

Climbing in Puerto Escondido

Climbing in Puerto Escondido is a tropical coastal adventure. Imagine amazing climbing along the coast line above the powerful ocean waves. There is lots of easy to moderate climbing, something for everyone. Giant cactus, iguana, some loose rock and heat add to the adventure. Climb in the morning, head to the beach after, swim, surf, watch the fisherman, and enjoy the delicious Oaxacan food made by kind, happy locals. There are so many activities to do around, exploring is all yours.

A standard rack to #3 are required for all the trad routes. I recommend bringing a few extra pieces for redirecting the routes and accessing the edge. Wear **helmets**, as routes are still under development with some loose rock. Up to 8 quickdraws are needed for sport climbing, plus materials for anchors.

Please be cautious, photos below, of old steel bolts and anchors. Inspect them before you make a decision. We are trying our best to replace them with stainless steel. But there are still some random ones out there, ignore them. All the routes here are inspected and bolted with stainless steel bolts. If you find anything to address please send an email here: kosutnik@gmail.com . You must know we are improving the area as you read this. This is the first documented guide book.

General Information:

Garbage is an issue in the area, and you will see **garbage** on the trail, by the cliffs and everywhere. Lets help, so throw some garbage bags in your bag and clean as much as you can in the area. It's been improving every year, let's keep it up.

The sun can be very very **hot**. Climbing in the morning from 4.30am-10am is the best time of the day for efficient and pleasant climbing. It gets very hot and humid as the day progresses, so hydrate yourself. It's only a short walk to any of the climbs, so bring lots of liquids and umbrellas for the shade.

Be careful about the **tides**. It changes quickly and you can be trapped. Especially around the Lili Luna and Hongo Magico cliffs. You can walk above the cliffs, but you will be trespassing in thorny and dense bush. (not recommended).

There are not many poisonous **animals** by the cliffs. There are beautiful harmless iguanas basking in the morning sun. There are however aggressive ground wasps and they will attack if you threaten them.

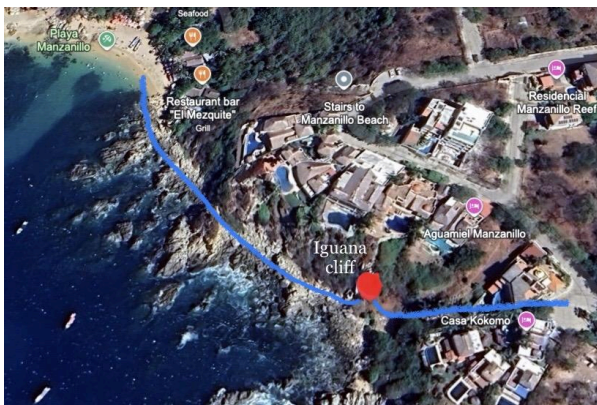


1. Iguana Cliff

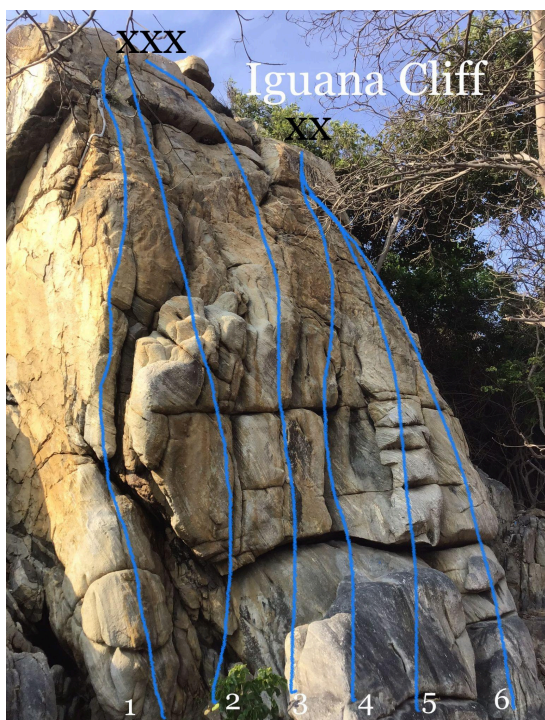
Location: 15°51'24"N 97°04'17"W

Sun: ☀ Sunny all day, unfortunately they cut a big tree that used to be a great shade.

