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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

## WELCOME

We're having a heatwave, a tropical heatwave... While the Italians escape to the seaside, stores may be closed but there is plenty to see and do. There are concerts and dancing along the Arno River, a new rooftop opening for a glam night out, outdoor cinemas, and summer fun. 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 our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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# PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR AUGUST

## **BEST EVENT: BALAGÀN CAFÉ CELEBRATES 10 YEARS FOR SUMMER 2022**

In the beautiful setting of the garden of Via Farini, in front of the imposing nineteenth-century Synagogue, Thursday evenings organized by the Jewish Community of Florence under the patronage of the Municipality of Florence. The Balagàn Cafè celebrates 10 years Summer 2022 Tuscany: Crossroads of cultures - Every Thursday from 30 June to 1 September in the garden of the Florence Synagogue. Opening at 19:00, from 19:30 you can enjoy a Jewish aperitif (minimum contribution of 10 euros), full of surprises and unusual flavors, drink a glass of kashèr wine to enjoy the evening. On the occasion of the Balagan Cafè it will be possible to visit the Synagogue at night with guided tours. For the apericena, places are limited and reservations are compulsory on the [Synagogue website](#)

## **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 P&F RENTAL: A SPACIOUS APARTMENT IN AN AUTHENTIC NEIGHBOURHOOD WITH NO TOURISTS**

A large spacious apartment with 2 bedrooms and 2 terraces facing east and west. A very authentic residential neighbourhood of Florence, with no tourist. Excellent for easy access to the boulevard surrounding the city and to public transport. Via Gustavo Modena is a very quiet residential street on the northern 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. [More information and photos.](#)

## **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 DINING OUT: PURE INDULGENCE WITH 360 VIEWS OF FLORENCE AT ANGEL ROOFTOP BAR & DINING**

With its unprecedented 360-degree views of Florence, **ANGEL Roofbar & Dining** hosts a restaurant, two indoor and outdoor bars, a plunge pool, and an incredible floral garden patio fashioned by Vieri Torrigiani of the Torrigiani Family. Start your evening with a high level of fun and enjoy a drink on one of the most exclusive terraces in Florence - the Hotel Calimala rooftop bar - accompanied by live music on Fridays and Saturday. Try signature cocktails and delicious finger food or have dinner or late into the night. Dinner at the rooftop restaurant honors the best Italian tradition, revisited in a modern way with gourmet touches. An abundance of fresh seafood on the menu makes for an indulgent but still light summer menu, full of flavour. The hottest place to be this summer in Florence. [Website](#).

## **BEST OF THE REST**

### **OUTDOOR CINEMA AT VILLA BARDINI**

Every evening, until August 21, watch your favourite film at the outdoor cinema in the picturesque garden of Villa Bardini. For the third consecutive year, the summer arena on the Belvedere Terrace of the Bardini Garden returns with screenings, previews, and meetings with directors, actors and writers. On Thursdays, enjoy special evenings for children and families: with free admission but you must reserve (see the website). Free parking available in front of Forte Belvedere. The programming, curated by the Niels Stensen Cultural Foundation, will be divided into six thematic areas. Considering the attendance of foreign audiences as well, most of the Italian films will be shown with English subtitles; there will also be films in original sound, in various languages, with Italian subtitles. [Official website](#).

### **SUMMER AT LA LIMONAIA**

The Limonaia of Villa Strozzi is one of the most important recreational and cultural centres in the city of Florence, with a large indoor area where it is possible to eat or get together for an aperitif while enjoying concerts, screenings and quality shows. 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. [See the website](#).

## **THE FESTIVALS OF ESTATE FIORENTINA 2022, TRE PASSI AVANTI**

Music, cultural debates, art exhibitions, itinerant tours to discover Florence, literary festivals and talk shows. These are the ingredients of the 15 three-year festivals at the heart of the diffuse calendar of the Florentine Summer 2022. Space is given to all the arts: the international circus of [Cirk Fantastik](#), readers are the protagonists with [La città dei lettori](#) that from Florence begins its tour of author presentations and debates around Tuscany, under the motto #leggereciunisce. For the music section, there are performances by world-famous artists of the [Florence Jazz Festival](#), around the Oltrarno; the evocative concerts under the stars of "I Sagrati in musica". More music for the enhancement of traditions and cultures with [Festival Au Désert](#). Lastly, the [Copula Mundi](#) gives voice to youth artistic realities active in the territory. Various arts and performances mingle with suggestive views of [Florence from above](#), or in the debates and performances of [Genius Loci](#) inside the Monumental Complex of Santa Croce. For lovers of the seventh art, there is [Apriti Cinema](#), the festival with screenings of art films, also in original language, by some of the most important and established realities in the sector, which will enjoy another panoramic view, the one in front of the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.

