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# CALENDAR

— 2024 —

## Italian Cities

through inspirational quotations

Italy  
is simply  
extraordinary: be 

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# About this Calendar

Year after year this calendar has become a way to share with other people quotes, interests, places that are dear to me.

This year I wanted to reveal to you some less known towns in my home country. Italy is popular and appreciated all over the world and I hope the inspirational quotes I selected will help you to better understand why.

Writers, Poets, Artists, Philosophers have a special way to express their emotions and their feelings. Often they help us to understand life and people differently. The same applies when they describe a place and this is evident also in the quotes that I have chosen related to Italian towns.

Enjoy this special journey!

Stefano Baldi

A nighttime photograph of Mantua, Italy, showing the city's illuminated buildings and towers reflected in the water. The sky is a deep twilight blue, and the city lights create a warm glow against the dark background.

# MANTUA

**The most romantic city  
in the World**

Aldous Huxley

Mantua is a city in Lombardy, northern Italy.

In 2017, it was declared as the European Capital of Gastronomy.

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# MATERA

An aerial photograph of the historic city of Matera, Italy. The city is built on a hillside, with numerous stone buildings of varying heights and styles. A prominent church tower with a pointed roof and a cross on top stands out in the upper left. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is a dense, terraced urban landscape.

**Anyone who sees Matera cannot help but be awe-struck, so expressive and touching is its sorrowful beauty**

Carlo Levi

Matera is a city in the Basilicata region, in southern Italy.  
In 2019, Matera was declared a European Capital of Culture.

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# February 2024

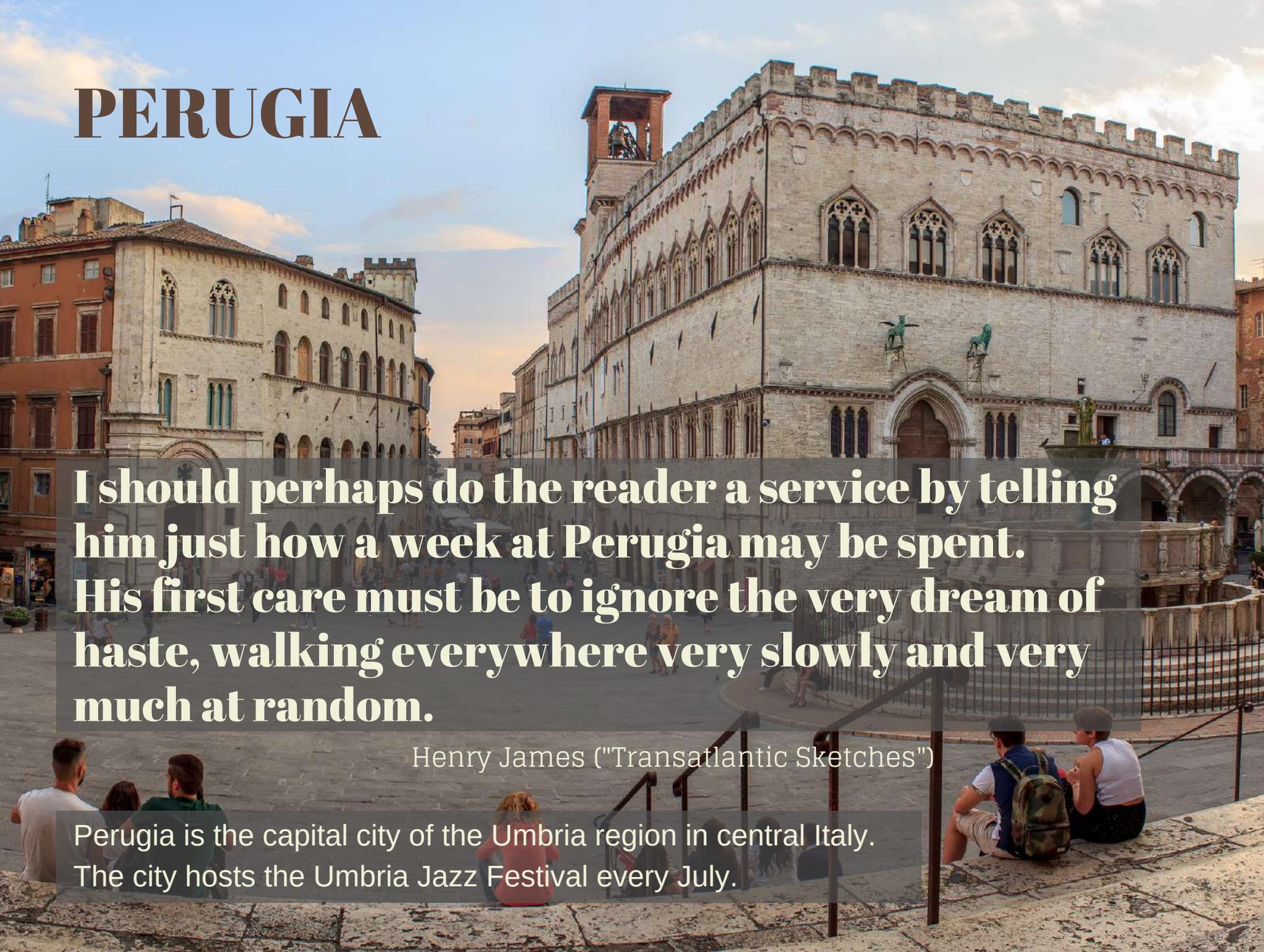
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# PERUGIA



