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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

After the pleasure of Christmas spent with family, we had hoped for a bigger celebration of the New Year. But with the new wave and the new restrictions, we will instead celebrate in smaller ways. You can find the latest rules in our Important Information section. As street parties, nightclubs and dancing venues are all closed, instead, we celebrate in restaurants or homes as intimate groups. Or if you prefer an even gentler bridge to the New Year, embrace the winter season and bundle up, light the fire (or a few candles), pour a nice glass of Chianti and snuggle in under a blanket, cozy as the years change. We don't know what to expect from the skies in January, but if snuggling isn't your style, then we have made a fine list of things to do in Florence and Tuscany over the next month. It's the time to savour exhibitions, films, the quieter museums, and performances of all kinds in the stunning theatres of Florence. With our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEL, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JANUARY

BEST EVENT: NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATIONS, REDUCED BUT STILL ON OFFER

Until the end of January, 2022, outdoor celebrations and gatherings are not permitted, and nightclubs, dance halls, and other similar venues are also closed. So what's there to do for New Years? You can still attend restaurants as long as you have a Super Green Pass, meaning you've had a vaccination shot or recovered from Covid in the last 6 months. Careful though! There will be controls to make sure the dining halls don't become sneaky dance halls. Still! You can eat and drink to your hearts content. This year, try celebrating New Year's at the theatre, with a range of options put together by FirenzeToday.it. Here's two of their best suggestions, with music and circus to enjoy:

New Year's Concert at the Maggio

At the Maggio Musicale Theatre on December 31st the New Year's Concert directed by maestro Zubin Mehta is scheduled. The New Year's Eve concert will feature a cast of great interest: the soprano Mandy Fredrich, artistically trained at the Universität der Künste in Berlin and at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Leipzig, a constant presence in the programs of the most important opera houses such as the Staatsoper in Berlin, the Teatro alla Scala, or the San Carlo in Naples.

InStabile Chapiteau

On December 31 for New Year's Eve: A dinner with cabaret. A great tribute to contemporary circus that will see on stage Daniele Giangreco, Daniele Favilli, Piergiorgio Milano, Marica Marinoni, Hobo-Paolo Locci, Lapo Botteri, Aurora Dini, Angela Francavilla (for more information and reservations 3338902161 - 3669772005). Followed by The Corazon Party with Pablo Saavedra De Decker, Ghiaccioli and Branzini and Edoardo Florio di Grazia, among Afro-Latin rarities, tropical disco, funk and rock'n'roll.

BEST P&F RENTAL: A DELIGHTFUL, UNPRETENTIOUS APARTMENT WITH THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF A GARDEN

Located on Via Giordani, a short street leading to Piazza D'Azeglio, one of Florence's few tree-lined squares. It is approx. 15 minutes' walk to most of the city's museums and monuments. Close by are the Sant'Ambrogio open-air fruit and vegetable market and general shopping. The apartment is located near several theatres, including "La Pergola" which hosts numerous concerts throughout the year, as well as



performances of the famous "Maggio Musicale" (the May musical festival) in the spring. Next to Piazza D'Azeglio is one of Europe's oldest Synagogues, and Florence's only kosher restaurant. [More information and photos here.](#)

BEST TRADITION: THE CAVALCADE OF THE THREE KINGS ARRIVES IN FLORENCE, January 6

Considering the new restrictions that have cancelled outdoor celebrations, we are unsure whether this annual celebration may take place this year, but here's a reminder of this special tradition: This parade recreates the arrival of the Three Kings in Bethlehem to the manger where the baby Jesus was born. The "Cavalcade of the Three Kings" takes place in downtown Florence on the morning of January 6 and is a commemoration of an ancient celebration of the epiphany that has taken place in the city as far back as 1400. On this special occasion, a parade in beautiful Renaissance costumes starts from Palazzo Pitti and winds its way through the city, passing by Piazza della Signoria and arriving at the Cathedral and Baptistery in Piazza del Duomo. The Sbandieratori, or flag-throwing company, of the Uffizi also participates in the event, enchanting the public with their skill in throwing, exchanging and waving their flags in Piazza della Signoria. The procession begins at 14.15 from Palazzo Pitti.

