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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

The morning air now has a distinct chill, but coats and sweaters are still shed by noon and the warmth of afternoon sun feels like a gift. The last of the grapes are being pulled from their vines and wine is fermenting in the cellars. Ripening olives hang heavy on the groves of trees. Our thoughts turn to truffles, mushrooms, and chestnut sweets. Enjoy the calendar full of music, exhibitions, concerts, dance, and especially the return of the 50 Days of Cinema Festival, which has returned more abundant than ever... With best wishes, from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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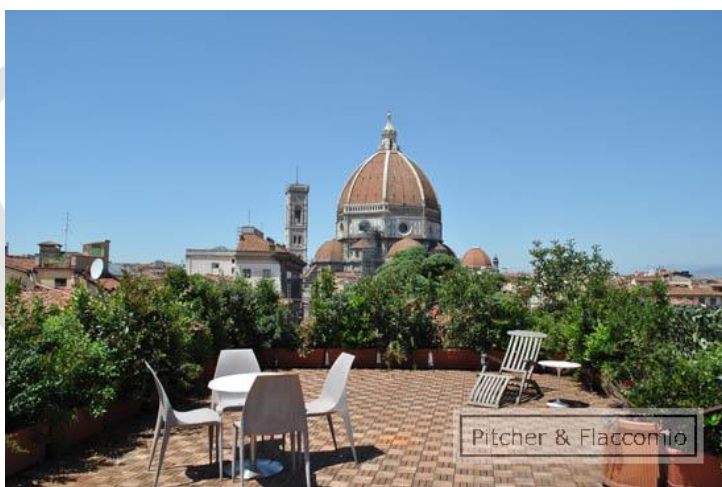
PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR OCTOBER

BEST EVENT: AUTUMN SHOW MARKET OF PLANTS AND FLOWERS BY THE TUSCAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, October 1

From the first weekend in October, meet at the Horticultural Garden of Florence for the Autumn Show Market of plants and flowers, organised by the Tuscan Horticultural Society, a non-profit association, with headquarters and library at Villa Bardini in Costa San Giorgio, 2. The entrance is free with more than 70 exhibitors including the best Tuscan nurserymen and beyond. The first edition of the Spring Show Market was in 1855, in the Panciatichi Marquis garden in Borgo Pinti, followed immediately with another in autumn with over one hundred exhibitors. The story of the first shows is published serially on the organisation's Bulletin, a quarterly magazine sent free of charge to members and available in pdf on the site. [Website](#).

BEST P&F RENTAL: A SUNNY AND CENTRALLY LOCATED APARTMENT WITH A UNIQUE VIEW OF THE DUOMO

Via dell'Oriuolo is centrally-located, within a few minutes' walk from the Duomo cathedral and all of Florence's major museums and historical sights. It is a wonderful location for shopping, 2-minutes from a local supermarket and post-office and a 10-minute walk to the Sant'Ambrogio open-air food market. The apartment is elegantly furnished with silk wall-coverings, parquet floors and Persian carpets. Two terraces and a plant-filled roof garden offer stunning views of Florence's Duomo and rooftops. The apartment overlooks the garden of Oblate



which is part of the museum "Firenze Come'era". Each outdoor area is equipped with patio furniture. Both bedrooms have access to a terrace. [More information and photos](#).

BEST TRADITION: THE FEAST OF SANTA REPARATA, October 8

October 8th commemorates one of the patron saints of Florence: Santa Reparata. She was a virgin martyr who lived in Palestine during the 3rd century, who died when taken captive by Romans who attempted to burn her to death, yet she survived, and so they beheaded her. She was adopted by Florence as a patron saint. Hidden in the ground beneath the Duomo is the Santa Reparata Cathedral – which the *Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore* (the Duomo) was built above. There have been many excavation campaigns over the last decades, and you can now see some of these fascinating and important remains in a crypt beneath the nave. Programme of the celebrations and the historical parade: at 9.15am the historical procession accompanies the municipal authorities to the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, starting from Palagio di Parte Guelfa (through Via Porta Rossa, Piazza del Mercato Nuovo, Via Vacchereccia, Piazza della Signoria); at 9.45am: arrival at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and, in the crypt of Santa Reparata, offering of the candle and the wreath in honour of Santa Reparata.

