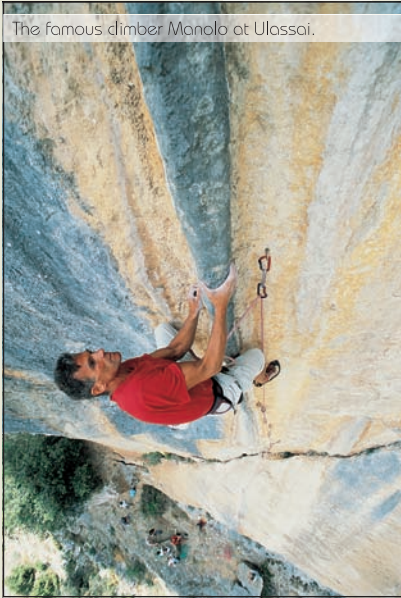


Have you ever asked yourselves why Ogliastra is one of Europe's most famous climbing areas? Where, then, are the mountains that attract so many climbers, including many from far away, who've come to climb on this very special rock? If the Supramonte, with its magnificent seacliffs, gorges and pinnacles is considered, understandably, a climber's paradise, then the "tacchi" of Ogliastra, with their exceptionally high-quality rock, are in the same league.

The first climbs were bolted at Jerzu in 1989, by the strong climber Maurizio Oviglia. Many others followed, and, by the end of the Nineties and thanks to funding from the Jerzu council, there were more than 200 routes, spread across 3 crags.

In the last few years the other towns have followed suit, first Osini and then Ulassai, which has become, like Jerzu, a town famous for its climbing. If you consider the potential of the whole area, including the towns of Gairo, Seui and Ussassai, we can certainly say that we have here one of Sardinia's largest and finest climbing areas, with a range of climbs that can only grow in the future. The fact that these are some of the island's "coolest" crags, the only places you can climb in the height of summer, should not be overlooked. You should try climbing in the morning or evening then to going to the beach only 15km away!

free climbing



The famous climber Manolo at Ulassai.

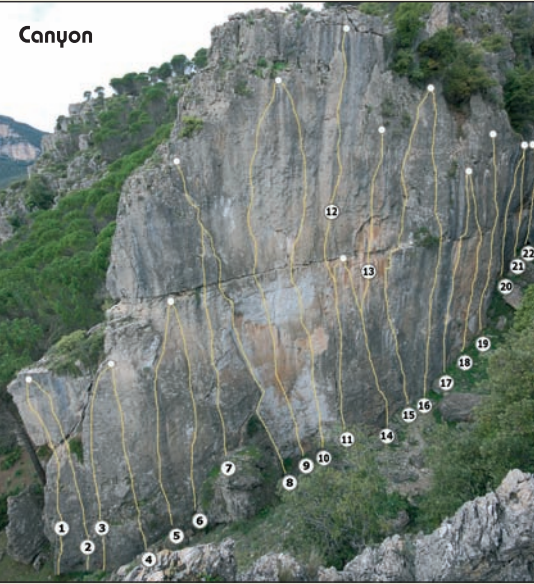
Climbing in the Canyon di Sa Tàppara.



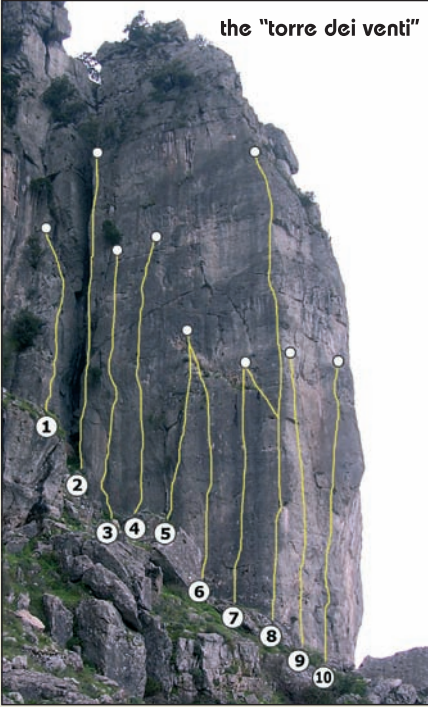
the canyon

Ulassai's canyon, situated just above the town, is regarded as one of Sardinia's best climbing sites. The canyon's vertical walls have been equipped for climbing thanks to help provided both by Ulassai's Proloco and the expert hands of Sardinia's famous climbers Maurizio Oviglia, Simone Sarti and Flady[P2] Selis.

