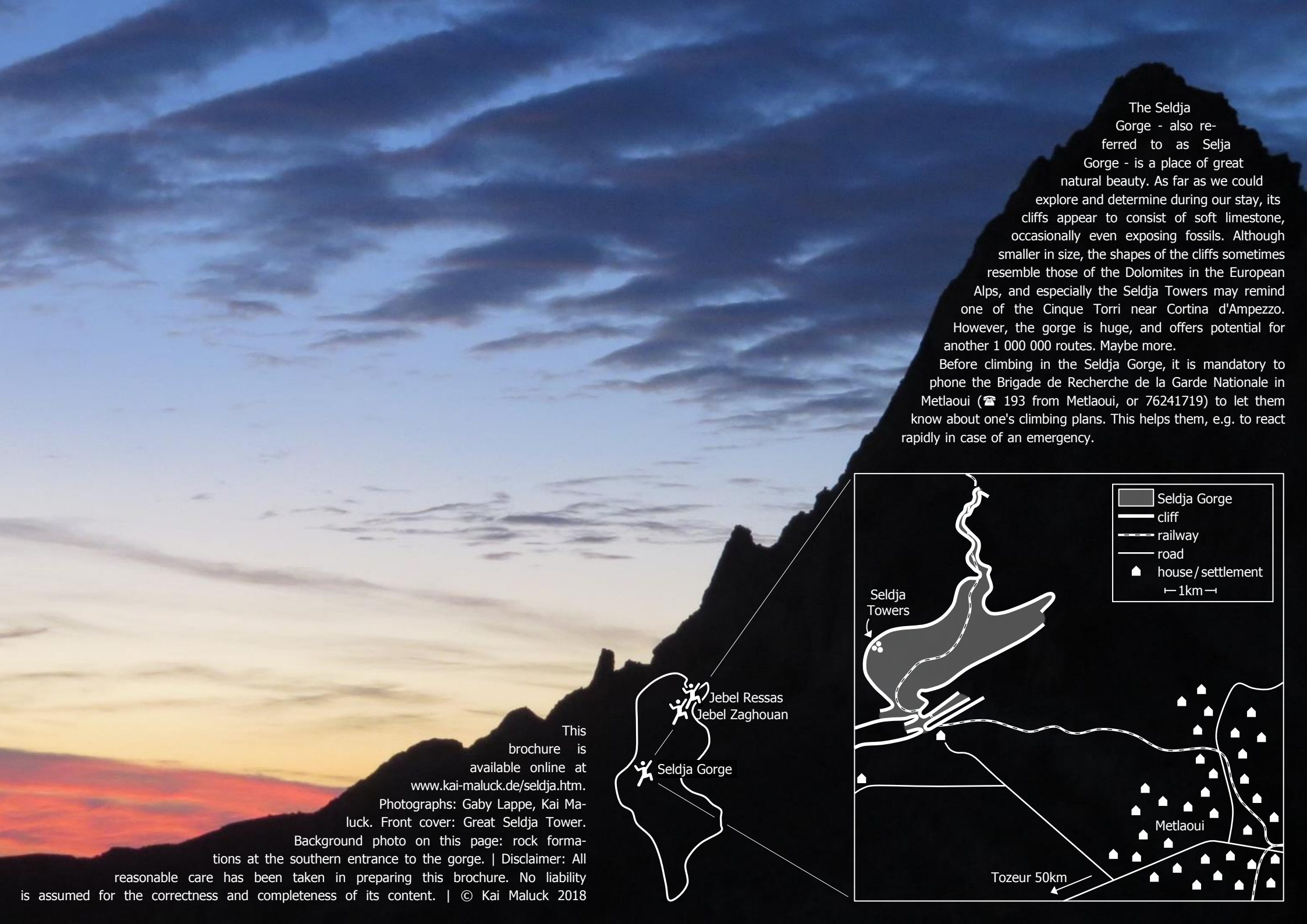




The  
**Seldja Gorge**

**Steep rock in the desert of Tunisia**

**Kai Maluck**



The Seldja Gorge - also referred to as Selja Gorge - is a place of great natural beauty. As far as we could explore and determine during our stay, its cliffs appear to consist of soft limestone, occasionally even exposing fossils. Although smaller in size, the shapes of the cliffs sometimes resemble those of the Dolomites in the European Alps, and especially the Seldja Towers may remind one of the Cinque Torri near Cortina d'Ampezzo. However, the gorge is huge, and offers potential for another 1 000 000 routes. Maybe more.

Before climbing in the Seldja Gorge, it is mandatory to phone the Brigade de Recherche de la Garde Nationale in Metlaoui (☎ 193 from Metlaoui, or 76241719) to let them know about one's climbing plans. This helps them, e.g. to react rapidly in case of an emergency.

