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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 4-6

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, LIGHT, AND SPACIOUS APARTMENT IN A TYPICAL ITALIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

A delightful sunny, light and spacious apartment, renovated in a modern style. Situated in a convenient location in a typical Italian neighbourhood. Via Fiesolana is a street in the heart of Florence running from Piazza Salvemini to Via dei Pilastri. It is very near the Duomo and the S. Ambrogio open air market, as well as some of the most important museums and monuments. Close by are a supermarket, a post office, and many shops, restaurants and services. More information and photos [here](#).



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 EXHIBITION: XXXIII BIENNALE INTERNAZIONALE DI ANTIQUARIATIO AT PALAZZO CORSINI, Until October 6

The International Antiques Biennial takes place in Florence, as the name suggests every two years. The 2024 Biennale is the 33rd edition of an event that is an absolute reference for great Italian art. "A museum for sale" is how the General Secretary of the Biennale, Fabrizio Moretti, defined it: approximately 80 galleries bring unknown works of art to the banks of the Arno, creating an exhibition of the highest level. Among the artists, works by Bronzino, Tiziano Vecellio, Giovanna Garzoni, Andrea Appiani, Vittorio Corcos, Umberto Boccioni, Antonietta Raphael, Alberto Savinio are on display in the rooms of Palazzo Corsini. The exhibition is completed by many events with glamorous guests: gala dinners, musical shows for charity, artistic-themed conferences, which take place both at Palazzo Corsini and in various museums of the city. The Biennale itself takes place in the exceptional beauty of Palazzo Corsini sull'Arno, normally closed to the public, a rare example of a Baroque building in the city of Florence. The detailed program is on the [website](#).

BEST DINING OUT: CECCHINI IN CITTA' OPENS AT 25 HOURS HOTEL!

The start of a new adventure filled with fire, joy, and passion! Get ready, because the divine meat has landed in the heart of Florence...CECCHINI IS IN TOWN! Experience the flavors of Tuscany in a setting inspired by the Divine Comedy with a unique twist. In the heart of the city, Dario Cecchini, the legendary butcher of Panzano in Chianti, combines his passion for meat with storytelling. Each dish honors the whole cow, from nose to tail, almost like Dante's journey through the afterlife. Located in the lively 25hours Hotel Piazza San Paolino, CECCHINI IN CITTÀ offers two dining options: Cecchini Griglia, a communal feast with grilled meats and wine, and Cecchini Famiglia, an à la carte menu featuring Dario's family recipes, from pasta fresh to vegetarian dishes. Here every meal is a celebration of tradition, passion and the art of butchery. [Book your table here](#).

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FABBRICA EUROPA FESTIVAL XXXI EDITION, Until October 15

Dedicated to Mediterranean culture, the 2024 edition consists in a multidisciplinary journey into contemporary creativity, made up of research and experimentation on artistic languages declined by great masters and emerging authors. Projects, shows, concerts, performances, site-specific creations, meetings, and workshops will inhabit spaces full of suggestions and theatres of the territory conceived and imagined for each artistic proposal, in a diffused geography that connects centre and outskirts: PARC Performing Arts Research Centre, Manifattura Tabacchi, Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, Teatro Goldoni, Teatro Puccini, Chiostro degli Angeli, Teatro Cantiere Florida, French Institute, Frittelli Arte Contemporanea, Murate Art District. Discover all the details on the [Festival website](#).

CERAMIC FAIR IN SS ANNUNZIATA SQUARE, Oct 5 and 6

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 MULTIPLE LOCATIONS AROUND FLORENCE, Weekends in October

With free entry, DJ sets, and drinks and food served up, this will be the best of the best of second-hand treasure hunting while surrounded by artisans in four beautiful venues: Orto Dipinti, La Limonaia, Il Conventino, and Yellow Square. A moving market that sets up in the most beautiful artistic locations around town, so you can experience green spaces and artisan creations alongside sustainable fashion! [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. You'll find more information at: www.musefirenze.it

EXHIBITIONS

HELEN FRANKENTHALER, PAINTING WITHOUT RULES, EXHIBITION AT PALAZZO STROZZI, Until January 26

From: [The Florentine Magazine](#). With her innovative soak-stain technique, the artist left her mark on the evolution of modern painting in a new relationship between colour, space and form. From September 27 to January 26, 2025, Palazzo Strozzi hosts Helen Frankenthaler. *Painting Without Rules*, a major exhibition celebrating one of the most important women artists of the 20th century, whose revolutionary research in painting is explored through works from her oeuvre between 1953 and 2002, in dialogue with paintings and sculptures by her contemporaries, including Jackson Pollock, Morris Louis, Robert Motherwell, Mark Rothko, David Smith and Anne Truitt. [Read more here.](#)

