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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

While the Italians escape to the seaside, stores may be closed but there is plenty to see and do. Relax at the beach on the Arno, enjoy free yoga in La Cascine, and spend your nights under the stars for concerts in Fiesole. We've kept the list of swimming pools for you to check out, because that heat is here to stay for August, but there are also exhibits and feasts to keep you busy all across Tuscany. Don't forget the sunscreen and mosquito repellent! With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR AUGUST

BEST HOLIDAY: THE SUMMERTIME FERRAGOSTO NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Known as the day when absolutely everything is closed, Ferragosto is the key date during the Italian summer holidays. The 15th of August is the Feast of the Assumption, and marked the last day of the summer harvest and the start of a well-earned rest, traditionally in the form of a two-week holiday. Now, Italians take their holidays anytime during July to August, but the Ferragosto holiday holds strong and you can expect almost every Italian to have the day off. Do as they do, and treat yourself to a visit to the seaside, a picnic, or a party outdoors!

BEST TRADITION: THE FEAST OF SAN LORENZO, August 10

San Lorenzo is the co-patron of Florence and every year on 10th August the San Lorenzo district becomes the place of the popular festival par excellence. The Basilica of San Lorenzo, which is also the first consecrated church in the city center, will be the center of all the celebrations. The community comes together in the evening for the traditional distribution of watermelon and lasagna at around 9pm in Piazza San Lorenzo, as well as a concert of classical music in the churchyard. The festivities begin with the Historic Procession of the Florentine Republic that starts at 10am from Piazzetta di Parte Guelfa and arrives at the Basilica in Piazza San Lorenzo, where a holy mass is celebrated.

BEST P&F RENTAL: A PIECE OF PARADISE WITH LOTS OF AVAILABLE AMENITIES

In Italian "Bellosguardo" means beautiful view, certainly a very appropriate name for this neighbourhood. Bellosguardo is a hamlet situated on one of the many hills that surround the city of Florence. It is on the south side of the river and is approx 1 km. or 5 minutes by car and a 15 minute stroll down a path through olive groves leads to Porta Romana, which is an excellent shopping area. Also from Porta Romana there are numerous buses into the historic centre. The location is ideal for accessing the surrounding Tuscan countryside and highways. [More information and photos.](#)



BEST OUTDOOR CINEMA: CINEMA IN VILLA AT THE VILLA BARDINI

One of the most beautiful city spots opens up for the perfect summer night hideaway. The [Cinema in Villa](#) program offers film screenings enjoyed in the great outdoors of Villa Bardini. Classic 90s blockbusters to Oscar award-winning new hits will be screened throughout the summer, with free screenings for families on Thursdays.

BEST DINING OUT: ENJOY A SUMMER APERITIVO ON THE ROOFTOPS WITH STUNNING VIEWS

(From theflorenceinsider.com) Florence seen from above is breathtaking, with its red roofs and the hills that embrace the city. And what could be better to enjoy the view than doing it while sipping a glass of wine? In this post I have collected the best rooftop bars in Florence, where you can enjoy a cocktail and maybe eat something. A bar with a panoramic view is the perfect place to try the all-Italian aperitivo experience, i.e. a drink accompanied by some snacks, before dinner. Most of the rooftop bars in Florence are located inside luxury hotels, but they are also open to those who don't spend the night in the hotel. All the bars in this list are located in the historic center or very close to it. I recommend you to always book in advance, especially in the summer when Florence is very crowded! From B-Rooftop, to Empireo to La Terrazza to Divine Terrazza, and more, you will see Florence from every angle while savouring a spritz this summer. See the full [article here](#).

BEST OF THE REST

ULTRAVOX IN LE CASCINE FOR FREE CONCERTS ALL SUMMER

Ultravox Florence is the free-entry summer space of the Cascine Park, promoted by the Municipality of Florence. The address changes but not the formula: Ultravox Florence confirms itself as the perfect summer place to meet up, enjoy a signature aperitivo or an excellent dinner, while shows and concerts take place on the stage. Enjoy the summer immersed in the green! All the info [here](#).

