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WELCOME

And so, Florence and all of Italy sighs through the “rientro”, the reluctant return to work and normal life after the summer holidays. Smaller stores and theatres are re-opening and that distinctly Florentine flavour returns to the city. Autumn is arriving, with the cooler nights and light breeze that make Florence a pleasure to wander around. It is the start of harvest season, making it a wonderful time to visit the Tuscan countryside, and the city celebrate's the Duomo's birthday! Best of all is your chance to work off all that summer indulgence by getting ready to run for a cause: Corri La Vita is BACK, so this is the time to step up your training! With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR SEPTEMBER

BEST EVENT: THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TO CORRI LA VITA, Sept 28th

CORRI LA VITA returns to the historical centre of Florence. After the traditional start from Piazzale Lincoln alle Cascine, participants will be able to choose between two routes - one of about 11 km for those who want to run, and a second of 6 km for those who prefer to enjoy the unique beauty of Florence. Both wind through unprecedented scenery and breathtaking views. **Participants will cross the finish line in front of Palazzo Vecchio**, under the gaze of the David and the Biancone, with the hope of beating the record of 38,000 participants!

Sport, culture and solidarity come together again! The event is a major fundraiser for projects dedicated to the treatment of breast cancer to help women through prevention, shorter waiting lists and psychological support. CORRI LA VITA is organised in collaboration with Firenze Marathon and serviced by many volunteers, **together we help to fight against breast cancer.** Not only should you "save the date" and participate, you may also want to take an active part by volunteering and donating funds.

Suzanne is a founding member of this event and has been very involved from its beginning in 2003. The event is to raise funds and awareness of breast cancer in Italy, and especially to support the patients themselves. All proceeds that have been collected, which is over 5 million 700 thousand euro, have been given to help the patients directly and to assist volunteers in executing their work.

To take part, registrations open from 1 September at www.corrilavita.it. Register, make a minimum donation of 10 euro online or at the dedicated physical locations, and then collect and wear the T-shirt on the day! This is the only way to secure one of the coveted T-shirts signed by Ferragamo, who is one of the biggest supporters of Corri La Vita. The colour of **the 2025 T-shirt is BIJOU BLUE** and its packaging is totally biocompostable. On the day of the race, anyone who donates can visit cultural destinations around the city free of charge, including museums and exhibitions, simply by wearing the [CORRI LA VITA 2025 t-shirt](#) or by showing the receipt of the donation. Can't make it? Have it delivered! Your tshirt will be delivered free of charge throughout Italy.

From Suzanne Pitcher: "It is not necessary to be in Florence to participate in CORRI LA VITA! If you all have enjoyed visiting Italy and Florence; in particular, maybe you would like to give a donation to her citizens by supporting CORRI LA VITA. Please go on line www.corrilavita.it and make your donation. I really hope you will see your way to writing a few zeros after the number!

Another way to participate in this event even if you are not present is to buy the exclusive

T-shirts, again this can be done on line. Every year the shirt changes, so start your collection now!!!! Feel free to have them delivered to PITCHER & FLACCOMIO'S office where you may pick them up during business hours 9am to 5pm Monday through to Friday."

[SIGN UP OR DONATE NOW AT THE WEBSITE!](#)

BEST P&F RENTAL: AN EXTREMELY QUIET APARTMENT IN A CONVENIENT LOCATION

This apartment is nestled midway between the Santa Maria Novella train station and the San Lorenzo Church area and food market, in San Antonino in front of the house of Galileo. The Central Market is only 3 minutes walk and the vicinity to the train and bus stations make this apartment especially well positioned. An extremely quiet apartment in a very convenient location with outdoor space...food and clothing market, exhibition hall (Fortezza del Basso), language schools, and artisan shops. [More information and photos here.](#)



BEST TRADITION: CARRO MATTO, THE CRAZY CART FESTIVAL IN FLORENCE, Last Saturday of September

(Text from: visitflorence.com) Every year, experience the arrival of the Carro Matto in to town from the nearby wine producing area of Chianti Rufina. Literally translated as “crazy cart”, the Carro Matto is pulled by a pair of white oxen and accompanied by a parade in historical costume, drums, flag throwers and even a cannon! Early in the day, you will find the Carro sitting near Piazza Duomo but the main events start around 3:30pm. The cart leaves from Palagio di Parte Guelfa, then returns to the Piazza del Duomo where it gets a blessing. continues to Via Calzaiuoli, makes a stop in front of the Church of San Carlo dei Lombardi, and finally ends in Piazza della Signoria (by around 5pm). Then enjoy exhibitions by the Corteo Storico della Repubblica Fiorentina and the flag throwers Bandierai degli Uffizi. So what is this event with the crazy cart? Today, it celebrates the centuries-old Tuscany tradition of wine-making but it also reconstructs how wine arrived into town. [Read more here.](#)