Access: It's part of the private property, so rules might change. Access from playa Manzanillo 10min, or private residential area from C. Quinta Sur, close to the stairs to playa Manzanillo.



Iguana Cliff was the first cliff developed and climbed more than 12 years ago. Beautiful trad climbing to high 5.10s. Single rack needs it. The easiest climb to the top is to climb the tree on the right in the gully, 5.4 with great holds and sling protection. Rings on the top to rappel off the cliff.



1. Camilia 5.8,
2. General Jules 5.10c
3. Un sueno posible 5.10b
4. EL Chepe 5.7
5. Tico Tico 5.6
6. Oaxaqueña 5.6

2. LiLi Luna

Location: 15°51'22"N 97°04'17"W

Sun: shade in the morning and sun ☀ all day

Access: Same as Iguana cliff, just around the corner going east. Easy scramble via easy chimney to the right of the Golden Nugget cliff.



All the climbs are top rope only until we add some bolts. Short but sweet. Heads up for the wasp nest far left on the cliff. Easy grades to 5.7 moves.



3. Golden Nugget, 15°51'22"N 97°04'17"W

Location: 15°51'22"N 97°04'17"W

Sun: shade in the morning and sun ☀ all day

Access: Same as Iguana cliff and Lilli Luna. Easy scramble via easy chimney to the right of the cliff.



1. El Oro de los Aztecas, 5.7, bolts
2. El Oro Perdido 5.9+, bolts

4. Hongo Magico

Location: 15°51'21"N 97°04'15"W

Sun: shade in the morning, great sunset climbing

Access: Climb up the easiest route #2. All the climbs are top rope only, the main cliff routes #3,#4 and #5 are detached from the main rockbed. Great pumps, excited climbing on the big elephant ears. The left side cliff will be developed more in the near future.



1. **San Jose de Pacifico 5.5**, trad
2. **Oaxaca 5.4**, trad
3. **Mazatek 5.7**, trad, cool climb
4. **Maria Sabina 5.10b**, top rope, very cool
5. **Shaman 5.10a**, top rope, great rock

Another line 5.6 can be top roped to the right of the Shaman.

5. Tortuga Loca

Location: 15°51'22"N 97°04'10"W

Sun: ☀ all day

Access: 10min from the Mirador un Sueno Posible

The hardest climb to date. 5.11c/12a. Bolts are missing! Top rope possible with adding more trad gear. Great pump! We will update the whole cliff soon!



