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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. As Autumn paints the trees, the last of the grapes are being pulled from their vines and wine is fermenting in the cellars. Ripening olives hang heavy and our thoughts turn to truffles, mushrooms, and chestnuts. Enjoy the calendar full of music, exhibitions (Artemisia Gentileschi!), concerts, dance, and especially the return of the 50 Days of Cinema Festival, which is always a highlight in Florence's cultural calendar. With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, JADE, 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 2-4

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: MORE THAN JUST A GREAT LOCATION! FRESCOES AND MODERN STYLE IN THIS SAN LORENZO APARTMENT



The San Lorenzo area is bustling with history, tradition but also great bars and restaurants and all services. It is perhaps most famous for its leather market, the Mercato Centrale food market and the remarkable Basilica. Close to the Santa Maria Novella train station and just a short walk to Piazza Duomo and Piazza San Marco, this well-connected location is perfect for long or short stays. [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. There is a historical parade deo Palagio di Parte Guelfa to the Piazza del Duomo, arriving 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. [Website](#).

BEST FESTIVAL: 50 DAYS OF CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL AT CINEMA LA COMPAGNIA

The 50 Days of Cinema in Florence is "The festival of festivals" that brings cinema, in all its variety and splendor, to the city between October and December. An intense program, which holds together important and historic international festivals, for 50 days of culture, art, events, previews, meetings with directors and actors. The Festivals are held at the Cinema della Compagnia, in conjunction with other venues around the city on occasion.

6th-11th October – [Middle East Now](#)

14th-18th October – [FánHuā Chinese Film Festival](#)

21st-25th October – [Festival di Cinema e Donne](#)

28th Oct-1st Nov – [France Odeon – Festival del Cinema Francese](#)

See the whole program [here](#).

BEST BAROQUE: MUSIC IN THE FLORENTINE CENACLES, Until December

The 2026 edition of "I Concerti al Cenacolo"—organized by the L'Homme Armé Association since 1994 and the longest-running annual early music series in Tuscany—takes place this year from October 10 to December 4. The concerts range from medieval to baroque music programs with a special focus on the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries and take place in venues of particular historical and artistic significance. The main part of the concerts has taken place in the beautiful Museum of San Salvi where the wonderful fresco of Andrea del Sarto is located. Each concert will be preceded by a presentation in the form of a dialogue with the audience, aiming to foster a more informed listening experience. The program will soon be available on the L'Homme Armé website. [Website](#).

BEST EXHIBITION: ARTEMISIA GENTILESCHI AT THE MUSEO DEGLI INNOCENTI

On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the [Museo degli Innocenti](#), an exhibition dedicated to the first woman admitted to the Accademia delle Arti del Disegno in 1616 will open: [“Artemisia Gentilschi”](#). The exhibition will offer an opportunity to rediscover Artemisia's connection to Florence through the works still preserved in the city today, from the “Judith with Her Maidservant” at Palazzo Pitti to the “Allegory of Inclination” at Casa Buonarroti. [Book tickets here](#).

BEST DINING OUT: THE TOP TIPS FROM FLORENCE'S FAVORITE TEXAN IN TUSCANY, GIRL IN FLORENCE

“Florence is a city that knows how to eat and drink well (but it is pretty easy to eat badly here too) and I am also someone who loves to discover new places but also respect true institutions. From cozy trattorias serving Tuscan ribollita to rooftop cocktail bars with jaw-dropping Duomo views, there's no shortage of unforgettable experiences here. But with so many options (and plenty of tourist traps), it can be tough to know where to go, I get it, I've been there. That's why I put together this insider guide to the best restaurants in Florence, plus bars and street food. I've lived in Florence for over 17

years, written for publications like The Infatuation, Italy Magazine and Travel & Leisure, and spend my free time scouting out new openings and revisiting old favorites with family and friends.” [Read the full list here.](#)

BEST OF THE REST

SEE THE MONTHLY WRAP UP OF EVENTS FROM THE FLORENCE TOURISM BOARD

Did you know that [FeelFlorence.it](#) is the official tourism website of the Municipality and Metropolitan City of Florence? Each month they publish their list of everything happening not only in Florence’s historical center, but also in the whole municipality of Florence and the surrounding towns. This includes sagras, traditional festivals in the countryside, and more. If you’re the adventurous sort who loves to explore beyond the tourist pathways, then their events listings are perfect for you! [Read the wrap up here.](#)

