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This is the month that launches the full events calendar for summer in Florence, with more to do than we could possibly list! June brings the celebrations of Florence's patron saint, San Giovanni, who is honored with a city-wide celebration of parades, arts and music festivals, the "Calcio Storico" historical soccer game, and fireworks. The whole town is in the streets! The Estate Fiorentina festival launches with over 1200 events and 11 dedicated venues. With pop-up bars and music venues opening in riverside and open air locations around Florence, there is an abundance of ways to enjoy the balmy evenings. Soak it all up with a Hugo spritz and enjoy the vibrant orange sunsets over the Arno river. With best summer wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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BEST EVENT: LA FESTA DI SAN GIOVANNI, PATRON SAINT OF FLORENCE, June 24

SPECIAL PARADE WITH MASS

The patron saint of Florence, John the Baptist, is celebrated on June 24. The morning begins with a small civic parade, which carries the offering of candles from Palazzo Vecchio to the Baptistery, located beside the Cathedral of Santa Maria de Fiore. Then the Archbishop of Florence celebrates holy mass in the cathedral at around 10.30am.

SAN NICCOLO TOWER OPENS

On this day, the San Niccolò Tower is also opened for the season until the end of September. The tower is a part of the original ancient walls that surround the city, and has been restored. The public are able to visit during the summer, every day between 17.00-20.00.

BOAT RIDES ON THE RIVER

You can also arrange a boat ride along the Arno river, with special trips being organised all throughout the day, including into the night when the fireworks will begin. Organised by the Renaioli, you can contact them directly to organise your seat here.

PARADE OF THE FLORENTINE REPUBLIC

The grandest of the parades starts at 4.00 pm – The Parade of the Florentine Republic starts from Piazza Santa Maria Novella passing through Via dei Banchi, Via Rondinelli, Via Tornabuoni, Via Strozzi, Piazza della Repubblica, Via degli Speziali, Via Calzaiuoli, Piazza della Signoria, Via della Ninna, Via de' Neri, and Borgo Santa Croce, to end in Piazza Santa Croce

CALCIO STORICO FINAL

At 5.00 pm - The Calcio Storico, the Florentine Traditional Football, have their final match in Piazza Santa Croce with the parade continuing in the arena. Even if you don't have tickets, go and see if there is extra space, usually there are last-minute deals for the empty seats.

FIREWORKS

At 10:00 pm the fireworks spectacle begins from Piazzale Michelangelo. Stand along the Arno for the best view, where there are bars offering drinks, refreshments, and even some seating. Try the beach on Lungarno Serristori. For Calcio Storico tickets: boxol.it

BEST TRADITION: CALCIO STORICO, June 13, 14, and 24

Testosterone abounds when four teams of 27 players face each other during the Calcio Storico. This 15th-century-style tournament of fighting and football is held in Florence's Piazza Santa Croce. The game is said to originate from an ancient Roman ball sport, which became the sport of princes and noblemen in the golden age of the Tuscan capital. Today, it is fiercely fought between the four Florentine quarters: San Giovanni (Green), Santa Maria Novella (Red), Santo Spirito (White) and

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Santa Croce (Blue). Clad in medieval garters and pantaloons, players seem more preoccupied with attacking each other than putting the ball anywhere, though the rules of the game are fairly complex. Winners are rewarded with a mass of steaks equivalent in weight to the more traditional prize of a white "chianina" calf, or bistecca alla fiorentina, which was historically butchered for the occasion. Tickets are available at Box Office Via delle Vecchie Carceri, 1, (inside the Murate). Official Website and more information here.

BEST P&F RENTAL: A WELL-POSITIONED APARTMENT THAT IS STILL QUIET, WITH A SMALL TERRACE AND VIEW OF THE BOBOLI GARDENS

In a historic building of cultural significance due to the architecture and illustrious past inhabitants, the apartment is on the 3rd floor, reached through an impressive entryway, up an elegant staircase then along a black-and-white tiled corridor. The building is across from an entrance to the Boboli Gardens, which you can see from the bedroom window. Just a short distance from the Ponte Vecchio and Pitti Palace on the south side of the Arno river, this apartment is within easy walking distance from all of Florence's most significant sights and monuments. The neighborhood is famed for its wealth of artisan workshops, antiques stores, wine bars and good restaurants. A great balance of being conveniently positioned and still very quiet. The pretty terrace offers a privileged view of private gardens while the bedroom looks out onto one of Florence's iconic statues in the entrance to the Boboli Gardens. More information and photos here.

