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WELCOME

It is the month that launches the full events calendar for the summer in Florence, with more to do than we could possibly list! June brings the celebrations of Florence's patron saint, San Giovanni. It is an abundant celebration, with parades, arts and music festival, the "Calcio Storico" historical soccer game, and fireworks. The whole town comes to life! Stay for the festivities, but make sure to also visit the beautiful countryside in Chianti for some wine and music. After a rainy May, it's time to enjoy the sunshine of June. With a massive selection of outdoor bars and music venues opening, there is no lack of choice for ways to enjoy the warm weather in Florence. Soak it all up with an aperol spritz and long sunset walks along the iconic Arno river! With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JUNE

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 Baptistry, 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 P&F RENTAL: A SPACIOUS APARTMENT IN A MODERN ITALIAN STYLE

This renovated apartment has tiled marble floors, underfloor autonomus heating, double glass windows. Modern style with restored old furniture. Situated in a historical building right in the heart of the city. The Palazzo is a two-minute walk from the Duomo cathedral, the Accademia museum which features Michelangelo's David, and numerous other galleries and historical monuments. Five minutes walk in the opposite direction is San Lorenzo with its



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church, food and vegetable market and numerous restaurants and 'trattorie'. 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 TRADITION: CALCIO STORICO, June 1, 2, and 15

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 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 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 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, Toraia, 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](#)!

BEST OF THE REST

THE BEACH IS BACK! 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](#).

PITTI IMMAGINE PRESENTS A SEASON OF FASHION FESTIVALS

PITTI UOMO: June 11-14

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 19-21

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 25-27

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.

BECYCLE: June 26-28

In the days leading up to the 111th Tour de France starting from Florence, the Stazione Leopolda will host BECYCLE, a new project organized and curated by Pitti Immagine and Stazione Leopolda srl, in collaboration with the Municipality of Florence and with the scientific contribution of Toscana Promozione Turistica.

[See more at the Website](#)

VINTAGE SELECTION - FASHION AND ACCESSORIES AT LA FORTEZZA DI BASSO

June 25-27

Come and view vintage clothing, accessories and design objects in an event created by Stazione Leopolda srl Florence. Followed by a large audience of collectors and enthusiasts, Vintage Selection has become an absolute must for cool-hunters and the offices of leading international fashion and style, who come to Florence to search for inspiration for their creative research. [Website](#).

ULTRAVOX OPENS IN ITS NEW LOCATION IN LE CASCINE PARK FOR SUMMER

Now in its new location, just a stone's throw from the Cascine square, in front of the Visarno.

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](#).

TOSCANA PRIDE 2024

With the precise date in June still to be confirmed, this year Lucca will host the TOSCANA PRIDE 2024. After the massive turnout last year in Florence of 50,000 people, it will be expected to be another big 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](#) to see when the date is announced!

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](#).

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. The group will also host meet-ups, feedback sessions and panel discussions about a variety of topics to help Florence's creative community flourish and thrive. The new location will also provide a space for those who are looking for a way to exhibit their work on a short-term basis or to teach individual classes in their medium. [Read more 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

ANSELM KIEFER ON SHOW AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until July

Palazzo Strozzi presents a major exhibition dedicated to one of the greatest masters of the 20th and 21st century art, Anselm Kiefer. The exhibition allows direct contact with the art of the German artist thorough new and historical works that engage in a profound dialogue with the Renaissance architecture of Palazzo Strozzi, including a new work especially created for the palace's internal courtyard. Fallen Angel is a journey that reflects on topics such as identity, history, and philosophy. Through painting, sculpture, installation and photography, Kiefer's art offers deep introspection into the human condition, in a complex weaving of connections between the past, present and future. [Website](#).

ART OF UZBEKISTAN ON SHOW AT PALAZZO PITTI, Until July 27

(From [The Florentine Magazine](#)) Art of Uzbekistan: Avant-garde in the Desert

150 works, mainly paintings on canvas, reveal the flourishing of the avant-garde in Uzbekistan in the early to mid 20th century. Visitors can also explore the Uzbek textile tradition with works on loan from the National Museum in Tashkent and the Savitsky Museum in Nukus. [Website](#).

DIVINA SIMULACRA AT THE GALLERIE DEGLI UFFIZI, Until June

The main statues of the ancient Medici collection are now on display on the ground floor of the Uffizi. The Uffizi's most beautiful ancient statues on display in the rooms of the Vasari Museum: in these spacious rooms, visitors will be able to see and admire them up close, in all their beauty. This is the great exhibition 'Divina Simulacra. Masterpieces of Classical Sculpture from the Gallery'. On display for the first time are individual replicas of classical marble groups that, in the historical setting, are located in different places in the Gallery. [Website](#).