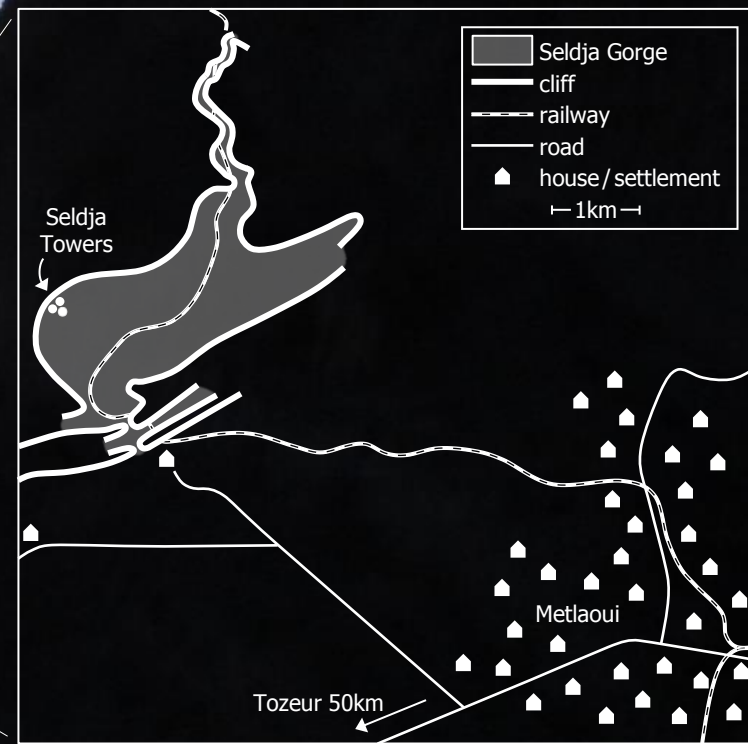
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Great Seldja Tower  
34°21'09" N / 08°19'29" E



» Athar thalab al-sahraa « (The track of the fennec)

Kai Maluck and Clemens Pischel, January 4th, 2018. Route fully bolted, all belays equipped with two or three bolts. Bolt type: Stubai/Fischer anchor FBN II 12/10 A4 with Stubai Protect 12mm hanger (suitable for emergency abseils). The rock at the beginning of pitch 3 is rather soft, so additional protection by friends, etc. may be desired by some climbers.

The Towers are easy to spot and to hike up to from the bottom of the gorge. Depending upon one's exact starting point and route, access may take no longer than 1 hour. The descent from the top of the tower is along the abseil posts marked in the topo.