GIARDINO DELL'ARTECULTURA, May until September

The Giardino dell'ArteCultura is one of the most popular summer spaces in Florence and offers every day a rich program of events for all tastes and all ages. This well-equipped space, inside the Garden of Horticulture in Florence, offers every evening various art and entertainment initiatives for adults and, for children, in the park not far from Piazza della Libertà. Events schedule available on the [official Website](#).

FREE YOGA CLASSES AT LA CASCINE PARK

This group was born with the intention of sharing a common passion, Yoga, with as many people as possible. A rotating team of yoga instructors from studios all over Florence and Tuscany come to present classes free to the public every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in the months of June, July, August and September. Classes start at 7.15 pm and end at 9.00 pm, on the grass surrounding the Fountain of Piazzale del Re. Bring a mat or a beach towel and the desire to feel good together!

Participation, free and free, in the sessions, means that participants must take complete responsibility for their own safety, while the teachers are required to stay within the levels of a lesson suitable for everyone. **Pitcher and Flacomio tip: Bring mosquito repellent to ensure a more comfortable class!

Find the group [here on facebook](#).

ESTATE FIORENTINA 2024, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE, May until September

For the Florentine Summer 2024, 10 major festivals return that form the central focus of this summer explosion of arts and culture! The events span from music, cultural debates, art exhibitions, and itinerant tours to discover Florence, all the way through to literary festivals and live talk shows. We

are set for a summer of creativity and entertainment! The featured festivals are: **Apriti Cinema in the Uffizi Square** (that includes the film festivals: Festival dei Popoli, Lo Schermo dell'arte, Nice, Middle East), **Secret Florence** (made up of Fabbrica Europa, Lo Schermo dell'Arte, Musicus Concentus, Tempo Reale, and Danza Virgilio Sieni), **Controradio**, **La Citta dei Lettori**, **Sagrati in Musica sotto le stelle**, **Florence Dance Festival**, **Festival su Désert**, **Firenze Jazz Festival**, **Cirk Fantastik!**, **Lattexplus**, and many many other special events. At the website, you can find all the event listings day by day. For the whole program: <http://estatefiorentina.it/>

THE SAN NICCOLO TOWER IS OPEN FOR VISITS

On the Festa di San Giovanni in June, the San Niccolò Tower is also opened for the season until the end of September. The medieval tower dates back to 1324 and once formed a part of the old walls around the city. It is the only one of the city towers to retain its original height of 60m (the others were lowered during the siege of 1529 to make them less vulnerable to cannonball fire). This year you can make the climb (around 200 steps) between 5pm and 8pm each day, with visits beginning every 30 minutes. For Bookings write to info@muse.comune.fi.it

BOAT RIDES ON THE MAGNIFICENT ARNO RIVER

An hour's journey in which you will be welcomed by the river and sheltered from the hustle and bustle of the city, while the city of Florence flows by the sides of the boat. The profession of the Renaioli dates back to the beginning of the 20th century. Most of the boats were destroyed during the flood that struck Florence in 1966. In 1995, the Associazione dei Renaioli decided to restore them as they were part of the city's historical heritage. After retrieving the crafts from the riverbed, the members of the Association personally restored them following the traditional technique known as cafalatura. Today the Renaioli boats have been restored to their ancient splendor and are ready to carry you along the waters of the Arno river. Organised by the Renaioli, there are many secondary tour sellers you can book through (just google), or you can contact them directly through whatsapp or by calling the number on their website to organise your seat on these river boat rides for summer: <http://www.renaioli.it/>

RIVERSIDE AND OUTDOOR STREET FOOD POP-UPS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Every summer, the open air spaces of Florence come to life with pop up venues 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, with this summer's offerings including: Il Molo, Toraja, Fico' Bistro, Anconella Garden, Festa del Mugello, Habana500, La Limonaia, O.Live, Villa Vittoria, Light - il Giardino di Marte, Montagnola, Santa Rosa Bistro, Fiorina sull'Arno, Opera Riverside, The Lodge, Villa San Michele, Atollo, Manduca. 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. Read more [here!](#)

