

# RENT, SELL AND MANAGE PROPERTIES IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

# WELCOME

Italy has done an exceptional job with their response to the coronavirus outbreak, and now there is a slight easing in our way of life here in Florence. Our rewards include a taste of summer life, the chance to enjoy restaurants and events that are mostly held outdoors, while continuing to respect the stricter regulations for indoor shopping and events. The open borders mean that Florence and Tuscany are seeing many visitors from across the EU, and, despite the heatwave we are currently fanning ourselves through, we are happy to be breathing just a little easier! Italians continue to wear their masks and wash their hands, but our commitment to protocols and social distancing is no longer preventing us from also having a modest summer social life. We hope that you'll visit us soon to relax beneath the stars on these balmy summer nights, with warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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# BEST EVENT: DON'T MISS THE NEW GENERATION FESTIVAL, REGENERATION 2020, August 26-29

(From: feelflorence.it)

The ReGeneration Festival #ReGen is an unprecedented four-day programme of socially-distanced concerts and productions running from 26 to 29 August at the Boboli Gardens in Florence - which will be offered to audiences **entirely for free**. ReGen is a festival of hope given by hundreds of rising new generation artists and creatives to demonstrate the restorative power of the Arts. See the incredible program of events here.

# BEST P&F RENTAL: A SPACIOUS AND LUMINOUS APARTMENT WITH A BALCONY IN A TRANQUIL RESIDENTIAL AREA

Outside the historic centre near the avenues that were constructed on the site of the ancient city walls, in the area called Statuto near the Fortezza da Basso. The area is predominantly residential with supermarkets and shops, gelaterie, restaurants and a daily open air market, plus a monthly antique market in the garden of the Fortezza. Sleeps 4+3 people across two bedrooms with two bathrooms, a living room and separate kitchen/dining room. See more photos and information here.



#### BEST EXHIBITION: FREE VISITS TO THE MUSEO GALILEO!

(From: feelflorence.it)

Throughout the month of August, the Museo Galileo offers the opportunity to take part in free special visits to discover the unique collections of the Medici and Lorraine families, thanks to the valuable assistance of a museum's English mother tongue expert. Along the guided tour, visitors will also be able to participate in several demonstrations on pneumatics, electricity and physics, that are performed with replicas of scientific instruments. Tours for adults and children. See more at the website.

# BEST CONCERT: ST MARKS CHURCH MOVES THEIR ICONIC OPERA PROGRAM OUTDOORS TO LA LIMONAIA FOR OPERA UNDER THE STARS

(From: feelflorence.it)

In the context of the Festival Opera under the stars, the Compagnia d'Opera Italiana of Florence will perform with great enthusiasm a number of stunning operas so that live music will resonate in

beautiful Florence after the long silence of the last months! The program for August includes La Boheme and Madama Butterfly. Buy your tickets here.

### **BEST PARTY: SUMMER AT LIMONAIA, All month**

(From: <u>feelflorence.it</u>)

The Limonaia opens **every day** with an eventful summer program and a comfortable food & beverage area! **Live music**, art performances, **entertainment for children** and a Sunday lunch just for families. The food area is available throughout the evening from 19:00 to 23:30. This coming week's events:

Saturday, August 1: SupportYourLocal Summerset @La Limonaia
Sunday, August 2: Lemon Family • Solo Musica Italiana • Free Entry
Sunday, August 2: La bohème - 2 agosto 2020, Limonaia di Villa Strozzi
Monday, August 3: Non ci resta che piangere / Limonaia Cinema - Free Entry

Every Thursday: Amphitheater Yoga • La Limonaia & Amphitheater Summer Swing

You can see all the rest of the events for the month announced <u>here!</u>

La Limonaia - Via Pisana 77, Florence, Info and table reservations, Whatsapp: 379.1246227

email: lalimonaiastrozzi@gmail.com, web: www.lalimonaiastrozzi.it

# BEST DINING OUT: TAKE YOUR PICK FROM GIRL IN FLORENCE'S ANNUAL WHERE TO EAT IN AUGUST LIST

"Many shops/restaurants adjust their hours in Florence during this period so visitors can be disappointed easily if their favorite Osteria has decided to hang a "sono al mare" sign on their window until September 1st. I don't have to tell you but I'm going to tell you that this year that might not be the case. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has ensured that not only is it harder to go on holiday when you've already taken yours during the lockdown, but you need funds too. Businesses are hurting tremendously right now so if you see them closed, it might not be because they've decided that a mountain escape was in order but because it might be too expensive for them to reopen with such a reduced number of guests. Basically they need your support. In honor of helping us all enjoy summer in Florence, here are a list of restaurants, divided by neighborhood, open during this period."

