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5TH OPEN DAY FOR THE PORT OF TRIESTE, RESERVATIONS SOLD OUT IN A FEW DAYS OVER 700 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED

**Sunday 19 May – visits organized into 8 shifts
Saturday 18 May – pre-opening for instagrammers**

Trieste, 16 May 2019 – Now in its fifth year, the Port of Trieste Open Day will be back on Sunday, 19 May. This initiative is promoted by the Port System Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, together with trade associations, port operators, and the port community. A total of 700 reserved seats were made available on 5 May and sold out in a few days, testifying to the growing interest in getting to know the port's activities close up.

Organized in eight shifts, starting at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00, 15:00, 16:00 and 17:00, the Open Day will call at several different locations. After a general presentation at the historic headquarters at Torre del Lloyd, participants will be taken by bus to the new port: Container terminal (Trieste Marine Terminal), Pacorini Silocaf, Multi-modal terminal (EMT Europa Multipurpose Terminals), Ro-Ro terminal (Samer Seaports & Terminal), Scalo Legnami with the logistics platform and finally Canale Navigabile (Wärtsilä Italia, Frigomar warehouses and other companies).

As in past years, a special pre-opening on Saturday, 18 May will be dedicated to instagrammers who want to recount their experience through their photographs, which will be posted with the hashtag #ILMIOPORTO.

During the tour, visitors will be able to discover the sites where ships and ferries load and offload their cargo and passengers, the types of goods transiting through the port, the contents of the containers, and the routes traveled by the ships that call at Trieste. The port, which is inextricably linked with local industrial and manufacturing output, will showcase its strong rail links, as evidenced by rails serving each and every quay, where visitors will be able to see not only containers, but also a range of unique objects, such as large engines and giant coals about to be loaded onboard. Open Day participants will also be able to access cargo warehouses, enjoy the scent of coffee beans, and enter refrigerated cells to gain a better understanding of how goods transiting through the port are stored. The terminal's everyday workers will also be involved in the Open Day: in fact, they will describe first-hand the details of their jobs and activities.

"This Open Day is more significant than ever because it is part of the celebrations of the Free Port, whose goal is to cement the ties between the port, the city, and its hinterland," said, Zeno D'Agostino, President of the Port System Authority.





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“These Open Days will allow the local citizenry to witness the port’s daily activities while making it possible for those who work in the port to showcase the unique aspects of their jobs, which remain little known. For this reason, we invite all citizens to participate in the guided visits, which I am sure will draw much interest and curiosity”.

The initiative, which drew 2,500 visitors over the previous four editions, is part of the extensive bill of events organized by the Port System Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea to commemorate the institution of the Free Port by Emperor Charles VI in 1719. The Open Day, together with the many other events to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Free Port, are described in a dedicated website at: <https://portoftrieste300.com>.

Video preview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAT2QsWxIPA>

