



## Report for the climbing category

Franco-Argentine (6C+ (6A/A1) 55°)  
Mount. Fitz Roy (3375 m)



2011



## General information

<b>The route, category</b>	Franco-Argentine, free climbing category 6C+ or compulsory free climbing category 6A and aid climbing category A1
<b>Length of the route</b>	650 m
<b>Location</b>	Fitz Roy massif, Patagonia, Argentina
<b>Summit, elevation</b>	Fitz Roy, 3375 m
<b>Characteristics of the route</b>	Snow (at times steep) on the approach, rock, some snow on the top part
<b>Total time spent on the route (from the base back to the base)</b>	24h
<b>Total time spent (with approach and descent)</b>	3 days
<b>Date summited</b>	2011 12 26

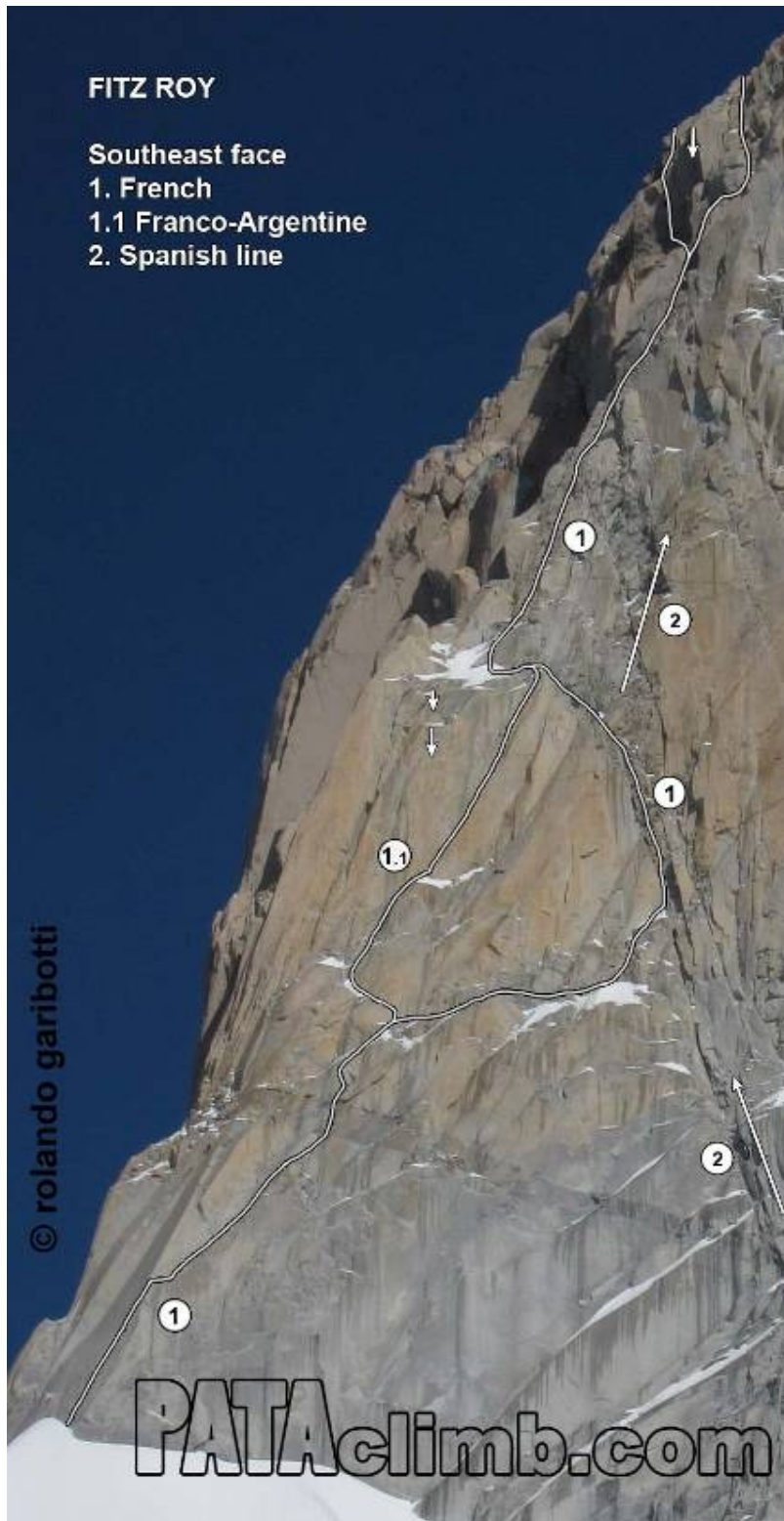
## Team members

„Montis Magia alpinistai“ - Gediminas Simutis (1988), Arūnas Kamandulis (1988), and Saulė Žukauskaitė (1988).

## Country

Lithuania

Photo of the wall with the line of the route



Fitz Roy with the route (Nr. 1.1) marked.



### *Technical specifications and route conditions*

The route features perfect quality granite on the highest mountain of the area. The route was in good conditions – warm enough to wear climbing shoes and no gloves, but cold enough to have save us from bad snowmelt which can make parties to turn around.

