



# Exodus

**Directed by:** Nicolò Bongiorno  
**Produced by:** Venicefilm Production  
**Duration:** 2x52'  
**Versions:**   
**Format:** SD

Between 1943 and 1954, 350.000 Italians were forced to leave their native soil in the provinces - that were Italian at that time - of Pola, Fiume and Zara, to escape the persecution and the de-nationalization process which took place in those regions by the Yugoslavian regime established by Tito. It has been a truly "ethnic cleansing", put to use with a series of civil and military massacres, starting in Istria and Dalmatia in 1943 following the armistice dated 8th September and ending on May 1945, when the Yugoslavian troops invasion of the Venezia Giulia began. This story, full of horror, sacrifice and heroism of plain people stolen of their memories about the places inhabited by Italians since time immemorial, has been completely forgotten for fifty years and hidden to younger generations and to Italian public opinion. This series of two documentaries is meant to reconstruct those events with authentic footage and several interviews to historian and witnesses, who lived those drama in first person. EPISODES: - The denied memory - The forgotten Italy



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