The limestone canyon provides an ample range of possibilities to satisfy both the novice and the expert climber. In addition the canyon has the added bonus of being cool and fresh throughout the year, even in the summer when the hot weather makes climbing in other places in Sardinia difficult..



- 1 - Hotel Su Marmuri (6a+)
- 2 - Gavineddu (5b)
- 3 - 1,2 donne (5c)
- 4 - Cloaca (6a)
- 5 - senza nome (6a+)
- 6 - senza nome (6b)
- 7 - Intrusi sospetti (6a+)
- 8 - Vision crack (6a+)
- 9 - Molto rumore per nulla (7b+)
- 10 - Ricordi di me (7b+)
- 11 - Piripelaghi (6b)
- 12 - Il coyote (7a+)
- 13 - Mezza pizzetta (7b+)
- 14 - Educanza (6b)
- 15 - Non luogo (6c)
- 16 - Cattolico decoro (7a)
- 17 - Lacrime di coccodrillo (8a)
- 18 - Caccale & magnesite (8a)
- 19 - Hamtaro (7a)
- 20 - Tasmania (6c)
- 21 - Quinto (6c)
- 22 - Maladitu siasta (6c+)



the "torre dei venti"

- The routes on the Torre
- 1 - Tenendo per mano il sole (5c+)
 - 2 - Tenendo per mano l'ombra (7a)
 - 3 - All'orizzonte azzurro (6b+)
 - 4 - Al varior della luna (7a+)
 - 5 - Legarsi alla montagna (6a)
 - 6 - Misurando l'infinito (6c+)
 - 7 - Filando stupore nel cielo (7a)
 - 8 - Lo scialle della luna (6c+)
 - 9 - In vista di altri cieli (7a+)
 - 10 - La vela del cielo (7a+)

Right above the road that avoids Ulassai's town centre, above the houses, this magnificent grey tower had attracted many people's attention, but had remained virgin until the spring of 2007. The first route couldn't but follow the incredible and beautiful arete, then others were added, all by the experts hands of Maurizio Oviglia and Cecilia Marchi.

The crag's routes are all very high quality and have been given names chosen by the artist Maria Lai from Ulassai. This is the first time climbing has been linked to art in this way. The Torre is in shade in the afternoon and, as its name suggests, it's often breezy there...

tower of the winds

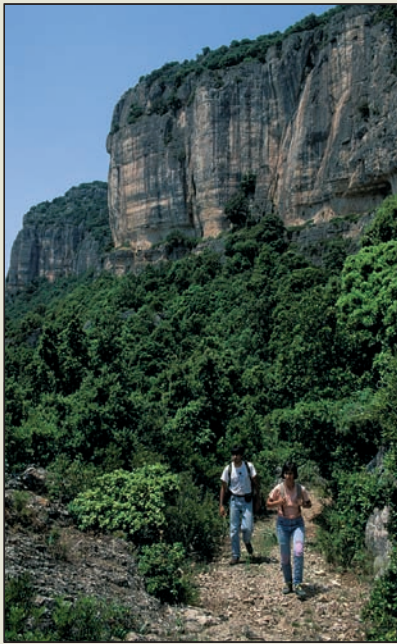


The caves "Grotte Su Marmuri" are situated a short distance from the town. They are open to the public and are regarded as one of the finest examples in Europe. The caves can be visited daily: Cooperativa Su Bullicciu 0782 79859. The network of caves boasts a marvellous array of stalactites, stalagmites, columns, and enormous chambers. The Grotte Su Marmuri is equipped with modern walkways to make visiting the cave a highly enjoyable experience. The informative guided tour lasts approximately one hour. The caves are open from Easter to October. For those guests having worked up an appetite during the cave visit, there is the possibility of sampling local dishes in the restaurant situated just outside the entrance to the cave.