BEST ANNIVERSARY: FESTA DELLA REPUBBLICA: ITALIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY, June 2

The day commemorates the institutional referendum held by universal suffrage in 1946, in which the Italian people were called to the polls to decide on the form of government, following the Second World War and the fall of Fascism. With 12,717,923 votes for a republic and 10,719,284 for the monarchy, the male descendants of the House of Savoy were sent into exile. Public transport works on a festive schedule. Many stores will be closed. Check hours in advance for museums, monuments, and churches.

BEST SUMMER FESTIVAL: ESTATE FIORENTINA IS BACK! Until September

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This year the Estate Fiorentina presents more than 1200 events across the city of Florence. The comune has confirmed the return of historic events such as the 9th edition of Sagrati in Musica, Secret Florence, Apriti Cinema, Florence Dance Performing Art Festival, the Festival au Désert Firenze by Fabbrica Europa, Open Air Circus 2026, Lattexplus Festial, Genius Loci, and the Firenze Jazz Festival. There is excitement for the Giorni d'Estate, and the 11 dedicated venues for the festival: Giardino dell'Orticoltura, Le Murate caffè Letterario, Parco dell'Anconella – Anconella Garden, Piazza Tasso – Circolo Aurora, Parco della Tinaia – Ultravox, Giardino delle Rose, Giardino Niccolò Galli – Light, Piazza dei Tre Re, Piazza Edison, Giardino San Lorenzo a Greve, Ex Campeggio Piazzale Michelangelo. Check the Website regularly for all the event information through to the end of September!

BEST DINING OUT: RIVERSIDE AND OUTDOOR STREET FOOD POP-UPS ARE HERE FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Every summer, the open air spaces of Florence come to life with pop-up venues across town that combine live music and entertainment with the best of street food. Whichever area of Florence you love to frequent, you will not lack options. This summer's offerings including: Il Molo, LIGHT, Ultravox, Fico' Bistro, Lumen, Love Orticoltura, Caffe' Letterario Chiosco del Giardino delle Rose, L'Atollo, Circolo Aurora, Anconella Garden, Festa del Mugello, Habana500, La Limonaia, Villa Vittoria, Fuoribordo, Fiorina sull'Arno, The Lodge, Flog, Atollo, Manduca, Easy Living in Fattoria, Manifattura Tabacchi, Serre Torrigiani in Piazzetta, Palagetto Garden 2026, and even the reopening of the historic venue Flo' as a botanical terrace. Each one of these summer venues is offering a full program of concerts, events, and magic to accompany the delicious foods that are being served up all summer. Click their links to see the upcoming events!

BEST OF THE REST

LENNY KRAVITX AND SALMO TAKE THE STAGE FOR FIRENZE ROCKS, June 12

On Friday, June 12, 2026, Visarno Arena in Florence will host one of the most anticipated events of the summer music season. Taking the stage are Lenny Kravitz, Salmo, Anna Calvi, and The Sophs for a concert bringing together some of the most original and influential artists from both the international and Italian music scenes. Lenny Kravitz will perform his unmistakable blend of rock, funk, soul, and blues, while Salmo will showcase the energy and expressive power that have made him one of the most innovative figures in contemporary Italian music. The evening will also feature the distinctive artistry of Anna Calvi and The Sophs, offering a celebration of live music that crosses genres and generations in one of Florence's premier concert venues. For information and tickets, please visit the official Firenze Rocks website.

FLORENCE IN THE '50S, '60S, AND '70S, AT VILLA BARDINI

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In Florence, from May 7 to October 18, 2026, Villa Bardini provides the evocative setting for the exhibition "Florence '50s '60s '70s – Images from the Foto Locchi Archive", a fascinating journey through the city's history seen through the unique perspective of the historic agency. Through 150 documentary photographs, the exhibition traces three decades of transformation across art, sport, society and everyday life, capturing the full vitality of Florence in the second half of the twentieth century. More information at the website.

ESTATE A SAN SALVI, Until August

One of the most interesting summer events in Florence is undoubtedly 'Estate a San Salvi', organised by Chille de la Balanza in the charming pavilions of Florence's former psychiatric hospital. The programme begins in June and runs throughout the summer, including a traditional concert on 15 August. There are three events scheduled for June:
Scenes from the Master's Funeral by Dario Fo – 2 June (in Italian)
Once Upon a Time… the Asylum – an evocative night-time walk through the pavilions – 9 and 10 June (in Italian)
You Choose the Film – 16 and 17 June, on the theme of Palestine

See the website for more details and to reserve your spot.

