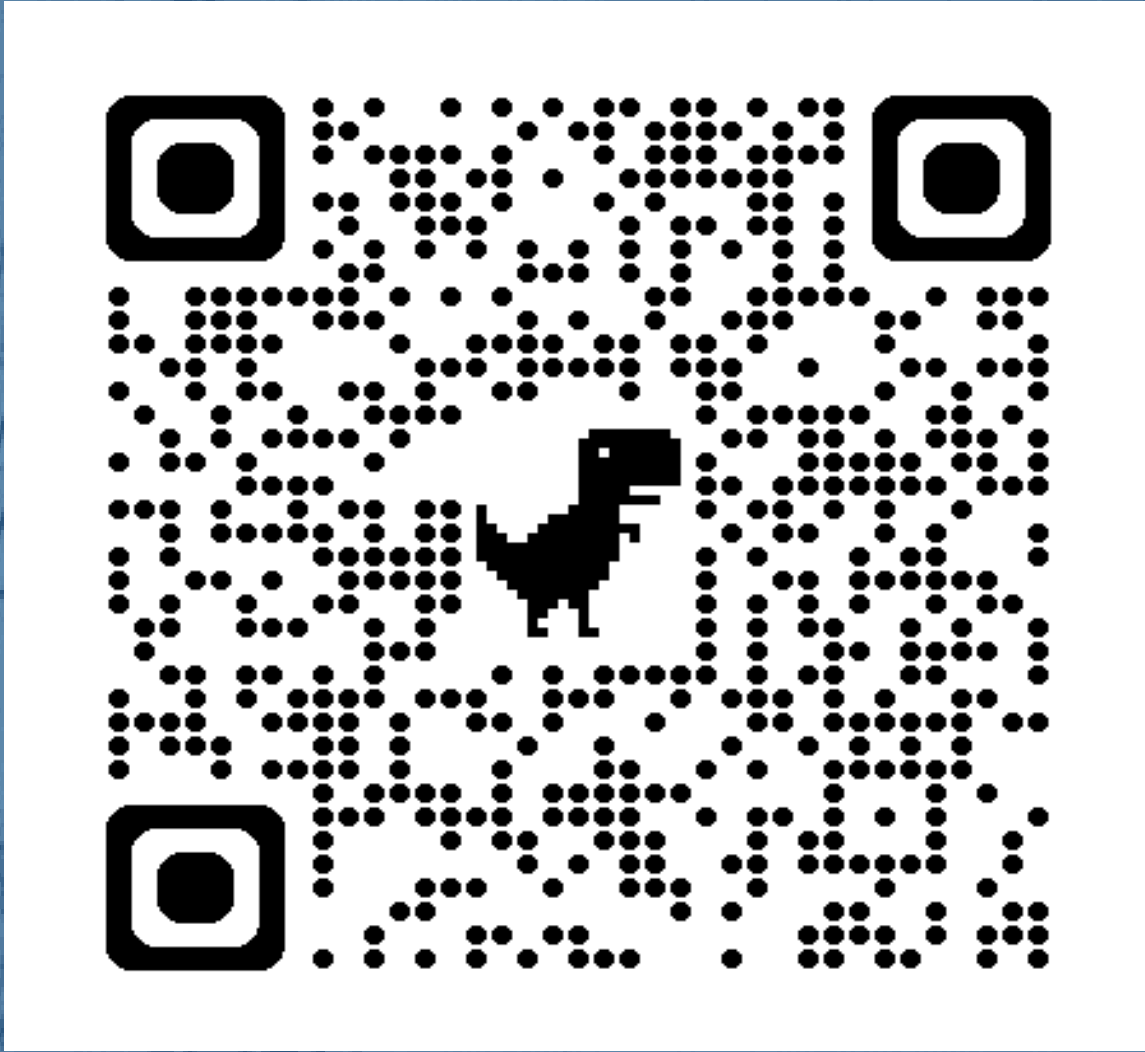




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ShipAdvisor: Best Ways to Explore the Mediterranean in the 18th & 19th Centuries

