



**DI CHE
"RAZZA" SEI?
UN MITO
PERICOLOSO**



Casa Pellico

piazzetta dei Mondagli 5, Saluzzo

Beautiful land of love. Saluzzo and the African campaign between myth and memory

Documents, photographs, and other exhibits from municipal and private collection

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Information and bookings

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Between 1882 and 1936, in Africa, Italy was searching for its place in the sun. Through more or less disastrous military expeditions; more or less fortunate commercial enterprises; and more or less popular political initiatives, it eventually achieved an ephemeral "return of the Empire on the fated hills of Rome". The individual stories of people from Saluzzo intertwine with the colonial enterprise, as exemplified by the Alpine Battalion Saluzzo receiving its baptism of fire in Libia (1911-13) and taking part in the Abissinian campaign (1935-36). Some lose their life in the African adventure, others seek their fortune as settlers, others still – few of them – build fortunes: all, eventually, will stand to lose, when former colonies claim their due. The exhibition, showing for the first time documents and memorabilia from both municipal and private collection, is dedicated to what is left of all this, in public celebrations and private memories.