THE 88th FESTIVAL OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINA, Until July 1st, 2026

The Maggio Musicale Fiorentino Festival is one of Europe's oldest festivals. This year's edition, the 88th, is particularly rich and high-quality, including opera and concerts, featuring major names in the international music scene. For June, see Čajkovskij & Rachmaninov, Beethoven, Mendelssohn & Schubert, Giulio Cesare in Egitto, Verdi & Liszt, Beethoven - Symphonies No. 1, No. 4, and No. 7, Beethoven - Symphonies No. 5 and No. 6, Beethoven Symphonies No. 2 and No. 3. See the entire program, book tickets, and find out more at the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino website.

PITTI IMMAGINE PRESENTS A SEASON OF FASHION FESTIVALS:

PITTI UOMO: June 16-19

This is the world's most important platform for men's clothing and accessory collections and for launching new projects in men's fashion. Created in 1972 Pitti Uomo is held in Florence twice a year. Keep your eyes peeled for prominent figures on the fashion scene and public events at stores around town, and if you've got a daring outfit you've been too timid to don, these are the days to give it an airing.

PITTI IMMAGINE BIMBO: June 24-25

This is the only international fair in the world that offers a complete picture of every possible aspect of children's fashions. Created in 1975, Pitti Bimbo launched the first runway shows and events dedicated to this market; it is held in Florence twice a year.

PITTI FILATI: June 24-26

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This is the leading trade fair showcasing yarns for the knitting industry, with a careful eye on technological innovations and services for the textile industry. The Spazio Ricerca is the “laboratory” where future trends are tested and previewed. Pitti Filati is held in Florence twice a year.

See more at the Website

BAROQUE MUSIC FESTIVAL FLORENCE 2026, June 26

The tenth edition of the Baroque Festival Florence, the Baroque music festival in the historic centre of Florence, will feature concerts with internationally renowned musicians until 26 June 2026. The concerts will take place in venues of great historical-artistic value: the Church of Santa Felicita and its Sala Capitolare with frescoes of the Giotto school (usually closed to the public), the former Oratory of Santa Maria Vergine della Croce al Tempio, the Galileo Museum. Full programme on the organiser's website, Konzert Opera Florence

TOSCANA PRIDE 2026, June 13th

This year GROSETTO will host the TOSCANA PRIDE 2025. This year is set to be another special year for the annual Pride Parade. Toscana Pride was born from the Tuscan associations: AGEDO Toscana, Arcigay Arezzo 'Chimera Arcobaleno', Arcigay Livorno L.E. D Libertà e Diritti, Arcigay Siena "Movimento Pansessuale", Arcigay Firenze "Altre Sponde", Arcigay Prato-Pistoia "L'Asterisco", Azione Gay e Lesbica (Florence), Collettivo Asessuale Carrodibuoi, Coming Out LGBT Valdinievole and Zona del Cuoio, Associazione Consultorio Transgenere (Torre del Lago), Famiglie Arcobaleno (Tuscany), IREOS Comunità Queer Autogestita (Florence), LuccAut, Pinkriot Arcigay Pisa, Polis Aperta, Rainbow Parents Network. Keep your eye on the website for all the details for June 13th!

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. Here’s a list of the state museums free to all: Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello , Medici Chapels, Pitti Palace (all museums), San Marco, Palazzo Davanzati, Medici Villas. And civic museums free to residents: Palazzo Vecchio, Arnolfo Tower, Santa Maria Novella, Stefano Bardini Museum, Fondazione Salvatore Romano, Museo del Novecento, Brancacci Chapel in Santa Maria del Carmine. You’ll find more information at: www.musefirenze.it

MORE EXHIBITIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

MARK ROTHKO AT THE PALAZZO STROZZI, Until August

The Rothko exhibition arrives at Palazzo Strozzi in Florence, one of the most important exhibitions ever dedicated to an undisputed master of modern art. He is one of the most prestigious artists in the

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world, and the monographic exhibition in Florence, with satellite sections at the Museum of San Marco and the Laurentian Library, is an absolutely unique event. Mark Rothko's career is traditionally divided into three distinct periods: all are represented in the 70 paintings on display in Florence, which come from major museums in both the United States and Europe that normally house his works. The architecture of Palazzo Strozzi and the Florentine spaces are the ideal setting for exploring Rothko's technique, which translates the tension between classical measure and expressive freedom into painting; colour creates a new perception of space and gives the canvas a particular material dimension, beyond normal two-dimensionality. Website.