**I should perhaps do the reader a service by telling him just how a week at Perugia may be spent. His first care must be to ignore the very dream of haste, walking everywhere very slowly and very much at random.**

Henry James ("Transatlantic Sketches")

Perugia is the capital city of the Umbria region in central Italy. The city hosts the Umbria Jazz Festival every July.

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# CASERTA

**This palace is the ideal setting for the most sophisticated kingdom in the Galaxy, the one that other planets see as a paradise.**

George Lucas

The Royal Palace of Caserta in Campania region, southern Italy, is the largest palace erected in Europe in the 18th century. Since 1997, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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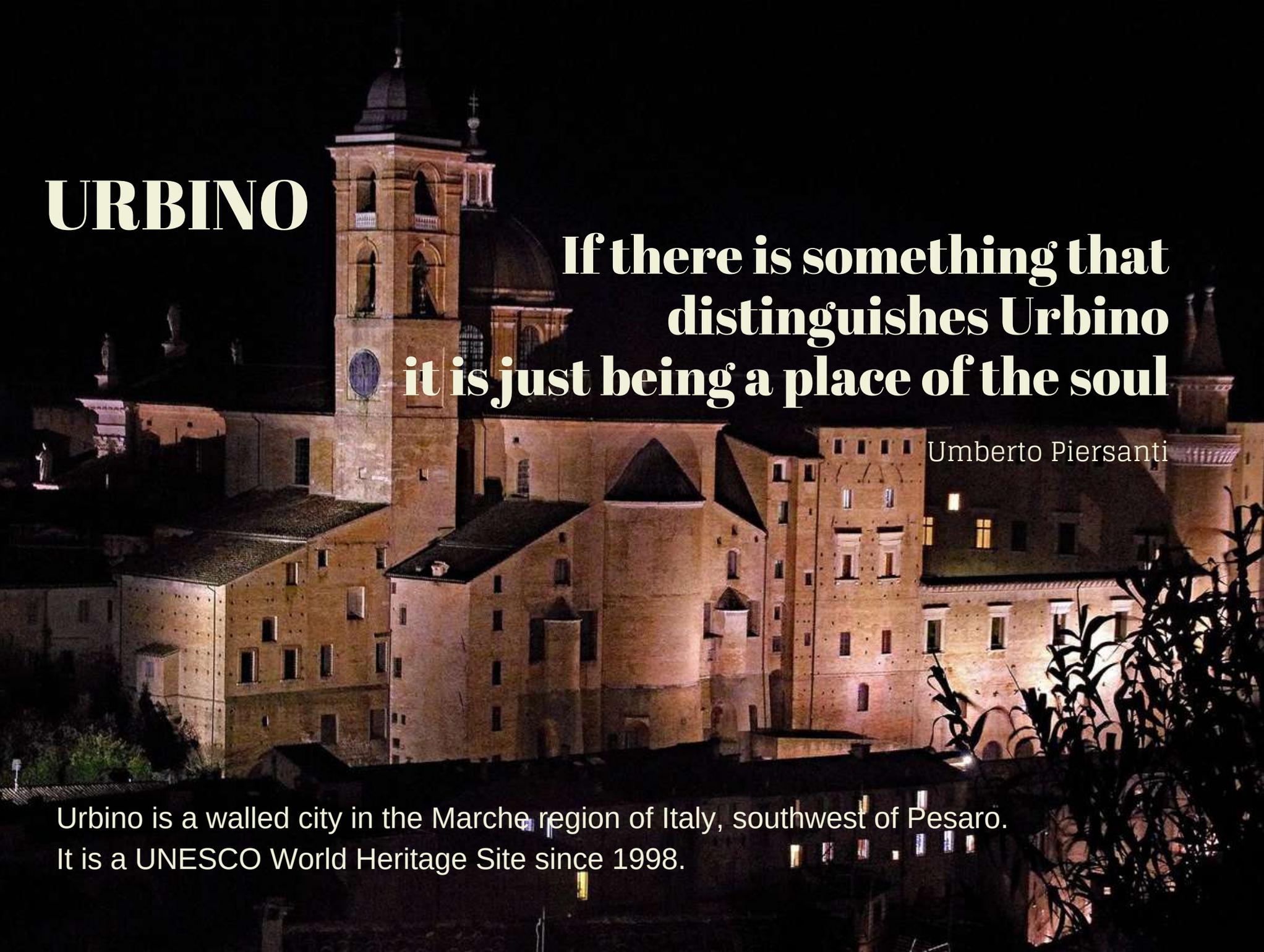
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# URBINO