SECOND BEST TRADITION: LA BEFANA VISITS DURING THE EPIPHANY, January 6

La Befana arrives in Florence and this is Italy's traditional day of gift giving. The name "Befana" is a popular version of the Greek term "Epiphany", the festivity following Christmas commemorating the visit of the Magi. The three wise men on their journey were stopped by an old woman with a broom who asked them where they were going. They said they were following a star that would lead them to a newborn baby, and invited her to come along. But she was busy sweeping and cleaning and did not go. When she realised her mistake, her regret was so great that she continues to wander Italy. On the Epiphany (when the Wise Men found the baby Jesus), she rewards good children and disappoints those who were bad. She is portrayed as an old ugly woman dressed in dark rags who flies over houses on her broom and enters through the chimneys (or the keyhole). Children hang socks near the fireplace, where she leaves candies and gifts or black coal (or black sugar), garlic and onions.

BEST FESTIVAL: "F-LIGHT YOUR MIND": THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT THAT ILLUMINATES FLORENCE, December 8 to January 9

From December the 8th to January 9th Florentines and tourists will be invited to take part in a light journey, an imaginary trip from the city's squares to the celestial vault. After the great success of the last editions, Florence is preparing to light up with "F-Light": the Florence Light Festival will shed new light on the monuments and squares of the city. The event will offer video-mapping, projections, light games, artistic installations, educational activities, special visits to museums, shows and cultural meetings. As usual, many spaces of the city will be involved: on all Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Piazza Santa Maria Novella and the Oltrarno, with particular attention to the Towers and the city gates and the neighborhoods outside the historic center. [Website.](#)

BEST FILM FESTIVAL: 12TH EDITION OF THE MY FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

STREAMS ONLINE

From January 14 through February 14, 2022, you will have the chance to discover, from the comfort of your own home, 30 films (features and shorts) that have been handpicked just for you! Comedies, romcoms, dramas, documentaries, animations, cinema classics... we will shine a light on all the genres! Plus, for very young audiences, we have a special program of silent short films by students from France's leading animation schools! The complete lineup and the names of our International Jury members will be revealed on January 5 ([sign up here to take part in the press conference](#)) We are eagerly awaiting sharing this with you! [More information at the website.](#)

BEST DINING OUT: NEW YEARS DINNER, "MIDNIGHT ON THE BEACH", AT THE FOUR SEASONS

Four Seasons Florence present a divine Gala Dinner and a New Year's themed celebration for 2022. One of the most exclusive options for New Year's Eve 2022 in Florence is organized by the brilliant team at the Four Seasons Hotel, including a gala dinner at the starred restaurant "Il Palagio" with a 7-course menu. Alternatively, the luxury hotel is also planning the themed celebration "Midnight on the Beach", that includes a buffet dinner and musical entertainment during dinner. Find more information on the [Palagio website.](#)

PITCHER & FLACCOMIO FAQ ON TRAVEL, BUYING, RENTING AND COVID-19

In these uncertain times during the Covid-19 pandemic, we would like to offer you a brief FAQ file regarding travel and renting in Tuscany, and what we can do to help you have a better and safer stay in your rental property. We think one of the biggest expectations of our clients will be safety. You will expect to enter a property, whether it be for a night or a month or a year, that is not only clean but possibly also sanitized prior to being occupied. This major concern is something we are planning for so that we may offer with confidence any apartment, house or villa that Pitcher & Flaccomio represents. You can find out more in our FAQ page.

https://www.pitcherflaccomio.com/pdf/FAQCOVID-19_en.pdf

Please consider the items under what we can do to help you as "suggestions", since we are a Real Estate company and not an official health institution nor doctors.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NEW RULES INTRODUCED FOR TUSCANY UNTIL JANUARY 31ST

From: [The Florentine Magazine](#)

New Covid-19 rules have been announced by the Italian government due to an exponential rise in Omicron cases (28 per cent of the 44,000 new cases).

1. **Masks must be worn outdoors until January 31.** FFP2 face protection must be worn in cinemas,

theatres, stadiums and on public transport.

2. All outdoor events prohibited and nightclubs closed until January 31.

3. From December 30, the non-vaccinated will neither be allowed to drink coffee nor eat at the counter, nor access museums, gyms, pools, spas and wellness centres, cultural, social and recreational centres, or play team sports.

4. The duration of the green pass will be reduced to **six months**, effective February 1, 2022, in order for people to secure booster doses, which will become available four months after the second dose.

5. **Spot checks** of rapid antigen and PCR tests will be reinforced on the Italian border.

[See the full decree here, in Italian.](#)

THE GREEN PASS AND THE SUPER GREEN PASS (GREEN PASS RAFFORZATO)

Tuscany has now introduced the Super Green Pass, and increased its restrictions on non-vaccinated people. The Super Green Pass is valid only for those who can show proof of Vaccination or that you have had Covid in the previous six months. The basic Green Pass includes those who have had a negative test in the last 48 hours, but is not accepted in all situations. A basic summary:

From December 25, 2021 through March 31, 2022, the use of the Super Green Pass is extended to include over-the-counter dining in indoor venues.