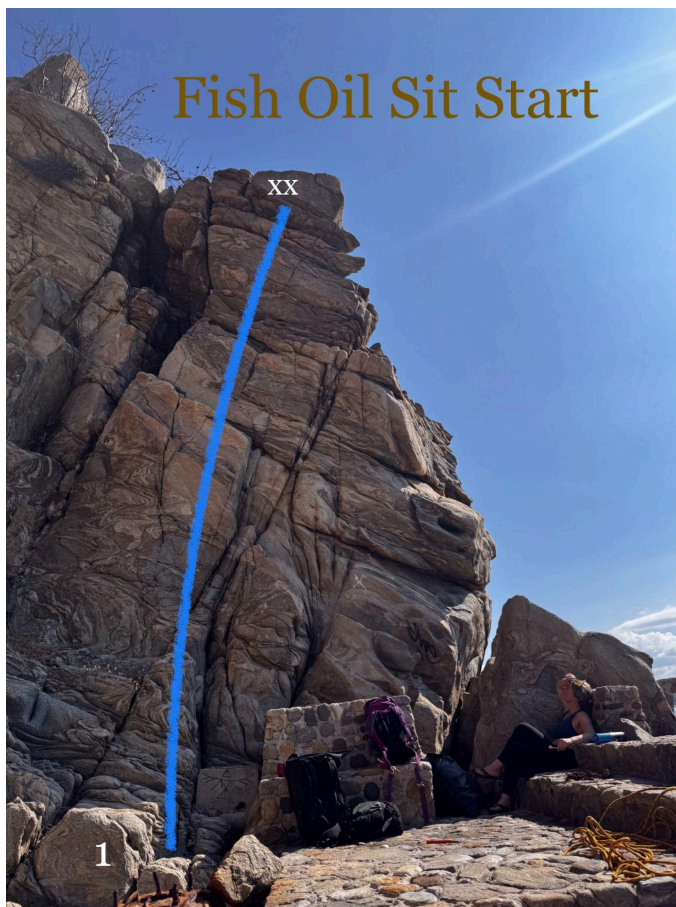
6. Fish Oil Sit Start

Location: 15°51'24"N 97°04'05"W

Sun: shade until late afternoon.

Access: 7min from the Mirador un Sueno Posible

Trad climb, short but sweet. 5.6. Bolts at the top. Possible more top rope climbs on the other side of the cliff, to 5.10+.



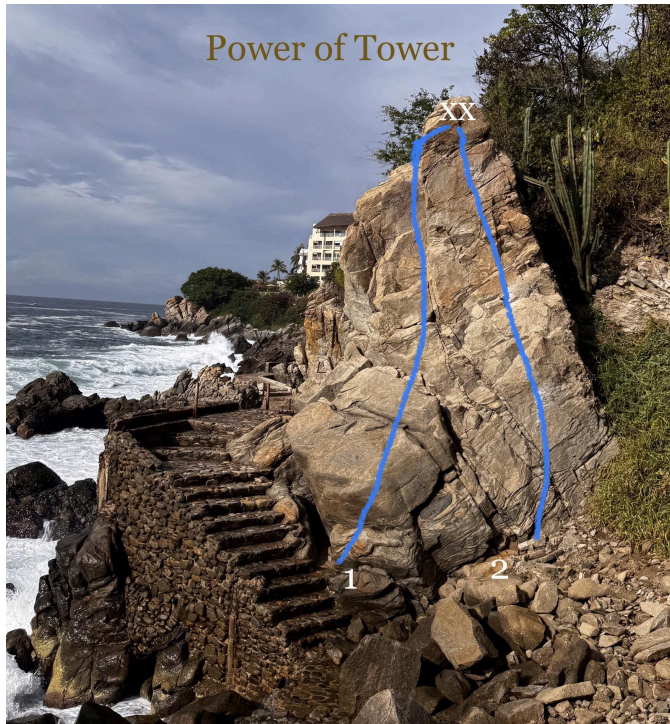
7. Tower of Power

Location: 15°51'24"N 97°04'03"W

Sun: shade in the late afternoon

Access: 10 min from the Mirador un Sueno Posible

Great beginners cliff. One trad **1. Fuerza 5.6** and one sport **2. Hasta el Final 5.6** 3 bolts.
Possible scramble to the top between the cactuses on the right.



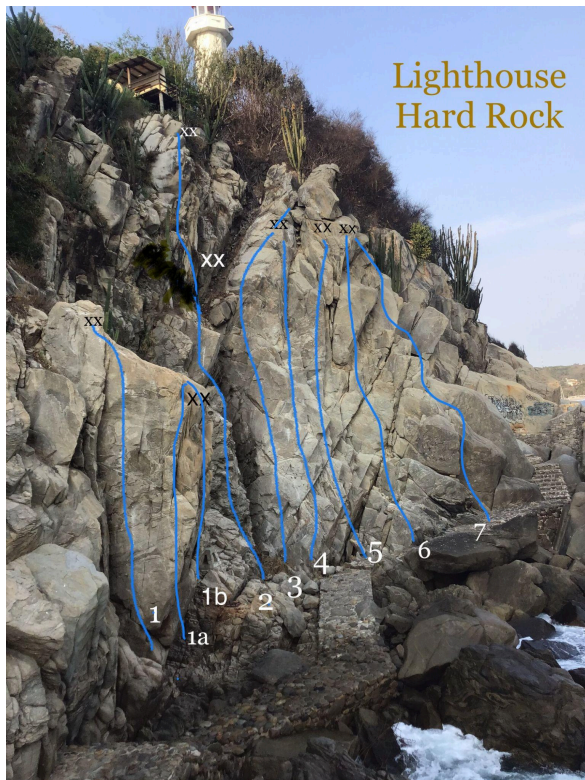
8. Lighthouse Hard Rock

Location: 15°51'24"N 97°04'02"W

Sun: Great climbing early morning, ☀️ hits the wall after 12.00pm.