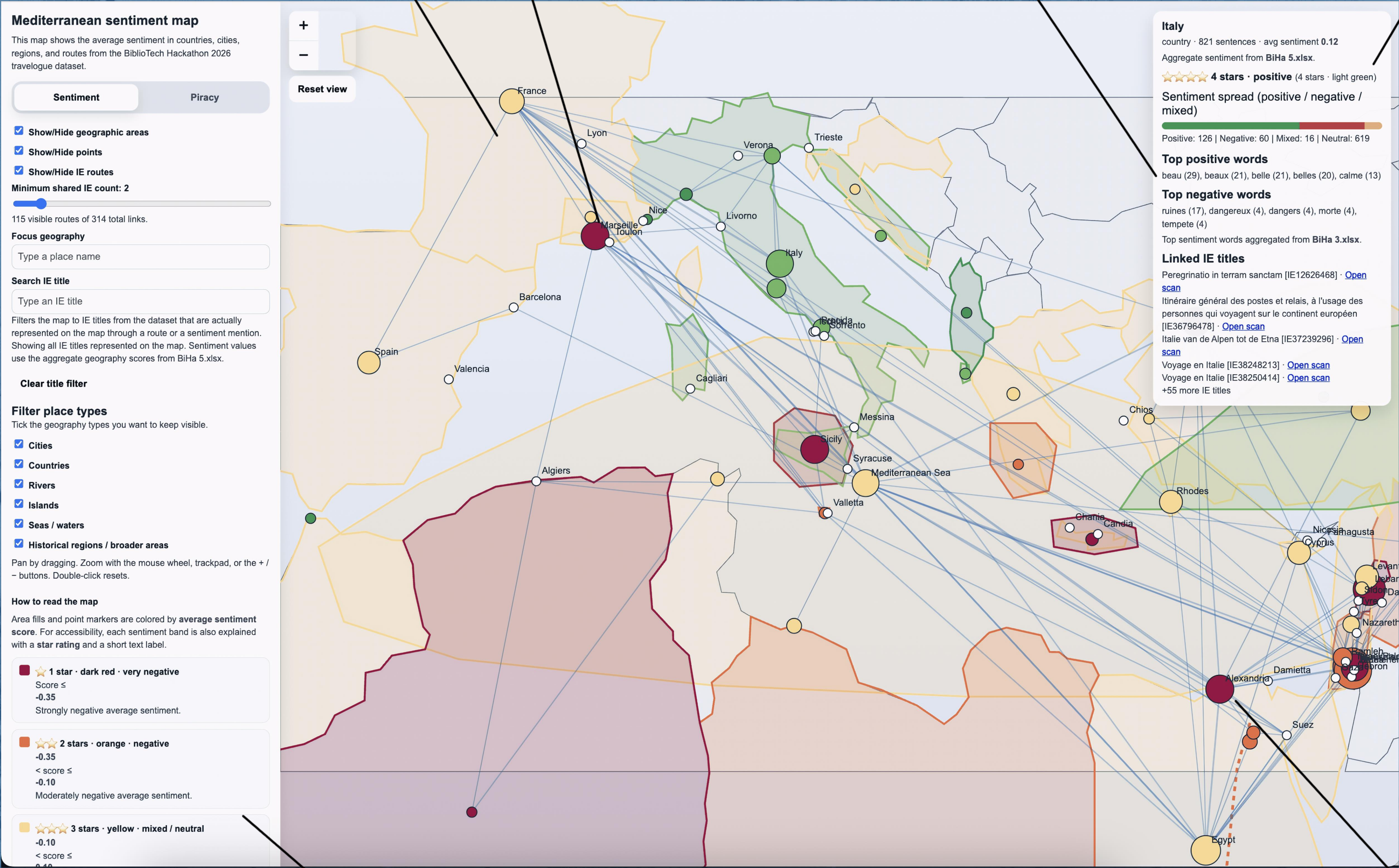
What was it like to travel across the Mediterranean 200 years ago? Our project introduces ShipAdvisor, an interactive web application inspired by platforms like TripAdvisor, that brings historical journeys to life. Using travelogues from the 18th and 19th centuries, ShipAdvisor lets you explore the routes people once took. You can discover which journeys were popular, which places travellers loved, and where they felt unsafe, whether due to storms, rough seas, or even the threat of piracy.

The Mediterranean routes and locations were filtered with a mix of **Regular Expressions** and **Named Entity Recognition**. The routes were refined prompting the model gpt-oss:120b

Marseille, one of the hotspots in recreative travel by Europeans. Many maritime travels start here.

