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Giants' tomb of Thomes

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■ The Roman settlement of Thomes

Archaeological research has shown that the Dorgali countryside was intensely inhabited during Roman times, although it has not yet been possible to establish that there was an actual urban centre of particular importance.

At the Giants' tomb of Thomes (fig. 1), already known because of the Bronze Age finds (1600-1500 BC), traces of a consistent and organised inhabitation during Roman Times (IV century BC - IV century A.D).

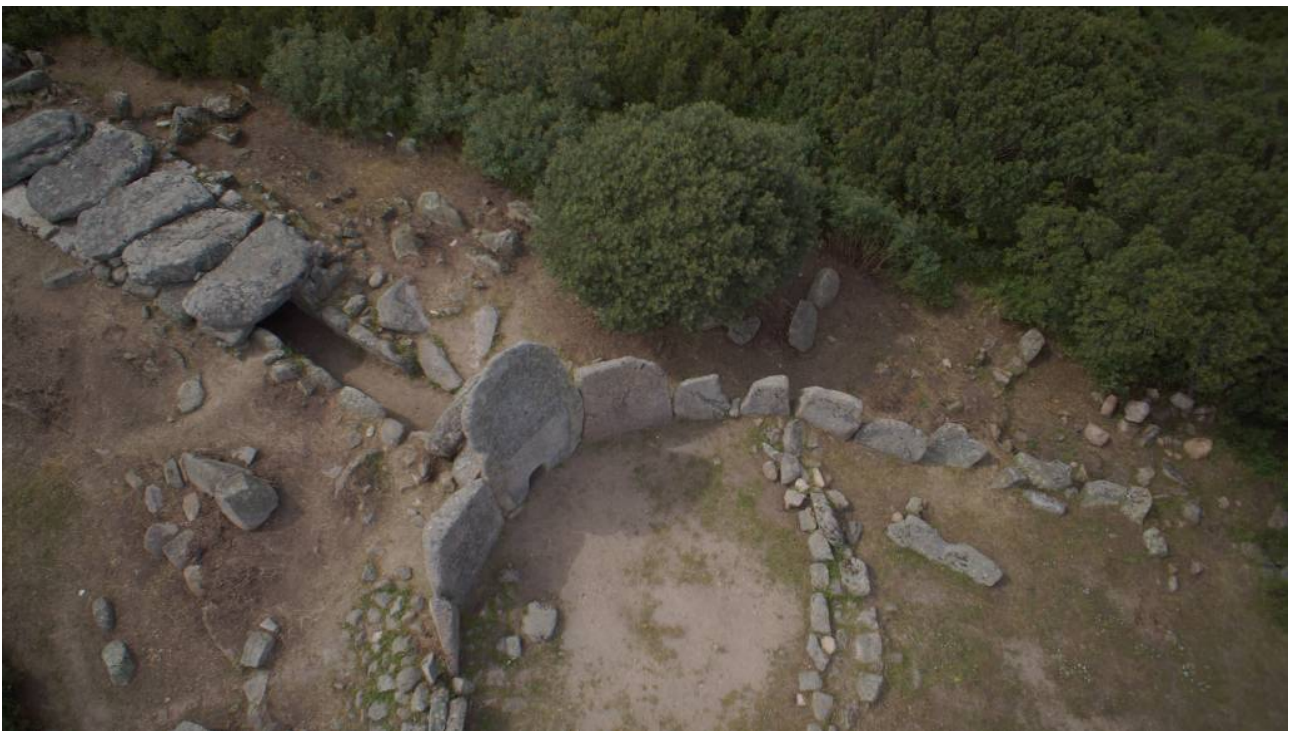


Fig. 1 - Giants' tomb of Thomes-Dorgali (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

The residual structures *in situ* that can be traced back to a rural settlement that grew up in the area of the burial monument, but most of all the items found sporadically and also found during the archaeological dig of the layers in the exedra area, are proof of this. Pottery fragments, three coins, roof tile fragments, including a moulded bollus and rounded tiles were found (fig. 2).



Fig. 2 - Fragment of a flat tile with stamp imprinted on a rectangular cartouche [EVSAP] found in the giants' tomb of Thomes-Dorgali (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

Some of the oldest items found, near the exedra, include a fragment of a wall of colourless pitcher (fig. 3), that carries a trace of a graffiti inscription that can be traced to the IV-III century B.C. (Republican Age).



Fig. 3 - Wall fragment of a small achromatic jug with an engraved Latin inscription from Thomes-Dorgali (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).



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