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WELCOME

The heat wave has arrived... It's time to do as the Italians do, and take every opportunity to go to the seaside, to the shady green hillsides, and of course, to every open terrace or garden with music and aperitivo in the city. Avoid the streets in the heat of the day, but there are still ways to enjoy Florence while escaping the heat! Enjoy airconditioned exhibitions, festival concerts and performances in climate controlled theatres, and spend the cooler evenings outside socialising at the specialty bars and concerts that have popped up all along the Arno river. In case you can't get to the sea, we've included our annual list of all the swimming pools in town so you can always find a place to refresh yourself with a swim! Stay cool and enjoy the summer vibes and entertainment. With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR JULY

BEST EVENT: ESTATE FIORENTINA 2025, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE, Until September

The Estate Fiorentina involves 139 entities, has 121 widespread projects, four special thematic events, nine large festivals, and 14 summer spaces. We are set for a summer of creativity and entertainment! Some of this month's hottest events are:

Apriti Cinema. The most spectacular cinema of the Florentine Summer is back, in a new splendid location, Piazza de' Pitti, with more than 40 free-entry evenings, including previews, guests and great tributes to the cinema of the past.

Sagrati in Musica. These concerts will take place in Florentine churches and basilicas and will be performed by young musicians. The events are free and open to all!

Flo.re Festival. A festival that intertwines art, nature and sustainability in the heart of Florence. Concerts in historical and non-historical locations, talks, workshops for children and cultural itineraries will invite the public to rediscover the harmony between culture and landscape, to experience Florence in a completely new way.

Secret Florence. The project, created by five internationally renowned entities, Fabbrica Europa, Lo Schermo dell'Arte, Musicus Concentus, Tempo Reale and Centro Nazionale per la Danza Virgilio Sieni, is conceived for stage spaces that are mostly unseen or rarely visited by the public, or known spaces reinterpreted in a surprising way, where dance, music, art and cinema performances adapt each time to the architectural and acoustic characteristics of different places.

For the whole program: <http://estatefiorentina.it/>

BEST P&F RENTAL: A SPACIOUS APARTMENT IN A MODERN ITALIAN STYLE, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

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 church, food and vegetable market and numerous restaurants and 'trattorie'. [More photos and information here](#).



BEST SUMMER ACTIVITY: 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. Today the Renaioli boats are ready to carry you along the waters of the Arno river. Contact them directly through whatsapp or by calling the number on their [website](#) to organise your seat on these river boat rides for summer.

THE FLORENTINE MAGAZINE'S LIST OF THE BEST SUMMER HANGOUTS FOR SUMMER 2025

From [The Florentine Magazine](#): Now that the temperatures are rising, outdoor hangouts have popped up all over the place. Here's our roundup of the best spots to escape the city heat at night. Villa Vittoria returns for Florentine summer nightlife, reopening its doors with an established blend of culture and entertainment, plus pizzas in the garden by award-winning pizzaiuolo Romualdo Rizzuti. Taking over Prato della Tinaia in the Cascine park until September, Ultravox is the ultimate summer hotspot for evening entertainment. Food, drinks and live music make Atollo a popular spot for the younger generation along lungarno Aldo Moro. Lumen, near Firenze Rovezzano, is an experiment in urban regeneration through culture... [Read the rest here!](#)

BEST DINING OUT: DAL 23, PASTIFICIO FIRENZE

Opened in mid-September near Piazza della Libertà in Florence, this artisanal pasta factory is both a shop and a restaurant. The heart of Dal 23 is Andrea Bartoli's handmade fresh pasta, which can be purchased to cook at home or enjoyed on site. The menu changes based on the season and the availability of materials selected from local producers, especially from Mugello. "We offer four to six varieties of stuffed pasta every day," explains Bartoli, "such as the classic ricotta and spinach cappelletti or potato tortelli. But we also offer more unusual options, such as squid ink ravioli filled with potatoes and cod or plin with meat stew." Dal 23 also produces vegan pasta such as spaghettoni and caserecce, made with semolina and water, without eggs. [Website](#).

BEST OF THE REST

NIGHTTIME OPENINGS OF THE VASARI CORRIDOR

From [The Florentine Magazine](#): Beginning July 4 and running every Friday evening through December 26 (excluding August 15), the Vasari Corridor, which reopened last December after 8 years, will host special nighttime visits. These guided group tours do not require a ticket to the Uffizi Gallery and offer a rare opportunity to experience the corridor's unique architecture and atmosphere

after dark. Tours run from 7-11pm, with ten slots per group running every 20 minutes. The visit lasts approximately 45 minutes, and full price admission is 20 euro. Advance booking is required either online, via call center, or in person at the museum's ticket office. A maximum of five tickets can be reserved per booking. The tour concludes in piazza Pitti, exiting through the Boboli Gardens via the Rondò di Bacco gate.

