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WELCOME

The Italians have escaped to the seaside for August, leaving the city for visitors brave enough to navigate the heat in exchange for Renaissance beauty. Many stores may be closed this month but there is plenty to see and do! Summer-season venues like Il Chapiteau and Vox are havens of live music, performance, and entertainment. You could 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 reference this month, because that heat is here to stay for August, but there are also 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, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR AUGUST

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 ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT WITH ROOM FOR A SECOND BED, IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA WITHOUT TOURISTS

Piazza Isidoro del Lungo is in a quiet residential area 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 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 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 SUMMER RELAX: FLORENCE FROM THE ROOFTOPS, THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR APERITIVO WITH A VIEW

Florence from above is its own world - the chaos of the busy streets falls away into the distance, and the small town opens up to an expansive view that carries you all the way to the distant hills. To savour the experience from every angle, here's [The Florentine Magazine](#)'s 2025 roundup of the best rooftop locations for the season: "When summer heat shimmers over the terracotta roofs, there's no better way to escape the crowds and catch a breeze than by heading skyward. Rooftop bars and restaurants offer a fresh vantage point over Florence's skyline, where Brunelleschi's dome and Giotto's bell tower feel close enough to touch, spritz in hand. Here are a few rooftops worth climbing this season." [Read the list here!](#)

BEST SUMMER ACTIVITY: HAVE AN ADVENTUROUS SUMMER RAFTING, TREKKING, RIVER CANYONING OR KAYAKING WITH FIRENZE RAFTING

Firenze Rafting was founded in 2010 by three friends. An ambitious project: to navigate history beneath Florence's famous Ponte Vecchio and explore the most remote and hidden corners of Tuscany through its rivers, from Mugello to the Lima Valley, passing through Lucca, rafting, canoeing, canyoning, and much more. Fantastic adventures, accessible to everyone and just steps from home. [See their website](#) to book your summer experience!

BEST DINING OUT: NEW OPENING! THE LONG-AWAITED W HOTEL IS THE NEWEST ADDITION TO FLORENCE'S DINING AND BAR SCENE

I am waiting to visit this new spot next week, but here's what they have to say: "Culinary experiences span from vibrant restaurants to a rooftop with jaw-dropping views, satisfying even the most discerning tastes. This is where the world meets Florence, and Florence meets the world." Check it out and let us know what you think! Their restaurant and bar offerings include **TRATTO**: A contemporary Italian food concept by Trattoria Contemporanea in Como. Bold flavors, unexpected twists, and a dining vibe that's anything but ordinary. **W LOUNGE**: Start with shared plates and drinks in a laid-back setting, then shift into aperitivo mode as live music and DJ sets ignite the evening: all with a view of Piazza dell'Unità Italiana. **AND COURTYARD LOUNGE**: An open-air extension of W Lounge, the courtyard brings together locals and guests in a relaxed, vibrant setting. Small bites, bold cocktails, and conversations that carry into the evening. [Website](#).

BEST OF THE REST

BEST EVENT: ESTATE FIORENTINA 2025, THE SUMMER LONG FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS CONTINUES, Until September

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

Cinema in Chiostro: Great cinema returns to Sant'Orsola. Now in its sixth year, Cinema nel Chiostro, the summer film festival curated by Spazio Alfieri, will be held every evening at 9:30 pm from June 30th to September 7th, 2025. It will renew its collaboration with the Sant'Orsola Museum, transforming one of the courtyards of the former convent into an open-air theater for images, stories, and auteur visions.

Flog-On Plein Air: The project was born from the synergy between La Chute and the new management of Flog, with the aim of giving the residents of Q5 and the entire city a new, green, inhabited and lively space within one of the emblematic places of culture, sport and entertainment in Florence, which has been off the radar for too long.

Estate Sotto Casa: #estatesottocasa6 aims to promote the historic "Conventino fuori le Mura" complex, showcasing traditional Florentine craftsmanship through cultural programming that uplifts the local community. Sustainability-focused events will also be held throughout the festival.

Grillo Swing: Grillo Swing returns for its eighth year, five evenings in the five neighborhoods of Florence dedicated to the Singing Cricket, accompanied by the music and songs of Odoardo Spadaro performed live. The evenings are part of Estate Fiorentina 2025, in collaboration with the Districts of the Municipality of Florence, and admission is free.

InStabile Chapiteau: A surprising program of world music concerts and contemporary circus shows, jam sessions, an open stage, and a spirit of innovation. All accompanied by a quality cocktail bar and kiosk, and refreshments featuring local and artisanal products.

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!

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 is free, so 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](#).

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](#).

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!](#)

ULTRAVOX IN LE CASCINE FOR FREE CONCERTS ALL SUMMER

Ultravox Florence is the free-entry summer space of the Cascine Park! A favourite for locals who love to pass the evenings out in the green and beneath the stars. Ultravox Florence is 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 in nature while enjoying the best of free live music! All the info [here](#).

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.

TRADITIONAL 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.

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.

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!

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.

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](#).

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. [More information here](#).

AUGUST 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 Flaccomio

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SALE - Monte San Savino Farm House - Tuscany

Free standing, refurbished stone house approx 360 Sq. Mt. (3600 Sq.Ft.), surrounded by 10.000 Sq. Mt. (2.5 acres) of garden. 6 Bed, 4 Bath, autonomous heating, pool.

Asking Price 870,000 Euro



SALE – San Niccolo' Apt – Historic Center

Ground floor, refurbished, approx. 200 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 2000 Sq. Ft.) and 175 Sq. Mt. (1750 Sq.Ft) of terrace and garden. 3 bed, 3 bath, quiet, views, 5 min walk to ponte vecchio. . For more info please contact us directly.

Asking Price 2,600,000 Euro



SALE – Piazza Beccaria Apt –

Townhouse style, open space with loft level, approx. 60 sq. mt. (600 Sq. Ft), 2 bed, 1 bath, air conditioning.

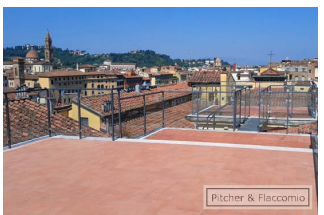
Asking Price 325,000 Euro



SALE – Lungarno Apt – Historic Center

Top floor (69 easy steps), listed with the Fine Arts, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 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 – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 990.000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 1,050,000 Euro

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