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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

After the recent heatwave, the weather has finally cooled to the usual humid summer that we know and love! While the Italians escape to the seaside, stores may be closed but there is plenty to see and do. Relax at the beach on the Arno, enjoy free yoga in La Cascine, and spend your nights under the stars for concerts in Fiesole. We've kept the list of swimming pools for you to check out, and there are exhibits and feasts to keep you busy all across Tuscany. Don't forget the sunscreen and mosquito repellent! With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR AUGUST

BEST EVENT: DON'T MISS THE NEW GENERATION FESTIVAL 2019, August 28-31

Wouldn't it be magical to spend a night at the opera in 1780s Vienna? Or at the greatest club in Harlem during the roaring '20s? Or simply just to have the best night out in the most beautiful city on earth? It would, and you can have it all and more at The New Generation Festival. Four enchanting dates in Florence to rival the magnificent carnivals of the Renaissance. With all-new acoustics, an exquisite dining experience prepared by new generation chefs, and a firmament of rising stars from across the globe, the 2019 New Generation Festival marks the dawn of a whole new golden age. Don't miss the chance to say that you were there. See the [incredible program of events here](#).

BEST P&F RENTAL: A LIGHT AND SPACIOUS APARTMENT ON A QUIET STREET NEAR TO BUSTLING SAN MARCO SQUARE

Via Gustavo Moderna is a very quiet residential street on the periphery of the historic centre of Florence. It is close to public transport and is approx 15 minutes from the Duomo (Florence cathedral) by foot and all the major museums and historical sights. San Marco square with the museum of the Fra Angelico frescos is close by. This square is also a hub for a lot of the municipal buses and being near Florence's University and the Accademia gallery, it is an area filled with coffee bars, restaurants and boutiques of all sorts. Food shopping is further afield in the San Lorenzo area. The apartment has 2 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms with a lovely courtyard for two and dining area for 8. See [more information and photos here](#).



BEST TRADITION: THE FEAST OF SAN LORENZO, August 10

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

BEST THEATRE: FLORENCE LIVE THEATRE PRESENTS ITALIAN THEATRE GREATS IN ENGLISH

Renaissance drama and fine dining with Florence Live Theatre, bringing Italian plays to English-speaking audiences. Combining food, wine, theatre and Renaissance tradition, this is an unforgettable step back in time, recreating the favourite pastime of the Medici family during an [evening of Renaissance drama and fine dining with Florence Live Theatre](#). Available on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm to 9.30pm, have your food served by waiters in Renaissance dress, pouring you the finest Tuscan wine and presenting you with exquisite food in the grand setting of villa Le Piazzole. With its magnificent garden, chapel and frescoes, it's the perfect backdrop to what will unfold. PLAY: Written by the great Italian Renaissance philosopher, Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Mandrake* is sure to delight audiences.

[This exclusive package \(starting from 92 euro\) is available from Destination Florence.](#)

<https://www.florencelivetheatre.com>

BEST CONCERT: ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until August 19

(From: theflorentine.net)

The photos from the first concerts of the Estate Fiesolana are stunning, with big crowds enjoying music under the stars in one of the most evocative locations in Florence. 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. For the full program and tickets, see www.estatefiesolana.it.

BEST HOLIDAY: THE SUMMERTIME FERRAGOSTO NATIONAL HOLIDAY

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

BEST EXHIBITION: TONY CRAGG AT BOBOLI GARDENS, Until October 27

Bright steel geysers stand out against the sky of Florence, bronze stalagmites of prehistoric appearance and gigantic resin flowers sprout out of the gravel and between the hedges, colossal and candid stems, hilly eruptions and elliptical shapes, colossal interweaving of imaginary fossil forests, metal flows that shake, twist and fold, caught in the last soft phase before solidify: Tony Cragg's monumental sculptures offer an unexpected dialogue, between associations and dissonances, with the orderly nature of the Boboli Gardens and the panorama of the city, between their layered, fragile and organized historical fabric and the primordial force of the sculptural material. [More information here.](#)

BEST DINING OUT: L'OSTERIA CUCINA CASALINGA

This is a fantastic new opening that is already blowing up the internet with great reviews. In the super hip via dei neri strip, L'Osteria is serving very traditional Tuscan cuisine of divine quality. Corso Flaccomio himself hasn't stopped raving since his first visit, and he's been back four times already: "The short menu with a choice from 4 starts, 4 pastas, and 4 meat dishes is spectacular. Especially the beef, grilled as a classic steak, but also the grilled galletto, or the scamerita (pork) are all fantastic." Check it out!