Highlighted positive and negative words, and **links** to the scanned travelogues in Teneo

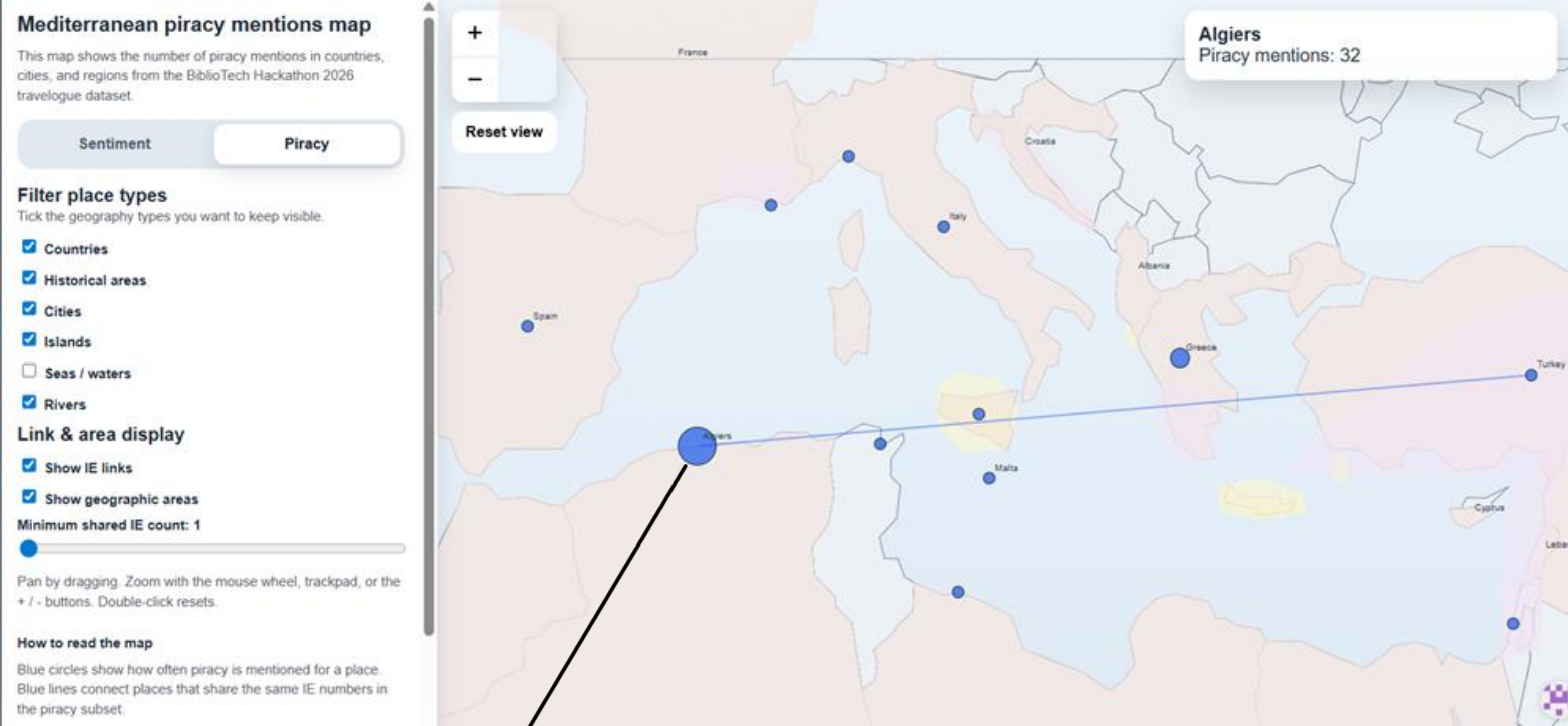
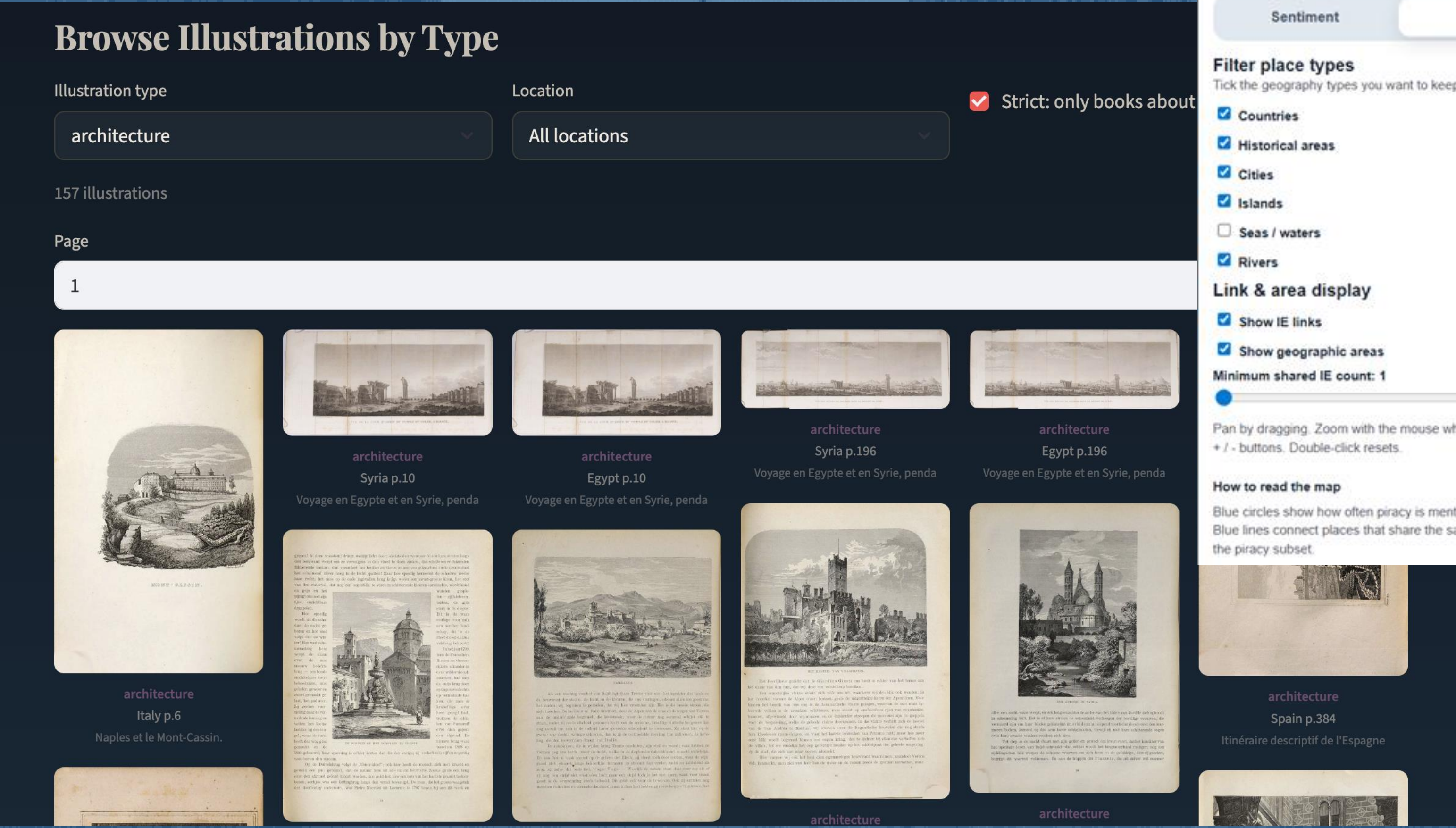
Sentiment analysis, converted into 5-star rating. Percentage of positive, neutral, negative, and mixed comments. Applied to both places and routes.



Alongside the textual and geographical analysis, we explored the visual dimension of the corpus: 770+ illustrations—a counterpart to the photos that reviewers typically share on platforms like TripAdvisor. Illustrations can be browsed by topic and location in a side panel of the web interface. The images were classified using a pretrained CLIP model based on zero-shot prompt.

Filters available: by place, country, river, number of documents the route appears in...

Alexandria as a common transitory port: to explore Egypt down the Nile, in pilgrimages to Jerusalem (port of Jaffa)...



Piracy map showing the number of piracy mentions in the selected corpus of travelogues.