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WELCOME

Easter fills Italy with colour and pageantry, as the spring flowers reflect the honouring of rebirth and renewal. Enjoy time with your loved ones, sharing special easter bread and eggs with surprises inside. Music and art fill the city as Tuscany warms up beneath the sunshine, and the nights remain cool. Revel in laughter for April Fools Day and seek out the gardens of Florence as they come into bloom, with best wishes, from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR APRIL

BEST EVENT: SCOPPIO DEL CARRO ON EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

The Scoppio del Carro, The Explosion of the Cart, has been celebrated in Florence for more than 350 years, dating back to the First Crusade. A thirty-foot carved and painted wooden cart (the present version is over 150 years old) is pulled by flower-bedecked white oxen from Porta al Prato to Piazza del Duomo. A very special Easter Sunday mass is held, a ritual that includes one of the best daytime fireworks displays in the world. During the singing of the Gloria of the Easter Mass, the deacon lights a holy fire, kindled from three historic stone chips that were obtained during the crusades of 1099 from the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. The 'colombina' - a mechanical bird shaped like a dove with an olive branch in its beak, representing the Holy Spirit - 'flies' down a line through the open doors of the cathedral, where the Holy Fire is used to light a fuse attached to the dove. It flies back to the cart where it ignites the explosion, erupting fireworks into the Easter sky with plumes of purple smoke - the unofficial colour of Florence. The Procession starts at 10.00, and the Explosion of the Cart is at 11.00. For more things to do over the Easter weekend, check out these great tips from [Visit Florence](#) and [Discover Tuscany](#).

BEST P&F RENTAL: THE MOST PERFECT HOUSE IN THE MOST PERFECT LOCATION

A free standing house with a garden, and two levels, in one of Florence's most beautiful locations. Viale Michelangelo is a tree-lined avenue that winds its way up to the panoramic vista point of Piazzale Michelangelo overlooking the city of Florence. This avenue, designed by Poggi during the late 19th century renovation of Florence's city plan, embraces the Oltrarno area of the city. It is approx. ten minutes by car and 30 minutes by foot from the centre of town. Bus service is handy and reliable. More information and photos [here](#).



BEST ANNIVERSARY: LIBERATION DAY NATIONAL HOLIDAY, April 25

“E questo è il fiore del partigiano ... morto per la libertà!

“Bella Ciao”

“On April 25, you'll hear this refrain throughout every corner of Italy, sung on street corners by small groups, played on the radio or performed by bands in parades and local plazas. Set to the melody of a traditional folk song, “Bella Ciao” was the anthem of the Italian resistance movement during World War II, often sung by the left-wing anti-fascist rebels who fought against the atrocities of the Nazis and the leader of Italy, Benito Mussolini. Even today, the lyrics are symbolic of the

sacrifices made for freedom.

While Italy has been a democratic republic since 1946, many Italians remember a time when they did not have such freedom. That history is honored throughout Italy on April 25 with La Festa della Liberazione, or Liberation Day, festivities. Every year, the entire country joins together to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis and pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the fight to free their country.” [Read more about the history of Liberation Day here.](#)

BEST EXHIBITION: REACHING FOR THE STARS AT PALAZZO STROZZI

Palazzo Strozzi partners with the Sandretto Rebaudengo Foundation to deliver an exquisite exhibition featuring over 50 contemporary artists from around the globe. There are some of the biggest names in contemporary art, including works from notable artists Damien Hirst, Maurizio Cattelan, Shirin Neshat, Cindy Sherman, and more, this exhibit focuses on themes such as bodies, mythology, identity, and community, among others. For more details, see the [website](#).

BEST FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS: MIDA, THE MOSTRA INTERNAZIONALE DELL'ARTIGIANATO AT FORTEZZA DI BASSO, April 25 - May 1

An event which has hosted the most important master craftsmen of history inside a privileged space, where tradition and innovation merge to create extremely valuable handmade products. Every year, you can admire the works of the ancient Florence workshops, as well as remote arts which are being rediscovered through the fair itineraries, following a harmonious path among the Italian regions and the countries of the whole world. Unique pieces, modelled by experienced hands, dedicated to people who want to stand out. Classical, modern, ethnic, contemporary, feasible - any kind of style here finds its ideal dimension. Opening Times: everyday from 10.00 to 22.30 (last day closing at 20.00). See more information at the [website](#).

BEST LITERATURE: DARIO NARDELLA PRESENTS HIS NEW BOOK AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE, April 3

We are delighted to welcome the Mayor of Florence, Dario Nardella, for a Lungarno Chat with Morgan Fiumi. He will discuss his new book *La Città Universale*, which contains his vision for the future of cities in Europe, drawn from his long experience as Mayor. The conversation will also explore his priorities for making Florence a better and more sustainable city for us all. This will be followed by a ConnectUS Network Spotlight featuring Labsitters.com, a dynamic local startup, and an Art Spotlight with Antonio Signorini, whose dramatic bronze sculptures are currently on show in Piazza del Carmine and Piazza San Firenze. To see the full month's program of lectures and events, [see the website here](#).