DO NOT ABANDON ME: LOUISE BOURGEOIS AT MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until Oct 20

Two exceptional exhibitions – the first one at Museo Novecento *Do Not Abandon Me* and the other at Museo degli Innocenti Cell XVIII (*Portrait*). The project brings the works of Louise Bourgeois (Paris, 1911 – New York, 2010) to Florence for the first time, building a significant relationship of osmosis between her creations and the exhibition context. Conceived in close dialogue with the architecture of the former Leopoldine building, a complex with a strong social vocation run for centuries by all-female communities, the exhibition will give the opportunity to experience almost one hundred works by the artist. These will include many gouaches made during the last five years of Bourgeois's life, that explore the cycles of life through an iconography of sexuality, procreation, birth, motherhood, feeding, dependency, the couple, the family unit, and flowers. [More information.](#)

OLTRECITTA': IMAGINING THE CITY, AT VILLA BARDINI, Until January 19

From: [The Florentine Magazine](#). Spread over two floors of Villa Bardini, 126 works by modern and contemporary artists offer thought-provoking answers. What is a city? That is the question at the heart of the latest collaboration between the Bardini Foundation and Lucia Fiaschi, curator of the show *OltreCittà: Utopias and Reality* along with Bruno Corà, Silvia Mantovani and Claudia Bucelli. Spread over two floors of [Villa Bardini](#), 126 works by a myriad of modern and contemporary artists offer thought-provoking answers. Open until January 19, 2025 and featuring heavy hitters like Sol LeWitt, Boccioni, Burri, de Chirico, Le Corbusier and Pistoletto, the exhibit is divided into 12 themed sections presenting different creative perspectives on the built environment. These include “Utopias”, “Hostile City” and “City Maps”, and each section is enriched by quotes from likes of

Calvino, Yourcenar and Hemingway to drive home the poetic, conceptual and philosophical underpinnings. [Read more here.](#)

MUSEO MARINO MARINI: THE TREASURE OF THE HOLY LAND EXHIBITION, Until January 7

From: [The Florentine Magazine](#). Sacred masterpieces that tell of centuries of faith and patronage of the arts will be on display until January 7, 2025. A little-known treasure of a museum in central Florence, Museo Marino Marini is offering yet another reason to venture to the former church of S. Pancrazio. A just-inaugurated exhibition traces the history of Christianity and reveals over five centuries of devotion and sacred beauty through over 100 prestigious works from the Treasure of the Holy Sepulchre collection. Running until January 7, 2025, The Treasure of the Holy Land at Museo Marino Marini. [Read more here.](#)

THE CATTEDRALE DELL'IMMAGINE PRESENTS INSIDE KLIMT

In the heart of Florence, the deconsecrated church of Santo Stefano al Ponte was reborn with the name “the Cathedral of the Image”, transforming itself into the first permanent Italian center for Immersive Art Experiences. Now showing is Inside Klimt. Gustav Klimt, the most famous of the founders of the Viennese Secession, was also the protagonist of Klimt Experience, the first production by Crossmedia Group. In the treasure chest of the Cathedral of the Image that today you will come into contact with the art and life of Gustav Klimt, a revolutionary artist and creator of some of the most iconic pieces in the history of modern art. You will see him at the beginning and at the end of his career, passing through his greatest successes and glimpsing some moments of his private life. It will be an immersive and immediate, absolute and enveloping contact. Find out the dates and more information [here](#).

DANCE, THEATRE, AND MUSIC

THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA AT TEATRO VERDI, October 19

On October 19, the Teatro Verdi will host the BEST OF Tour of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the world's most beloved swing and jazz ensemble. Trombonist, conductor and composer, author of famous songs such as "Moonlight Serenade", Glenn Miller was one of the most important and influential musicians of the twentieth century, an authentic icon of the Swing Era: exactly eighty years after his death, his myth continues to live and the songs to play in the main theaters with his Glenn Miller Orchestra, the most loved swing and jazz ensemble in the world. More information and tickets [here](#).

