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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” (Edith Sitwell)

You may prefer snuggling indoors with a rich winter stew and a Tuscan red wine, but there are so many reasons to wear your best coat and take to the streets this month! Florence fills the end of winter with excitement, awakening with Carnevale celebrations, the romance of Valentines Day, and the launch of the year’s cultural programs. The abundance of music, performance, historical parades, and new exhibitions won’t disappoint, so head out in the best of company before retreating back to the warm hearth of home to reminisce on all your adventures! Enjoy the last bite of the winter chill with its magic. With best seasons wishes, from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR FEBRUARY

BEST EVENT: THE THIRD EDITION OF THE CARNEVALE DI FIRENZE, January 31 to February 1

Following the exceptional success of previous editions, the Cultural Association ‘Il Carnevale di Firenze’ returns! The festivities will kick off with an exclusive Grand Ball, a gala dinner held in the majestic Salone dei Cinquecento. After dinner, guests continue the evening in the enchanting Sala delle Armi at Palazzo Vecchio, where an after-party will unfold in a magical and captivating atmosphere. The following day, the creativity and energy of Carnival will fill the historic center of Florence. Over 300 artists and musicians will come together to create spectacular choreographies and performances, allowing the public to follow the parade group. The event will culminate in Piazza della Signoria, where a prestigious jury will select the winners of the 2026 edition, honoring the most creative, original, and spectacular teams. [Website](#).

BEST P&F RENTAL: A BEAUTIFUL THREE BEDROOM APARTMENT WITH A LOVELY TERRACE AREA



More information and photos [here at the link](#).

BEST TRADITION: CALCIO STORICO HONOURS THE BATTLE OF THE SIEGE, February 17

The Calcio Storico honour a historical siege with the Annual Partita dell’Assedio. It was the siege of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, on the 17th of February 1530 that gave us both the custom of changing the guard but also strengthened the tradition of this famous game of Calcio Storico

BEST DINING OUT: ZEB, FOR LOCAL FOOD WITH FLAIR IN SAN NICCOLO

Zeb is a hot favorite with the locals in the beautiful San Niccolo area of Florence. Expect traditional dishes served in a contemporary atmosphere, served by mother and son Giuseppina and Alberto. The truffle ravioli is unmissable, with a seasonal menu that changes regularly and daily dishes of the day prepared and displayed at the serving counter. Take a high stool at their long counters and enjoy the regional specialties, served with a carefully selected range of wines. Affordable, delicious, and always full for lunch and dinner! [Website](#).

BEST OF THE REST

FLORENCE LITERARY SOCIETY LAUNCHES THE YEAR'S EVENTS FOR WRITERS

The Florence Literary Society aims to serve the international writing community of Florence by creating a cohesive and thriving alliance of writers of all levels and genres. You may live in Florence or just be passing through, you may be starting your writing journey or already be a published author. Wherever you stand, we believe in harnessing the enthusiasm and energy of creatives of all stripes, from writers and translators to essayists, travel writers, poets and more. [Become a member now!](#) And to stay informed about all their upcoming workshops and writers gatherings, [sign up](#) for the newsletter to keep up to date with monthly writing events in Florence.

IL CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS IN VIAREGGIO! From February 1

The celebrations for Il Carnevale happen all over Tuscany, but by far the most famous and exciting is the famed Carnevale in Viareggio. There are many chances to see the Masked Parade in February, with 5 days of processions spread over the month as well as the “Great Ending Fireworks”. If there was ever a time to make the trip outside of Florence, this is it. The parades, parties, fireworks, masked balls, theatre, and culinary events are truly over-the-top. Wear clothes you don't care too much about, because it's a given that you'll end up sprayed with foam and sprinkled with confetti! Old, young, and everyone in-between, joins in the silliness. Read all about the [history of Carnevale here](#). And find [dates and more information here](#).

11th EDITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FLORENCE, Until March

Black History Month Florence is a cross institutional network for Black cultural production that celebrates the diversity of Afro-descendent Cultures in the context of Italy. The initiative is engaged in programming, advising and co-promoting over 50 events annually within the month of February, through a network formed and supported by the Comune, foundations, institutions, cultural associations, museums, schools and venues dedicated to art and to music. Black History Month Florence is broken down into BHMf Film, BHMf Art, BHMf Workshop, BHMf Talk, BHMf Food, BHMf Tours, BHMf Kids and BHMf Theatre/Dance. Follow their [Instagram](#) and [Website](#) for the release of the program.

TASTE 2026, THREE DAYS DEDICATED TO FOOD AND WINE AT THE FORTEZZA DI BASSO, February 7-9

From 7 to 9 February 2026, Taste returns, the three-day event dedicated to the excellence of taste.