BEST DINING OUT: BORGO SANTO PIETRO SAPORIUM

This new nightspot has received a wonderful review from [The Florentine Magazine](#): “Saporium Florence from Borgo Santo Pietro is a gourmet dining experience that delivers considered design and dishes. *Green, oh so green* was my lingering impression of Florence's newest gourmet restaurant, [Saporium](#). Redesigned and reopened by Claus and Jeanette Thottrup, owners of one of Tuscany's

most memorable country hotels, [Borgo Santo Pietro](#), this gourmet dining experience by the San Niccolò tower delivers considered design and dishes... First up is a palate-stirring beef consommé alongside a salted-caramel-like chicken liver jelly, plus truffle and mushroom shots cleverly presented in a bowl of rocks and pine cones as an acknowledgement of the chef's mentor, Norbert Niederkofler." Read the whole article in delicious detail [here](#).

BEST OF THE REST

EASTER WEEKEND HOLIDAY, April 18-22

Don't forget to mark in your calendars that the holiday will close many stores over the Easter weekend, while Italians flood out of the city to visit family and spend Springtime together. For things to do over the Easter weekend, check out these great tips from [Visit Florence](#) and [Discover Tuscany](#).

THE BELOVED FIRENZE FLOWER SHOW RETURNS TO THE CORSINI GARDENS, April 1 and 2

Spring has finally arrived and, here in Florence, so has the annual flower show loved by all the Florentine community. Held at the beautiful Corsini Garden, this year's exhibition of rare flowers and plants will surely be unforgettable. With gardening tips and demonstrations, workshops, food and drinks, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Florence in bloom is one of the best parts of Spring. Find more information [here](#).

ART FOR TOMORROW, CONFERENCE LED BY THE DEMOCRACY AND CULTURE FOUNDATION, FOUNDED BY THE NEW YORK TIMES

In an era where our society, and democracy, are buffeted by war, disinformation, gaping inequalities and the climate catastrophe, the world needs creative ideas. Can the arts be a way out? Moderated by senior New York Times journalists, the world-class AfT program will bring together practitioners, experts and activists to explore the social impact of the arts. In addition, attendees will have an experiential program of Florence's eclectic artistic landscape, venturing into the city's museums, galleries, performance spaces and artist studios to see the arts in action. View the full agenda [here](#).

FLORENCE TANGO DAYS, THE FIRENZE TANGO FESTIVAL, April 27 - May 1

This edition of Firenze Tango Week is titled "Florence Tango Days", a week long program of tango-themed events including dances, DJs, and performances. There are numerous events you can sign up for, including music and dance workshops and lessons. A week to keep you on your toes, and put rhythm into your body... some sizzle for Spring! See the [website](#) for the full program.

VIVICITTA HALF MARATHON FLORENCE, April 2

(from: [visitflorence.com](#)) If you're a runner more than a cyclist, you'll surely want to participate in one of the most traditional Florentine non-competitive race of the annual calendar: the Vivicità Half

Marathon Florence. A wonderful opportunity to mix sport and culture, surrounded by a one-of-a-kind artistic and cultural background, more info about the race story, registration fees on the official website, where you'll also find information about the other non-competitive races that will be organized as part of the same manifestation, like that dedicated to kids and the guided tour. [Official Webpage](#)

LA DEMOCRAZIA DEL CORPO DANCE FESTIVAL

From February to May, enjoy the international Festival La Democrazia del Corpo ("Democracy of the Body") by Virgilio Sieni. The "Democracy of the Body" proposes a cycle of performance works intended as excursions exploring the body. This year the festival returns to the central theme of the artists themselves, those who research and build bridges with history: passages that are understood as meeting places that are always open and poetically in mutation, where the reference to the body, to musical form, to gravity, to the philosophy of space, to its care and way of hosting the other, creates the initiatory gesture of encounter and relationship. Please click here to get the whole [programme](#).

TI RACCONTO FIRENZE - GUIDED TOURS IN FLORENCE BY THE TOUR GUIDES OF CONFGUIDE

From Friday, March 10 to Wednesday, June 21, a large calendar of guided tours to explore Florence and unexpected places of its suburbs accompanied by the tour guides of Confguide. Discover new places and interesting facts about Peretola village, old Florence evoked by the writer Vasco Pratolini, Florence of the XIX century, the Cemetery of Porte Sante - a true Florentine "Spoon River"-, the villages of Quaracchi and Brozzi and the murals of the Isolotto. Reservation is required. Visits can be booked only from the [Gimmeguide](#) Website. This event is promoted by the City of Florence, thanks to the funding of the Ministry of Tourism as part of the project "Great Italian Destinations for a Sustainable Tourism".

