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Port and coastal towers of Arbatax

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■ The Red Rocks of Arbatax

Behind the port of Arbatax (fig. 1) you can admire the Red Rocks, one of the main points of attraction along the Ogliastra coast; now a natural monument, symbol of the area (fig. 2).

These are large Vermillion red porphyry cliffs¹, sculpted by the wind and sea creating a series of spires with vertical fracture lines (figs. 3-4). Part of the porphyritic rows crossing the entire Ogliastra coastline from *Museddu* to *Cea*, from Arbatax to the Isolotto of Ogliastra. Moreover, for many years the site was the location of the musical event *Rocce Rosse Blues*, a great showcase for famous international musicians.



Fig. 1 - The beach of the Rocce Rosse of Arbatax (from Sardegnageoportale, reworked by M. G. Arru).

¹ Volcanic rock.



Fig. 2 - The Rocce Rosse (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 3 - Detail of the spires (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



Fig. 4 - An overview of the Ogliastra coast seen from the Rocce Rosse (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

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