BASELITZ. AVANTI! AT THE MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until September

The Museo Novecento in Florence presents Baselitz. AVANTI!, a major exhibition dedicated to Georg Baselitz, organised in collaboration with the artist's studio. Spread over three floors, the exhibition brings together around 170 works, including engravings, paintings and sculptures, with a special focus on engraving, a central but lesser-known aspect of his work. The exhibition traces over sixty years of activity, highlighting the radical nature of his language and his famous practice of reversing images, which challenges the viewer's perception. Born in 1938 in pre-war Germany, Baselitz used destruction and historical crisis as a starting point to profoundly renew the figurative tradition. The exhibition also highlights the artist's strong connection with Florence, a city that was fundamental to his development, where he stayed in the 1960s and 1970s and returned several times until his solo exhibition in 1988 at Palazzo Vecchio. Website.

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September

Estate Fiesolana 2026 is one of the most anticipated cultural events of the Florentine summer. There are massive events coming up! Theater events include Corrado Augias (June 16) with "My Twentieth Century," Massimo Gramellini (July 13) with "The Hour of Sentimental Education," Daniela Lucangeli (July 16) with "You Call Them If You Want," and Massimo Recalcati (September 9). Musically, concerts are scheduled by Cristiano De André (June 26), Irene Grandi (July 8), Joan Thiele (July 26), and Australian multi-instrumentalist Xavier Rudd (July 29). The lineup also features international artists such as Fatoumata Diawara (June 30) and the Yellowjackets (July 14), as well as Italian names such as Raphael Gualazzi (July 3), Nada and Ginevra Di Marco (July 17), and a concert reuniting Bobo Rondelli and Nico Gori (July 27). Classical theater will also be featured: two works by Aeschylus, "The Persians" (June 23) and "Prometheus" (July 20), will be performed, while Alessandro Riccio will stage "The Labors of Hercules" (July 22). The Teatro Pubblico Ligure will also return with the "Tales of the Sea" series, featuring performances by David Riondino, Roberto Alinghieri, Simone Regazzoni, Arianna Scommegna, and Pietro Grossi. Dance will also be featured, with performances by Motus (June 17), Lyric Dance Company (July 7), and Balletto di Milano (August 3). The program also features a tribute to Miles Davis by Andalusian dancer Israel Galván. Have a look at the complete program of Estate Fiesolana 2026 here and here.

THE SEASON AT VILLA LA PIETRA, PRESENTED BY NYU, Until July 1

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Villa La Pietra will resound with song, dance, film, music, and other cultural highlights this late spring and summer, as NYU Florence hosts the 20th edition of its annual artistic/creative festival known as The Season. Staged in gardens, Limonaia, and outdoor theaters across the gorgeous 37-acre La Pietra campus home of NYU, this year's Season features original theater productions from New York, musical delights both classical and jazzy, site-specific dance choreography, engaging poetry readings, award-winning and work-in-progress screenings, and a memorable art installation. Click here for the PDF version The Season 2026.

JUNE WISHES

Wishing you a June filled with the pageantry of beloved traditions, fireworks to light up the nights with wishes for the future, and red poppies that colour the Tuscan grass in shades of love.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Piazza Antinori Attic – Historic Center
Top floor, refurbished apt, approx. 200 sq. mt.(2000 Sq. Ft), and 35 Sq.Mt. (350 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 3 bed, study, 4 bath, air conditioning, autonomous heating. Possible elevator.

Asking Price 2,200,000 Euro

SALE – Bagno a Ripoli Modern Villa – 10 Km from Florence
Modern style free standing villa, approx. 450 sq. mt.(4500 Sq. Ft), and 5000 Sq.Mt. (50.000 Sq. Ft.) of garden. 8 bed, 7 bath, air conditioning, pool autonomous heating.

Asking Price 1,650.000 Euro

SALE - San Remigio Apt - Historic Center
Refurbished Apt, third floor with elevator, approx 120 Sq. Mt. (1200 Sq.Ft.), plus 5 Sq.Mt. (50 Sq.Ft.) of balcony. 3 Bed, 2 Bath, autonomous heating, Air. Conditioning.

Asking price 1,100,000 Euro

SALE – Via Tornabuoni Apt – Historic Center
Third floor (80 easy steps up), refurbished, modern style apt on two levels, approx. 75 sq. mt.(750 Sq. Ft). 1 bed, 1 bath, air conditioning, autonomous heating. Possible Elevator.

Asking Price 420,000 Euro

SALE – San Miniato Apt – Historic Center
First and top floor, refurbished, approx. 160 Sq. Mt. (1600 Sq. Ft.). plus 30 Sq. Mt. (300 Sq.Ft.) of terraces. 2 bed, 3 bath plus study on loft; quiet, high decorated ceilings views.

Asking Price 2,500,000 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

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