Access: 10 min from the Mirador un Sueno Posible

The most climbable crag besides El Mirador in Puerto. All the climbs are mostly bolted with rappel rings at the top.



1. David's corner, 5.7, bolts
- 1a. Patagonia 5.10a, trad and short, but amazing climb
- 1b. Strait off the couch 5.10a/b, bolts, crimpy
2. El Cielo 5.9+, bolts, long and adventures to the top, loose rock!!
3. Punta Alta 5.6, bolts, great beginner sport lead climb
4. Parece Facil 5.7, trad, climb the corner to the same anchor as #3
5. Guillotina 5.8, bolts/trad
6. Los Pescadores 5.8, bolts, fun and steep finish
7. Ojitos Lindos 5.8, bolts, great easy climb with a boulder move at the top

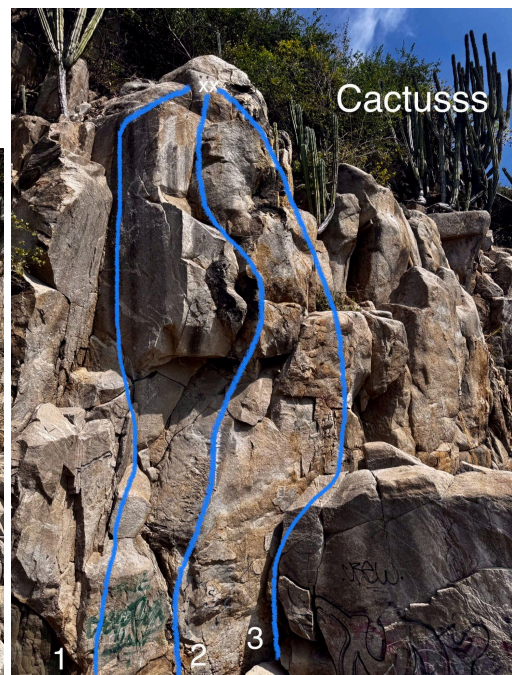
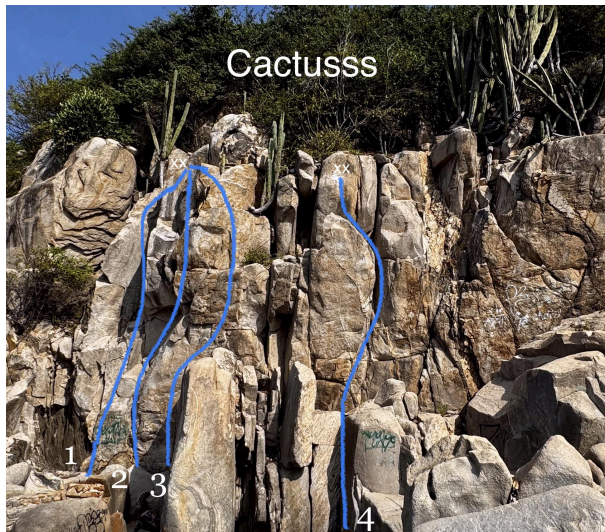
9. Cactuss

Location: 15°51'24"N 97°04'01"W

Sun: ☀ all day

Access: 12 min from the Mirador un Sueno Posible, or 15m from the Playa Principal.

My favourite cliff, amazing work out, great steaming plus overhang hard moves. The chimney is harder than it looks.



1. **Caliente Y Picante**, 5.11a, bolts, hard steaming corner
2. **Cactus Espinoso** 5.10c/d, bolts, great climb! The last bolt is a bit stiff to clip
3. **Abejas Asesinas** 5.10a, bolts, crack move to start, crux move from the ledge, easy/fun finish
4. **Sirena Sabia** 5.10a, bolts, harder than it looks

10. Fisuras Del Cangrejo

Location: 15°51'24"N 97°04'00"W

Sun: shade in the morning, ☀ in the afternoon.