# BEST OF THE REST

### E...STATE AL FORTE, SUMMERLONG FESTIVAL AT FORTE BELVEDERE

(From: feelflorence.it)

A summer full of appointments and lots of fun on the most beautiful panoramic terrace in the city. After the awaited reopening of Forte Belvedere, here is the new edition of meetings and events; a kermesse of appointments hosted at the two beautiful panoramic terraces of the Fortress. Theatre, music, magic, fun for the aperitif while admiring one of the most spectacular sunsets by the Bar

Caffeteria del Forte. Thanks to the efforts of the Municipality of Florence the entrance to the Medici Fortress is free and will be open until October 11. For the 2020 season, the cafeteria of the Fortress, has also thought to establish the tradition of the so-called suspended coffee, a small daily gesture to give a smile to an all-Italian practice that was born during the Second World War in a period hit by a strong economic crisis. See this month's concerts at the website.

# HEALING PROPERTIES OF PLANTS: A PERFORMANCE INSTALLATION AT VILLA ROMANA, August 3

Presented by Emily Wisniewski (artist), Mikaela Wisniewski and Nicholas Herring Herman (dancer). An artistic project focused on the theme of our connection with nature and in particular of our reliance on plants and their healing properties. The artist connects plant figures and people, highlighting the interdependence of their relationship. Recognizing the connection between photosynthesis and respiration and the mutually beneficial relationship that takes place within ecosystems, Emily has created a project that includes other beings, both human and vegetable. It was inspired by the movement of two dancers who used their talent as artists and performers to get in touch with plants through choreography, dance and breathing. This group of artists pays homage to plants used in scientific research to fight viruses such as HIV, EBOLA, SARS and COVID 19; their contents and properties have been used by scientists for our healing and our health. Event page here.

#### NIGHTS OUT ALONG THE RIVER AT INSTABILE - CULTURE IN MOVIMENTO

InStabile is Florence's newest cultural space, a beautiful outdoor space where you can find theatre, circus, music, and all kinds of live performance events. They are also open every day for aperitivo all'aperto during the summer season. A wonderful place to meet during the summer while respecting all the covid guidelines. Well worth the trip just slightly out of town! Their summer program features a lot of gorgeous live music for the balmy evenings, so <u>check out their page here</u> for all the events! Open daily from 18:00-02:00, Via della Funga 27, 50136 Florence, Italy

# CENE IN VIGNA, SUMMER VINEYARD DINNER SERIES AT QUERCETO DI CASTELLINA

We look forward to these memorable evenings at Querceto every year and will be welcoming everyone back to wine and dine among the vines once again. This year we're thrilled to have the brilliant team from Ristorante Albergaccio di Castellina lend their culinary skills to these evenings in our Livia white wine vineyard. Albergaccio will be crafting a new menu for each dinner. Rest assured proper social distancing and COVID preventative measures will be maintained so everyone can enjoy this unique dining experience with peace of mind and tranquility.

Event page and menu here.

### THE NEW CHIMNEY GARDEN AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI

Summer opening for the Manifattura Tabacchi with the new layout of the Cortile della Ciminiera, which has become a temporary garden open to the public with a summer program (24 June - 13 September) of activities inspired by a renewed relationship between the spaces of Manifattura

Tabacchi and nature. The Ciminiera Garden is a new green space designed by landscape architect Antonio Perazzi, with a project that transforms the courtyard into a temporary garden where the public is free to interact with trees, plants, flowers and ponds. A new naturalized space for appointments with art, live music and outdoor cinema. Manifattura Tabacchi reopens in compliance with the containment and management protocols of the epidemiological emergency by COVID-19. Visitors will be subjected to temperature measurement and counting at the entrance. More information here.

# SATURDAY NIGHT JAZZ UNDER THE STARS AT THE CONVENTINO CAFFE LETTERARIO FIRENZE, Every Saturday

To celebrate the reopening of the spaces of the Conventino to the public, we have kicked off a series of events which see the fantastic live performance of the Harry's Jazz combo trio during aperitivo hour. Come and soak up the wine and sounds from 19.30-21.30 each week! Event page here.