At the entrance to the southernmost railway tunnel



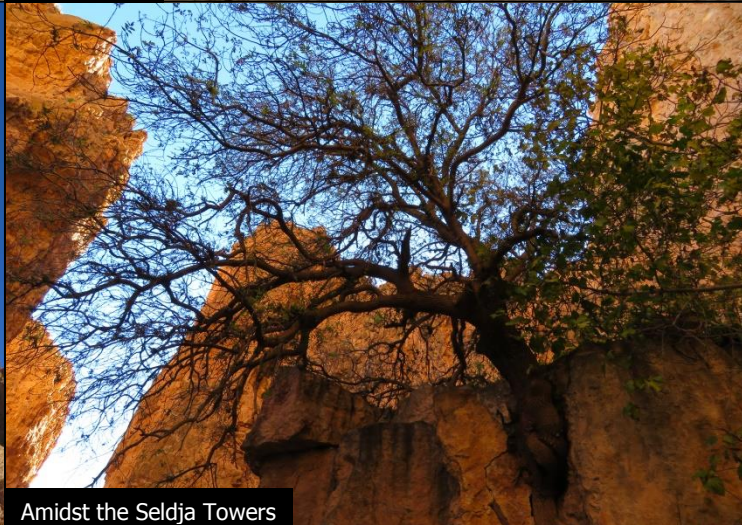
In the gorge



The Seldja Towers from the first bridge



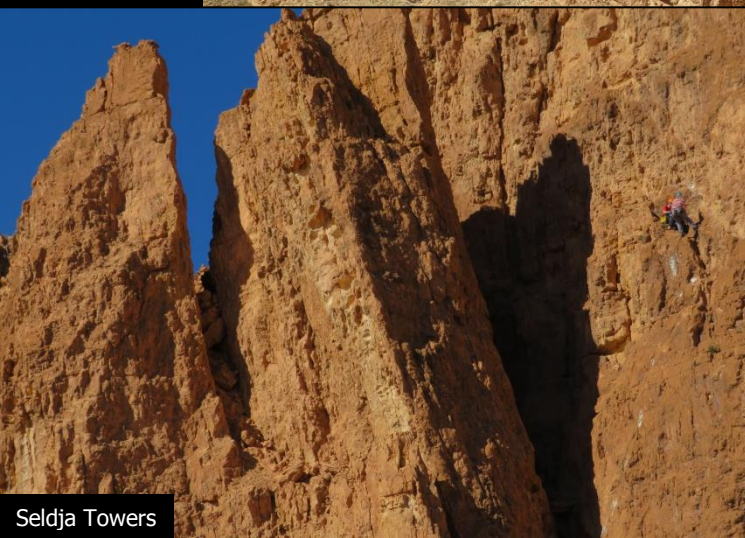
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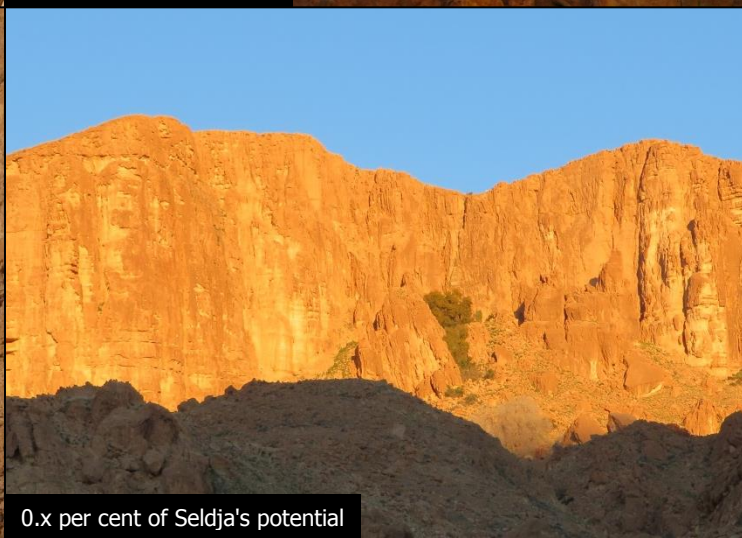
Amidst the Seldja Towers



Athar thalab al-sahraa, pitch 2



Seldja Towers



0.x per cent of Seldja's potential



Virgin walls all around