AMICI DELLA MUSICA

If you ever wanted to listen to classical music in a theatre where you could imagine Verdi or Mozart

to walk in any second go to the jewel box Pergola Theatre. The Amici della Musica of Florence presents various concerts at the Teatro della Pergola. Works by Rossini, Schumann, Schubert, Brahms, Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are only a small sample of what will be performed. [Tickets and more information.](#)

THE ORCHESTRA DEL MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO, ZUBIN MEHTA, October 6

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. This month's pick:

On 6 October, at the Teatro del Maggio, Zubin Mehta will conduct the Orchestra del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino in Anton Bruckner's Symphony No. 8 in C minor.

More information and tickets [here](#).

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"FánHuā" - literally "varieties of blooming flowers" - is a name that corresponds perfectly to the thriving and varied film production that has been developing in China. We plan to show the Italian public environments of incredible beauty, explore the culture, age-old traditions and authentic contemporary everyday life of the different existences of a distant people, discovering the charm of China of yesterday and today. The programs we offer are also an invitation to the new generations of Chinese residents, who grew up in Italy, to deepen their knowledge of their country of origin.

dal 15 al 20 ottobre – [Middle East Now](#)

Festival of cinema, documentaries, visual arts, photography, contemporary culture, food and events on the Middle East and North Africa: a week of screenings, exhibitions and events involving the city of Florence.

dal 29 ottobre al 1 novembre – [France Odeon](#)

The jury of the 15th edition of France Odeon, the French Film Festival of Florence, composed of the director Mimmo Calopresti, the editor Francesca Calvelli and the journalist Francesca Fanuele, awarded the Manetti – Battiloro 2023 Gold Leaf Award to Valérie Donzelli for L 'amour et les forêts (distributed in Italy by MOVIES INSPIRED).

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WEEKLY SOCIAL LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS AT SOTTO AL BRITISH

Every Monday night from 19:00-21:00 (except public holidays), a life drawing session led by artist Tom J. Byrne. A social, life drawing event prepares the spirit for a creative week and is a great way to meet new and interesting people. There is no instruction given but through sharing insights and discussion over a glass of wine after drawing, people can exchange drawing methods. The session is from 19:00 - 21:00 and consists of short warm up poses followed by longer poses as the evening moves along. [More information here](#).

VINTAGE FILMS AT THE CINEMA ODEON

The transformed Cinema Odeon hosts daily screenings in their upstairs seating area of the old classics. An incredible location to discover film, literature, and dining in the oldest cinema of Florence. **Up this month the hits include Joker and The Shining.** See the whole program [here](#).

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 – Chianti Farm House - 35 Km South of Florence
Farm Complex to be refurbished, approx. 600 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 6000 Sq. Ft.) with 2 acres of land and garden. Electricity and water already in place. Hill top position, easy access.

Asking Price 900,000 Euro



SALE – San Niccolo' – Historic Center

Free standing villa, refurbished, approx. 300 sq. mt.(3000 Sq. Ft), plus 1000 Sq.Mt. (10.000 Sq.Ft.) of garden. 4 Bed, 5 Bath. Terraces, air con, car parking, autonomous heating, quiet street.

Asking Price - On Request



SALE – Ognissanti Attic – Historic Center

Top floor no elevator, good conditions, approx. 60 sq. mt.(600 Sq. Ft) plus 25 Sq.Mt. (250 Sq.Ft.) of terrace, 1 Bed, 1 Bath. hair con., autonomous heating.

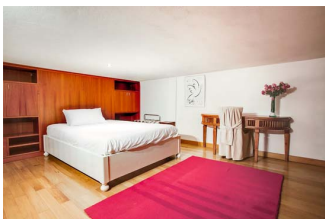
Asking price 495,000 Euro



SALE - Costa dei Magnoli - San Niccolo

Ground floor, refurbished, approx. 120 Sq. Mt. (aprox. 1200 Sq. Ft.), plus small court. Refurbished, 2 bed, 2 bath; autonomous heating. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking Price 790,000 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 1,200,000 Euro



SALE – Florence Country House– 5 km South of Florence

Free standing stone farm house, approx. 500 sq. mt.(5000 Sq. Ft), plus 1½ hecatare (1.5 acres) of land plus dependance. 6 bed, 5 bath, autonomous heating. For more info please contact us directly.

Asking Price 1,900,000 Euro

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