THE ORCHESTRA OF TOSCANA (ORT) LAUNCH THEIR 46TH CONCERT SEASON

The Orchestra della Toscana (ORT) begins its 46th Concert Season for 2026–2027, led by Principal Conductor Diego Ceretta and Artistic Director Daniele Spini. The main residency is at the historic Teatro Verdi in Florence, with events extending across regional venues in Tuscany. Upcoming Autumn/Winter 2026 Highlights:

Puccini a Firenze (ChoralSpace on Tour): Featuring Giacomo Puccini’s *Messa di Gloria* and a world premiere by Ēriks Ešņvalds, conducted by Nicolas Fink with the ChoralSpace Festival Choir.

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 2026 (9:00 PM) and Sunday, October 4, 2026 (5:00 PM)

Venue: Teatro Verdi, Florence

ORT Opening Concert (Concerto di Inaugurazione): Opening the official symphonic calendar with Principal Conductor Diego Ceretta and guest violinist Francesca Dego.

Date & Time: Thursday, October 22, 2026 (9:00 PM)

Venue: Teatro Verdi, Florence

THE INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE OF ANTIQUES, Sept 26th - Oct 4th

The International Biennial of Antiques is one of the most interesting and international events held in Florence, as its name suggests every two years. The 2026 Biennale runs from 26 September to 4 October and is the 34th edition of an event that is an absolute reference for great Italian art. The exhibition is complemented by many events, with glamorous guests: gala dinners, musical performances for charity, and art-themed conferences, which take place both at Palazzo Corsini and in the city's various museums. The Biennial takes place in a place of exceptional beauty, the Palazzo

Corsini on the Arno normally closed to the public, a rare example of a Baroque building in the city of Florence. [More information](#).

FABBRICA EUROPA FESTIVAL 33rd EDITION, Until October 11

A festival as a collective act. Not a mere sequence of events, but a shared, poetic, and choral gesture that takes shape through active, living listening to the world. A space of the contemporary where bodies, voices, and ideas question the present and move through it with new inquiries and creative impulses. A festival that chooses to go beyond the West, beyond its consolidated narratives and symbolic boundaries, to cyclically return to a deeper essence: that of a Mediterranean not as a closed geographical space, but as a mobile horizon of exchange, of construction of meaning and knowledge – crossed by cultures, languages, myths, and conflicts – which even today continues to generate questions and possibilities. Venues include: 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](#).

INTERNATIONAL CERAMICS FAIR IN PIAZZA SS ANNUNZIATA, Oct 3 and 4

Florence welcomes back a new edition of the International Ceramics Fair, with an exhibition and market entirely dedicated to designer ceramics. The Fair takes place during the first weekend of October and, over the course of two days, Piazza Santa Croce will host around 90 Italian and European ceramists presenting a wide variety of ceramic techniques, from stoneware to porcelain, from majolica to lustre. 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. [Website](#).

FFF FORTISSIMISSIMO FIRENZE FESTIVAL WITH AMICI DELLA MUSICA

Now in its 10th edition, the Fortissimissimo Firenze Festival, promoted by Amici della Musica di Firenze, celebrates and supports the emerging talents of classical music. From 18 September to 7 October 2026, the Festival presents nine concerts featuring a variety of repertoires and ensembles, from piano and chamber music to string quartets and percussion. Each year, a selection of outstanding young musicians performs in some of Florence's most prestigious cultural venues, including the "Luigi Cherubini" Conservatory, Lyceum Club Internazionale, Institut français Firenze, and Palazzo Buontalenti – European University Institute. For the full programme, information and tickets, visit the [Amici della Musica](#) website.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD AND HISTORIC PARADE OF THE FLORENTINE REPUBLIC, October 4th

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](#)

FRIDAY NIGHTTIME OPENINGS OF THE VASARI CORRIDOR

From [The Florentine Magazine](#): Running every Friday evening through December 26, the Vasari Corridor 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.