IL FIORINO SULL'ARNO, HABANA500, AND MORE OFFER DANCING AND DRINKS ALL ALONG THE LUNGARNO

Florence has its own beaches along the Arno River. Naturally, bathing is strictly forbidden, but for those of you who don't like to go to the swimming pool or can't get to the seashore, this is a fun alternative. Head to "the beach" in San Niccolò where you can find umbrellas, sun loungers and

other wooden gazebos. On the upper part of the beach there is the kiosk, part restaurant and part bar, for great food and drinks. With DJs and live music events, it's a known summer hotspot. OR go straight to the opposite side of the river banks, which erupts with the newest and freshest riverside offerings, including the much beloved Habana500 bar where salsa dancing erupts all summer alongside a volleyball net for spontaneous summer games. Don't miss all the new pop up restaurants and bars with stages for music, all stretched along the opposite side of the river along Lungarno della Zecca Vecchia. See you there for those great balmy evenings with a refreshing drink in hand. Find a full list of riverside venues (in italian) [here](#).

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

SWIMMING POOLS IN FLORENCE

SWIMMING IN FLORENCE: POOLS, POOLS, WHERE ARE THE POOLS?

It's too hot to function some days in the city, and the need to find a pool is relentless, unless you're lucky enough to have a friend with one at home or a hotel with great amenities! If you're on the search for a quick dip, here are your best options. One small note: most pools now require a swimming cap for use.

Le Pavoniere

The famous swimming pool of La Cascine park, with a restaurant, bar, open air swimming pools, and an outdoor stage for a nightclub set up during the summer nights. Open Every Day from 10.00 until 18.30. Via della Catena 2, La Cascine park, [Website](#)

La Piscina Goffredo Nannini, Comunale di Bellariva

Three pools to enjoy including a 50m olympic pool, a learning pool, and a play pool, with 3.5 hectares of park, bar, and restaurant for relaxing. Open Monday to Friday 10.00-18.00, Saturdays, Sundays, Festivi: 09.30-19.00. Lungarno Aldo Moro 6, San Niccolo, [Website](#)

Rari Nantes Florentia

The reopening of the bar and restaurant area means that after the pool you can enjoy parties every night on the Arno! They also program Yoga Dolce: Tuesdays and Fridays 09.00-10.00, Aperiyyoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays 18.00-19.00. Piscina Gigi Raspini, Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci 24, [Website](#)

Piscina Poggetto-Flog

Totally renovated and ready for the 2019 summer! Open every day from 10.00-19.00 up until September. Via Michele Mercati 24b, Open every day from 10.00-19.00 [Website](#)

La Costoli

An olympic sized swimming pool, two outdoor pools, and a children's pool, all equipped with a bar, snacks for sale, and lots of grass for picnic lunch. The Costoli swimming pool in Campo di Marte will be open to the public until the 31st of August. Monday: 14.00-18.00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: 10.00-18.00. Viale Pasquale Paoli, Campo di Marte

Firenze Camping in Town

A campsite where you can pay for day access to use their two swimming pools, one for children and one for adults. There is also a restaurant/pizzeria, and all the amenities of the camp site including pool tables and lounging areas. Via Generale C.A. della Chiesa, 1/3, [Website](#)

B-Side, Virgin Active, and Klab

This is the only reason I might pay for a gym membership - to use the swimming pools. Spread across several locations, both companies have a few swimming pools on site, plus you get to use all the other benefits as well like sauna, steam room, turkish baths, oh, and equipment for exercising if that's your thing! Check out their websites for all the details: [B-Side](#), [Klab](#), and [Virgin Active](#)

Asmana Wellness World

Known by Florentines as the place to go for spa indulgence, Asmana has indoor and outdoor pools, beauty and massage treatments, whirlpools, salt pools, saunas and steam rooms. It may be too hot for the steam (the summer humidity is free!) but it's a great time to take advantage of their cool swimming pools. Find the [prices and information here](#).