WHO CAN CHOOSE? ANOTHER BEST TRADITION! LA RIFICOLONA, September 7

Some say the best party in town can be found in Piazza Santissima Annunziata after 9pm on September 7! On the night of September 7, the even of the Madonna's birthday on the 8th, Florentines and "pilgrims" (mostly children) carry paper lanterns on sticks as they make their way from Piazza Santa Croce to Piazza Santissima Annunziata, home of the Basilica di Santissima Annunziata which is dedicated to Mary. There is a competition for the most original lantern, and

workshops are run by Florence's five districts to teach children how to make their own lantern. Speeches are made in the square, followed by an enormous street party. Then, on September 8th, don't miss the annual Rificolona sull'Arno, when there are lantern-lit boat rides with the Canottieri for children and families along the river Arno. [Read the history of the event here.](#)

BEST FESTIVAL: THE FESTIVAL OF SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE WITH FREE ACCESS TO THE DUOMO TERRACE, September 8

September 8 is the Anniversary of the first stone being set for the building of Santa Maria del Fiore, the cathedral of Florence. Every year the terrace above the rose window is opened free to visitors. The laying of the first stone of the new ecclesia maior dates back to the Marian Nativity of 1296. The free opening of the terraces of the Duomo allows Florentines and visitors to enjoy an extraordinary panoramic view over the city of Florence. It is open from 10am until 4.30pm, and access is completely free! Also enjoy a free visit to the workshop of the Opera del Duomo in Via dello Studio 23/r, where the master masons work on the restoration of the marble works for the monumental complex of the cathedral, bell tower, and baptistry. The Baptistry of St. John will also be open for free to all residents of Florence and the province.

BEST MUSIC: FLORENCE JAZZ FESTIVAL, September 2nd - 14th

The Firenze Jazz Fringe Festival is a flagship event with an important partnership: from the Edinburgh Jazz Festival to the historic "Settembre in Piazza della Passera". Clubs, clubs and cocktail bars are transformed into temporary jazz clubs, attracting dozens of local and international musicians from the area. Four intense days of great music, to the rediscovery of places, squares and special areas that guide the general public through the streets and squares of the Oltrarno. Don't miss spectacular and memorable performances! [See the program here.](#)

BEST ARTISINAL EVENT: ARTIGIANI E PALAZZO, Sept 12-14

In the garden of Villa Corsini, in Florence, the 31st edition of Artigianato e Palazzo will take place. The eagerly awaited craft event has been celebrating creative talent for more than thirty years with an ever-new selection of 100 Italian and European artisans ranging from historic to emerging workshops – pushes into the exploration of craftsmanship's links with art, design and the social through installations, exhibitions and multi-thematic encounters with the specific intention of creating an evolving worksite open to the public and exhibitors. The three-day calendar is packed with events, including the Main exhibition, Family Recipes, Blogs&Crafts, and more. We recommend consulting the [official website.](#)

BEST DINING OUT: AMBAR, AS RECOMMENDED BY ARTVIVA!

Check out this great review from ArtViva Tours! "What is Florence, Italy's's Best New Tuscan Restaurant? Locals are obsessed with AMBAR! Located just outside the city, the restaurant uses Km Zero ingredients to create Tuscan Fusion Food. Move over tradition, AMBAR is shaking things up in the best possible way. This slow food, farm-to-table spot just outside Florence is anything but

typical. Think hyper-local Tuscan ingredients reimagined with global flavors. Yes, fusion food in Florence, and it works. Run by the incredibly kind and talented Andrea Magnelli, AMBAR has already been nominated as Italy's Best New Tuscan Restaurant. Every dish is a surprise and every bite rooted in season and soul.” [See their behind the scenes video here.](#)

BEST OF THE REST

CHANGING OF THE GUARD AND HISTORIC PARADE OF THE FLORENTINE REPUBLIC, September 7th

This summer, the Changing of the Guard ceremony returns! An event that, in many European cities, represents an unmissable tradition for visitors from around the world. This ritual, held on the first Sunday of each month, has its roots in timeless military practices. The event takes place on the Arengario of Palazzo Vecchio, and is performed five times throughout the morning. It is traditionally preceded and followed by the Historic Parade of the Florentine Republic, which marches through the streets of the historic center before taking part in the ceremony and again after its conclusion. Access to the square and along the streets affected by the parade is free and open to the public. [Website](#)

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 Chioistro](#): Last chance for great cinema at Sant'Orsola. Now in its sixth year, Cinema nel Chioistro, the summer film festival curated by Spazio Alfieri, will be held every evening at 9:30 pm until 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.