# THE FLORENTINE'S SUMMER EDITION, SUMMERIZING, IS OUT NOW IN LOCATIONS ACROSS FLORENCE OR BY SUBSCRIPTION ONLINE!

The war is over. These four words sum up the mood in Florence as we go to press with this **Summer Issue of** *The Florentine*. Locals and European returners chat in piazzas splashed with greenery and secret gardens unfurl their bowers for the long, balmy summer of 2020. Carefree but careful, this is an Italian pause in the pandemic. Read all about it here and if you're ready to dive in, Subscribe now to have the edition sent to your home, in print or digitally, wherever you are in the world. Out on July 2, 2020.

# SHOP FLORENCE ONLINE WITH THE BEST ARTISANS IN TOWN, PRESENTED BY CREATIVE PEOPLE IN FLORENCE

Here at CPiF we have an amazing community of artists, designers, and creative people of all kinds! We want to share them with you and let the world know who they are. From its inception, the main goal of Creative People in Florence has always been to promote collaboration and support independent contemporary artists, artisans, and designers in our historic city. In the midst of the current situation in Italy, now more than ever is the time to support small creative businesses. Below is a list of some of the best our city has to offer. Please be sure to follow their social media channels—it helps more than you know! Check back often as the list will continue to grow. See the full list here!

# **SWIMMING POOLS IN FLORENCE**

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

Yes, we can confirm that even with the coronavirus restrictions, there are still some pools open and accessible around town to help relieve the summer heat! All of them have special measures in place to ensure safety, such as obligatory advance booking in most places, identity document required for

entry, no dressing room access (come in your swimming costume under your clothes!), social distancing, reduced entry numbers, and masks required in all indoor areas. 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, with hours that vary slightly between 9.30am and 19.30pm. 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! Piscina Gigi Raspini, Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci 24, Website

# Piscina Poggetto-Flog

Ready for the 2020 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 equiped with a bar, snacks for sale, and lots of grass for picnic lunch. Monday: 14.00-18.00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: 10.00-18.00, Giovedi-Sabato 10.00-20.00, 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, ½, 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**

### THE WOLVES ARE HERE, INSTALLATION BY LIU RUOWANG

(From: <u>feelflorence.it</u>)

Love them or hate them, the wolves have descended. Packs of iron wolves are invading Florence! It's "Wolves are coming", monumental installation by Liu Ruowang, set right in front of two Renaissance symbol-buildings: Pitti Palace and Spedale degli Innocenti, starting point for a double confrontation. The pack of wolves (a hundred iron elements) threatening the powerless warrior is an allegory of nature's response to the devastation and predatory behaviour of man on the one hand, and it is a criticism of the values of civilization on the other one. The project was conceived on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations between the Italian Republic and the People's Republic of China. More information here.

#### THE MUSEO NOVECENTO EXHIBITIONS REOPEN

(From: <u>feelflorence.it</u>)

From June 2nd the Museo Novecento reopens with its contemporary art exhibitions: a retrospective exhibition on Allan Kaprov with 40 works on paper and canvas that tell the story of his debut, the new appointment with the cycle SOLO dedicated to the figure of Mario Mafai and the cycle DUEL dedicated to Francesca Banchelli. Finally, the fifth edition of Campo Aperto, this time dedicated to the artist Emanuele Becheri, whose sculptures will be displayed throughout the museum.

# ALLAN KAPROV - I will always be a painter - of sorts

A retrospective exhibition about the great artist with 40 works on paper and canvas narrating his debut.

## SOLO - Mario Mafai. Works from Collezione Alberto della Ragione

The protagonist of the cycle SOLO is this time Mario Mafai (Rome 1902-1956) in his works among views of Rome, recurring subjects dear to him like flowers, his association with other artists and his political and social commitment during the years of the Nazi-Fascist dictatorship.

### DUEL - Francesca Banchelli. I cani silenziosi se ne vanno via.

Farncesca Banchelli's first solo exhibition in an Italian museum in which the theme of the Fugitives dialogues with that of the Apocalypse by Scipione (1930) in the sign of epochal change.

More details at the website.

# TOMÁS SARACENO AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until November 1

A visionary artist whose multidisciplinary practice encompasses art, social and life sciences, Tomás Saraceno creates immersive works and participatory experiences that suggest a new way of living in our world by forging connections with such non-human phenomena as spiders, dust particles and plants, which become players in his works and metaphors of the universe. As his work unfolds along a path from the courtyard to the exhibition halls of Palazzo Strozzi, Saraceno interacts with the historical context by creating an original dialogue between the Renaissance and the contemporary world – a shift from the idea of 'man at the centre of the world' to the concept of 'man as part of a

universe' in which a new harmony can be sought. More information here.