From December 30, 2021 through March 31, 2022, visitors will only be able to enter residential, assisted living, social service, and hospice facilities with a Super Green Pass AND a negative rapid or molecular antigen test performed within 48 hours prior to entry or vaccination with a third dose.

Beginning January 10, 2022 and ending March 31, 2022, the use of the Super Green Pass is also extended to the following activities:

- indoors for pools, gyms and team sports; museums and exhibitions;
- indoors for health clubs;
- spas (except for essential levels of care and rehabilitative or therapeutic activities);
- theme and amusement parks;
- indoors for cultural centers, social and recreational centers (excluding educational centers for children);
- gambling halls, betting halls, bingo halls and casinos.

The current rules for accessibility to public spaces with the Green Pass for with the Super Green Pass or Tuscany can be found at the Regione Toscana website [here](#).

Visit www.dgc.gov.it/web to obtain the EU Digital COVID Certificate.

ANTI-COVID VACCINATION AND BOOSTERS PROGRAM

Tuscany has opened up bookings for vaccines and boosters, and shortened the time you need to wait before having your booster shot. For a list of vaccination centers in Tuscany, [click here](#). Reservations continue to be accepted on the [Region of Tuscany's website](#), with quick, direct access at the centers. For those still having their first shots, you can book on the main portal. The vaccine is also open to those who are not registered with the national health service, and you can make a special request for your own doctor to vaccinate you rather than going to a centre. You can find the online

portal for making a vaccination appointment [here](#).

WHERE SHOULD I BE CHECKING FOR ACCURATE NEWS AND INFORMATION?

Italian Government Website: www.governo.it

Italian Ministry of Health: www.salute.gov.it

Regione Toscana: <https://www.regione.toscana.it/>

Coronavirus Page at the Ministry of Health: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/>

Ministry of Health Information In English: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/homeNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english>

Tuscany Specific:

- Official [coronavirus updates](#) for Tuscany
- Latest [regional ordinances](#)
- Tuscany region on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Regional coronavirus helpline: 055 438 5850

BEST OF THE REST

SEE THE HOUSE OF GUCCI ON NEW YEARS EVE AT THE ICONIC ODEON CINEMA

See in the new year in rich, indulgent Italian style with a screening of *The House of Gucci*, starring Lady Gaga herself. The film is shown in English, with Italian subtitles. The stunning Odeon Cinema was opened in 1922, built into the interior of Renaissance treasure, Palazzo Strozzi. The original palazzo design was by Filippo Brunelleschi. Tickets can only be purchased at the venue, as online bookings are suspended. For more information, see www.odeonfirenze.com.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET COMES TO TEATRO VERDI, January 3rd

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky did not compose many ballets, but when he did, he touched magic. *The Nutcracker* is one of those timeless stage works that we have come to associate with the Christmas season, and it is thanks to the Russian composer's memorable, danceable music that the otherwise dark fairy tale by E. T. A. Hoffmann has become a beloved children's classic. The Nutcracker has always been the typical Christmas ballet to experience with the family. It appears in the playbill of almost all our theatrical seasons, gaining an excellent appreciation from audiences of all ages: it could not be missed this year. This year's interpretation is by the RUSSIAN CLASSICAL BALLET under the artistic direction of Evgeniya Bepalova and Denis Karakashev, which since its foundation in 2005 in the city of Moscow, fully preserves the tradition of Russian classical ballet. [Tickets here](#).

WONDERFUL! ITALIAN ART UNDER 40 ON SHOW AT PALAZZO VECCHIO, Until January 12

From the Renaissance onwards, the greatness of Florence was born and grew by supporting emerging creativity, believing in the qualities of the avant-garde and creating the necessary economic, political and social conditions for the affirmation of art. In the wake of this tradition comes WONDERFUL!, the award in support of Italian art under 40 to recognise and support the new generation of Italian artists, hard hit by the health and economic crisis. Through a selection of 290 artists, the jury of the prize has chosen four, on show in the Sala d'Arme of Palazzo Vecchio until 12 January 2022: installations and videos present to the audience the research of these four excellent artists: Binta Diaw, Riccardo Giacconi, Marco Giordano and Margherita Raso. A generation of new authors with their languages, their interests and their view of contemporaneity. [Website](#).