L'Osteria - Cucina Casalinga, Via dei Neri, 12r, 50122 Firenze FI , 055 282634

BEST OF THE REST

ESTATE FIORENTINA 2019, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT FLORENCE

May until September

There are 143 projects admitted to Estate Fiorentina, which will unfold over six months. Big names will make this 2019 edition even more unique: from Bolle to Piovani and then The Cure, Francesco De Gregori, Franz Ferdinand, Woody Allen, Eddie Vedder, Ed Sheeran and many others.

The program of events touches every area of art, from literature to music, with particular attention to involving the suburbs and the poorly integrated areas of city life, including the "river areas". The macro-categories are: places, strategic projects, suburbs, music, theater, cinema, performing arts, dance and literature. Look out for Apriti Cinema in the Uffizi Square, the Arena di Marte at the Mandela Forum, the Women's Legacy, the Pocket Cinema, the Genius Loci, the Florence Jazz Festival, the Musart, Secret Florence, the Nextech Festival , the Italian Brass Week and many others.

You can find all the event listings day by day.

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

FREE YOGA CLASSES AT LA CASCINE PARK

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

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

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

OFF BAR RETURNS TO LAGO DEI SIGNI WITH A FULL SEASON OF COCKTAILS, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, CINEMA AND MORE

Just a step away from the boundaries of the historic center, just outside the ZTL, Off Bar opens its doors to its tenth season, presenting a program full of news: concerts and live performances, DJ sets, auteur cinema and the large green lawn where you can relax or dine. This year the food area will be in collaboration with Ichchethai: space for the exotic flavors of street food fusion, ravioli, rolls, Pad Thai and much more on the menu. For lovers of traditional cuisine, here is the new collaboration with Malborghetto, with its famous pizza and many Neapolitan specialties. Mondays the OFF Cinema is confirmed. Tuesdays will be "TueSTAGE": dedicated to live music. Wednesdays: "Dub OFF" by ImmiRoots & Disco Rebel, Reggae music. Thursday evenings, Tropical Animals for fans of clubbing. Friday nights "Aperitivo Sonoro". For Saturday night, "Blu" is born: a real party with dance, disco, trash, rock and Italian music. [More information here.](#)

TORRE DI SAN NICCOLO: CLIMB THE TOWER

Summer is the time that the San Niccolo Tower opens up for visitors. 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: 055/2768224 or info@muse.comune.fi.it

500 YEARS OF THE MEDICI, ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, Until September

The Medici: an ambitious family, grown up between alliances and internal and external struggles for the control of a city state. This year we celebrate two Medici who became princes: Cosimo and Caterina, who were born in the same year: 1519. They were both architects of their own lives thanks to an indomitable spirit forged by raw and violent experiences. Two parallel lives that intersect several times thanks to the strange paths of history and politics, but they have not always been concord meetings. In 2019 more than twenty Florentine institutions - gathered in an Organizing Committee coordinated by the Municipality of Florence with the support of MUS.E - decided to tell these two stories through lectures, exhibitions and events open to the general public in a dense and great program interest. See the [full event calendar here.](#)

THE BEACH IS BACK! EASY LIVING AND POP UP BARS 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. And if the heat is unbearable you can have a refreshing shower at the WC facilities. On the upper part of the beach there is the "Easy Living" kiosk, part restaurant and part bar, for great food and drinks. With DJs and live music events, it becomes the coolest place to be in summer. 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 (just along from our offices!). See you there for those great balmy evenings with a refreshing drink in hand.