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

MORE EXHIBITIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

BROKEN, THE POWER OF THE FRAGMENT AT PALAZZO STROZZI

A major exhibition dedicated to the theme of the fragment in the history of sculpture, spanning from archaeology to contemporary art. Organized in collaboration with the National Gallery of Art in Washington, the exhibition brings together extraordinary and captivating works ranging from ancient Egypt to Michelangelo, and from Classical Greece to Rodin, extending to contemporary artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Francesco Vezzoli, and Danh Vo. Works by major masters of art history, including Giovanni Pisano, Michelangelo, and Auguste Rodin, are displayed alongside sculptures by contemporary artists—such as Louise Bourgeois, Huma Bhabha, Robert Gober, Francesco Vezzoli, and Danh Vo—who have embraced the fragment as a starting point for new expressive possibilities. Additionally, for the occasion, Palazzo Strozzi presents a new installation by Dutch-Belgian artist Mark Manders, conceived specifically for the Renaissance courtyard. [More information.](#)

FLORENCE IN THE '50S, '60S, AND '70S, AT VILLA BARDINI, Until October

In Florence, from May 7 to October 18, 2026, Villa Bardini provides the evocative setting for the exhibition “Florence ’50s ’60s ’70s – Images from the Foto Locchi Archive”, a fascinating journey through the city’s history seen through the unique perspective of the historic agency. Through 150 documentary photographs, the exhibition traces three decades of transformation across art, sport, society and everyday life, capturing the full vitality of Florence in the second half of the twentieth century. More information at the [website](#).

A JOURNEY IN FASHION FROM FLORENCE TO FIFTH AVENUE, ON SHOW AT THE PITTI PALACE, Until December

Ferdinando Sarri, born in Ravenna into an Italian noble family, began his international career in 1951 by taking part in the historic fashion show organized by Giovanni Battista Giorgini in Florence, an event symbolizing the birth of Made in Italy. Noticed by Elizabeth Arden, he moved to New York to lead the fashion line of her brand. In 1958, he founded Sarri New York, becoming one of the leading figures of American haute couture. He dressed icons such as Marlene Dietrich, Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, and Pat Nixon, also gaining recognition from the international press. The exhibition dedicated to him traces his career from the 1950s to the early 1970s, highlighting his ability to merge Italian sartorial elegance with the glamour of American society. [More information](#).

OCTOBER WISHES

Wishing for an October filled with florins, fall flowers, and the treasures of Autumn harvest to all of you.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Santa Croce Apt – Historic Center

First floor (20 easy steps up, possible elevator), great condition, approx. 110 sq. mt.(1100 Sq. Ft). 3 bed, 2 bath, air conditioning, autonomous heating.

Asking Price 440,000 Euro



SALE – Via Tornabuoni Apt – Historic Center

Third floor (80 easy steps up), refurbished, modern style apt on two levels, approx. 75 sq. mt.(750 Sq. Ft). 1 bed, 1 bath, air conditioning, autonomous heating. Possible Elevator.

Asking Price 420.000 Euro



SALE – San Miniato Apt – Historic Center

First and top floor, refurbished, approx. 160 Sq. Mt. (1600 Sq. Ft.). plus 30 Sq. Mt. (300 Sq.Ft.) of terraces. 2 bed, 3 bath plus study on loft; quiet, high decorated ceilings, air con., views.

Asking price 2,250,000 Euro



SALE - San Remigio Apt - Historic Center

Refurbished Apt, third floor with elevator, approx 120 Sq. Mt. (1200 Sq.Ft.), plus 5 Sq.Mt. (50 Sq.Ft.) of balcony. 3 Bed, 2 Bath, autonomous heating, Air. Conditioning.

Asking Price 970,000 Euro



SALE – Bagno a Ripoli Modern Villa – 10 Km from Florence

Modern style free standing villa, approx. 450 sq. mt.(4500 Sq. Ft), and 5000 Sq.Mt. (50.000 Sq. Ft.) of garden. 8 bed, 7 bath, air conditioning, pool autonomous heating.

Asking Price 1,650,000 Euro



SALE – Piazza Antinori Attic – Historic Center

Top floor, refurbished apt, approx. 200 sq. mt.(2000 Sq. Ft), and 35 Sq.Mt. (350 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 3 bed, study, 4 bath, air conditioning, autonomous heating. Possible elevator.

Asking Price 2,200,000 Euro

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