Access: 15 min from the Mirador un Sueno Posible, or 15m from the Playa Principal.

Hardest trad cliff in Puerto. Routes are full on. Bolted climb #2. The top can be accessed by easy scrambling on the other side. Rappel rings at the top.



1. **Aire Salado 5.6**, trad, can traverse to the right and finish it in Ojo Negro
2. **Ojo Negro 5.8+**, bolts, very fun climb! Steep start.
3. **Oceano Azul Profundo 5.10d**, top rope, hard pro, hard corner
4. **Tiburon Cabreado 5.10b/c**, trad, keep you on toes!!
5. **Patade Pulpo 5.10a**, trad, hard work
6. **Cangrejo Enojado 5.9/10a**, bolts, thin but fun!

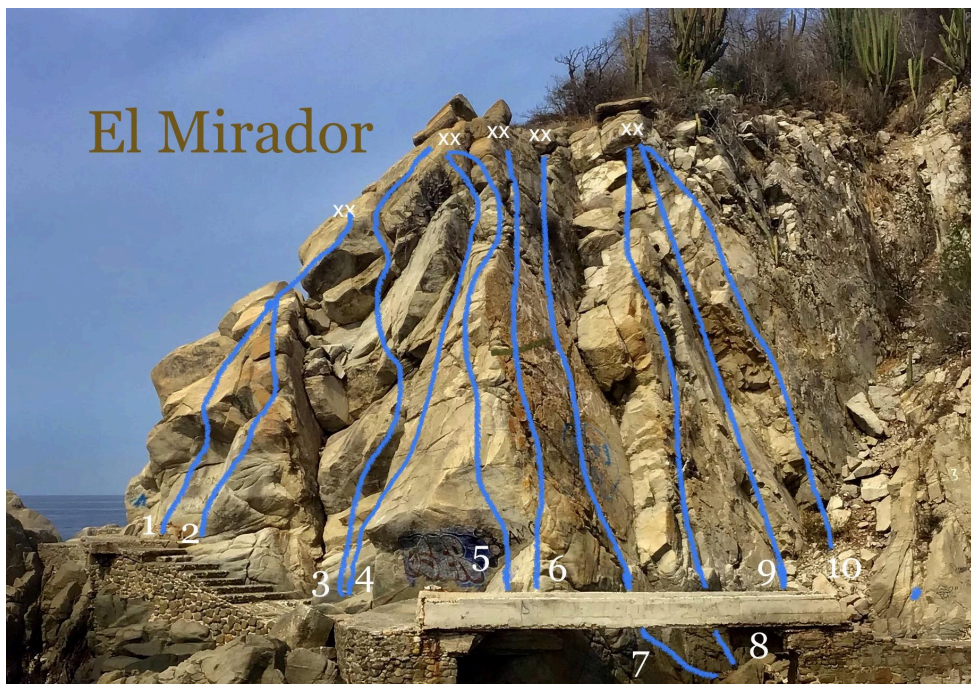
11. El Mirador

Location: 15°51'25"N 97°03'59"W

Sun: ☀️ in the morning, best sunrise climbing ever. Shade all afternoon.

Access: 10m from the Playa Principal.

Great crag with easy to moderate climbs. Sport or trad and easy to set up the top rope anchors. Some gear; as rope extension and trad gear would make it easier to set up the anchors.



1. Te extraño al amanecer 5.10c, 1 bolt crux move
2. Surf Away 5.7, bolts
3. Pacifico 5.9+, trad with crux move on the top
4. Papaya Y Mango 5.8, bolts
5. Casa Vieja 5.8+, bolts
6. El Mirador 5.8-, trad
7. Accion Directa 5.8, trad
8. 5.5| Top Rope
9. 5.9+ Top Tope
10. 5.8 Top Rope

Routes 8,9,10 have the same anchor. The rock is still a little loose, but good challenge.



Mirador, **Surf away 5.7**



Mirador, **Papaya Y Mango 5.8**



Fisuras de Cangrejo, **Ojo negro 5.8+**



Cactusss, **Sirena Sabia 5.10a**