#DOMENICOALMUSEO : STATE MUSEUMS FREE FOR EVERYONE, AND CIVIC MUSEUMS FREE FOR RESIDENTS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

On the first Sunday of every month, Florence opens up all of its state and civic museums free for residents of the city, or people born here. Here's a list of the **state museums free to all**: Uffizi, Accademia, Bargello, Medici Chapels, Pitti Palace (all museums), San Marco, Palazzo Davanzati, Medici Villas. And **civic museums free to residents**: Palazzo Vecchio, Arnolfo Tower, Santa Maria Novella, Stefano Bardini Museum, Fondazione Salvatore Romano, Museo del Novecento, Brancacci Chapel in Santa Maria del Carmine. You'll find more information at: www.musefirenze.it

SWIMMING POOLS IN FLORENCE

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

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

Le Pavoniere

The famous swimming pool of La Cascine park, with a restaurant, bar, open air swimming pools, and an outdoor stage for a nightclub set up during the summer nights.

Open Every Day from 10.00 until 18.30

Via della Catena 2, La Cascine park, [Website](#)

La Piscina Goffredo Nannini, Comunale di Bellariva

Three pools to enjoy including a 50m olympic pool, a learning pool, and a play pool, with 3.5 hectares of park, bar, and restaurant for relaxing.

Open Monday to Friday 10.00-18.00, Saturdays, Sundays, Festivi: 09.30-19.00

Lungarno Aldo Moro 6, San Niccolo, [Website](#)

Rari Nantes Florentia

The reopening of the bar and restaurant area means that after the pool you can enjoy parties every night on the Arno! They also program Yoga Dolce: Tuesdays and Fridays 09.00-10.00, Aperiyyoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays 18.00-19.00

Piscina Gigi Raspini, Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci 24, [Website](#)

Piscina Poggetto-Flog

Totally renovated and ready for the 2019 summer! Open every day from 10.00-19.00 up until September.

Via Michele Mercati 24b, Open every day from 10.00-19.00

[Website](#)

La Costoli

An olympic sized swimming pool, two outdoor pools, and a children's pool, all equipped with a bar, snacks for sale, and lots of grass for picnic lunch. The Costoli swimming pool in Campo di Marte will be open to the public until the 31st of August.

Monday: 14.00-18.00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: 10.00-18.00

Viale Pasquale Paoli, Campo di Marte

Firenze Camping in Town

A campsite where you can pay for day access to use their two swimming pools, one for children and one for adults. There is also a restaurant/pizzeria, and all the amenities of the camp site including pool tables and lounging areas.

Via Generale C.A. della Chiesa, 1/3, [Website](#)

B-Side, Virgin Active, and Klab

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

Asmana Wellness World

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

Find the [prices and information here](#).

EXHIBITIONS

MUMMIES: JOURNEY INTO IMMORTALITY AT THE MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO OF FLORENCE, Until February 2020

The leitmotif of the exhibition is the Egyptian concept of life after death and the meaning of the objects that were placed in the tomb with the deceased that, according to Egyptian culture, would have been helpful to them once they reached the afterworld. In order to preserve the body, the Egyptians used the embalming method so as to allow them to reincarnate. The exhibition is divided into two sections: the first one displays artefacts concerning the mummification technique while the second deals with the grave goods that accompanied the deceased on their journey to the afterlife. This last part gathers both the objects with strictly funerary functions, like the ushabti or the offering tables, and the everyday items that were placed in the tomb to recreate the home environment of the deceased, for example furnishings or jewellery. [More information here](#).

MULTISENSORY MUSEUM EXPERIENCE TAKES YOU THROUGH THE SCENTS ANSD

PERFUMES OF FLORENCE IN THE LABORATORY OF LORENZO VILLORESI

(From: LonelyPlanet.com)

Lorenzo Villoresi, the famed Florentine perfume maestro, has opened a 'museum of scent' within his 15th century palazzo which also houses his [atelier](#) and an education centre complete with a secret garden. Over three floors, and across 1000 square metres, Museo Villoresi is divided by themes to create a 'study of the senses' in the heart of Florence. Villoresi is renowned for his bespoke perfumes made in his laboratory nestled within his ancestral family home. The Osmorama room is a library of essences and aromatic materials preserved within a monitored air-conditioned system. Here, visitors can explore over 1000 scents via olfactory booths, an interactive map and original films to understand the complexity of perfume-making. In the Perfume Centre, courses, events and seminars unveil the ancient secrets, myths and legends of perfumery, with the library a research centre and showroom complete with a Conversation Salon to host talks. [Read more here.](#)

