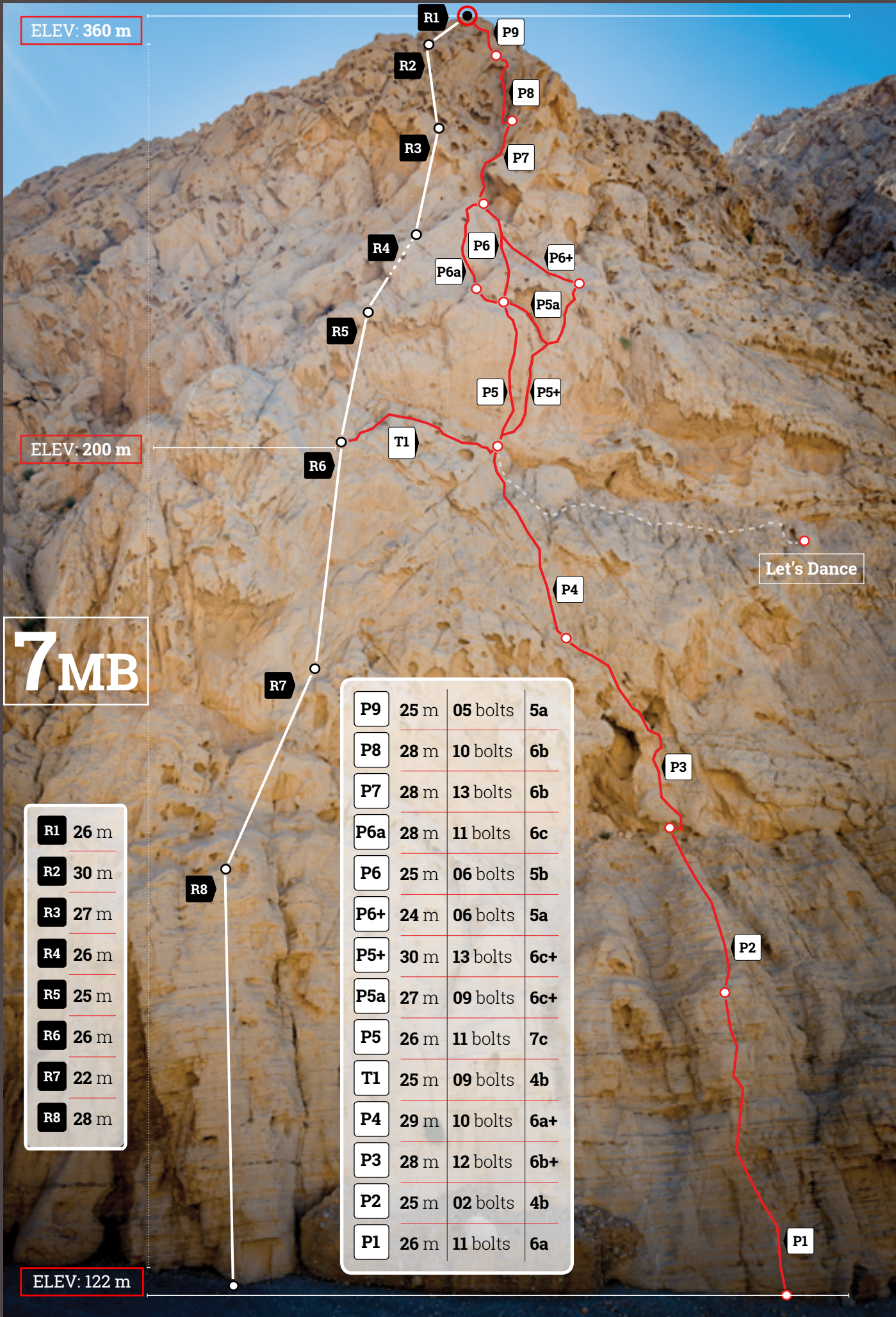
7MB

Let's Dance

R1	26 m
R2	30 m
R3	27 m
R4	26 m
R5	25 m
R6	26 m
R7	22 m
R8	28 m

P9	25 m	05 bolts	5a
P8	28 m	10 bolts	6b
P7	28 m	13 bolts	6b
P6a	28 m	11 bolts	6c
P6	25 m	06 bolts	5b
P6+	24 m	06 bolts	5a
P5+	30 m	13 bolts	6c+
P5a	27 m	09 bolts	6c+
P5	26 m	11 bolts	7c
T1	25 m	09 bolts	4b
P4	29 m	10 bolts	6a+
P3	28 m	12 bolts	6b+
P2	25 m	02 bolts	4b
P1	26 m	11 bolts	6a

ELEV: 122 m





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| 8A | The Man Who Sold the Bolts
25m / 11 bolts | 6b+ |
| 8B | Someone Up There Likes Me
34m / 13 bolts | 6a |
| 8Cr | Thunderbolt (right finish)
28m / 14 bolts | 6b+ |
| 8Cl | Thunderbolt (left finish)
28m / 14 bolts | 6c |
| 8D | One Bolted Over the Cuckoo's Nest
31m / 13 bolts | 6a+ |



9A **Everybody Loves Sunshine**
28m / 13 bolts **6a+**



Ia **Souffler n'est pas jouer**
(needs 6 long quickdraws)
37m / 18 bolts **7a**

LIST OF CLIMBS [34/2]

NAME GRADE SECTOR

GRADE 4

Absolute Beginners	4b	6
Follow the Rhythm	4c	6
Tango Lessons	4c	6

GRADE 5

Rising Potential	5a	6
Life on Mars	5a+	7
Tango Lessons (p2)	5a+	6
Volare	5b+	6
Dancing Dust	5b+	6
A Happy Land	5b+	4
Let's Dance	5b+	7
Hug Me	5c	4
Kiss Me	5c	4
It All Comes Down	5c+	6
It's No Game	5c+	4

NAME GRADE SECTOR

GRADE 6

Never Let Me Down	6a	7
Someone Up There Likes Me	6a	8
The Unforgiven	6a	4
Because We Are Young	6a+	1
Cielo	6a+	4
Everybody Loves Sunshine	6a+	9
One Bolted Over the Cuckoo's Nest	6a+	8
Youthful Indiscretion	6a+	1
Velvet Goldmine	6b	6
Noctiluca Scintillans	6b+	3
Relentless Life	6b+	3
The Right Choice	6b+	3
The Man Who Sold The Bolts	6b+	8
Tunderbolt (right finish)	6b+	8
Deviation d'un trou à l'autre	6c	3
Tunderbolt (left finish)	6c	8
Elle a Deux Trous	6c+	3

LIST OF CLIMBS continued

NAME	GRADE	SECTOR	NAME	GRADE	SECTOR
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GRADE 7

Souffler n'est Pas Jouer	7a	I
Hang On to Yourself	7b	3
Grownd Control	7b+	3

MULTI-PITCH


Let's Dance	6b	7MA
Never Let Me Down	7c	7MB

A photograph of two goats on a rocky cliff face. One goat is black and standing on a lower ledge on the left, while the other is brown and white and standing on a higher ledge on the right. The rock face is composed of large, light-colored blocks with visible cracks and textures.

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