A nighttime photograph of the walled city of Urbino, Italy. The central focus is the Duomo di Urbino, a large brick church with a prominent bell tower. The city's buildings are illuminated from below, creating a warm, golden glow against the dark night sky. The architecture is characterized by its brickwork and traditional Italian style. In the foreground, some dark foliage is visible on the right side.

**If there is something that  
distinguishes Urbino  
it is just being a place of the soul**

Umberto Piersanti

Urbino is a walled city in the Marche region of Italy, southwest of Pesaro. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998.

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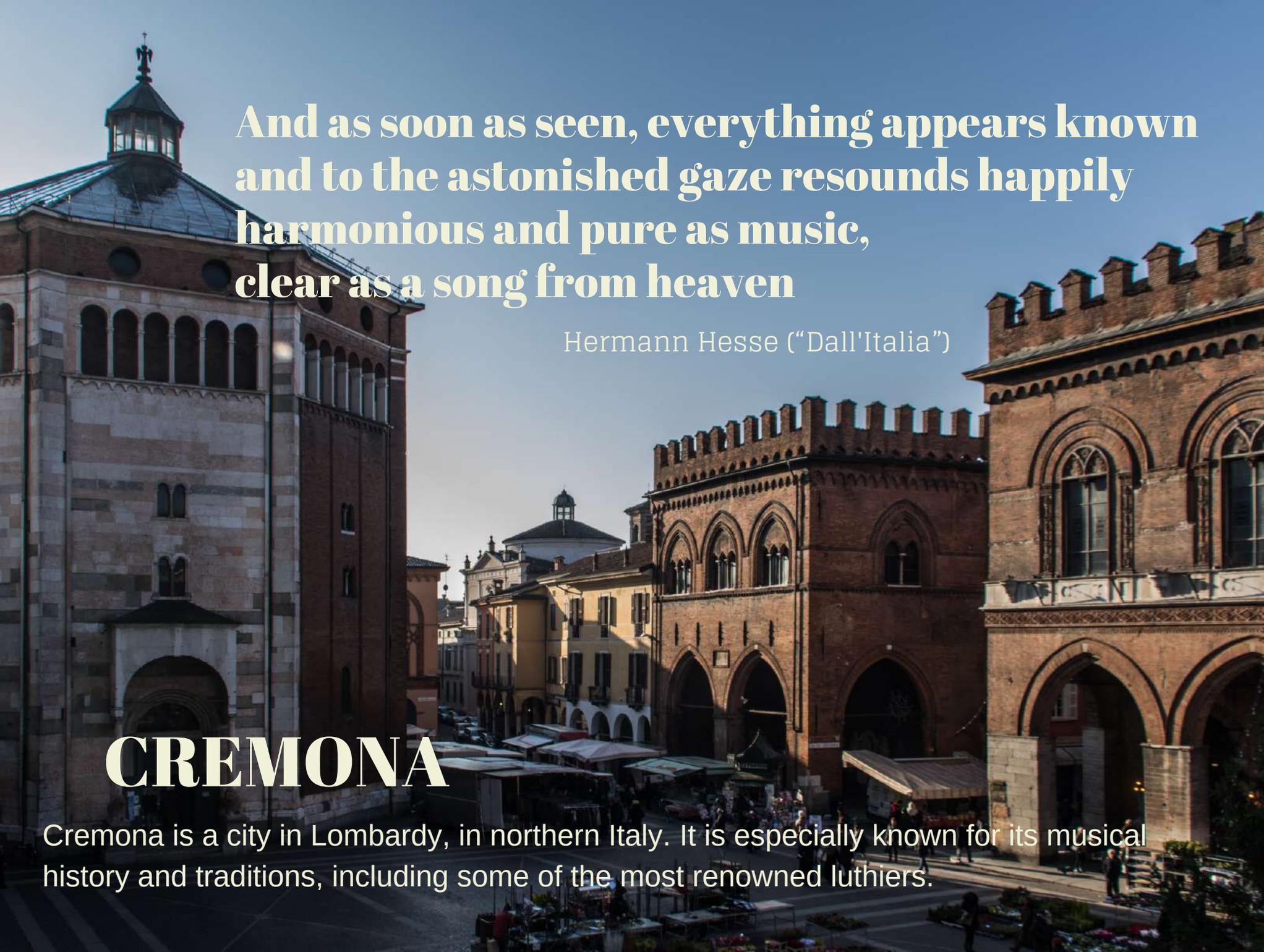
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**And as soon as seen, everything appears known  
and to the astonished gaze resounds happily  
harmonious and pure as music,  
clear as a song from heaven**