IL PRINCIPE DEI SOGNI: JOSEPH IN THE MEDICI TAPESTRIES BY PONTORMO AND BRONZINO AT PALAZZO VECCHIO, Until August 29

The twenty Medici tapestries showing the stories of Joseph and realized by some of the most important Renaissance artists, are home once again after over 100 years. They were commissioned and devised by Cosimo I de' Medici for the Sala dei Duecento in Palazzo Vecchio: the last time they were all exposed together was on the occasion of the Unification of Italy and then split up in the following years. The series of twenty tapestries telling the "Stories of Joseph", made in Florence in the sixteenth century, 1545-1553, for Cosimo I de' Medici, represents one of the highest examples of Renaissance art and craftsmanship. [More information](#)

A SHORT NOVEL ON MEN'S FASHION AT THE PITTI PALACE, Until September 29

The Fondazione Pitti Immagine Discovery presents "A short novel on men's fashion", an exhibit showcasing thirty years of menswear from 1989 to the present as seen through the eyes of Pitti Uomo. Passing through the halls of the Palazzo Pitti Museo della Moda e del Costume one by one, Olivier Saillard will recount the history and evolution of menswear, the intersection of Made in Italy with guest designers, and the fashion talents from the international contemporary scene together with the experiences of leading menswear entrepreneurs. The project is dedicated to the memory of Marco Rivetti, President of Pitti Immagine from 1987 to 1995. [More information.](#)

COSIMO I DE' MEDICI'S ARMY OF LANCERS AT THE UFFIZI, Until September 29

The Gallerie degli Uffizi is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of Cosimo I (1519–74), Florence's first Grand Duke, by devoting a 'triptych' of exhibitions to his memory: "A Hundred Lances for the Prince", ["Weaving a Biography. The 17th century tapestries in honour of Cosimo I"](#) (Hall of the Niches and White Room in the Pitti Palace from 5 June to 29 September) and ["The First Statue for the Boboli Garden. The Peasant Restored"](#) (Hall of the Niches in the Pitti Palace from 5 June to 29 September). The sensational exhibits include what has survived of Cosimo I's own suit of armour, and the splendid armour of Captain Fernberger with the Medici arms embossed on it from the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, in addition to weapons, objects, engravings and portraits.

[More information.](#)

THE COLOURS OF JUDAISM IN ITALY AT THE UFFIZI, Until October 27

The exhibition explores the history of Italy's Jewish community from a novel and highly colourful angle, the art of textiles. Some 140 exhibits, including tapestries, textiles, decorative fabrics, lace work, clothing, paintings and other items of daily or religious use, present the history of Italy's Jewish community for the first time through one of the lesser-known arts, the art of weaving, which has always played a crucial role in the decoration of houses, palazzi and places of worship in the Jewish world, revealing Judaism's care for its traditions but also its joyful, colourful side that is so rich in symbols. The exhibition also shines the spotlight on the Jewish people's intercultural and international character, thanks primarily to the outstanding variety of the textiles' motifs, where colour often predominates in a dazzling way. [More information.](#)

DANCE STEPS. ISADORA DUNCAN AT VILLA BARDINI, Until September 22

Isadora Duncan and the figurative arts in Italy between the nineteenth century and the avant-garde. The first Italian exhibition dedicated to the American dancer Isadora Duncan and her relationship with the Italian figurative arts will host about 170 pieces set on two floors of Villa Bardini and a special section dedicated to large sculptures on display at the Stefano Bardini Museum. By turning her back on romantic ballet, which for centuries had been considered to be the only acceptable dance form, Isadora paved the way for dancers to freely develop their own techniques and unique style. Strong-willed and rebellious against every social norm, she was known for moving about in flowy garments and with bare feet in order to make energetic contact with the earth. A central theme in the exhibition is the liberation of the female body, as inspired by models from the archaeological and classical world. Almost 170 paintings, sculptures and other original documents, including never-before-seen photographs, retrace her links to Italy and its artists. [More information here.](#)

TRAJAN'S COLUMN AT BOBOLI GARDENS, Until October 6

(from: visitflorence.com)

The exhibition allows visitors to track the journey of the huge marble blocks that make up the column from the quarries in Luni at an altitude of 800 metres to the Portus Romae – a voyage of some 200 nautical miles – and from there up the Tiber to the heart of the imperial capital. Designed to celebrate Emperor Trajan's military victories in Dacia, the column is also a monument to the technological and building skills of the Roman world.