This year's topic is True Food: food seen as a raw material to be tasted, touched, and looked at, represented here by the photographic language of Maison Racine's images, with creative direction by Francesca Sarti. The protagonists of these shots are everyday foods: the solidity of bread, the softness of cheese, the intangibility of cocoa, the crunchiness of apples, the savouriness of seafood, the roundness of watermelon and the perfection of eggs. Outside the Fortezza da Basso, there will be a whole bunch of events happening in and around Florence, organised by restaurants, bars, and even bakeries for "Fuori di Taste 2026", the fair's side event calendar. Among the things happening from 4 to 9 February, there'll be cocktail parties, tastings, dinners, guided tours, and art events.

For the complete calendar of Taste and Fuori di Taste, please visit the [Website](#).

TESTO 2026, THE BOOK LOVERS FESTIVAL AT STAZIONE LEOPOLDA, February 27-March 1

This year's festival includes the initiative, Bring Your Book Club! At the Stazione Leopolda, the fair that aims to examine the book in all its forms, from its genesis to its arrival on the shelves. It will showcase the entire production chain that brings a book to life. It is built around the value of the book, analysing the different phases that go into the creation of a text, starting with the birth of an idea to its production, to the arrival of a book in bookshops and the final phase in which the pages arrive in front of the reader's eyes. [Website](#).

DANZA IN FIERA: INTERNATIONAL TRADE&SHOW DANCE EVENT AT FORTEZZA DI BASSO, February 20-22

All you need is dance! Danzainfiera is the largest and most original international exhibition dedicated to dance. Expect a full program of shows and performances, alongside the official trade show for industry professionals. Danzainfiera is a unique platform of its kind, where the exhibition spaces and meeting places alternate with the stages and the classrooms to accommodate a vast program that embraces all dance styles. See [the spectacular events program here](#).

HOT THERMAL BATHS TO EASE THE WINTER CHILL

Winter is the season to enjoy the range of beautiful hot springs located in Tuscany, both to warm you up and for all the rumoured health benefits! There are a number of different springs, some free and some with spa facilities designed to help you pass the entire day relaxing out of the city centre. Check out their websites to see which one you like, and don't be afraid to try the plunge from the hot springs to the cold lakes - they swear it's good for you! A list of Tuscan Thermal Baths:

Terme di Bagno Vignoni (Siena)

Grotta Giusti (Pistoia)

Terme di Gambassi Stabilimento Acqua di Pillo (Florence)

Terme di Firenze (Florence)

Terme di Montecatini (Pistoia)

Terme di San Casciano dei Bagni Fonteverde (Siena)

Terme di Saturnia (Grosseto)

Terme Calidario (Livorno)

MORE EXHIBITIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

HELEN CHADWICK AT THE MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until March 1

Helen Chadwick: Life Pleasures, the first major Italian retrospective dedicated to one of the most radical and influential British artists of the late twentieth century. Running from 25 November 2025, coinciding with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 1 March 2026, and organised in collaboration with The Hepworth Wakefield and Kunsthaus Graz, the exhibition traces the artist's entire career, from her early experimentations in *In the Kitchen* (1977) to the celebrated *Piss Flowers* (1991–92). A pioneer of abject art and a key figure of the British avant-garde, Chadwick combined aesthetics, irony, and unconventional materials to explore the body, matter, and representation. The retrospective highlights the enduring relevance of her work, underscoring her decisive contribution to contemporary artistic languages and feminist discourse. [Website](#).

CENTOVENTI : VILLA ROMANA 1905-2025, Until March 8

In celebration of the 120th anniversary of Villa Romana, the Museo Novecento presents the exhibition *CENTOVENTI: Villa Romana 1905-2025*. Villa Romana has established itself from the very beginning as a free and independent space, dedicated to artistic experimentation and international dialogue. Over time, it has supported young and innovative art, aiming to build new traditions through critical reflection on the past and present. The exhibition explores the ongoing dialogue between the residency on Via Senese and the city of Florence, highlighting Villa Romana's role in creating relationships, influences, and original visions, despite its seemingly peripheral location. Since 1905, the Villa has hosted artists and intellectuals who have transformed it into a laboratory of experimentation and openness to the contemporary world. [Website](#).

TOULOUSE-LAUTREC, A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PARIS OF THE BELLE ÉPOQUE, Until February 22

The Museo degli Innocenti is hosting an exhibition dedicated to Henry de Toulouse-Lautrec, the great painter, illustrator and graphic innovator born in Alby, France, in 1864. Visitors to the ancient and prestigious Museo degli Innocenti will be able to admire over 170 works by the French artist,

some of which come from Hamburg and others from the Toulouse-Lautrec Museum in Albi. Recognised as someone who was able to capture the nightlife and bohemian spirit of Montmartre in Paris with an ironic and profound gaze, Toulouse-Lautrec was also able to show the dark side behind that glittering world. [Website](#).