EXHIBITIONS

DO NOT ABANDON ME: LOUISE BOURGEOIS AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until Sept

Two exceptional exhibitions – the first one at Museo Novecento Do Not Abandon Me and the other at Museo degli Innocenti Cell XVIII (Portrait). The project brings the works of Louise Bourgeois (Paris, 1911 – New York, 2010) to Florence for the first time, building a significant relationship of osmosis between her creations and the exhibition context. Conceived in close dialogue with the architecture of the former Leopoldine building, a complex with a strong social vocation run for centuries by all-female communities, the exhibition will give the opportunity to experience almost one hundred works by the artist. These will include many gouaches made during the last five years of Bourgeois's life, that explore the cycles of life through an iconography of sexuality, procreation, birth, motherhood, feeding, dependency, the couple, the family unit, and flowers. [More information](#).

RETURNS: FROM MODIGLIANI TO MORANDI AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until September

(From [The Florentine Magazine](#)) Museo Novecento celebrates ten years since its inauguration in 2014 with a major exhibition titled Returns: From Modigliani to Morandi dedicated to the history of one of its most prized ensembles, the Alberto Della Ragione Collection. Donated to the City of Florence following the devastating flood in 1966, the works are now reunited with the invaluable masterpiece by the Livornese artist, Amedeo Modigliani. The idea conceived by the director of the museum, Sergio Risaliti, sees the rooms of the former Leopoldine on the second floor of the museum transformed for the occasion, with the exhibition curated by Eva Francioli, Chiara Toti and Sergio Risaliti on show until September 15. [Website](#).

THE CATTEDRALE DELL'IMMAGINE PRESENTS INSIDE VAN GOGH

In the heart of Florence, the deconsecrated church of Santo Stefano al Ponte was reborn with the name “the Cathedral of the Image”, transforming itself into the first permanent Italian center for Immersive Art Experiences. Now showing is *Inside Van Gogh*, the new immersive multimedia show, created by Crossmedia and directed by Stefano Fake. A 35-minute digital narrative developed through 360° multiprojection of high-definition images and the Dolby HD audio diffusion of a captivating soundtrack. Enjoy the complex human and artistic story of Vincent van Gogh, one of the most famous and beloved artists of all time. The multimedia experience is enriched by an educational introductory section with infographics and monitors, Oculus stations for experiencing the 3D virtual reality journey inside some famous paintings, and the immersive ‘hall of mirrors,’ an enveloping kaleidoscope of images located within the immersive hall. Find out the dates and more information [here](#).

DANCE, THEATRE, AND MUSIC

FIRENZE SUONA FESTIVAL 2024

Firenze Suona Estate, a totally free music and literature festival spread throughout the municipal area of Florence! Enjoy concerts by young emerging Italian bands, multimedia shows with musicians and actors, performances by established artists, presentations of books by and with important Tuscan authors, and mini local festivals. The events, all free, take place in the historic center but also on the outskirts and can be enjoyed by everyone, residents and tourists, adults and children. [See the program here](#).

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September

Fiesole’s Roman amphitheater is a step or two above your average spot for catching a Saturday night music gig or theatre show. Once again, the venue bridges the ancient past with artists of the present, hosting a series of summer shows in a range of genres. The festival has reached its 77th edition, scheduled from 17 June to 13 September 2024 with a program that includes both Italian and International events, from prose to dance, from jazz to classical, all on stage at the Roman Theater of Fiesole. As tradition, the day dedicated to the Music Festival (21 June) will host one of the most important cultural events that celebrates the summer solstice in more than 120 countries around the world. The evening is organized by the Fiesole Music School, entry is free but by reservation. A program full of artists including Florence Jazz Orchestra, Carmen Consoli, Cory Henry, Lyric Dance Company, Rufus Wainwright and much more. For the full program and tickets, see www.estatefiesolana.it.

SAGRATI IN MUSICA SOTTO LE STELLE, Until September 1

Enjoy the the concerts of "Sagrati in Musica sotto le stelle", the event organised by the Associazione Toscana Classica and consisting of 23 FREE events ranging in musical genres from classical to jazz, rock and electronic music, but all aimed at educating people to listen to music with an awareness of the importance of listening, in order to ward off the deterioration of the church parvises involved: Santi Michele e Gaetano, Santa Felicita, Sacra Famiglia, Santa Maria del Carmine, the Misericordia Piazza Duomo parvis, Isolotto and Santa Croce. [Website](#).