DANCE AND THEATRE

FLORENCE DANCE FESTIVAL, 30 YEARS FLORENTINE, Until August 3

We welcome the Florence Dance & Performing Arts Festival, a sensory journey through music, dance, theater and multimedia that manifests in defining the year zero "Classical Novella ... between tradition and modernity". An event in the heart of Florence Summer, where citizenship, but also the

citizens of the world, can experience the Cloister of Santa Maria Novella and its adjoining spaces, at different times of the day, enjoying a full immersion experience in the art of Performance. The Florence Dance Festival, celebrating its 30th season, this year continues in an exemplary way to keep the art of dance in the foreground, making it more accessible and close to the public.

[Information and tickets here.](#)

FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

APRITI CINEMA RETURNS TO THE UFFIZI COURTYARD FOR A SUMMER SEASON, Until August 8

Enjoy cinema under the stars in the breathtaking courtyard of the Uffizi! A total of 46 films, in the original language, subtitled in Italian and English, which enrich the cultural proposal of the Florentine summer nights, in particular the historic center, where Italian and international tourist flows are concentrated. Apriti Cinema, the summer cinema arena organized by the Quelli dell'Alfieri association, presents a program curated by Quelli della Compagnia of Fondazione Sistema Toscana, in collaboration and with the support of the Uffizi Galleries, and included in the program of the Florentine Summer of the Municipality of Florence. [See the program here.](#)

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS: ODEON CINEMA

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. The theatre will be closed for most of August for the summer break, but re-opens on the 28th of August with screenings of **The Lion King**. [See the website here.](#)

MUSIC

COCKTAILS AND A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC AT GILÓ PIANO BAR

This is a tip for a gorgeous spot to take a pre-dinner, with dinner, or post-dinner cocktail while listening to smooth live piano. Giló is decked out in stunning art decor style, and the drinks by Mario are exceptional. Intimate and luxurious, it's like stepping back in time to another world. You wouldn't be startled to find the ghost of Hemmingway sipping a martini in the corner, such is the atmosphere. Wonderful musicians including Gabeiele Moresco, Simoni Ermini, and Andrea Caciollo keep the music and charm flowing throughout the evening. See their [website](#) for more details. Via dei Fossi, 44r.

NIGHTS OF MUSIC AT THE AUDITORIUM DI SANTO STEFANO AL PONTE VECCHIO

Enjoy a wonderful concert at Auditorium Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio, located in the Piazza Santo Stefano just a few steps from Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria. *Before selected concerts*, indulge in Tuscan cuisine between the 18th-century walls of Guelfi and Ghibellini Restaurant at

Relais Santa Croce in the heart of Florence.

OUR PICK FOR THE MONTH: [Vivaldi's Four Seasons](#)

The Firenze Academy Ensemble will perform Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' in the wonderful atmosphere of the Auditorium di Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio. The program opens with an 'Air' by Bach and Mozart's famous 'A Little Night Music'.

[See the whole program for the Auditorium here.](#)

CLASSICAL CONCERTS AND OPERA AT ST MARK'S CHURCH, INCLUDING SPECIAL ITALIAN DINNER ON SELECTED DATES

In the beautiful and intimate setting of St Mark's Church, the performances are complete operas, apart from one or two slight adaptations to suit the intimate setting. They also have a full Cultural Program that runs throughout the year - a very special place to visit while in Florence.

This month's program includes: **Love Duets.** [See the complete schedule here](#)

OPERA AND CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH DINNERS AT THE ICONIC CHIESA DI SANTA MONICA, FIRENZE, Various dates

Situated in the heart of Florence, between the San Frediano and San Spirito districts, the 15th-century Church of Santa Monaca offers an intimate and attractive location for classical music and opera performances. Enjoy a wonderful program of Opera, Classical Music, and Concert events, often pairing the evenings with Tuscan styled dinner at a nearby restaurant. The program for this month includes: **Italian, Romantic, and Classic Italian Opera Selections**

[More information, including dinner menus and ticket bookings](#)

EXHIBITIONS OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

OPEN SECRETS BY RACHEL HOVNIANIAN SHOWING AT PALAZZO MEDICEO IN SERAVEZZA, Until September 15

(From: theflorentine.net)