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](#).

DANCE, THEATRE, CINEMA AND MUSIC

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.

SECRET FLORENCE, June 4-16

Secret Florence returns from June 4th to 16th, a strategic project of the Estate Fiorentina (the Florentine Summer), now in its 8th edition. The event, carried out by five internationally active institutions based in the City of Florence's urban area, Fabbrica Europa, Lo schermo dell'arte, Musicus Concentus, Tempo Reale, and Centro di Produzione della Danza Virgilio Sieni, is conceived for a series of scenic spaces that are mostly not previously used or not habitually used by the public, or for well-known spaces that are reinterpreted in surprising ways, where dance, music, art, and cinema performances adapt to the architectural and acoustic characteristics of different places each time. Free initiatives or events at a highly discounted price! [Website](#).

THE SEASON AT VILLA LA PIETRA, PRESENTED BY NYU, Until July 5

New York University Florence proudly announces the 18th edition of The Season at Villa La Pietra, an enchanting summer celebration of creative collaborations set throughout the grounds of the 15th-century villa and its breathtaking gardens. From May 23 through July 5, 2024 World-renowned actors, musicians, scholars, and artists will convene to work collaboratively across disciplines, offering an array of events and performances: exhibitions, readings, classical compositions, concerts, film screenings, dance, and theatrical productions all within this picturesque and culturally vibrant setting. Click [here](#) for the PDF version The Season 2024.

THE 86TH EDITION OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO, Until June 13

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of European musical culture, proposing new and unconventional ideas in regards to classical repertoire and contemporary compositions. The festival showcases two months of programming until June 13th with three operas, Turandot, Jeanne Dark, Tosca, five choral symphonic concerts with the Orchestra and Coro del Maggio conducted by Daniele Gatti and Zubin Mehta, the symphonic concerts of Myung-Whun Chung leading the Maggio team and Riccardo Muti with the Wiener Philharmoniker, a ballet and collaborations with the Fiesole School of Music, the Cherubini Conservatory, the Orchestra of Tuscany, the Italian Youth Orchestra. See the full program [here at the 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](#).

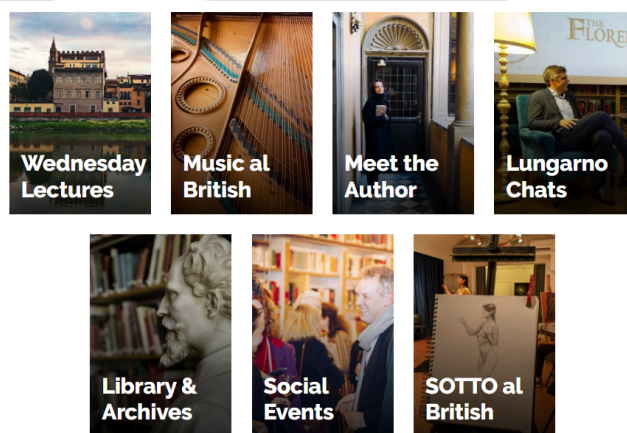
AMICI DELLA MUSICA

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 CULTURAL EVENTS

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. To see the full month’s program of lectures and events, [see the website here](#).



ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW, HAPPY TOGETHER, AND MORE FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AT CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA, June

Cinema La Compagnia presents not only cinema from around the world (premieres, reviews and retrospectives, proposals from the Mediateca archive, author cycles, festivals) but also meetings, conferences, book presentations, lessons for schools and for anyone wanting to know the history of cinema. The program updates every week, so see the website for all the titles coming up! [Website](#).

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.](#)

JUNE WISHES

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

All the best,
The Staff of Pitcher and Flacomio

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

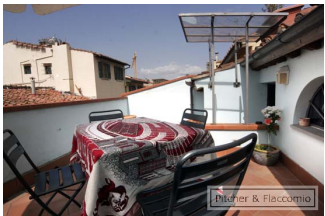
Asking Price 435,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 1,200,000 Euro



SALE – Faenza Apt – Historic Center

Top floor apt. with elevator, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath; quiet, natural light, autonomous heating, quiet.

Asking price 740,000 Euro



SALE - Duomo Attic Apt - Historic Center

Refurbished top floor apt with elevator, approx. 55 Sq. Mt. (approx. 550 Sq. Ft.), plus small loft area. 1 bed, 1 bath; autonomous heating, air con., furnished.

Asking Price 990,000 Euro



SALE – Chianti Farm House - 35 Km South of Florence Farm Complex to be refurbished, approx. 600 Sq. Mt. (approx. 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 – 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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