LAST CHANCE TO SEE THE COLOURFUL AND FUN “I LOVE LEGO” EXHIBIT AT THE MUSEO DEGLI INNOCENTI, Until January 31st

The legendary bricks will be the protagonists of the I LOVE LEGO exhibition at the Museo degli Innocenti in Florence, inside the six centuries-old institution that has always been committed to welcoming, defending and promoting the rights of children and adolescents. In addition to dioramas - reproductions of scenes, monuments and architectural works, including the ones of the façade of the Basilica of Santa Croce and Giotto's Bell Tower - the exhibition will also include several oils on canvas by Stefano Bolcato revisiting the greatest artistic masterpieces in a 'LEGO men' version, comic cartoons/installations by the LEGOLize collective, and many activities and workshops for families, such as the "character hunt" focusing on the main figures revisited over the years by LEGO: from Harry Potter to Darth Vader, from Batman to Homer from The Simpsons. An extraordinary experience for children, their families and the many adults who continue to cultivate a love for the world's most famous bricks! [Website](#).

ANTHOLOGY ART 2022 - MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART AT TORNABUONI ARTE, Until November 2022

Tornabuoni Arte, the internationally recognized artistic and cultural reality founded by Roberto Casamonti, shows its latest news and its proposals of classic and contemporary works of art for the coming year. The exhibition is divided into sections: one dedicated to the works of the greats of the last century: Alberto Burri, Jannis Kounellis, Alighiero Boetti, Emilio Vedova, Lucio Fontana, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Piero Dorazio, Alberto Biasi, Emilio Isgrò, Maurizio Cattelan, Wassily Kandinsky, Joan Mirò e Victor Vasarely . On the second floor the exhibition continues with a selection of works dedicated to the great masters of Italian figurative art of the early twentieth century: Giovanni Fattori, Plinio Nomellini, Massimo Campigli and Giorgio de Chirico. [Website](#).

FLORENCE WINTER SALES, Until March 4

While some sales have already started, after the Epiphany of January 6th all the stores of Florence will begin their major sales to clear out their Autumn and Winter stock, in order to make room for the new season arrivals. You can expect savings of at least 50%, which often reach 70% towards the end of the month as stocks dwindle. It's the perfect time to grab a few last minute winter coats to help survive the winter chill of January!

SPEAKEASY MULTILINGUAL, Every Wednesday night

Come to meet new people, see old friends, practice your languages, and enjoy new locations. Members enjoy discounts on all the events, that include the weekly Wednesday night Speakeasy, as well as special events like walking tours, art studio visits, and other cultural activities. A fantastic way to open up your social life in Florence. [See the website.](#)

EXHIBITIONS

JEFF KOONS PRESENTS SHINE AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until January 30

(From: [The Florentine Magazine](#)) The series of contemporary art exhibitions at Palazzo Strozzi continues with Jeff Koons *Shine*. Works by the renowned and controversial American artist will be on display from October 2 to January 30, 2022 in a major exhibition featuring over 30 of the artist's most celebrated works from the mid-70s through to the present day. The show was developed in close collaboration with the artist, and curated by Arturo Galansino and Joachim Pissario. The iconic pieces are on loan from some of the world's most important collections and museums, coming together in Florence for the dazzling display. [Read more here.](#)

JENNY SAVILLE AT THE MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until February 20

The city of Florence welcomes one of the greatest living painters and a leading voice on the international art scene, Jenny Saville, who will be the subject of an exhibition project conceived and curated by Sergio Risaliti, Director of the Museo Novecento, in collaboration with some of the city's major museums: Museo di Palazzo Vecchio, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Museo degli Innocenti and Museo di Casa Buonarroti. The exhibition represents a unique encounter between the ancient and the contemporary and invites the public to discover the work of Jenny Saville (May 7, 1970, Cambridge) through paintings and drawings from the 1990s and works created specifically for the exhibition. Saville transcends the boundaries between figurative and abstract, between informal and gestural, succeeding in transfiguring the chronicle into a universal image, a contemporary humanism that puts the figure, be it a body or a face, back at the center of art history, to give an image to the forces that act within and against us. [See the website.](#)

AMERICAN ART 1961-2001 AT THE PALAZZO STROZZI

A major exhibition taking a new perspective on the history of contemporary art in the United States. The exhibition brings together an outstanding selection of more than 80 works by 55 artists including Andy Warhol, Mark Rothko, Louise Nevelson, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Bruce Nauman, Barbara Kruger, Robert Mapplethorpe, Cindy Sherman, Matthew Barney, Kara Walker and many more, exhibited in Florence through a collaboration with the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis. Exhibiting many formative works for the first time in Italy, the exhibition examines the most important figures and movements that marked the development of American art from the beginning of the Vietnam War until the 9/11 attack. [More information and ticket reservations here.](#)