APERICINEMA AT 25HOURS HOTEL

(From [The Florentine Magazine](#)) The swanky Cinema Paradiso in the trendy walls of [25hours Hotel Piazza San Paolino](#) is collaborating with Ibero-American cinema association EntreDosMundos for an exciting new program of film screenings and book presentations. Join every Wednesday and some Thursdays starting at 7:30pm to enjoy the full range of events. There are special prices on drinks as well as free popcorn with the chance to order tapas from the bar and enjoy them at your seat. All films will be screened in Italian with English subtitles and the book presentations will also be in Italian. The films that follow each book presentation will be in Spanish with Italian subtitles.

[More information 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

EXHIBITIONS

GIACOMETTI - FONTANA. SEARCHING FOR THE ABSOLUTE, Until June 4

From 2 March to 4 June 2023, the exhibition Giacometti - Fontana. The Quest for the Absolute, curated by Chiara Gatti and Sergio Risaliti, will be on display in the monumental spaces of the Museo di Palazzo Vecchio, specifically in the Sala delle Udienze and the Sala dei Gigli. For the first time, these two pillars of the 20th century, so distant in their attitudes and in their lives, but equally linked by a reflection on the truth in art, conquered through the experience of matter and imagination at the same time, poised between the primordial dimension of time and the cosmological dimension of space, will be brought together. [Website](#).

LIGHT, GAZE, PRESENCE, Y.Z. KAMI ON DISPLAY ACROSS FLORENCE, Until September

The exhibition of Y.Z. Kami (Tehran, 1956) presents a selection of works exhibited for the first time in Florence in some of the city's most beautiful sights: Museo Novecento, Museo di Palazzo Vecchio, Museo degli Innocenti and, exceptionally, in the millenary Abbazia di San Miniato al Monte (from 17 February to 24 September 2023). The exhibition is a journey into the pictorial universe of the Iranian-American artist, who has lived and worked in New York since the 1980s. With a selection of 24 works located in some of the most prestigious Florentine cultural institutions, Light, Gaze, Presence brings together some of the main strands of Y.Z.'s artistic research. Kami in a close dialogue with the extraordinary medieval and renaissance masterpieces housed there.

ESCHER ON SHOW AT MUSEO DEGLI INNOCENTI, Until May 2023

The Museo degli Innocenti in Florence hosts an anthological exhibition dedicated to the brilliant Dutch artist Maurits Cornelis Escher. The spaces of the historic Museo degli Innocenti will host more than 200 works by the Dutch artist, who was discovered by the general public in recent years and has become one of the most beloved artists worldwide. In his famous engravings and lithographs Escher creates a unique, imaginative, impossible world where art, mathematics, science, physics and design converge, as well as representing Italy in many of his works. [Website](#).

INSIDE BANKSY: AN IMMERSIVE MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE

The Cathedral of the Image will become the home of the world's street art by hosting, within the monumental complex of Santo Stefano al Ponte, the world premiere of the unauthorized immersive digital exhibition dedicated to the subversive and satirical British writer Banksy. Inside Banksy is a spectacular immersive event realised by Crossmedia with the curatorial contribution of Gianni Mercurio, in which the creative path Banksy is told: the most subversive and satirical artist on the

world street art scene. A real story that unfolds through a wise mix of images, sounds, music that can immediately evoke underground culture of Bristol. [Website](#).

ARYAN OZMAEI SHOWING AT TERZO SPAZIO, MURATE ART DISTRICT, Until April 9

Florentine artist Aryan Ozmaei displays 20 paintings unpacking the complex ideas of decolonization in art and history. Inspired by the exhibit location itself, the Museum of Anthropology and Ethnology, Ozmaei uses anthropological statues and sculptures as subjects, displaced from their original contexts. According to the Florentine magazine, “She explores a relationship between art and anthropology, using it to platform powerful readings of colonial history, the ethnocentric gaze, modernity and its crisis, the need for rewriting, processes of hybridization and de-colonialism.” Read more at [The Florentine](#) or discover more details about the exhibit [here](#).

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

FIRENZE SUONA MUSIC CONTEST, Until May

Firenze Suona Music Contest is an original music competition for young Italian groups and soloists. From November to January, across all of Italy, young musicians and bands have been fighting it out to be chosen for the finals. Now the final selection will give us their best during seven events of live music in Firenze from March 5 to May 14. The selection evenings and semifinals will take place in Florence at the LE MURATE literary café, on Sundays in March and 2 and 16 April 2023 respectively, while the final will be on 14 May at VIPER. Admission for the public is free for all the concerts! [Website](#).