OCEANS: DAVID DOUBILET AT VILLA BARDINI, Until April 12

Underwater photography comes to Florence with Oceani, the Italian debut of David Doubilet (New York, 1946), one of the world's most renowned nature photographers, at Villa Bardini. Doubilet, who has been collaborating with National Geographic since 1971 and is still active today at the age of 79, has explored the Earth's oceans for over half a century, becoming an international reference point in the field of underwater photography. His photographs combine aesthetics, science and storytelling, thanks in part to his invention of the over/under technique, which involves simultaneous shooting above and below the water's surface. [Website](#).

THEATRE AND MUSIC AT TEATRO DELLA PERGOLA, TEATRO RIFREDI AND TEATRO NICCOLINI

The Teatro della Pergola is a historic opera house in Florence, Italy, built in 1656 under the patronage of Cardinal Gian Carlo de' Medici. The Teatro Niccolini is the oldest of the modern theatres in Florence, which shares its history with Teatro della Pergola. The Teatro Rifredi was first built as a working and social structure in 1913, and at the end of the 60s, a group of young people decided to try creating theatrical experiences and the venue transformed into a theatre. You can find the full programming for all three of these beautiful theatres on the [Tuscany Theatre Website here](#).

AMICI DELLA MUSICA

If you ever wanted to listen to classical music in a theatre where you could imagine Verdi or Mozart to walk in any second go to the jewel box Pergola Theatre. The Amici della Musica of Florence presents various concerts at the Teatro della Pergola. Works by Rossini, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are only a small sample of what will be performed. [Tickets and more information](#).

ZUBIN MEHTA - ALL MOZART AT THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

On Friday, February 6, 2026, at the auditorium of the Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, Zubin Mehta will conduct the orchestra in a concert dedicated to W.A. Mozart. To purchase tickets, please visit the [Maggio Musicale Fiorentino website](#).

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy, a first that it shares in Europe with the festivals of Salzburg and Bayreuth. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of the

great European musical culture indicating and proposing new and unconventional ideas, in regards to classical repertoire and contemporary compositions. See the full program [here at the website](#).

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI: INCLUDING THE MUSICAL SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

The 'Teatro Pagliano' assumed its current name, 'Teatro Verdi,' in 1901. It was built during the Grand Ducal period in Florence on the former site of the fourteenth century Stinche Prison. **Our pick for this month: Saturday Night Fever:** The musical is inspired by the 1977 Paramount/RSO film as well as the story of Nik Cohn, the English writer who explored new trends in nightlife and the disco scene, with the captivating Bee Gees soundtrack. On stage, 21 performers perform legendary Bee Gees hits. On stage, 21 performers bring to life legendary hits, from "Stayin' Alive" and "Night Fever" to "You Should Be Dancing" and "How Deep Is Your Love," global disco hits but also symbols of 1970s culture, hymns of freedom, courage, and the fight against marginalization. The lyrics and text of some songs have been translated by Franco Travaglio, while the songs that animate the scenes set in the 2001 Odyssey style are performed in English. More information and ticket bookings are the [website](#).

DOMENICOALMUSEO : STATE MUSEUMS FREE FOR EVERYONE, AND CIVIC MUSEUMS FREE FOR RESIDENTS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

On the first Sunday of every month, Florence opens up all of its state and civic museums free for residents of the city, or people born here: Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello, Medici Chapels, Pitti Palace (all museums), San Marco, Palazzo Davanzati, Medici Villas. And civic museums: Palazzo Vecchio, Arnolfo Tower, Santa Maria Novella, Stefano Bardini Museum, Fondazione Salvatore Romano, Museo del Novecento, Brancacci Chapel in Santa Maria del Carmine. [More information here](#).

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING AT LOCAL FLORENCE CINEMAS:

Especially for those living here long term, a night at the cinema enjoying a film in our first language is a beloved tradition that we miss! More and more of Florence's cinemas are introducing film screenings in Original Language. Be sure to look for the words "Original Language" or "O.V." or "V.O." (Original Version/Versione Originale) when you're looking up film times, to be sure you're getting the right session! Otherwise you will see the film with Italian language audio dubbed over. Here's a list of the cinemas in the center of Florence with original language as a part of their programming.

GIUNTI ODEON CINEMA

A beloved Florence favourite. Once an old cinema, and now a stunning bookshop and cinema with events and restaurant. In the evening at 9:00 PM, the cinema space lights up with screenings in the original language with subtitles and restored versions." [Buy Tickets here](#).

CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA

Cinema La Compagnia is in easy reach on the beautiful Via Cavour, and is home to the best cinema festivals from around the world. A second home for the film crowd in Florence, and they show original language films regularly. [See their program here.](#)

SPAZIO ALFIERI CINEMA

Spazio Alfieri, located in the Santa Croce area, is a space for cinema, theatre, music, gastronomy, design and visual arts. Their cinema program now includes regular films in Original Language announced at the start of each month. In January, the lineup included: Moana, Conclave and Nosferatu. [Check the schedule here](#) to see February's films as soon as they're announced.

ASTRA CINEMA

This new hub for cinema and culture in Piazza Beccaria is simply exploding with events. With up to six s

creenings a day, there is always a chance to experience the best of contemporary European cinema, as well as original language films. [See the website for more information.](#)

SPACE CINEMA

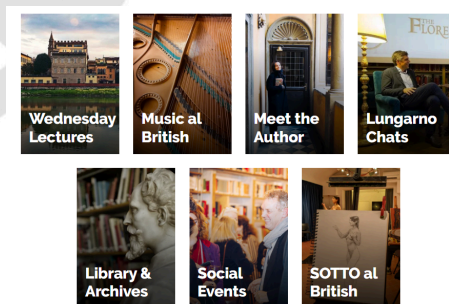
This one is an easy tram ride from the center to the San Donato tram stop, where you'll find Space Cinemas on the top floor of the large San Donato shopping complex. This is the biggest cinema complex in Florence, with multiple screening rooms and films every day. [See their schedule here.](#)

CINEMA IL PORTICO

A little further out, in the area on the other side of Piazza Beccaria, is this beautiful cinema with a 300 seat cinema, and a smaller 100 seat cinema. They now screen original language films also, so check out their [original sound cinema times here.](#)

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE CULTURAL PROGRAM IN THEIR STUNNING HAROLD ACTON LIBRARY

A beloved favourite in Florence, The British Institute continue their offerings of Wednesday lectures, concerts, and other cultural treats in the stunning location of the historic Harold Acton Library, and now also in their new contemporary space, SOTTO al British. Enjoy exquisite views of the Arno River together with the majesty of the library, and its cultural events. See the full month's program of lectures and events [here.](#)



LIFEDRAWING AT SOTTO AL BRITISH

Every Monday night from 19:00-21:00 (except public holidays), a life drawing session led by artist Tom J. Byrne. A social, life drawing event prepares the spirit for a creative week and is a great way to meet new and interesting people. There is no instruction given but through sharing insights and discussion over a glass of wine after drawing, people can exchange drawing methods. The session is from 19:00 - 21:00 and consists of short warm up poses followed by longer poses as the evening moves along. [More information here.](#)

FEBRUARY WISHES

As we savour the last slumber of winter, we wish you love and celebrations for all that the year will bring. May the slow lengthening of the days bring your desires for the year to life, ready to bloom in the coming spring.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE - Signoria Apartment - Historic Center

Second floor (54 steps) of antique old medieval tower, 100 Sq. Mt. (1000 Sq. Ft.), one bedroom, studio and one bathroom. High decorated ceilings, autonomous heating, air. con.

Asking Price 520,000 Euro



SALE - Ponte Vecchio Apt - Historic Center

First and top floor, listed with the Fine Arts, refurbished, approx. 120 Sq. Mt. (1200 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 3 bath plus study on loft; quiet, high decorated ceilings and centrally located

Asking Price 1,050,000 Euro



SALE - Paterno Farm House - 25 Km East of Florence

Free standing, refurbished stone house approx 400 Sq. Mt. (4000 Sq.Ft.), surrounded by 1.500 Sq. Mt. (15.000 Ft) of garden. 5 Bed, 4 Bath, autonomous heating, independent apartments.

Asking price 800,000 Euro



SALE - Piazza Beccaria Apt -

Townhouse style, open space with loft level, approx. 60 sq. mt.(600 Sq. Ft), 2 bed, 1 bath, air conditioning.

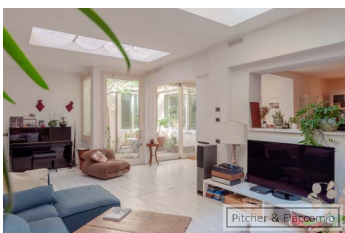
Asking Price 325,000 Euro



SALE - Albizi Attic - Historic Center

Top floor, 60 steps up, listed with the Fine Arts, to be upgraded, approx. 150 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1800 Sq. Ft.) and 80 Sq. Mt. (800 Sq.Ft) of terraces. 2 bed, 3 bath, sunny, views, and centrally located. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking Price 1,300,000 Euro



SALE - San Frediano Town House - Historic Center

In good condition, approx. 280 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 2800 Sq. Ft.) and 180 Sq. Mt. (1800 Sq.Ft) of terrace. 4 bed, 3 bath, quiet, car parking, air conditioning.

Asking Price 1,800,000 Euro

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