Hermann Hesse ("Dall'Italia")

# CREMONA

Cremona is a city in Lombardy, in northern Italy. It is especially known for its musical history and traditions, including some of the most renowned luthiers.

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A narrow, cobblestone street in Noto, Sicily, lined with historic yellow buildings and a church in the distance. The street is flanked by multi-story buildings with balconies and arched doorways. In the background, a church with a prominent dome and a cross on top is visible. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

# NOTO

Gabriel Garcìa Màrquez

**Going to Sicily is better  
than going to the moon**

Noto is a city in the Province of Syracuse in Sicily in southern Italy.  
In 2002 Noto and its church were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

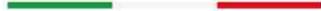
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# POSITANO

**Positano bites deep. It is a dream place that isn't quite real when you are there and becomes beckoningly real after you have gone**

John Steinbeck

Positano is a town on the Amalfi Coast in the Province of Salerno, in the Campania region in southern Italy.

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# SIRACUSA

**In Siracusa there  
is not one day  
without sun**

Cicero

Siracusa is a historic city in Sicily, in southern Italy.  
It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005.

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# VERONA

**I left her in the forest of Arden;  
I shall find her in an orchard in Verona**

Oscar Wilde  
("The Picture of Dorian Gray")

Verona is a city in the Veneto region, in northern Italy.  
In 2000 the city was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