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

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:

WE WILL ROCK YOU - THE MUSICAL - Featuring more than 20 hit Queen songs including “Another One Bites the Dust,” “Bohemian Rhapsody,” “Killer Queen,” “We Will Rock You,” “Somebody To Love,” “We Are the Champions,” “Don’t Stop Me Now,” and many more, WE WILL ROCK YOU follows two revolutionaries as they try to save rock ‘n’ roll in a post-apocalyptic world. In an age where algorithms predict our every preference, WE WILL ROCK YOU is a musical for our time: a fist-pumping, foot-stomping anthem to individuality.

[More information and tickets.](#)

MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

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. This month's pick:

Georges Bizet - Carmen

See the full program [here at the 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: the Pergola Theatre. The Amici della Musica of Florence presents various concerts in this exquisite old theatre of Florence. 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, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

THE NEW CINEMA ASTRA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

BABYLON. The acclaimed 2022 film by Damien Chazelle will be showing at Cinema Astra this month in English with Italian subtitles. "From Damien Chazelle, Babylon is an original epic set in 1920s Los Angeles led by Brad Pitt, Margot Robbie and Diego Calva, with an ensemble cast including Jovan Adepo, Li Jun Li and Jean Smart. A tale of outsized ambition and outrageous excess, it traces the rise and fall of multiple characters during an era of unbridled decadence and depravity in early Hollywood." [See the website for more information](#).

FLORENCE KOREA FILM FESTIVAL

(From [The Florentine](#)) "Academy Award-winning director Bong Joon-Ho visits Florence for the [Florence Korea Film Fest](#). Mastermind behind thrillers such as *Parasite*, *Mother* and other noteworthy films, this is Bong Joon-Ho's first trip back to Florence since 2011. Events will welcome a lineup of other directors, actors and film powerhouses to participate in this fest dedicated to contemporary South Korean cinematography." [See the website](#).

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.

THIS MONTH, DON'T MISS DARIO NARDELLA

Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence, will discuss his book *La Città Universale*, in a conversation

with digital entrepreneur Morgan Fiumi, followed by a ConnectUS Network Spotlight featuring Labsitters.com, and an art spotlight with Antonio Signorini. To see the full month's program of lectures and events, [see the website here](#).

20th CENTURY - THE MOST BEAUTIFUL INVENTION - SECOND EDITION AT CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA

From 10 February to 14 May La Compagnia presents the second edition of The Most Beautiful Invention: masterpieces of the 20th century in original language (part two) with Italian subtitles. A journey through the history of cinema whose aim is to remind us how unique the experience of seeing a film on the big screen is. Detailed program on the [website](#).

CINEMA AT THE FRENCH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE

From January 16 to May 8, the French Institute in Florence offers every Monday a screening in original version (French) with Italian and/or English subtitles. An inspiring journey through the French film classics. For the complete programme, visit the official [website](#).

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](#).

APRIL WISHES

Let your wishes for the year begin to bloom along with the flowers of Spring.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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CLASSIFIEDS



SALE – San Marco Garden Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished apartment on two levels approx. 500 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 5.000 Sq. Ft.) plus 300 Sq. Mt. (3000 Sq. Ft.) of private garden. 4 bed, 5 bath; autonomous heating, air con., garden.

Asking Price 2,400,000 Euro



SALE – San Niccolo' - Historic Center

First floor, (with elevator), good conditions, approx. 400 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 4000 Sq. Ft.). Several living areas, 3 bed, 4 bath, plus study, gym and cellar. Quiet, natural light, autonomous heating system, Air Con.

Asking Price 1,900,000 Euro



SALE – Costa san Giorgio – Historic Center

Top floor apt, approx. 150 Sq. Mt. (1500 Sq. Ft.) on two levels, 4 bed, 3 bath; quiet, natural light, autonomous heating, views over Florence.

Asking price 890,000 Euro



SALE – San Lorenzo Apt – Historic Center

Third floor, (possible elevator), good conditions, approx. 70 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 700 Sq. Ft.) plus approx 15 Sq. Mt. (150 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 1 bed, 2 bath, plus study. Quiet, natural light, autonomous heating system.

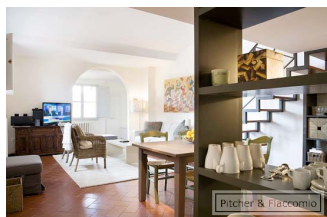
Asking Price 360,000 Euro



SALE – Piazza Azeglio – Historic Center

Second and top floor (possible elevator), refurbished, approx. 140 sq. mt.(1400 Sq. Ft), 2 Bed, study, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking Price 950,000 Euro



SALE – Via Maggio - Historic Center

Top floor, with elevator, refurbished, approx. 65 sq. mt. (650 Sq. Ft), 1 Bed, 1 Bath. Air Conditioning, light and views.

Asking Price 410,000 Euro

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