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ROCK CLIMBING IN MALLOS DE RIGLOS

From 26-29 October 2017, eight Huttli decided to pay a visit to one of Spain's most iconic multi-pitch climbing areas: Mallos de Riglos. As soon as we arrived and started warming up, we realized that everything said about Riglos was true: it has a very special type of conglomerate rock that requires some mental effort to trust, an athletic/overhanging climbing style, and a particular bolting philosophy, with a general scarcity of bolts up to V+ pitches. The type of rock in Riglos makes it very difficult to use trad gear to protect falls or artificial gear to make progress. That is why Riglos is one of the most legendary climbing areas in Spain. Many of its

summits were not climbed until the 1950s, and its walls witnessed the initiation of the Spanish pioneers of alpinism, Rabadá and Navarro, who died on the Eiger North Face in 1962. Although Riglos is known for its micro-climate and the possibility of climbing year-round, the weather was especially hot for late October. Indeed, Riglos is a famous vulture and eagle nesting place. The large route offering of Riglos and its surroundings allowed us to try very different routes, not only with different grades but also with different climbing styles, exposure and rock.

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Our group with the Mallos in the background
(photo Javier Fernandez de Alegria)



Gedas high up on Go West (photo by Christopher Nowzohour)

