

## Belvedere of Ziu Pettanu

The belvedere called *Sa Porta de Ziu Pettanu* is located on the outskirts of Orgosolo, close to provincial road No. 22, coming from the town of Oliena. The structure – which was adapted to the natural shape of the clearing and includes some stone and terracotta seats, a small paved square and a metal railing – was built in the 1980s to allow visitors to comfortably enjoy the breath-taking view. Over time, this spot has become a must-see attraction for visitors and tourists as well as a regular meeting place for locals, especially in the summer evening breeze.

Despite it being particularly wide, you don't need any binoculars to view this natural spectacle: the best equipment is the human eye. Northward you can see Mount *Godoré* overlooking the *Locoe* and *Sorasi* valleys. Further ahead is the limestone mountain chain beginning with Mount *Corrasi*, continuing eastward with *Punta de Solitha-sa Pruna* and *Gantinarvu* (southeast). From this sort of long barrier, you can access the *Supramonte* mountain range.

The construction site of the *Cumbidanovu* dam on the *Cedrina* River, still under construction, can be spotted from a gully 607 metres high and 360 metres deep. Once the work is completed, it will enrich the landscape with its various channels going up to the old *Gurinnaru* Bridge. If you look southwards, you will see Mount *Lisorgoni* dominating the town of Orgosolo and even spot the old church of San Michele.

This belvedere is particularly unique not only to admire the whole town from up high, but also to get an understanding of how the natural landscape has played a role in shaping the history and cultural tradition of this place.

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