SILK, ON DISPLAY AT THE SALVATORE FERRAGAMO MUSEUM, Until April 2022

Seta' celebrates the silk prints of the Salvatore Ferragamo maison of which Fulvia Visconti Ferragamo was the creator and creative soul. Through the history of its founder and the historical archive, the Ferragamo Museum intends to express the continuous relationship between art and fashion, proposing a dialogue between tradition and modernity. The exhibition tour tells the perfect union of fanciful intuitions, and high industrial craftsmanship that is behind the production of a scarf - and any silk print - beyond the infinite inspirations that are at the origin of each design. In the first section the exhibition hosts the 'site specific' installation by Chinese artists Sun yuan & Peng Yu entitled 'Were creatures born celestial?' which exemplify conceptually what fertile ground of encounter and exchange between East and West was the Silk Route. [Website](#).

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

AMICI DELLA MUSICA FILL THE WINTER NIGHTS WITH WORLD-CLASS CLASSICAL MUSIC

Founded in 1920, the Amici della Musica di Firenze is one of the oldest and most prestigious concert organisations in Italy. The numerous events take place in the historic and centrally located Teatro della Pergola, on a weekly basis (Saturday afternoons and Sunday evenings), from October to April. The programmes offer everything from chamber music classics to contemporary music (often with world premieres), from pieces for orchestral ensembles to solo pieces, from jazz to traditional music. Don't miss the best of the best as they take to the stage this winter! [See the whole program here](#).

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO CONTINUE WITH THEIR UNMISSABLE SEASON

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. The Opera and Symphonic seasons, as well as special Touring artists, will fill the nights of December. See what's coming up [here at the website](#).

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

THE ICONIC ODEON CINEMA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

The stunning Odeon Cinema was opened in 1922, built into the interior of Renaissance treasure, Palazzo Strozzi. The original palazzo design was by Filippo Brunelleschi. This month, *Spider Man: No Way Home!* as well as *Matrix: Resurrections* come to the big screen. And on December 31st, enjoy a special New Years screening of *The House of Gucci*, starring Lady Gaga. Seat Places are with spacing, entry with Super Green Pass and FFP2 masks are required. Films are shown in English, with Italian subtitles. For the full programme, see www.odeonfirenze.com.

JANUARY WISHES

Let the beautiful fog of Florence in these quiet days of winter soften your eyes and your hearts, as we treasure our closest loved ones and cross the threshold into the new year. However you are beginning your new year, we wish you peace and tranquility for 2022.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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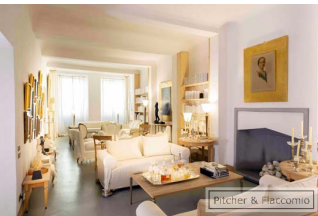
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SALE – Duomo apt – Historic Center

Third floor, elegant building, in good conditions, approx. 120 sq. mt. (1200 Sq. Ft), 2 Bed, 2 Bath. Autonomous heating, Air Conditioning.

Asking Price 435,000 Euro



SALE – Goldoni Apt – Historic Center

Second floor, with elevator, refurbished, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3000 Sq. Ft.). 3 bed, 3 bath, plus study; autonomous heating, air con., and centrally located

Asking Price 2,200,000 Euro



SALE – Pitti Palace apt – Historic Center

First floor, elegant building, in good conditions, approx. 330 sq. mt. (3300 Sq. Ft), 4 Bed, 4 Bath. Small out door space, autonomous heating, in front of Pitti Palace.

Asking price 1,950,000 Euro



SALE – Via Nazionale, San Lorenzo area – Historic Center

Top floor with elevator, good conditions, approx. 140 sq. mt. (1400 Sq. Ft), plus 30 sq. mt. (300 sq. ft.) of terraces. 3 Bed, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking price 1,100,000 Euro



SALE - Oltrarno Loft – Historic Center

Ground floor loft space in good condition, approx. 260 Sq. Mt. (2600 Sq. Ft.) plus 20 Sq. Mt. (200 Sq. Ft.) of out door space. 2 bed, 3 bath; quiet, private and spacious living areas.

Asking Price 1,160,000 Euro



SALE – Tronabuoni Attic – Historic Center

Top floor apt, refurbished, approx. 200 Sq. Mt. (2000 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 35 Sq. Mt. (350 Sq. Ft.) outdoor terraces. 4 bed, 4 bath; High ceilings, modern finishes, quiet, air conditioning, autonomous heating,

Asking Price 2,000,000 Euro

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