

Umberto Saba

Umberto Saba (9 March 1883 – 26 August 1957) was an Italian poet and novelist, born Umberto Poli in the cosmopolitan Mediterranean port of Trieste when it was the fourth largest city of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Poli assumed the nom de plume "Saba" in 1910, and his name was officially changed to Umberto Saba in 1928. The language of his poetry is simple and usual. He often told about Trieste, his hometown, with which he had a relationship of love and hatred.

Trieste ha una scontrosa grazia. Se piace, è come un ragazzaccio aspro e vorace, con gli occhi azzurri e mani troppo grandi per regalare un fiore (Umberto Saba)



Trieste is a **city** and a **seaport** in **northeastern Italy**. It is situated towards the end of a narrow strip of Italian territory lying between the **Adriatic Sea** and **Slovenia**. It is also located near **Croatia** some further 30 kilometres south. Trieste is located at the head of the **Gulf of Trieste**. It is the **capital** of the autonomous region **Friuli-Venezia Giulia**. The metropolitan population of Trieste is **410,000**.

Trieste

a view to the sea

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PIAZZA UNITÀ D'ITALIA

The main square in Trieste is **Piazza Unità d'Italia**. Located at the foot of the hill with the castle of **San Giusto**, the square faces the **Adriatic Sea**. It is often said to be Europe's largest square located next to the sea. It is important for its history. The square was built when Trieste was the most important **seaport** of the **Austrian-Hungarian Empire** and includes the city's municipal buildings and other important palaces. Here you can find the most popular cafe of Trieste. It is called "**Caffè degli specchi**" and it was opened in 1839.

MOLO AUDACE

Near **Piazza Unità d'Italia**, you can see **Molo Audace**. It rose between 1743 and 1751. It offers you a **fantastic view on the sea**.

F O O D

There is no sincerer love, than the love for food.

If you want to enjoy delicious local food, Trieste offers you a large choice of restaurants. Two of the most famous taverns are "**Da Pepi Sciavo**" and "**Da Bepi Meo**", where you can try specialities like jota, crauti, cotechino and the tipical dessert, Putizza. At the "**Salvagente**" you can have fresh fish and good live music. "**Ai 3 magnoni**" is a rustic-chic place, where you can have local re-elaborated food.

SHOPPING



Two of the most important shopping streets are "**Viale XX Settembre**" and "**Via San Nicolò**". Here you can find libraries, shops and during the Christmas period the famous "**Christmas Market**". Another popular street is "**Corso Italia**", near "**Piazza Italia**", where there are important designers shops. In the smaller streets there are craft shops or cheaper one.

MUSEUMS

"**Civico Museo di Storia Naturale di Trieste**" is a **natural history museum**. It contains several collections, including more than two million botanical, zoological, mineralogical, geological, and paleontological specimens. "**Civico Museo d'Arte Orientale**" is a **museum of oriental arts**. It contains objects, musical instruments and paintings that come from Asia.

NAZI CAMP

"**Risiera di San Sabba**" was a **Nazi concentration camp**, active during World War II, for the detention and killing of political prisoners, and a transit camp for Jews, most of whom were then deported to Auschwitz

ARTS GALLERY

"**Centro Espositivo d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea**" or "**Salone degli Incanti**" was a fish shop. It was built in 1913 by Giorgio Polli. Now short art exhibitions are set up inside.

THEATERS



If you want to see the opera, the most important theater in Trieste is "**Teatro Verdi**". Other theatres are "**La Contrada**", "**Politeama Rossetti**" and "**Teatro Orazio Bobbio**". "**Sala Tripovich**" now is closed but some time ago a very important theatre where you could watch plays operas by Shakespeare and others.