## STORIES OF PAINTED PAGES, AT PALAZZO PITTI, Until October 4

(from: theflorentine.net)

Thieves and leaves (of paper!) come to **Palazzo Pitti** for this discovery-filled collection of precious volumes and miniatures stolen and then recovered by the Carabinieri art department. The stories behind the police force's investigation into the works accompany each treasured object as the 40 exhibits become characters in their own crime thriller, which also maps the history of book production in Italy. Art historians and graduates from the University of Florence are behind the show, with the expertise of Professor Sonia Chiodo. Accompanying the exhibition are interactive illustrations by Vanna Vinci created with touch technology, making real the places and main characters of these fascinating stories that cause us to reflect on people's respect (or lack of it) for culture. Open from 8.30am-1.30pm, entrance is included in Palazzo Pitti tickets. See <a href="here">here</a> for more details. Sala delle Nicchie, Palazzo Pitti

# GIOVANNA GARZONI, THE IMMENSITY OF THE UNIVERSE, ON SHOW AT PALAZZO PITTI, (from: theflorentine.net)

A nature-based exhibition to check out this June is *The Immensity of the Universe in the Art of Giovanna Garzoni*. Hosted in the Andito degli Angiolini space at **Palazzo Pitti**, which reopens on May 28, the show encompasses 100 floral compositions, still lives and miniatures by the Baroque, Marche-born painter friend of Artemisia Gentileschi. The show has been curated by Sheila Barker of The Medici Archive Project and the Advancing Women Artists foundation is running a <u>challenge</u> to inspire the creation of contemporary art based on Garzoni's oeuvre. <u>Read more here</u>.

### INDISPENSIBALI INFERMIERI AT SANTA MARIA NUOVA HOSPITAL, Until December

A multimedia exhibition with extraordinary images taken by the photojournalist Massimo Sestini during the emergency at the Santa Maria Nuova hospital, inaugurated at Palazzo Vecchio. The great photojournalist Massimo Sestini, winner of the World Press Photo in 2015, shot for five days and five nights in the Covid departments of the Santa Maria Nuova Hospital in Florence. The result is "Indispensabili Infermieri", an exciting work that pays homage to this fundamental profession for both doctors and patients. The exhibition remains set up until December inside Santa Maria Nuova Hospital. More information here.

# DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

# LIVE MUSIC TO LIVEN UP THE HOT SUMMER NIGHTS AT LE MURATE, Through

August, (From: <u>feelflorence.it</u>)

PEYMAN SALIMI, August 6

Peyman Salimi after a long experience with the Florentine rock band Allophones, is already on his

second solo album - "Won Now" in which guitar and vocals are added to some electronic elements, the result of his studies in electroacoustic composition.

# Via del Campo Duo, August 22

Riccardo Mori and Davide Cammelli from the band "Via del Campo" live concert.

### **ZARLINGO TRIO, August 28**

Zarlingo Trio, born from the quintet "Ragazzi Scimmia", is live at Le Murate.

### Marco di Maggio Duo, August 28

Rock'n roll and Rockabilly night!

# SINEDADES, August 29

Sinedades play original songs, where Latin rhythms from Brazil, Argentina and Africa meet Jazz harmony and Pop vibes

Free entrance with more information here at the website.

### LIVE: INESTI JAZZ, TUESDAY NIGHTS AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI

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to. Operation with which it grows on a plant, in order to form a new, more valuable or more productive or younger individual.

Every jazz musician has a long lineage descending from a mestizo story made of contaminations and influences that are the result of encounters and mergers, which sometimes happen deliberately and sometimes by mistake but that make him the individual he is today. This series of concerts offers us a broad view of how different grafts have been obtained and can still be obtained with the great plant of jazz and a great example of how crossings have always produced evolution and improvement of the species in history. Free entry, but seats are limited so reserve your place now at <a href="EventBrite">EventBrite</a> or find More Information here.

# LIVE: #SUPPORTYOURLOCAL SUMMER SET EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI FROM 10PM-1AM

After months of forced stop, we are happy to announce that #SupportYourLocal is back! We are returning in summer form, in line with the times that we are experiencing, but with the same desire as always to be together, to make Music, Art and Community!