BEST MUSIC: THE TEMPO REALE EXPERIMENTAL MUSICAL FESTIVAL

In the constellation of events that characterise Autumn in Florence, do not miss Tempo Reale, a concentrated moment of concerts and itineraries, capable of bringing together different themes, relationships and artists, all united by a tension for sound research that is out of the ordinary. From improvisation to vocal experimentation, from high-profile acousmatic music to the latest trends in live electronics: this is once again the multifaceted universe of the Tempo Reale Festival, projected into a pluralistic geographical and linguistic dimension. [Website](#).

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BEST DINING OUT: IL GIARDINO DI BARBANO IN PIAZZA DELLA INDIPENDENZA

A hidden garden osteria in the centre of Florence. Giardino di Barbano offers traditional cuisine revisited in a contemporary key where quality is the watchword: the dishes on the menu are made from raw materials carefully selected daily from the best local markets and skilfully cooked by chef Pasquale Lauria. The à la carte menu includes both earthy dishes that wink at traditional Tuscan cuisine and fish dishes: from handmade cappellacci with pecorino cheese served with duck sauce to grill dishes that include tagliata (sliced steak), Florentine steak and larded fillet with truffle, as well as risotto with Sicilian red prawns, mantecato with yellow datterino, stracciatella and basil pesto, and roast octopus on rosemary potato cream. Piazza della Indipendenza, 3. [Read more](#).

BEST OF THE REST

FLORENCE BIENNALE, “I AM YOU”, INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT FORTEZZA DA BASSO, Oct 14-22

The XIV edition of the Florence Biennale - International Exhibition of Contemporary Art and Design will be held from 14 to 22 October 2023 at the Spadolini Pavilion and the Cavaniglia Pavilion of the Fortezza da Basso in Florence. The event takes place under the patronage of national and international public institutions and is supported by numerous sponsors and partners. Enjoy a rich programme of events, performances, workshops, talks and the presence of guests of honour. The

event once again brings together artists and designers from all over the world, who can dialogue with the theme chosen for this edition: I AM YOU - Individual and Collective Identities in Contemporary Art and Design. [Website](#).

PALACE WOMEN - OLTRARNO AND BEYOND

Over the centuries, women have lived in Florence's Oltrarno district and beyond: they have been outstanding figures in institutions, the arts, patronage, literature and philanthropy. The series of events organised by the British Institute of Florence, the Associazione Culturale Il Palmerino aps and Calliope Arts is dedicated to them, highlighting past excellence and present-day creativity from a female perspective: it is Palace Women, Oltrarno and beyond, from September to December 2023. Lectures, guided tours, original works of art, music, an exhibition and an original catalogue of videos, photographs and much more! [Full program](#).

50 DAYS OF CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL AT CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA

The 50 Days of Cinema in Florence returns for its 11th edition with a new, unprecedented collaboration with the David di Donatello and the institution of Italian Rising Stars. The festival includes for October:

dal 5 al 8 ottobre – [FánHuā Chinese Film Festival](#)

dal 10 al 15 ottobre – [Middle East Now](#)

dal 18 al 22 ottobre – [Florence Queer Festival](#)

dal 28 ottobre al 1 novembre – [France Odeon](#)

At the end of the festival programme, the first edition of Italian Rising Stars will follow, a new initiative desired and realised in collaboration with the Accademia del Cinema Italiano Premi David di Donatello: the beginning of a path that will make some young actors the film stars of tomorrow.

CERAMIC FAIR IN SS ANNUNZIATA SQUARE, Oct 7 and 8

An international exposition of the best of the ceramic productions. Surrounded by the spectacular backdrop of this iconic Florentine square, this exhibition will give you the opportunity to wander around stands of ceramic artisans coming from all over the world and admire some of the best quality productions to be found in Tuscany. There are also many workshops dedicated to children under the *Loggiati degli Innocenti*. [Facebook](#)

ONLY USATO: SECOND HAND AND VINTAGE MARKET AT IL CONVENTINO, Oct 8

With free entry, DJ sets, and drinks and food served up by the Caffè Letterario, this will be a beautiful day of the best of second-hand treasure hunting while surrounded by the artisans and artist residents of the Il Conventino complex. The artist studios will be open from midday until 8pm, alongside the vintage market, with DJ's mixing up a live soundtrack all market long. [Website](#).