[Copula Mundi Festival](#): Copula Mundi is a free, multidisciplinary cultural festival, a hub for art, music, theater, and dance performances, as well as workshops and laboratories. It evolved from the "Ichè ci vah ci vole" festival, born from the need to create a space for all emerging youth movements to express themselves, in an effort to offer an alternative way to experience culture and the city. The six-day festival—with free admission—will feature performances, workshops, activities for children, sports, theater performances, and concerts.

[FLOREMUS International Renaissance Music Festival](#): A series of concerts presented by L'Homme Armé, an ensemble specializing in the study and performance of early music, especially vocal music. It pays particular attention to Italian music and the cultural environment of Florence, the city where the association is based.

[Uncomfortable Tours Volume 4](#): From decolonial walks to traces of violence in paintings, from architectural barriers to slavery in the 15th century, from homosexual communities in the Renaissance to exotic plants in botanical gardens, from the Mosque to the Ethiopian ambassador at

Santa Maria Novella. These workshops, screenings, visits, and urban walks are led by people with a migrant background, and propose dissenting narratives.

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

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](#).

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.

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

MORE EXHIBITIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

PALAZZO STROZZI PRESENTS FRA ANGELICO: THE EXHIBITION

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 subjecto 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.

LORENZO BONECHI: THE CITY OF WOMEN, ON SHOW AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, until October

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the birth of Lorenzo Bonechi (Figline Valdarno, 1955–1994), the Museo Novecento is paying tribute to the artist from Valdarno with an exhibition titled 'The City of Women'. Active since the late 1970s, Bonechi participated in the vibrant artistic scene of the 1980s, characterised by Transavanguardia, Anachronism, and Cultured Painting. A researcher and practitioner of drawing, he initially experimented with engraving and sculpture before dedicating himself almost exclusively to tempera and oil painting from 1982 onwards. [Website](#).

ET LUX PERPETUA: PREVIEW OF THE 45TH SEASON OF THE ORCHESTRA OF TOSCANA, September 10

To mark the 45th anniversary of the Orchestra Regionale della Toscana (ORT), the Opera di Santa Croce and the ORT are organizing a special concert in the basilica, conducted by Maestro Diego Ceretta. The concert is intended as a gesture of gratitude and sharing with the public and the local community, which have accompanied the ORT on its journey for 45 years. Admission to the concert is free, but reservations are required via the [Santa Croce online ticket office](#) starting September 1.

TIMELESS PORTRAITS: RITRATTI SENZA TEMPO. PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROSSANO B. MANISCALCHI IN DIALOGUE WITH ANTIQUITY

Timeless Portraits is the title of the photography exhibition running until 28 October 2025 at the Museo dei Marmi in Palazzo Medici Riccardi, dedicated to the work of artist Rossano B. Maniscalchi and promoted by the Città Metropolitana di Firenze. Maniscalchi is an internationally renowned visual artist working in the fields of photography and cinema. Born in Florence, for over thirty years he has been conducting in-depth research into the evocative power of images, consistently and originally exploring different areas: from portraiture to fashion, from advertising art to arthouse cinema. [Website](#)

CREATIVE FACTORY: CRAFTMANSHIP IN PIAZZA CIOMPI, September 13

The Creative Factory returns on September 13th, 2025, in Piazza dei Ciompi, Florence, for an appointment full of surprises for those in search of unique handmade creations. Creative Factory is a project by the Heyart Association, born in 2017. It is a self-made market featuring contemporary design and handmade products that brings together makers and artisans from all over Italy. A well-established event where craftsmanship and creativity combine to deliver a truly one-of-a-kind experience. [Website](#)

MAURICE RAVEL: SHÉHÉRAZADE AT TEATRO DEL MAGGIO, September 20

On 20 September 2025, at the Teatro del Maggio in Florence, there will be a classical music concert conducted by Jérémie Rhorer, performing Maurice Ravel's "Shéhérazade", accompanied by the voice of soprano Elizabeth Llewellyn. This event is part of the theatre's autumn season and also includes other works by Debussy and Stravinsky. [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.](#)

SEPTEMBER WISHES

Get out of town and start indulging in that first-harvest goodness: wine, olive oil, and the best Tuscan figs and treats for the start of the Autumn season. Finish it off with a great exhibition and an evening of music, the best way to ease the *rientro* blues.

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.

Asking Price 700,000 Euro



SALE – San Lorenzo Apt – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 730.000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Apt – Historic Center

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

Asking Price 1,350,000 Euro

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