### *Strategy*

First day we hiked all the way from the town (~400m) to the pass (~2600m), called “brecha”. It included some steep snow and easy rock climbing. We slept for a few hours before we set off for the climb 4am in the morning. To reach the wall we also had to climb some rocks and walk a snow ridge. Having climbed and descended the route we slept again at the brecha for several hours before abseiling down to the glacier, walking down the snow and hiking all the way down to the town the next day.

### *Climbing and abseiling down*

We started climbing at 5.30am. The route was a combination of mainly cracks and some face climbing. The leader was leading the route, another person was cleaning it while the third person was following. We led in blocks. After the steep pitches were finished, there were a few hundred meters of snow walking and scrambling which brought us to the top at around 6pm. We climbed the steep pitches in climbing shoes. However for the top part we only had a pair of each – mountain boots, crampons and ice axes, the other two persons had light approach shoes only. We did so in order to save some weight. Abseils were a bit trickier than expected as the ropes got caught quite a few times, so some of the pitches had to be climbed again. We came down to the brecha at around 3am.

### *Meteorological conditions*

The good weather window stayed as good as was predicted from the meteograms – clear sky, negligible wind. The temperature was perfect for climbing. The next morning we were woken up by the strong Patagonian wind, the Fitz Roy was being taken over by the clouds – we quickly set off and went down.



Gediminas on the steep snow on the approach.



Arūnas climbs the perfect crack on the first pitch.

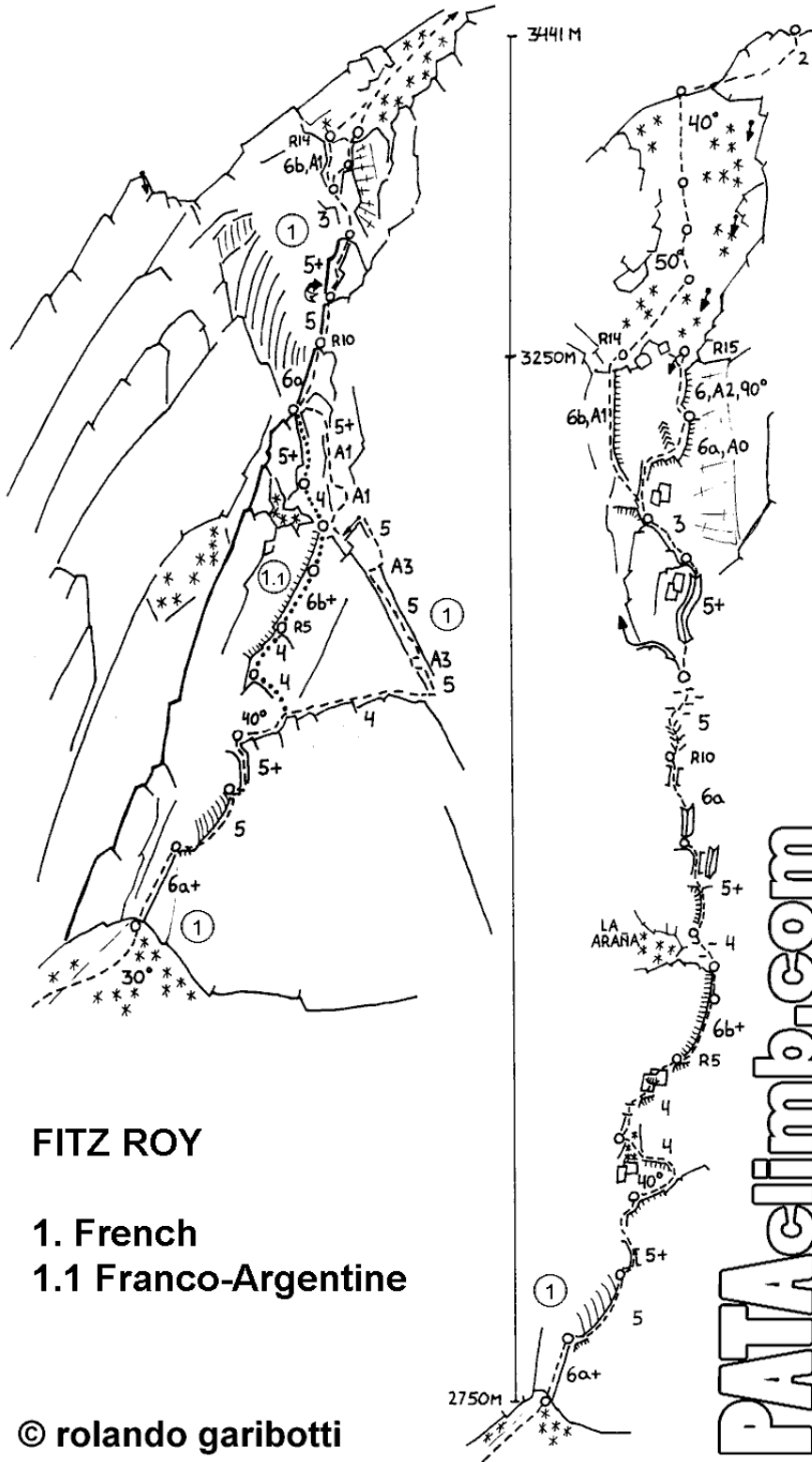


Saulé climbing the second pitch.



The team on the top of Fitz Roy.

Topo of the route



**FITZ ROY**

- 1. French**
- 1.1 Franco-Argentine**

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Topo of the brecha