FLORENTINE WALKS, TOURS IN ITALIAN OF THE OLTRARNO HILLS, Oct 7, 14, and 21

Three itineraries, organised by the Associazione Città Sostenibile with the Conventino Caffè Letterario and realised with the contribution of the Municipality of Florence, to discover the hills of Bellosguardo, Monte Oliveto, Marignolle and their surroundings: an unmissable opportunity to get to

know the hills of the Oltrarno district, among culture, art and nature! The tours, held in Italian language only, are free of charge and booking is compulsory. Here is the [link to book](#). The meeting is at 10:00 am for a maximum duration of 3 hours. A maximum of 40 people are admitted.

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

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

EXHIBITIONS

MAPPLETHORPE - VON GLOEDEN. BEAUTY AND DESIRE, ON DISPLAY AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until February 2024

From September 23 to February 14, 2024, the Museo Novecento pays tribute to one of the most significant figures in 20th-century photography, Robert Mapplethorpe, in a unique comparison with the photographs of Wilhelm von Gloeden and a selection of photographs from the Alinari Archive. The exhibition is the second major exhibition of this museum dedicated to photography, a practice that has revolutionized the history of art since the 19th century. "Beauty and Desire" draws inspiration from a series of artworks that highlights Mapplethorpe's intense artistic production, emphasizing the connection between his work and classical aesthetics, as well as his sculptural approach to photography, which is evident in his studies of both male and female nudes and still life, equating bodies with objects in a sculptor's vision and sensibility. [Website](#).

ANISH KAPOOR AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until February 2024

From 7 October 2023 to 4 February 2024 Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi presents a major exhibition conceived and realised with Anish Kapoor, the celebrated master who has revolutionised the idea of sculpture in contemporary art. Through historical and recent works, including a new production specifically conceived in dialogue with the architecture of the Renaissance courtyard, *Untrue Unreal* is an itinerary that winds its way through monumental installations, intimate spaces and perturbing forms: Palazzo Strozzi becomes a place concave and convex, whole and shattered at the same time, in which the visitor is called upon to question his or her senses. [Website](#).

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DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

MUSICA DIFFUSA. THE ORCHESTRA OF TOSCANA IN THE QUARTIERE OF FLORENCE, Until 30 November

Nine concerts and shows will take place in all five Florentine districts! Concerts with **free admission by reservation** (starting Wednesday 30 August on the [Eventbrite](#) platform or by contacting our offices tel. +39 055 0681726 - [mail](#)). The public will be able to participate in the project through **free donations** aimed at supporting Caritas in providing hot meals in their soup kitchens. See the calendar of events here at the [website](#).

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

Enjoy a wonderful concert at Auditorium Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio, located in the Piazza Santo Stefano just a few steps from Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria.

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

The Florence Chamber Orchestra will perform Vivaldi's '**Four Seasons**' in the wonderful atmosphere of the Auditorium di Santo Stefano al Ponte Vecchio. The program opens with an 'Air' by Bach and Mozart's famous 'A Little Night Music'. **Opera Lyrica** is your chance to live an unforgettable experience among Art, Architecture and Music in Florence thanks to Mozart, Puccini, Bovio and Rossini!

PERFORMANCES AT TEATRO VERDI

The 'Teatro Pagliano' assumed its current name, 'Teatro Verdi,' in 1901. It was built during the Grand Ducal period in Florence on the former site of the fourteenth century Stinche Prison, and is a world famous venue for performance. Our pick for this month: [RENGA NEK IN CONCERT](#) with "INFINITY MORE OR LESS". This new song anticipates their new album and once again traces the incredible careers of two artists who have marked entire generations with their music! An emotional and profound song that tackles the theme of fatherhood in all its nuances and in which Renga and Nek give way to Francesco and Filippo: this is "L'INFINITO PIÙ O MENO" (Epic/Sony Music), the new single by Francesco Renga and NEK Filippo Neviani.