Towards Forte dei Marmi, in the north of Tuscany, lies this beautiful 16th-century Medici villa that will play host this summer to New York artist Rachel Hovnanian's work. The exhibition spans ten years and includes 14 pieces that combine paintings, sculptures, interactive installations, works on paper and video. *Open Secrets* engages with ubiquitous yet nuanced notions of narcissism, obsession and intimacy, and society's alienating addiction to modern technology. Open daily from 5pm to 11pm, Palazzo Mediceo di Seravezza, viale Leonetto Amedei 230, Seravezza

EXHIBITIONS AT SANTA MARIA DELLA SCALA IN SIENA

EFFETTO ARAKI, Until September 30

A major new exhibition devoted to Japanese photographer Nobuyoshi Araki. Siena celebrates the great Japanese photographer with a selection of 2200 pictures spanning a career of more than 50 years. The exhibition, organized by the Santa Maria della Scala with the support of Opera-Civita, is curated by Filippo Maggia, showcases photographs from over twenty series taken by Araki from the early 1960s to the present day.

MUSICA SCOLPITA, Until August 29

The MUSICA SCOLPITA. INTERPRETAZIONE TRIDIMENSIONALE DI "MOVIMENTI" BAROCCHI project was born from the desire to make the photographic heritage, preserved in the Fototeca Giuliano Briganti, interact with the production of some local artists : the students of the Section of Three-dimensional Figurative Arts of the State Art School "Duccio di Buoninsegna". The title of the exhibition embodies the main theme of the exhibition, which is the sculptural interpretation of two-dimensional musical "movements".

More information [here at the website](#).

THE BEST OF CONTEMPORARY ART AT GALLERIA CONTINUA IN SAN GIMIGNANO

A contemporary and international art gallery in the heart of Tuscany. Galleria Continua opened in San Gimignano (Italy) in 1990. Occupying a former cinema, Galleria Continua established itself and thrived in an entirely unexpected location, away from the big cities and the ultramodern urban centres, in a town - San Gimignano - steeped in history, timeless, magnificent. Current Exhibitions:

BERLINDE DE BRUYCKERE Until September 1

"A single bed, a single room". The exhibition presents a series of works created specifically for the gallery's 'apartment' space: objects that speak of the bare necessities of human life are entwined with wax casts of broken down trees.

MICHELANGELO PISTOLETTO AND PASCALE MARTHINE TAYOU Until September 1

Both Pistoletto and Tayou are open to dialogue and exchange. Their works are testament to a process of continual expansion and evolution, aimed at refreshing the point of contact between the artistic experience and the external world.

SUN YUAN AND PENG YU Until September 1

[More information here](#)

LUIGI PECCI CONTEMPORARY ART CENTRE, PRATO

Since opening in 1988, the Luigi Pecci Contemporary Art Centre has built a collection of over 1000 works which map artistic trends from the 'sixties up to the present day: painting, sculpture, cinema and video, installations, works on paper, artist books, photographs, graphic art, applied arts and commissioned projects. [More information here](#).

VOLAREARTE AT PISA AIRPORT: NOW IN ITS THIRD YEAR

Until 2019

(From discovertuscan.com)

“Well into the third edition of this initiative by the Henraux Foundation together with the Tuscany Airports, you will find a collection of 9 sculptures from Park Eun Sun gracing the Pisa airport.

This renowned Korean artist, a long time resident of Versilia, arrived in Italy to satisfy his desire to work with Apuane marbles. His artwork, known on an international level, is remarkable for the pure geometric forms composed of bi-color slabs of marble.”

Galileo Galilei Airport, Pisa

FUN, FESTIVALS AND FOOD OUTSIDE OF FLORENCE

Here we put **just a taste** of the many, many events that are happening all throughout the beautiful villages of Tuscany - brought to you from our wonderful friends at [Discover Tuscany](#). With so much to choose from, they have divided this month into a few separate calendars so they can list more activities and so you can focus on what interest you the most: [Medieval Fairs](#), [Sagras and Food Festivals](#), [Florence City](#), [Music Festivals](#), [Exhibits](#). See the full list of [special events for August here](#).

PALIO OF SIENA, August 16

One of the most popular events in Siena! Offering endless emotions to both visitors and spectators alike. Horses must run three laps around the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, the first one arriving at the finish line (even without his jockey!) wins the race. [Read our article](#) which offers useful tips for anyone interested in attending and visiting Siena on these occasions.

