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Roman baths of Forum Traiani

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■ Roman bridges

One of the main works implemented by the Romans in Sardinia was a road network which crossed the entire island from North to South and crosswise uniting the main centres between East and West.

There are numerous bridges crossing the rivers. Many of them have been used until modern times, with continual renovation and adaptations (figs. 1-3); so it is hard to see which structures date back to Roman times.



Fig. 1 - Remains of the Roman brge over the Tirso at the height of Santa Giusta, ancient Othoca
(photo Archaeological Superintendence Cagliari)

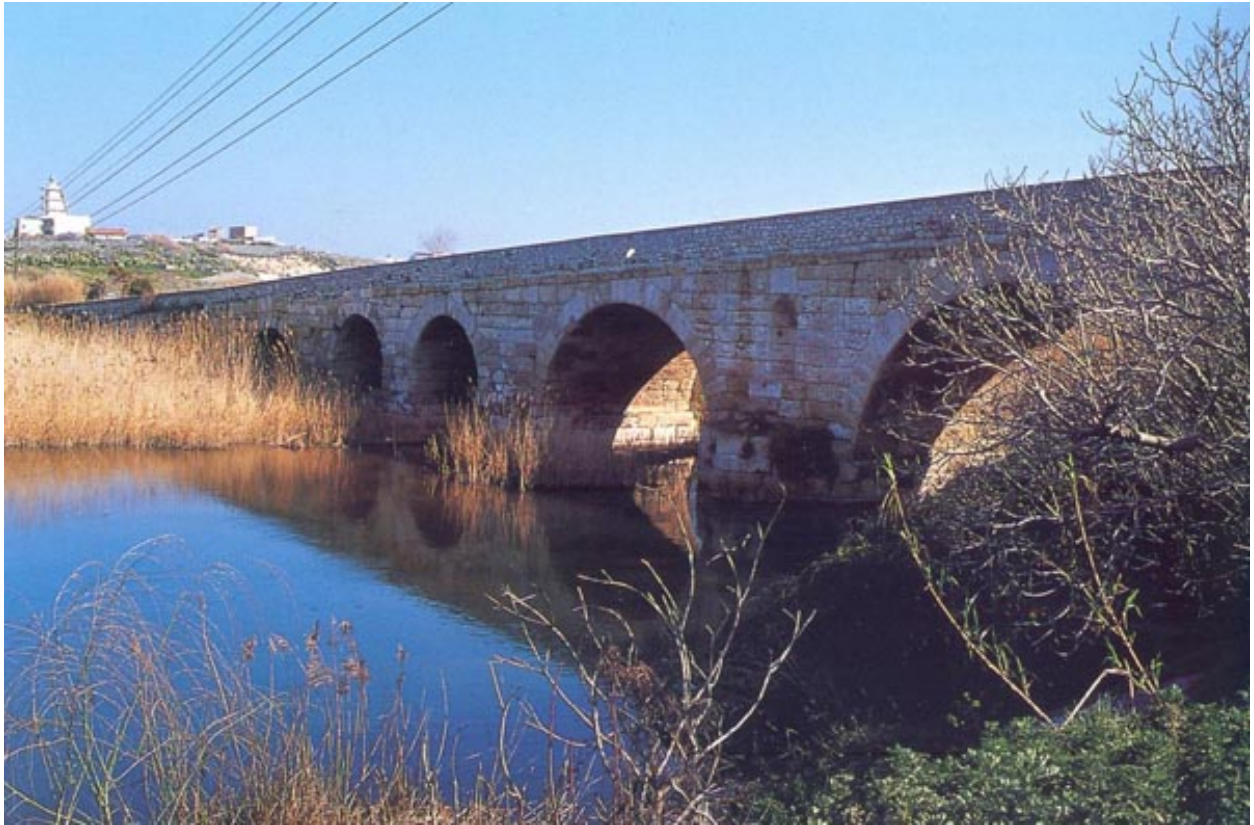


Fig. 2 - Roman bridge of Porto Torres (from Olivo 2000, p. 184)



Fig. 3 - Sant'Antioco, bridge built on the remains of a Roman bridge
(from <https://www.flickr.com/photos/vincenzovacca/8367735306/in/set-72157632483827575>)

In the case of the Fordongianus bridge (fig. 4), the base of the pillars appears to have been made in *opus quadratum*, like the Baths I structure. So the bridge is presumed to have been built at the same time as the Baths; part of a process to renovate the centre in the Trajan period.



Fig. 4 - Bridge over Tirso at Fordongianus: the modern pillars are set on the base of the ancient Roman bridge (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

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