85TH FESTIVAL OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

The Theatre of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino owes its name to the prestigious Maggio Musicale Festival, the oldest in Italy, a first that it shares in Europe with the festivals of Salzburg and

Bayreuth. Founded in Florence in 1933, the festival quickly became a centre of dissemination of the great European musical culture indicating and proposing new and unconventional ideas, in regards to classical repertoire and contemporary compositions. For tickets, and to see the full festival program, see the [website](#).

FILMS, LECTURES, AND CULTURAL EVENTS

THE 14TH EDITION OF THE MIDDLE EAST NOW FILM FESTIVAL, Oct 10-15

A full immersion in the cinema and culture of the Middle East, this is the 14th edition of the Middle East Now Festival! From 10 to 15 October we are waiting for you to experience a week full of films and documentaries, exhibitions, events, presentations, talks with the protagonists of the festival and food experiences. More than 30 films are premiering, for a journey through Afghanistan, Lebanon, Iran, Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia. A journey through a Middle East in a perpetual state of transition, as we all are and the times we live in. [Website](#).

THE NEW CINEMA ASTRA PRESENTS ORIGINAL LANGUAGE FILMS

This contemporary new hub for cinema and culture is exploding with events, all located in the vibrant area of Piazza Beccaria. This week enjoy screenings of the global hits **BARBIE** and **Strange Way of Life** amongst programming from across Europe. With up to six screenings a day, there is always a chance to experience the best of contemporary European cinema. [See the website for more information](#).

CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA: THE CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL, MIDDLE EAST NOW, FLORENCE QUEER FESTIVAL, AND FRANCE ODEON

La Compagnia, the cinema of great stories, is a place in the centre of Florence for all those who cultivate a passion for documentaries, cinema festivals, and audio-visual culture in all of its forms. This month see the [CHINESE FILM FESTIVAL](#), among other films in a packed program! A look at contemporary China, between cinema, art and traditions in the programme of the third edition of the FánHuā Chinese Film Festival, this year opening the reborn 50 Days of Cinema in Florence. Then don't miss [MIDDLE EAST NOW](#), [FLORENCE QUEER FESTIVAL](#), and [FRANCE ODEON](#)

OCTOBER WISHES

Wishing for an October filled with florins, fall flowers and rooms of treasure to all of you.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Reggello Villa - 25 Km East of Florence

Villa plus dependance, totally refurbished, approx. 380 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 3800 Sq. Ft.) with 1 acre of land and garden. 6 Bed, 7 Bath, Pool, Air Con., easy access. **No Link, pls email for extra info.**

Asking Price 4,000,000 Euro



SALE – Costa san Giorgio – Historic Center

Top floor apt, approx. 150 Sq. Mt. (1500 Sq. Ft.) on two levels, 4 bed, 3 bath; quiet, natural light, autonomous heating, views over Florence.

Asking Price 850,000 Euro



SALE – San Niccolo' - Historic Center

First floor, (with elevator), good conditions, approx. 400 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 4000 Sq. Ft.). Several living areas, 3 bed, 4 bath, plus study, gym and cellar. Quiet, natural light, autonomous heating system, Air Con.

Asking price 1,900,000 Euro



SALE – Fiesole Portion of Farmhouse – 5 km from Historic Center
Free standing on 3 sides, approx. 250 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 2500 Sq. Ft.), plus small 60 Sq. Mt. (600 Sq. Ft.) of dependance and 1000 Sq. Mt. (10000 Sq. Ft.) of private garden. 4 bed, 4 bath; autonomous heating.

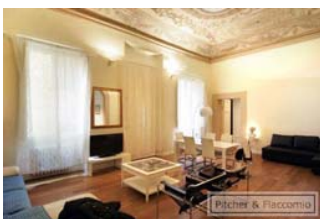
Asking Price 1,085,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio Tower Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished attic with elevator, approx. 80 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 800 Sq. Ft.) plus 12 Sq. Mt. (120 Sq. Ft.) of private terrace. 1 bed, 1 bath; autonomous heating, air con., views, light.

Asking Price 1,800,000 Euro



SALE - Ponte Vecchio Apt - Historic Center

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

Asking Price 1,000,000 Euro

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