Tourists wishing to stay and savour the local hospitality and culinary specialities can do so at the Rifugio d'Ogliastra at Sant'Antonio near Jerzu, right underneath the crag "Il Castello" (tel 320-6063728/338-8683314, www.rifugiodogliastra.net) or at the Hotel "Su Marmuri" Corso Vittorio Emanuele (tel ++39 078279003 - mail:sumarmuri@tiscali.it). Both the Rifugio and the Hotel Su Marmuri specialise in outdoor tourism. They give discounts for climbers and walkers, you can buy and consult topos of all the climbs, as well as lots of other information.



tourism



trekking

The town's forestry commission have been invaluable in helping to lay out Ulassai's hiking trails. The trails, leading through marvellous ancient woodland, were carefully chosen to allow walkers to see the best of Ulassai's natural beauty. The trails can be easily followed using the maps in this brochure.

The following is an detailed description of the simple 1 hour walk up to "Brunco Matzei" on a well-signposted path. From the summit visitors are rewarded with an impressive aerial view of the town, the surrounding area and the mountains. You can see the whole of eastern Sardinia, from the top of the Gennargentu to the natural monument of Perda Liana, to the nearby Monte Corangiu and as far as the far-away Sette Fratelli. On the clearest days you can see clearly all the coast around Tortolì, 1000 metres down below you. The trek starts at the town's typical textile factory "Cooperativa Tessile Su Marmuri". The building is situated at the entrance to Ulassai, for those coming from Jerzu. The well trodden path, signposted 550, starts directly at the side of the "Cooperative". The trail winds its way up the eastern side of the "tacco" then reaches a broad ledge from which you look onto the plateau. You reach a fork, from where it is necessary to follow the indications for Brunco Matzei. Continuing in the wood with a pleasant and easy climb, the trail leads towards the summit, defended by a series of rocks. There is the possibility of a slight detour to visit the "Grotta Matzei" (Matzei Cave). The cave runs 150 metres into the hillside and is worth a visit. The trail then overcomes the rocks on the south side of the mountain and soon reaches the summit. Here a rock slab provides the ideal viewpoint from which to admire the well-earned view down to the houses of the village (45-60 mins). The return trek is by means of the same route as far as the junction, from where you can take the path that leads through the narrow "Su Stampu" mountain pass (signs for "Discesa Barigau"). Be careful on the rocky sections. Alternatively, and longer, via the "Scala De Predi", on the western side of the mountain. In this second case you come back into the town following a little road that runs alongside the whole length of thetacco (1.5 hours from the summit).



- 1 - Patchwork (6c+); 2 - Fuori Dimensione (7a+); 3 - Nuova Dimensione (7c+); 4 - Luna nuova (7b); 5 - Alaska (6c); 6 - Occhio non vede (6a+); 7 - Alcatraz (6b); 8 - Messaggi al veleno (6b); 9 - Le mezze verità (6a+); 10 - Acida (7b); 11 - New dada (7c+); 12 - Land art (7b+); 13 - Contaminazioni (7b+); 14 - Pezzi di vetro (7b); 15 - L'ennesimo caffè (6c+); 16 - 100 vie l'anno (6c); 17 - Messaggi subliminali (6b); 18 - Il paese dei tropici (6b); 19 - Elementare Watson (5b); 20 - Class (5c); 21 - I misteri dell'etica (6b+); 22 - Sotto zero (6c+); 23 - Fortunadrago (6b+); 24 - Standing Ovation (6b+); 25 - Scrottature (6b+); 26 - Abrasioni (6c+); 27 - Ego sans trip (6c); 28 - Idralitina (6b+); 29 - Maglia (7a); 30 - L'oracolo del sud (7a+); 31 - Stregatto (5b); 32 - Topo giglio (5c); 33 - Tempo da lupi (6a+); 34 - O ci sei o ci fai (6c+); 35 - Non tutti ce l'hanno (7a+); 36 - Synt (7b+)