MUSART FESTIVAL 2025

From [Destination Florence](#): Musart 2025, the tenth edition (from July 17 to 26, 2025) will take place at the beautiful Medicean Park of Pratolino. Musart is a completely Florentine festival, the result of a blend of music, art, dance, and culture. It returns with its tenth edition (from July 17 to 26, 2025) at the beautiful Medicean Park of Pratolino and this year it will feature Loredana Bertè, Roberto Vecchioni, Nino D'Angelo, Diodato, Giovanni Allevi with the Italian Symphony Orchestra, Gatti Mézzi, and, just announced, Manu Chao. [Read more here](#).

CINEMA IN VILLA: FILMS UNDER THE STARS ON THE TERRACE OF VILLA BARDINI

Cinema in the villa! From July 8th to August 24th the summer arena with a breathtaking view of Florence is back. Films are screened at 9.15pm, with Thursday nights free for families, arthouse films for the dedicated film lovers, original language films, and a 50% discount on admission to the exhibition "Caravaggio and the Twentieth Century. [See the website](#) for the full program and to book tickets.

FLORENCE DANCE FESTIVAL, Until July 24

The 36th edition of the Florence Dance Festival will transform Florence into a stage open to the world, welcoming artists, companies and choreographers from every latitude. A season of shows, encounters and original productions that will unfold between the suggestive Chiostro Maggiore of Santa Maria Novella, the Medici Park of Pratolino and the historical spaces of the Florence Dance Centre, the medieval village of Palazzuolo Sul Senio, in the heart of the city and the Florentine territory. See the whole program at the [website](#).

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](#).

THE SAN NICCOLO TOWER IS OPEN FOR VISITS

The San Niccolò Tower is now open 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

RIVERSIDE 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](#), [Fico' Bistro](#), [Anconella Garden](#), [Festa del Mugello](#), [Habana500](#), [La Limonaia](#), [Villa Vittoria](#), [Fiorina sull'Arno](#), [The Lodge](#), [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. Click their links to see the upcoming events!

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. For more details and tips, check out this article by [The Florentine Magazine](#) as well!

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, Aperi yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays 18.00-19.00. Piscina Gigi Raspini, Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci 24, [Website](#)

Piscina Poggetto-Flog

Ready for the 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 [Website](#)

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

HUMANITAS - LA FORZA DELL'AMORE, THE FORCE OF LOVE, Until August

The Basilica di San Lorenzo complex host's Humanitas - La Forza dell'Amore, which presents Andrea Roggi's monumental bronze sculptures and establishes a connection with the history and spatial setting of the site. The Tree of Life, a favorite subject for the Tuscan artist, is represented in

his works through the union of matter and spirit: his human figures, embracing each other in a synthesis of strength and tenderness, look like tree trunks and their arms, turned towards the sky, become olive branches, while the roots, inserted into the globe, represent the deep and essential bond with nature. You can see the full exhibition using your ticket to visit the San Lorenzo Church complex.

CARAVAGGIO AND THE 20TH CENTURY AT THE VILLA BARDINI, Until July 20

A new exhibition in Villa Bardini allows visitors to admire major masterpieces and previously unpublished material associated with the figures of art historian Roberto Longhi and writer and translator Anna Banti, who “revolutionised” art history with the rediscovery of Caravaggio and Italian art of the 17th century. The exhibition showcases such masterpieces as Caravaggio’s Boy Bitten by a Lizard, Jusepe de Ribera’s Apostles and a moving sequence of ten small Morandis created by the Bologna-born artist and gifted to Roberto Longhi and Anna Banti on various different occasions in the course of their friendship. [Website](#).

TRACEY EMIN, SEX AND SOLITUDE AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until July 20

Palazzo Strozzi in Florence dedicates the largest exhibition ever held in Italy to a provocative and controversial living artist: Tracey Emin. Sex and Solitude. Her first successes date back to the 1990s with works such as The bed or the Tent, which caused a sensation but propelled her into the Olympus of art. Hard hit by the events of life - the latest a devastating tumour - she infuses her works with very physical and bodily aspects such as sex, abortion, illness, thereby linking art to life. All this is expressed in different artistic disciplines, from drawing to painting, from photography to video, made explicit in the exhibition with 60 works. [Website](#).