## **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](mailto:info@muse.comune.fi.it)

## **ESTATE FIESOLANA, FESTIVAL OF JAZZ AND MORE IN FIESOLE, Until September 16**

The **Fiesole Summer Festival** (Estate Fiesolana), one of the most important summer festivals on the Tuscan and national scene, now in its 75th edition, is going on through July and August. The programme of the festival, which takes place in the amazing setting of the Roman Theatre of Fiesole, includes a section dedicated to **jazz music concerts** by some of the greatest talents at national and international level. See the program on the [website](#). Tickets are available online at [www.estatefiesolana.it](http://www.estatefiesolana.it) and on the Box Office Toscana circuits.

## **THE BEACH IS BACK! MULTIPLE LOCATIONS BRINGING MUSIC AND MORE TO THE BANKS OF THE ARNO FOR A SIZZLING SUMMER RIVER-SIDE**

### **INSTABILE CHAPITEAU, CULTURE ALONG THE RIVER**

InStabile Chapiteau is an independent cultural space for contemporary circus, music, performing arts. Performances, concerts and cultural, environmental, social events will continue until April 20, 2022. Shows and concerts every day from 9.00 p.m. Sunday Brunch from 11.30 a.m. and shows from 4.30 p.m. Bistrot & Cocktail Bar from 5.30 p.m. - Restaurant from 7.30 p.m. Complete program on the [website](#).

## **IL MOLO**

A floating stage for music, performance and art. Four months of live events, workshops for children and shows: until 30 September every evening a different proposal, to be enjoyed with quality food & drink. For further information and programmes, check out their [FB page](#) - [Instagram page](#).

## **HABANA 500 FIRENZE**

The best of Cuban vibes right on the river, Habana 500 is a hot favourite for summer. Cocktails, food, ALWAYS dancing, and seats along the riverside to enjoy the vibes. Probably one of the best places there is for dancing under the stars in summer. [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

## **IL FIORINO SULL'ARNO**

Surrounded by greenery, good music, bar and pizzeria, creative space for shows and live concerts. Big screen for all World Cup matches. This oasis on the Arno is ready to welcome you with a rich programme of shows, themed evenings and music events! Let's make your long-awaited summer one of the most enjoyable ever! [Facebook page](#).

## **OFF BAR RETURNS TO LAGO DEI SIGNI**

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. Every night there are events from cinema, to concerts, to DJs and more. [More information here](#).

# **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**

### **FOTOGRAFE! IN EXHIBIT AT VILLA BARDINI AND FORTE DI BELVEDERE**

From 18 June to 2 October 2022, Villa Bardini and Forte di Belvedere in Florence are hosting a major exhibition entitled FOTOGRAFE! Women photographers: Alinari Archives to Contemporary Perspectives, curated by Emanuela Sesti and Walter Guadagnini. The show will feature original prints by Julia Margaret Cameron, Dorothea Lange, Margaret Bourke-White, Lucia Moholy, Maria Mulas, Ketty La Rocca, Lisetta Carmi, Diane Arbus, Bettina Rheims, among others, displayed in conversation with works by ten contemporary Italian artists, Eleonora Agostini, Arianna Arcara, Federica Belli, Marina Caneve, Francesca Catastini, Myriam Meloni, Giulia Parlato, Roselena Ramistella, Sofia Uslenghi and Alba Zari, proponents of new generation of photographers – born after 1980 – who have been carving their place in the field in recent years, both, nationally and internationally. [More information.](#)

### **HONOURING WANDA FERRAGAMO: WOMEN IN BALANCE 1955-1965**

The new Museo Ferragamo exhibition showing until 18 April 2023 is dedicated to the figure of

Wanda Miletti Ferragamo: Wanda Ferragamo took over the reins of the family business when her husband died, transforming an artisan women's shoe workshop into a fashion house, thus changing her own life and that of her family. Starting from her figure, the exhibition describes the female reality in Italy between the 1950s and the 1960s, in the light of the deep socio-economic changes that characterised the years of the economic boom, with women searching for new life models, searching for a balance between work and family life. Guided tours are available both in person (Italian, English, French and Spanish) and online (Italian and English only). Reservation (by phone or e-mail) is compulsory. [More information](#).