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.](#)

FILMS AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

CINEMA (AND NOT ONLY) IN MANIFATTURA TABACCHI FOR SUMMER

Manifattura Tabacchi's summer cinema is back in the Cortile della Ciminiera! A space open to everyone and all languages: half of the films offered are in the original version with Italian subtitles. This year's program includes the best films of the past season, many introduced and commented by Carlo Pellegrini. The program organized by the Stensen Foundation is available on the [website](#).

APRITI CINEMA: APRITI CINEMA IN THE COURTYARD OF THE UFFIZI GALLERY, Until August 6

The big screen becomes the protagonist with "Apriti Cinema", the free-entrance festival conceived and coordinated by the Quelli dell'Alfieri Cultural Association, which brings the best of Italian and international auteur cinema to Piazzale degli Uffizi. The program includes films from international festivals, tributes for the centenary of the birth of Lauren Bacall and Marcello Mastroianni, the mini-exhibition "Uffizi Galleries – A film as a work of art", the Gabriele Salvatores retrospective of the Fiesole Award to the Masters of Cinema, the two days of Irish titles at the N.I.C.E. And again, a screening curated by Sentiero Film Factory, a tribute to the next author of the Monday evening retrospective at La Compagnia, Michelangelo Antonioni and an evening dedicated to inclusive cinema curated by INCinema – inclusive cinema festival; national previews in the presence of the directors. [Website](#).

CREATIVE PEOPLE IN FLORENCE OPEN A COMMUNITY SPACE

(From [The Florentine Magazine](#)) A little over a decade ago, American artists Sara Amrhein and Anna Rose founded the cultural association Creative People in Florence. Last autumn, Scottish potter Kirstie Mathieson joined the team. Together, they are excited to announce a creative space in the Oltrarno at via dei Serragli 58R. After many years of building a network of artists, designers and artisans, the cultural association now has a space where they will organize and curate an exciting lineup of hands-on workshops and demos for adults and children, as well as pop-up events, art exhibitions and many other creative activities. [Read more here.](#)

THE NEW CINEMA ASTRA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

The new hub for cinema and culture is simply exploding with events. This week enjoy programming from France, Sweden, Spain, and across Europe. With up to six screenings a day, there is always a chance to experience the best of contemporary European cinema. [See the website for more information.](#)

WEEKLY SOCIAL LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS 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.](#)

AUGUST WISHES

May you catch a cooling breeze on the banks of the Arno or on a roof with a view, and drink in the summer months of festivals and music outdoors in the best of company.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Chianti Farm House - 35 Km South of Florence
Farm Complex to be refurbished, approx. 600 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 6000 Sq. Ft.) with 2 acres of land and garden. Electricity and water already in place. Hill top position, easy access.

Asking Price 900,000 Euro



SALE – San Niccolo' – Historic Center

First floor with elevator, elegant building, refurbished, approx. 400 sq. mt.(4000 Sq. Ft), 3 Bed, 4 Bath. High decorated ceilings, gym, autonomous heating, quiet street.

Asking Price 1,900,000 Euro



SALE – Piazza Pitti – Historic Center

First floor elegant listed building, good conditions, approx. 330 sq. mt.(3300 Sq. Ft), 4 Bed, 4 Bath. high decorated ceilings, autonomous heating, air con.

Asking price 1,950,000 Euro



SALE - Mugello Modern Villa - 35 Km North-East of Florence
Free standing on two levels, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.), plus garden. Refurbished, 4 bed, 4 bath; autonomous heating.

Asking Price 435,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished first floor apt with elevator, approx. 150 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1500 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 2 bath; autonomous heating, doorman, condo terrace on roof.

Asking Price 1,200,000 Euro



SALE – Quarrata Farm House– 25 km West of Florence

Free standing stone farm house, to be totally refurbished, approx. 500 sq. mt.(5000 Sq. Ft), plus 1 hectare (3 acres) of land. Electricity already in place, water well.

Asking Price 460,000 Euro

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