TIME FOR WOMEN! EMPOWERING VISIONS IN 20 YEARS OF THE MAX MARA ART PRIZE, AT THE STROZZINA, Until August

Palazzo Strozzi and [Collezione Maramotti](#) present Time for Women!, an exhibition celebrating the 20th anniversary of the [Max Mara Art Prize for Women](#), one of the most significant awards dedicated to supporting female-identifying artists, created as a collaboration between Max Mara, Whitechapel Gallery, and Collezione Maramotti. The show will present the works of the nine artists who have won the prize since its inception in 2005: Margaret Salmon (1975, New York), Hannah Rickards (1979, UK), Andrea Büttner (1972, Germany), Laure Prouvost (1978, France), Corin Sworn (1975, UK), Emma Hart (1974, UK), Helen Cammock (1970, UK), Emma Talbot (1969, UK), and Dominique White (1993, UK). [Website](#).

DANCE, THEATRE, AND MUSIC

LIVE MUSIC AT ULTRAVOX IN LE CASCINE PARK

Ultravox Florence is the free-entry summer space of the Cascine Park, promoted by the Municipality of Florence. 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 biggest green space in the city of Florence! See the program of live music [here](#).

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September

Estate Fiesolana 2025, one of the most anticipated cultural events of the Florentine summer, is preparing to celebrate its 78th edition. This event is once again an unmissable opportunity for lovers of theater, music, art and dance. This year's program is very rich with a selection of shows, concerts and performances to satisfy the most diverse tastes. The dates of two international singer-songwriters and guitarists are already on pre-sale: the concert of the multifaceted musician Pippo Pollina (June 14) and the only date in Italy of the Swedish singer-songwriter with Argentine origins, José González (July 12). Have a look at the complete program of Estate Fiesolana 2025 [here](#) and [here](#).

FILMS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING AT LOCAL FLORENCE CINEMAS:

A night at the cinema enjoying a film in our first language is a beloved tradition that we often miss! Many of Florence's cinemas are introducing film screenings in Original Language. Be sure to look for the words "Original Language" or "O.V." or "V.O." (Original Version/Version Originale) when you're looking up film times, to be sure you're getting the right session! Otherwise you will see the film with Italian language audio dubbed over.

GIUNTI ODEON CINEMA: THIS MONTH "F1" WITH ACTOR BRAD PITT

The Odeon is truly a beloved Florence favourite. Once an old cinema, and now a stunning bookshop and cinema with events and restaurant. In the evening at 9:00 PM, the cinema space lights up with screenings in the original language with subtitles and restored versions." [Buy Tickets here](#).

CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA: THIS MONTH "FACES OF A CENTURY – NEWMAN, SELLERS, LEMMON

Three actors who have marked the history of twentieth-century cinema. With the summer program of La Compagnia Cult we celebrate the centenary of the birth of Paul Newman, Peter Sellers and Jack Lemmon with 42 screenings in the original language, and the invitation to rediscover in the theater some of their most memorable interpretations. Cinema La Compagnia is in easy reach on the beautiful Via Cavour, and is home to the best cinema festivals from around the world. [See their program here](#).

SPACE CINEMA: THIS MONTH "F1" THE FILM, STARRING BRAD PITT

Sonny Hayes (Brad Pitt) was the most promising phenomenon of FORMULA 1 in the 90s until an accident on the track almost ended his career. You'll find Space Cinemas on the top floor of the large

San Donato shopping complex, an easy tram ride from the center to the San Donato tram stop. This is the biggest cinema complex in Florence, with multiple screening rooms and films every day. [See their schedule here.](#)

LIFEDRAWING 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.](#)

JULY 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 Flacomio

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CLASSIFIEDS



SALE – Lungarno Apt – Historic Center

Top floor (69 easy steps), listed with the Fine Arts, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (approx. 1400 Sq. Ft.) and 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq.Ft) of terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath, quiet, and centrally located, some works required. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking Price 700,000 Euro



SALE – San Lorenzo Apt – Historic Center

Top floor, with elevator, listed with the Fine Arts, refurbished, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (approx. 1400 Sq. Ft.) and 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq.Ft) of terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath, quiet, and centrally located

Asking Price 730,000 Euro



SALE – Florence Country House– 5 km South of Florence

Free standing stone farm house, approx. 500 sq. mt.(5000 Sq. Ft), plus 1½ hecatere (1.5 acres) of land plus depandance. 6 bed, 5 bath, autonomous heating. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking price 1,900,000 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 – 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 990.000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Loft - Historic Center

Refurbished loft apartment, approx. 180 sq. mt.(1800 Sq. Ft), 2 bed, 3 bath, autonomous heating. Huigh decorated ceilinegs, out door balcony.

Asking Price 1,350,000 Euro

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