This splendid wall, discovered in 1992, was christened Isola del Tesoro by the first people to climb the routes there. It is at the same time one of the most characteristic "tacchi" in Ogliastra, but also quite set apart and hidden. The rock is almost perfection, the routes spectacular and the view fantastic. For many, "L'Isola" is Sardinia's finest crag, and by extension of one Europe's finest, even if not one of the best known! There you won't find crowds, but the not-easily-forgotten pleasure of climbing with a view as far as you can see towards the high inland plateaus.

treasure island



of Ogliastra Tacchi JERZU ULASSAI

a mountain of surprises

The name "Tacchi" refers to the inland area of Sardinia, part of the Ogliastro region, characterised by high limestone cliffs which look like upturned shoe heels ("tacchi" means "heels" in Italian). Although you're only a short distance from the splendid beaches of the east coast, this area at between 700 and 1000m altitude is to all intents and purposes "mountain". The countryside of the comunes (municipalities) of Jerzu, Ulassai and Osini is characterised by the rocky limestone crags which give the region, and also the recently-created natural park, the name of the "tacchi".

You can find all manner of wonders in only a few square kilometres: from the distinctive limestone "tacchi", which climbers from all over the world come to climb, to the caverns of Su Marmuri, well-equipped for visits, and among Sardinia's most famous. From the high, bubbling waterfalls to the woods of oak and strawberry trees of the Taccu plateau, criss-crossed by well-marked paths ideal for easy and invigorating walks and exciting mountain-bike rides. Everything seems arranged so that you can combine nature's wild fascination and the island's traditions with the beautiful coastline only 20 minutes' drive away.

The typical architecture of the ancient Sardinian towns is almost completely preserved in the centres of the villages here. In Ulassai we can admire some typical arches arcades and several other buildings from which, right to this day, you can sense the pungent smell of the past. There are as well many works of modern art, among which those of the Sardinian artist Maria Lai, to whom a permanent museum, the Stazione dell'Arte, has been dedicated.



The "Tacchi" of Ogliastro



THE TACCHI OF OGLIASTRA

View points

- 1 - Bruncu Matzeu
- 2 - Bruncu Cococcia
- 3 - P. Secco
- 4 - P. Su Srau

Waterfalls

- 5 - Cascate Lecordi
- 6 - Cascate di Santa Barbara

Museums

- 7 - Stazione dell'arte

Monuments

- 8 - Lavatoio (wash house)
- 9 - Dinosaurio
- 10 - Casa delle inquietudini
- 11 - Gioco dell'oca

Picnic areas

- 12 - Baulassa
- 13 - Abba Frida
- 14 - Sa Brecca

Archaeological areas

- 15 - Serbissi
- 16 - Nuraghe Urceni
- 17 - Nuraghe Sanu

Churches

- 18 - Santuario di Santa Barbara
- 19 - Santuario di Sant'Antonio

Trekking

- 20 - (blue) Sa Tàppara (0,45 h)
- 21 - (pink) Tisiddu (2,30 h)
- 22 - (red) Sent. dei Tacchi (4 h)
- 23 - (violet) Sentiero dei nuraghe o MTB (6,30/8 h)

Sport climbing crags

- 24 - Gola di San Giorgio
- 25 - Canyon (Sa Tàppara)
- 26 - Cascata Lecordi
- 27 - Torre dei venti
- 28 - Isola del tesoro

- 29 - Palazzo d'Inverno
- 30 - Il Castello
- 31 - Danze verticali

Caverns

- 32 - Grotte di Su Marmuri
- 33 - Grotta Su Lioni
- 34 - Grotta Nuraghe Serbissi

Hotels

- 35 - Hotel Su Marmuri

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- 36 - Rifugio d'Ogliastro

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Restaurants

- 36 - Rifugio d'Ogliastro

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