BRAVIO DELLE BOTTI IN MONTEPULCIANO, Last Sunday of August

Traditional games that play with their winemaking tradition! The exciting race takes place along the tiny, steep streets of the village between the 8 contrade (districts) and whoever is the fastest to push their heavy wooden wine barrel (called botti in Italian) along the uphill streets of the historical center to the finish line in front of the Duomo in Piazza Grande wins *the Bravio* (a painted banner depicting the patron saint). [Read here](#) for more detailed information.

64th FESTIVAL PUCCINI AT TORRE DEL LAGO, July-August

Bringing music, food, and culture together. A deep love lasting over thirty years linked Giacomo Puccini to the charming hamlet of Torre del Lago, which, after his death, was renamed Torre del Lago Puccini to the pride of all its inhabitants. The Puccini Festival in Torre del Lago is the only Festival in the world fully dedicated to the composer Giacomo Puccini. It takes place every summer during the months of July and August, in the very places that inspired Maestro Puccini's immortal melodies. [2019 Program](#)

SAGRA DEL TARTUFO AT CHIUSU DELLA VERNA, August 14 - 18

Truffles in every imaginable way. This local specialty heralds from Chiusi della Verna in the province of Arezzo and in the hills of Casentino. It is a culinary specialty which will delight your taste buds for sure. Check the calendar for lunch and dinner times, no reservation needed - just a hefty appetite. Click [here](#) for the menu and hours

SAGRA DEL TORTELLO ALLA LASTRA AT COREZZO, August 12-14

This is absolutely not to be missed if you are in Casentino in August - every year on the same dates, so make plans next year for this local delicacy. Tasty super-sized potato-filled ravioli were traditionally cooked on a heated stone but now they are grilled on a "lastra" or sheet of heated metal ... definitely one of a kind! Click [here](#) for the program

AUGUST WISHES

Let the sun fill you with energy, as the piazzas bustle with life and the nights ring out with music. We hope you get to enjoy the seaside and a small summer break in the tradition of Italy.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Tornabuoni Attic – Historic Center

Top floor with elevator, refurbished, 180 Sq. Mt. (aprox 1800 Sq. Ft.), plus 25 Sq. Mt. (250 Sq.Ft.) of terrace. 3 Bed, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating, air conditioning, views and sunny.

Asking price 2,000,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito Attic – Historic Center

Top floor with elevator, refurbished, approx. 65 Sq. Mt. (650 Sq. Ft.). 1 bed (possible second small bedroom), 1 bath; quiet, natural light, views

Asking Price 410,000 Euro



SALE – Santa Croce – Historic Center

Refurbished first and top floor with elevator, approx. 130 Sq. Mt. (1300 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 3 bath; autonomous heating, air conditioning, high ceilings.

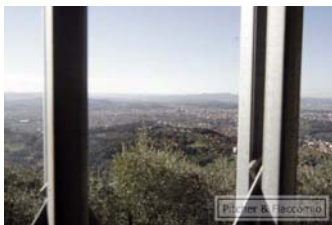
Asking Price 980,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

First and top floor, listed with the Fine Arts, refurbished, approx. 120 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1200 Sq. Ft.). 2 bed, 3 bath plus study on loft; quiet, high decorated ceilings, autonomous heating and centrally located.

Asking Price 980,000 Euro



SALE – Fiesole Apt with Florence views – 3 km from Florence

Ground floor apt. to be refurbished, approx. 110 Sq. Mt. (1100 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 10 Sq. Mt. (100 Sq. Ft.) of out door space. 2 bed, 2 bath; quiet, natural light, superb views over all Florence.

Asking Price 620,000 Euro



SALE – Tornabuoni Attic – Historic Center

Third floor, refurbished, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.) plus 50 Sq. Mt. (500 Sq. Ft.) of private terrace. 3 bed, 2 bath; nice small building, natural light out door space

Asking Price 990,000 Euro



SALE – via Ginori – Historic Center

Top floor, in good conditions, approx. 120 sq. mt.(1200 Sq. Ft), plus approx 15 Sq.Mt. (150 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 3 Bed, 3 Bath. Autonomous heating.

Asking Price 640,000 Euro