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A highly motivated and strong team went Ice climbing in Romsdalen, Norway

Together with a group of friends Ines Papert spent two weeks in Norway. The Team has opened a bunch of new ice- and mixed routes in Sunndalen, Amotan, Eikesdal, Eresfjord and Trollveggen on mainly traditional gear.

After a scouting trip to Norway in December 2010, Rudi Hauser was convinced, to get some of the worlds best Ice climbing done in Romsdalen, if the conditions are good.

He has been invited a bunch of good friends, to join him to the south west of Trondheim. Giant cliffs and beautiful Fjords give this impressive scenery the right amount of Beauty.

The area is famous for base jumping but not for hard Ice- and Mixed climbing so far.

Story Ines Papert

I had the great chance, to travel there with my friends Rudi Hauser (<http://alpine-extreme.com>), Lukas Seiwald, Kurt Astner (<http://kurtastner.com>), Emanuele Ciullo, Thomas Senf (<http://thomassenf.ch>) und Scott Milton (<http://arcteryx.com>).

Our Expectations were quite high and the motivation of the Team just enormous.

From our Base, a comfortable wooden fisher hut at the Sunndalenfjord (<http://hut.no>), we have explored the areas Sunndalen, Amotan, Eikesdal, Eresfjord and Trollveggen.

Shock and „Surprise“ (WI6+/M8, 350m)

At perfect conditions around 0° me and our alpine Photographer have started to climb our first Route, based in Litldalen/Sunndalen. Our Goal was the massive Ice dagger after 300 climbing meters.

With a set of Camalots/ Stoppers/ Icescrews equiped, i start to climb the steep mixed pitch. The rock provides us perfect placements for the Gear. The last protection is a short screw on a smear of ice. 5meters higher I lean myself over to the dagger, hit my first ice tool very carefully into the hanging ice. I hit the second tool, swing my feet slowly over.

Very unexpected the icicle brakes just under my tools, and tons of ice collapse into the deep.

My feet are free hanging and my chamfer cramps. With an enormous persuasive power

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I pendel my feet back to the saver Rock. My first thought: hopefully Thomas is save underneath the overhang. He provides green light. Everything went well. But he route wants to be finished. The ice roof makes the climb much harder but saver too. After a bunch of hard moves I reach the top. Thomas leads the last pitch.

„Quattro Naziones“ (WI 6/M9/A1, 500m)

At the end of the Eikesdal Valley we discover a huge ice gully, with a mixed variation at the end. Me and my friends Lukas Seiwald, Thomas Senf and Emanuele Ciullo climb all the way up, to start the 40m Mixed climb. Lukas belays me with tons of Patience. Steep Granit, poor gear and hard technical climbing make this climb a challenge. At the half I have to place a bolt by hand, to avoid a ground fall on the ledge. Till the end of the Route every single meter makes me suffering. I am quite exhausted, when I reach the top. No chance at all, to send the route redpoint today. The plan was, to come back in one of the next days. But unfortunately the weather turned bad. A huge snowstorm came in and the bad avalanche situation crashed our plans. I do have to come back for the free ascent, how annoying.

„Sea Gull Jonathan“ WI 6 and „Offshore“ (WI 7, 250m)

One of the scenic Highlights of the trip was a boats trip from Eidsvag across the Eresfjord. The opposite Face offered a bunch of unclimbed ice lines. I have climbed with Lukas and Scott „Sea Gull Jonathan“ while Rudl, Kurt and Thomas climbs „Off Shore“. In an exposed Position above the Fjord, the Team opens 2 new routes, next to each other on demanding ice. What a great experience.

„50\$ King Crab“ (WI6/M10, 350m)

We never have climbed such a strange colour of ice. The dagger reminds us to King crab legs, the once Rudi earlier has been cooked for us. My mental strength was almost gone and the rock offered no mobile gear. I protected the 50\$ King Crab with 5 Bolts and redpointed the route the day after, in the 3rd attempt. The Crux was a very far move in the rock. Thomas supported my goal, what a friendship. We finished the yellow Route till the end, and where convinced, that this was one of the nicest climbs, we have ever done.

„Perly on Ice“ (WI6/ M9 70m Trad)

Our last day offered warm Temperatures and lots of snow, but still good for a new Route. The crack in the roof was the line, we wanted to climb. I`ve protected this magic line with mobile Gear, took long falls while climbing and exhausted myself completely. But with Thomas and my very last energy I`ve send it redpoint, before our departure

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home. We named it after our „foster mother Perly“, who provides us all the help and made our trip to a great experience.

Thanks to all the Team members, and last but not least Rudi Hauser, who made this trip real.



Ines' first ascents were:

- Sunndalen/Litldalen: Surprice WI6+/M8 350m Ines Papert/Thomas Senf
- Eikesdal: Quattro Nazioni WI6/M9/A1 500m Ines Papert/Lukas Seiwald
- Eresfjord (Boatstripp): See Gull Jonathan WI6 250m Ines Papert/Lukas Seiwald
- Eikesdal: 50\$ King Crab WI6/M10 300m Ines Papert/ Thomas Senf
- Sunndalen/Powerhouse: Perly on Ice WI 6/M9 70m Ines Papert/Thomas Senf

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