



# Roman baths of Forum Traiani

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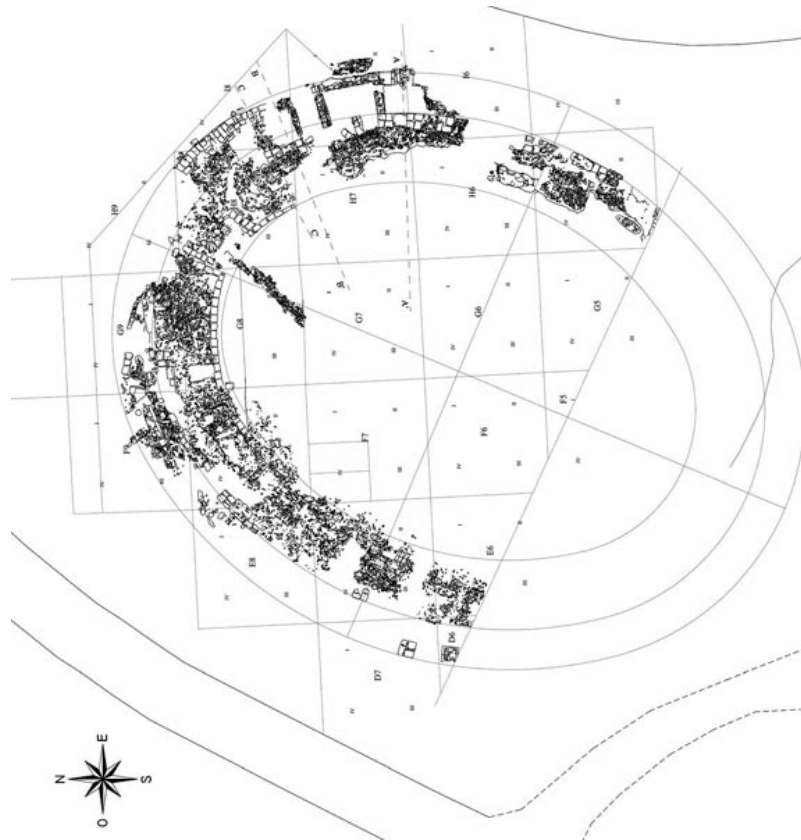


## ■ The amphitheatre

The amphitheatre of *Forum Traiani* is located in a small valley called Apprezzau, in an outlying position moved slightly further South compared to the Roman town (figs. 1-2).



**Fig. 1** - Picture of the amphitheatre of Fordongianus during the dig  
(photo Archaeological Superintendence Cagliari).



**Fig. 2** - Roman amphitheatre of Fordongianus: map (from Bacco et alii 2010, p. 1396).

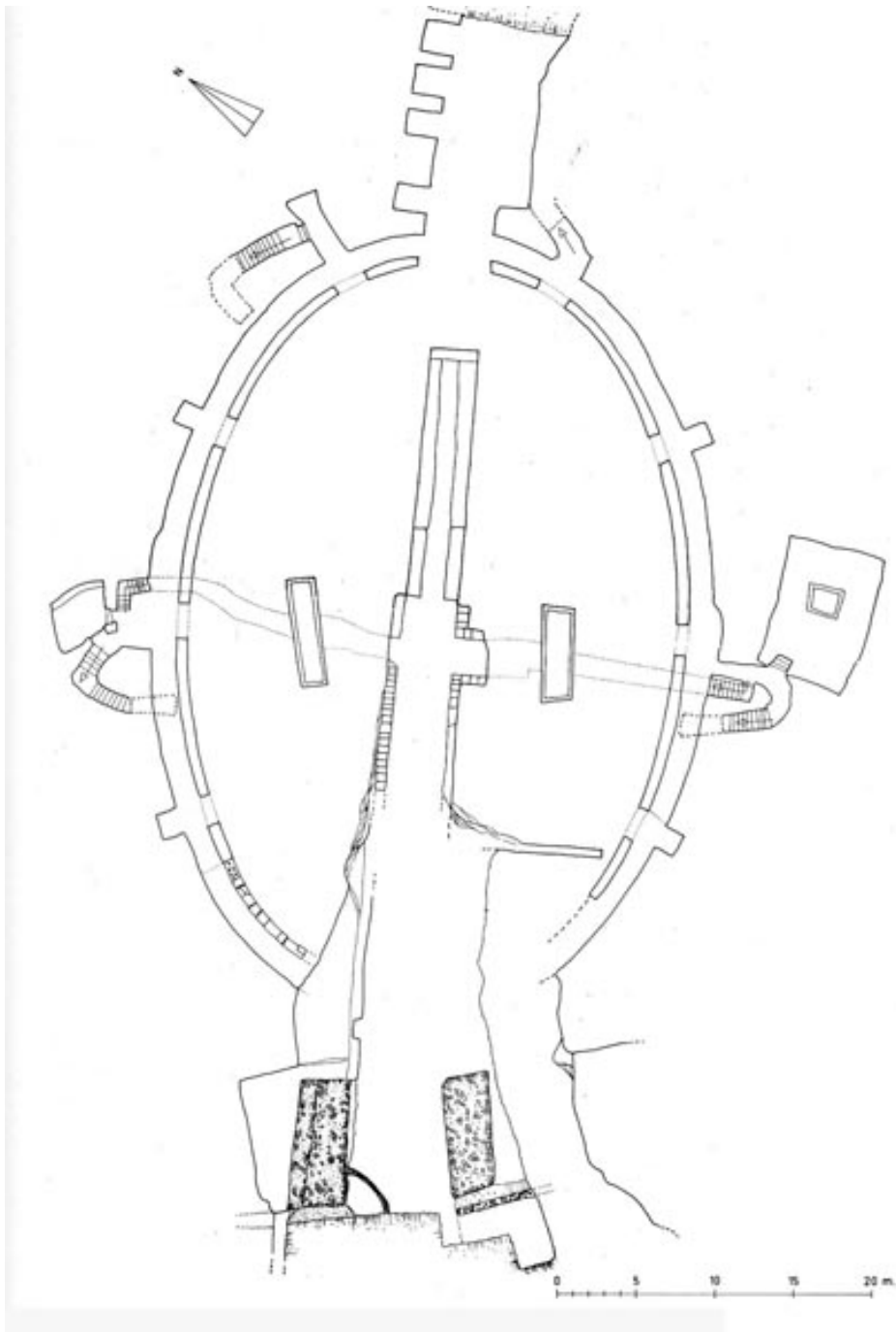
Recent digs have identified two construction stages. The first, probably the Trajan period, sees the amphitheatre structured with two opposite, curved embankments, divided into sectors by walls with stone blocks; the base of the *podium* was also in blocks. On the outside, the embankments were held in a stone pillar and mirror structure in *opus caementicium*.

In the second stage, of the Severan period, the amphitheatre was enlarged using cement works covered in *opus vittatum mixtum*; the expansion and embellishment consisted in a gallery with open arches, covering the first front of the monument, and construction of a small *sacellum*.

We know of just a few amphitheatres in Sardinia: Cagliari, Nora, Sant'Antioco, Tharros and Fordongianus. The most imposing remains are undoubtedly those of the Cagliari one, large in size and built on the rock of the hill of Buoncammino (figs. 3-4).



**Fig. 3** - The Roman amphitheatre of Cagliari, dug in the rock  
(photo Archaeological Superintendence Cagliari).



**Fig. 4** - Plant of the Roman amphitheatre of Cagliari (from Pala 1994, p. 147).

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