

## Report for the climbing category

Tangerine Trip (A2+ 5.9)  
El Capitan (2307 m)



El Capitan with the route marked – Tangerine Trip is the right one.



## General information

<b>Route</b>	Tangerine Trip
<b>Category, grade</b>	VI category, A2+, free climbing category 5.9
<b>Length of the route</b>	580 m
<b>Number of pitches</b>	18
<b>Location</b>	El Capitan, Yosemite valley, California, USA
<b>Summit, elevation</b>	El Capitan, 2307 m
<b>Characteristics of the route</b>	Rock, aid climbing
<b>Total time spent</b>	6 days, 2 out of them in the storm, 5 nights on the portaledge
<b>Date summited</b>	2011 10 07

## Team members

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

## Country

Lithuania



### *Technical specifications*

The rock was very steep – most of the time overhanging. Thus, it made us move slower due to shorter available distances between the gear placements. One of the peculiarities of the route was that in contrast to the routes, previously climbed on the El Capitan, relatively long distances had to be climbed using sky hooks.

### *Gear*

In addition to usual wall gear set (1.5 set of cams, nuts, tri-cams) we used sky hooks of various sizes and peckers. We also had a set of pitons and some copper heads just in case. Fortunately, we climbed the route ‘clean’, that is, no pitons were used.

### *Climbing*

The climbing itself was smooth and with no difficulties. We’d fixed two first pitches. Also, after we set up our portaledge for the second night, we had some time to fix one pitch.

### *Bivies*

All five nights on the wall were spent on the portaledge:

1st – at the top of the 5th pitch

2nd – at the top of the 9th pitch

3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th – at the top of the 15th pitch

### *Meteorological conditions*

Main difficulties on the route were caused by bad weather. In the third night we got caught and trapped by the storm. In the morning the wind was so bad, that it was lifting the portaledge with two of us inside up and down. We had a three season fly, which did not fully cover the portaledge, thus, in a few hours the ledge got full with water, our sleeping bags and clothes got wet. In the midday, the sun came up, and we decided to go for it, as we were only three pitches from the top. However, the weather had soon changed and instead of getting to the top, we had got soaking wet and cold. The weather stayed poor for the next two days – it was cold, was raining and snowing. Finally, after



the third night spent at the same place, a calm and sunny morning came up and we climbed the last three pitches to the top. The summit and the path down were all covered in snow.



Gediminas climbing the traverse of the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch.



Our portaledge after a storm but still in the clouds. Photo by Tom Evans



Saulė and Gediminas finally on the top.



Topo of the route

### Tangerine Trip VI 5.9 A2+

GEAR LIST:

- 1 RURP
- 3 Blades
- 5 LA, mostly short/thick
- 3ea 1/2" - 5/8" (sawed off)
- 2ea 3/4" (sawed off)
- 3ea TCU to 1"
- 2ea SLCD to #3
- 1ea SLCD to #4
- 6 hangers and nuts (1/4")
- 15 rivet hangers
- all hooks inc. 2 FISH wires, mostly small

