



The presence of Istria stone in the built heritage of Friuli area (NE Italy).

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Istria stone, the shining white limestone used in Venice and quarried in the fronting Croatian peninsula, has been used, during Venetian domination, in the surrounding areas, becoming a distinctive element of their built heritage. It is the case of Friuli area (NE Italy), ruled by Venice from 1455 to 1798. Istria stone is, in fact, the distinctive building materials of important architectures of that period, as well as of traditional buildings of the area close to the sea, made easily recognizable by its white characterizing color.

The contribution provides a review of the main example of the built heritage of the area - whose main town, Udine, has been the siege of Venetian Lieutenant for more than five centuries - in which Istria stone has been used, referring, when possible, to archive documents and historical references.