Codula Orbisi

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Country: Italia / Italy **Region:** Sardegna **Subregion:** provincia dell'Ogliastra / Province of Ogliastra **Town:** Dorgali		
Difficulty: not as difficult	**Grading:** v3 a1 III	**Total time:** 2h40
Approachtime: 10min	**Tourtime:** 2h	**Returntime:** 30min
Altitude entry: 700m	**Altitude exit:** 580m	**Delta Altitude:** 120m
Canyon length: 1000m	**Highest rapell:** 35m	**Amount rapells:** 10
Transport: on Foot	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season:	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 3.5 (7)	**Info:** ★ 2.7 (3)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (4)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 2x40m

Summary: (machine translated)
Beautiful lime canyon in secluded, scenic surroundings; dark grotto at the end of the tour; emergency exit possibility after the first 35m overhang; Good 10m Inox glued anchors/stances, do not forget light for grotto; Well combinable with Grotta Donini (almost the same way back). Mostly stagnant, deep pools with cold water; stream flows into Rio Flumineddu.

Hydrology:

Access: (machine translated)
From Arbatax continue north (Olbia) on the SS125 to the village of Lozzorei; after the Esso petrol station turn left onto the SP56 (Via Milano); follow the road for a long time; at the fork turn right towards Urzulei; follow the main road (SP37) for approx. 15 km, drive through Urzulei, up the mountain to Urzulei and then turn left onto the SS125 towards Dorgali. Now follow the mountain road until you reach the rock face visible from afar (there is a prominent building on the right) - turn left here. Follow the asphalt road for about 1 km (under the striking rock face around the mountain), then the road becomes an off-road track for 21 km (you are on a plateau) - from here it is about 40 minutes (to the parking entry). Keep right at the first junction and keep left at the fork with signs (spray-painted lettering). After the fork, the road descends, and after two prominent bends you drive over a crossing (dried-up streambed). After the crossing, follow the main course of the road through the wooded area (past a house with the sign "Grotta Donini/Orbisi") for a long time until the exit of the paved road where there is a turnaround area with 2 trees in the middle. Park here (780m).

Approach: (machine translated)
From the parking lot/turnaround a little uphill on the right, past the fenced property with a striking round building with a wooden roof. Descend here to the Cordula Orbisi stream, which you reach shortly (750m).

Tour: (machine translated)
Once in the dry streambed, follow it for about 10 minutes without any great difference in altitude until you reach the first abseiling point of about 4m (hourglass on the right). Info: On the way to the first descent point, you pass the small entrance hole of the Grotta Donini. From here the canyon narrows. There are 2 more rappels in pools before the overhanging 35m rappel. A removable rope traverse should be set up to reach the belay safely. Here you will often be watched by curious tourists descending over the ridge into the canyon (possible emergency exit on the left). After a short open walking passages/block terrain, there is a step that is downclimbed. Here the canyon narrows again. Then comes a short step, followed by two 20m abseils. Between the abseils, you have to climb up from a crevasse using a helpful fixed rope with foot slings (not easy). After this point there is a short swimming passage that leads into the dark part of the canyon (grotto), in the grotto (darkness) there is a short swimming passage and two abseiling points of 11m and 17m. Alternative: According to the topographic view, you can bypass the grotto with 2 abseiling points (12 and 35m) (not used). You will soon have daylight again and stand in front of a large rock hole from which you can rappel the last 17m into the open. After this point, you can exit immediately to the left over the steep rocks at approx. 540m (you save yourself the last rather unspectacular steps and ascent time). A little tip: if you climb over the rocks on the right, first a little up and then down, you will be at the exit/final waterfall of Grotta Donini.

Return: (machine translated)
From the 540m point, turn left up steep, easy-to-climb rocks (cairn markings). Follow the gravel field reached after a short time to the right, slightly uphill (cairn) to the open ridge. Then follow the ridge and the path, which is now becoming increasingly visible, uphill. After about 20 minutes you reach the gravel road which you follow past a fountain/watering trough to the starting point/parking lot.

Coordinates:
Canyon Start 40.1657 9.4893
Canyon End 40.1732 9.4908

Reports:

2025-12-31 | MirkoT | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Puddles with standing water in the first part. From the ford with the trail out of Donini, there was minimal water flow. Weapons ok and one climb on fixed ropes need physical exertion. After rappel with deviation, follow the darkness and not wall on the left. Smelly just before dark part. In the highest rappel, single anchor could be doubled after 12 meters from the start. Improved anchors in 2-3 rappels. (machine translated)

2025-09-24 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👎 Not done
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi C’est sec, toutes les vasques sont croupies. On a été voir la grotte pour se dégourdir les jambes. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2025-06-04 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi Beau canyon. Pour le moment sec avec quelques bassins stagnants que vous pouvez tous éviter, jusqu'au le c20 juste avant la grotte. Jusque là possible sans combinaison. De là 3x 1 minute de nage en eau froide. 2h30 avec 2 personnes. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2025-04-01 | Alex Arnold | ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Water in the pools, but not flowing. Water quality still ok. Leaving the potholes via the ropes requires some strength/technique (machine translated)

2025-04-01 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2025-03-26 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi Sec au démarrage puis un filet d'eau à partir de la grotte.Équipement nickel (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2025-03-19 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi Amarrage RAS. Gros frottement à gérer sur la C35. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2024-10-21 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Low | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi Clear pools thanks to little running water. Anchorages ok. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2024-10-16 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi Très beau canyon. Vasques a un tiers de leur niveau d'habitude. Quand même froid. Je l'ai fait en long john sans veste, des fois c'est un peu froid.Equipement au top néanmoins ça frotte de partout .Partie sous terre bien sympa mais courte. Plusieurs canyons et grottes dans le coin. Super spots de bivouacs sur le plateau. Prévoir de l'eau si vous restez qq jours. (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2024-05-23 | Tobias | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Despite the rain last week, there was a lot of dirt in places from the pigeons living here. Nevertheless, a beautiful cave canyon with swimming sections. Anchorages are great, fixed ropes available. Clamps are highly recommended for the rope ascent, otherwise it will be difficult (machine translated)

2024-05-03 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed
Automatisch importiert von Descente-Canyon.com für Canyon Orbisi (Quelle: https://www.descente-canyon.com/canyoning/canyon-debit/2887/observations.html)

2024-05-03 | Clarissa Linder | ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ | 🕮 ★ ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | 〰 Normal | 👍 Completed
Although there is only little water (former river bed) - impressive canyon! Good quality stands, mostly chain anchors. (machine translated)

2024-04-23 | System User | | 🕮 | ⚓ | 〰 Dry | 👍 Completed