#SupportYourLocalSummerSet is a series of summer events in which we will experience sound journeys guided by the musical worlds of top DJs. Every Saturday in Summer 2020 we will be there to keep you and keep you company inside the splendid square of the Tobacco Factory. The DJs will be in the console from 22:00 to 1:00 at night. It starts this Tuesday 30 June, with: Interstellar Cat aka Tancredi Ricci. See the whole line up here.

# ONLINE: CURATED PERFORMANCES AND CONCERTS STREAMING THROUGH THE FIRENZE TV CHANNEL ON YOUTUBE

This is THE channel for theater, music, art, culture of Florence and for Florence! This project is the response to the call by Councilor for Culture and President of the Teatro della Toscana Tommaso Sacchi Foundation to bring the centers of art and culture to life despite the moment of silence and necessary closure to safeguard public health. An open and shared forum to which all Florentine theaters and local artists can contribute. Find an incredible selection of Florence's best live art, music, performance, dance, and more live on the web, bringing culture directly to the spectators' home. Supporting #iorestoacasa! Sign up for the channel here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/firenzetv">https://tinyurl.com/firenzetv</a>

# FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

### **CINEMA IN MANIFATTURA, Until September**

For the summer, the Stensen Cinema moves to Manifattura Tabacchi with original and topical films, introduced by guests, experts, and themed talks. Twice a week the screenings (beginning at 9.15 pm) will be introduced by in-depth talks (at 7.30 pm) on current issues, scenarios for possible alternative futures, reflections on creativity and on the contemporary, all happening in the Chimney Garden. The program is curated by the Stensen Foundation, in collaboration with the Accademia della Crusca, il Festival dei Popoli, la Società Psicoanalitica Italiana, In fuga dalla bocciofila. The massive film schedule is listed here at their event page.

### PIU COMPAGNIA, VIRTUAL THEATRE BY THE REGIONE TOSCANA

Più Compagnia is the new virtual theatre, unique of its kind in Italy, with a programme rich in literature, theatre, music and dance events, a project by the Fondazione Sistema Toscana and the Regione Toscana. Not a simple streaming platform, but a virtual room where the user can choose its contents, hours and prices. Più Compagnia focuses on documentaries, cult films and a selection from prestigious Tuscan festivals such as Middle East Now, Festival dei Popoli, and much more. Find it here.

# WATCH "GARZONI THEN AND NOW" ONLINE, A WONDERFUL ART DOCUMENTARY BY ADVANCING WOMEN ARTISTS

Modern-day artists from around the world 'form part' of an exhibition from afar, by responding to works in a show at the Uffizi Galleries spotlighting Baroque artist Giovanna Garzoni. Through their own artistic endeavours, today's creative personalities bring life to 'still life' and recapture the minute grandeur of 'the foreign and familiar', inspired by this emergent genre in the 1600s. Have a look a new group of works in this second Challenge video. Enjoy the <u>first</u> and <u>second</u> video clips with samplings of Garzoni Challenge entries, whose variety of styles and media will make you feel anything but still!

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#### FILMS UNDER THE STARS IN FIESOLE FOR THE 73RD ESTATE FIESOLANA

STENSEN D'ESTATE presents the most beautiful films under the stars of August. For the curious spectator, for the most distracted, for all fans and for those who love to travel thanks to the magic of cinema, the Stensen Foundation has prepared an August of musical emotions, liberating laughter, great actors and directors. A program that pays homage to #Wes\_Anderson together with the fantastic Bill Murray, proposes the latest cinematographic paths by Alejandro Jodorowsky and an evening of spirituality. Film review from 7 to 30 August at the Roman Theater Fiesole! Screenings start at 9.15 pm. Admission € 4.00. See the program of events here.

### FLORENCE FOLKS FESTIVAL, TUSCANY EDITION IN SCANDICCI

Four days of music, food, markets, workshops for children and book presentations all held in the beautiful green of the Parco dell'Acciaiolo. Entry to the gardens itself for markets and food is FREE, while there is an entry fee for the music concerts. Each evening from 20:15, three independent bookstores will be giving us their favourite books for summer, with all the stories behind them. At 19:30 every day there are workshops for children, and from 19:00-24:00 the night explodes with a female DJ lineup. Concerts include: Flame Parade and Giovanni Truppi, Sinedades and Guido Gatalano, Maestro Pellegrini and Bobo Rondelli, closing with Tommaso Novi and Erriquez Love Trio Tra Jannacci e Stromae. See more here at the event page!