## **TORNABUONI ARTE PRESENTS THEIR NEW CONTEMPORARY ART COLLECTION**

Anthology Choice 2022, Modern and Contemporary Art. Tornabuoni Arte, the internationally recognized artistic and cultural reality founded by Roberto Casamonti, shows its latest news and its proposals of classic and contemporary works of art for the coming year. The exhibition is divided into sections: one dedicated to the works of the greats of the last century: Alberto Burri, Jannis Kounellis, Alighiero Boetti, Emilio Vedova, Lucio Fontana, Arnaldo Pomodoro, Piero Dorazio, Alberto Biasi, Emilio Isgrò, Maurizio Cattelan, Wassily Kandinsky, Joan Mirò e Victor Vasereley . On the second floor the exhibition continues with a selection of works dedicated to the great masters of Italian figurative art of the early twentieth century: Giovanni Fattori, Plinio Nomellini, Massimo Campigli and Giorgio de Chirico. [Website](#).

## **ANTHOLOGY ART 2022 - MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART AT TORNABUONI ARTE, Until November 2022**

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## **DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC**

### **MUSICA SUI SAGRATI - ORCHESTRA DELLA TOSCANA**

A series of 20 concerts organized by Orchestra Toscana Classica and hosted on the parvis of Florence churches: from jazz to classical music, from rock to electronic music. Find below events' dates and places; the complete program will be soon published in [Toscana Classica](#) website: Parvis of: Chiesa del Carmine (June 11 and August 28), Santa Felicita (June 12), Misericordia San Giovanni (June 18 and August 21), San Gaetano (June 26, July 30 and August 2), Certosa (August 6), Santa Maria Novella (August 20 and 22).

## VILLE E GIARDINI INCANTATI 2022

The sixth edition of this very special festival of music and nature. Enjoy incredible concerts by the beloved Orchestra della Toscana, located in the immaculate gardens of Florence and Tuscany's most evocative historical villas. A true treat for the senses, with live music beneath the stars. See all of the events and book your tickets [here](#).

## ORCHESTRA DA CAMERA FIORENTINA AND THEIR STUNNING 2022 PROGRAM

The 2022 season of the Orchestra da Camera Fiorentina presents more than 30 concerts from March to October with international conductors and performers such as Bruno Canino, Giuseppe Andaloro, Ahmed El Saedi, Nikolay Lalov. The Orchestra Da Camera Fiorentina was founded in 1981 by Giuseppe Lanzetta, the current conductor, to spread the knowledge of symphonic and chamber music repertoires. [Book your tickets here](#).

## FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

### APRITI CINEMA RETURNS TO THE UFFIZI COURTYARD FOR A SUMMER SEASON, Until August 7

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](#).

## 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,

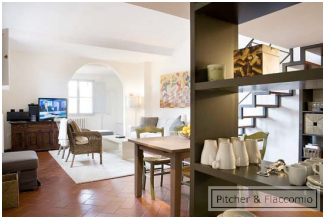
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## CLASSIFIEDS



### **SALE – Via Maggio - Historic Center**

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

Asking Price 430,000 Euro



### **SALE – Piazza Liberta' – Border of Historic Center**

Third floor, with elevator, to be refurbished, approx. 220 Sq. Mt. (approx. 2200 Sq. Ft.) plus approx 15 Sq. Mt. (150 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 4 bed, 2 bath, plus study. Elegant building with doorman.

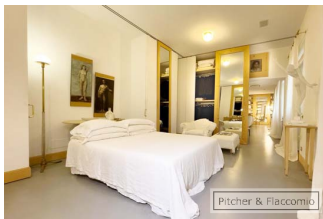
Asking Price 910,000 Euro



### **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 – Santa Maria Novella – Historic Center**

Second floor, with elevator, refurbished, approx. 300 Sq. Mt. (approx. 3000 Sq. Ft.). 3 bed, 3 bath, plus study; autonomous heating, air con., and centrally located

Asking price 2,200,000 Euro



### **SALE – Santo Spirito – Historic Center**

First floor, refurbished, approx. 60 sq. mt.(600 Sq. Ft) 2 Bed, 2 Bath. Modern with all amenities, autonomous heating, air conditioning, quiet street.

Asking Price 375,000 Euro



### **SALE – Calenzano Villa – Outskirts**

Historic villa with depandance approx. 2500 Sq. Mt. (approx. 25.000 Sq. Ft.). 18 bed, 21 bath; autonomous heating, air con., land and garden

Asking Price 9,500,000 Euro

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