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CALENDAR

— 2024 —

Italian Cities
through inspirational quotations

Italy
is simply
extraordinary: be



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For many years, I have been realising this calendar with my friend Eduardo Gelbstein. He left us on July 19, 2015. I will forever thank him for the great long lasting inspiration he gave me during our long and fruitful friendship. Forever thank you Ed!

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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 historic architecture and the Piazza della Libertà. The city is illuminated by warm lights, and the lights are reflected in the calm water in the foreground. The sky is a deep blue, and the overall atmosphere is romantic and serene.

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 its buildings constructed from light-colored stone. The architecture is characterized by terraced levels and narrow, winding streets. A prominent feature is the tall, slender bell tower of the Basilica of San Giovanni Battista, which rises above the surrounding buildings. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene captures the unique and ancient urban landscape of Matera.

**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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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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URBINO

A nighttime photograph of the walled city of Urbino, Italy. The image shows the Duomo di Urbino and its tall bell tower, illuminated against the dark night sky. The city's walls and buildings are visible, with some windows lit up. The overall scene is a panoramic view of the historic city.

**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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**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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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.


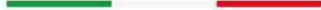
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POSITANO

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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An aerial photograph of Siracusa, Sicily, showing the historic city built on a peninsula. The city is densely packed with yellow buildings and is surrounded by the sea. A large, modern bridge is visible in the background, connecting the city to the mainland. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is clear.

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.




October 2024

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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.

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.