# APRILANTE AT PANZANO IN CHIANTI, 1st Sunday in August

Handcrafts & Vintage. We know they call the fair "April"-ante, but it really goes all year round! This monthly market in the streets of this charming town in Chianti is where you will find hand crafts, vintage and delicious typical foods and all of it this is just outside in the countryside surrounding Florence. Official link

# NEW OUTDOOR BURGER TRUCK OPENS IN PANZANO IN CHIANTI, LED BY TUSCANY'S MOST FAMOUS BELOVED BUTCHER, DARIO CECCHINI

Below the back terrace of Panzano's beloved restaurants, Officina Della Bistecca, Solociccia and Dario Doc, a new little red truck has taken up position beneath the trees, with relaxed benches waiting in the shade. Open Saturdays and Sundays, Dario Cecchini's new food truck is the perfect place to grab his famous burger as a takeaway panino, with a cold beer or glass of Chianti. "The Red poppies and yellow scotch broom are in bloom and scent the hills, vineyards have started to show their first, beautiful leaves, and the sky is full of swallows. We're reopening our restaurants, respecting government provisions to ensure everyone's safety: we will rekindle the coals under the grills, pour lots of red wine, and finally, we'll see our friends again. We've missed you.

A big hug,

Dario" www.dariocecchini.com

#### TAKE A TRIP WITH THE KIDS TO VISIT THE PISTOIA ZOO

For a lovely outdoor activity this June, why not take your family for a visit to the Giardino Zoologico

in Pistoia! The Zoological Gardens of Pistoia is a 7-hectares zoo with more than 400 animals and is in continuous expansion. In a captivating world you will get to know the animals, the different ways to protect them, and you will learn how to respect the planet. With a strong focus on ecological preservation, the Director describes their mission: "I dream of a park which will be a shelter for animals against an environment which is getting more and more peculiar, a sort of 'safe ark' that will help them fight future threats. This park will not only be a source of knowledge about the wonders of nature for visitors, but also a place of reference on the road towards sustainable uses of our planet's stock of earth's natural resources. Mankind enjoys a challenge: I believe that your support will help me win this one, "Be sure to book and reserve your visit time here at the website.

#### FIND THE BIG BENCH AS YOU VISIT TUSCANY'S BEST LANDSCAPES AND VIEWS

If you've got a car and want to see a different landscape, think of the <u>Garfagnana</u>, an approximately two-hour drive from Florence. Nestled among the Apuan Alps, not far from Lucca, Pisa, and the beaches of Versilia, this mountainous area of rugged beauty preserves ancient traditions, great hiking, adventure parks, and delicious food. An ideal destination for a weekend getaway or longer if you've got the time, there are plenty of things to do and to see. One of the most original is the Big Bench located just outside the town of Careggine. Part of the <u>Big Bench Community Project</u>, the out-of-scale bench offers a whimsical moment as you gaze out over the valley and mountains.

# **AUGUST WISHES**

Let the sun fill you with energy, as the Italians stay closer to home this season. 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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# **CLASSIFIEDS**



## 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 – Reparata Apt – Historic Center

To be refurbished Apt, top floor (maybe possible elevator) approx. 150 sq. mt. (approx. 1500 sq. ft.), plus 20 Sq. Mt. (200 Sq. Ft.) of under roof level and a terrace. 3 bedrooms and three bathrooms. Great potential and dividable into two units.

Asking price 440,000 Euro



#### SALE – Arcetri – Pian dei Giullari – 2 Km from Florence

Free standing refurbished house of aprox. 180 Sq. Mt (approx. 1800 sq. ft.), plus 50 Sq. Mt (500 Sq. Ft.) of barn and 4000 Sq. Mt. (1.5 acres) of garden. 2 Bed, 4 bath. Autonomous heating, air con.

Asking Price 1,800,000 Euro



#### SALE - S Annunziata - Historic Center

Refurbished apartment, first floor, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.) plus 5 hectare (50 Sq. Ft.) of small outdoor. 3 bed, 3 bath, studio; autonomous heating, air conditioning.

Asking price 690,000 Euro



### SALE – Costa Magnoli Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished ground floor apt. approx. 60 Sq. Mt. (600 Sq. Ft.). 1 bed, 1 bath; quiet, autonomous heating, ready for air conditioning, great location.

Asking Price 300,000 Euro



### SALE – Ponte Vecchio View – Historic Center

Refurbished Apt, third floor with elevator aprox. 150 sq. mt. (aprox. 1500 sq. ft.) two bedrooms and three bathrooms. Under floor heating, air conditioning, sunny and views.

Asking price 1,500,000 Euro