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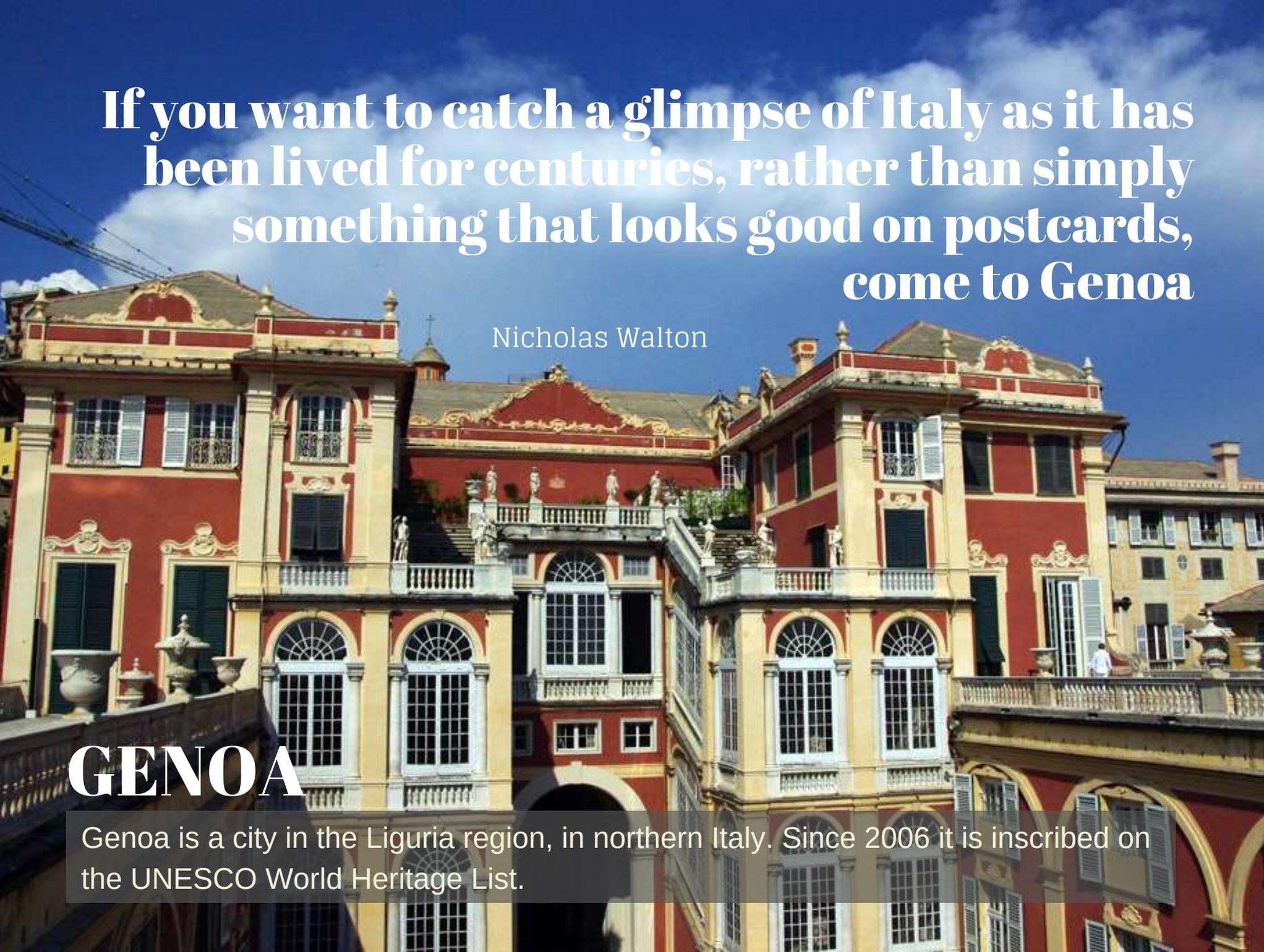
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**If you want to catch a glimpse of Italy as it has  
been lived for centuries, rather than simply  
something that looks good on postcards,  
come to Genoa**

Nicholas Walton

# GENOA

Genoa is a city in the Liguria region, in northern Italy. Since 2006 it is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

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# BERGAMO



**Bergamo is enchanting  
and of superb beauty**

Stendhal

Bergamo is a city in Lombardy in northern Italy encircled by massive Venetian defensive systems that since 2017 is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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# December 2024

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# Authors of the Quotes

**Cicero** (106 BC - 43 BC) was a Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar, philosopher and writer.

**Hermann Hesse** (1877 - 1962) was a German-Swiss poet, novelist, and painter who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1946.

**Aldous Huxley** (1894 - 1963) was an English writer and philosopher.

**Henry James** (1843 - 1916) was an American-British writer.

**Carlo Levi** (1902 - 1975) was an Italian painter, writer, activist, politician, and doctor.

**George Lucas** (1944) is an American filmmaker.

**Gabriel García Márquez** (1927 - 2014) was a Colombian novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter, and journalist. He was awarded the 1982 Nobel Prize in Literature.

**Umberto Piersanti** (1941) is an Italian poet, prose writer, professor of sociology of literature at the University of Urbino.

**John Steinbeck** (1902 - 1968) was an American writer. He won the 1962 Nobel Prize in Literature.

**Stendhal** (1783 - 1842) was a French writer.

**Nicholas Walton** is a British journalist and writer.

**Oscar Wilde** (1854 - 1900) was an Irish poet and playwright.