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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

This month Italy is facing harder days, as we watch the numbers surge in a new wave of the coronavirus. As the government tries to avoid a full lockdown, we re-energise our sense of civic duty, ready to keep our movements to a minimum while supporting local business as best we can. It's a month to spend our evenings with online entertainment, home delivery, and checking on friends with loving phone calls as messages that respect the need for social distance. This month we include updates to the restrictions in the Important Information section, and links to the key official sites for updates. We hope that facing November with courage and compassion will bring us small rewards closer to Christmas time. Until then, we stay together in spirit and with *forza*... Our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR NOVEMBER

BEST EVENT: LO SCHERMO DELL'ARTE FILM FESTIVAL ONLINE

(From: TheFlorentine.net)

Cinema, moving images and contemporary art are the subjects of this innovative festival, now in its 13th edition. Over [30 films pack the programme](#) with works varying from arthouse cinema to documentaries and short films. Screenings will be on demand via the Più Compagnia platform in collaboration with MyMovies.it, making it possible to soak up the cinematic excellence from the comfort of your own homes. As well as films from all over the globe, there will also be Q&As with creatives and talks you won't want to miss out on. Forming part of the celebrations is the 9th edition of the VISIO research and residency program who launch an exhibition curated by Leonardo Bigazzi titled 'Mostra Resisting the Trouble - Moving images in times of crisis' (November 9-December 9). Produced alongside NAM-Not A Museum, it takes place as part of Manifattura Tabacchi's contemporary art program.

BEST P&F RENTAL: AN ATTRACTIVE, MODERN APARTMENT WITH PLENTY OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACE

A well-equipped and luminous apartment with a garden and covered patio, and a small independent apartment attached and accessed through the garden. With 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms in the main apartment, and a bedroom and sitting room in the small apartment. Via Bartolomeo Scala is a short street on the edge of the Gavinana area, south of the Arno river on the east side of Florence, in a residential area with shops and restaurants nearby. It is walking distance to the city center and well served by city transportation. The apartment is also very close to Albereta park where you can run or read a book along the Arno river or paddle a canoe on it. [More information and photos here.](#)



BEST THEATRE: HERSHEY FELDER IN 'A PARIS LOVE STORY' STREAMS ONLINE, November 22

(From: theflorentine.net) For the past seven months, pianist, performer and producer Hershey Felder has been finding ways to support theatres and theatre artists, while entertaining audiences during these complicated times. A delightful Debussy journey achieves that in a live-streamed performance that takes us through Paris and how it shaped a whole new world of colour in sound in the music of Claude Debussy. A ticket, valid for a household, includes extended viewing access of the recording through Sunday, November 29 and also helps The Florentine as a percentage of ticket sales generously goes towards supporting our magazine. Buy your ticket here: theflr.net/

BEST TRADITION: ALL SAINTS DAY HOLIDAY, November 1

With the new restrictions, fairs and celebrations are cancelled for this month, but here's a look at how Florence usually celebrates: Celebrated throughout Italy, Halloween coincides with the major Catholic holiday celebrating the dearly departed and saints. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church who have attained heaven. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead, now celebrated as Halloween. The celebrating of Halloween itself has only recently been adopted here, and is mostly just for children.

BEST EXHIBITION: THE UFFIZI VIRTUAL TOUR ONLINE

(from: [theflorentine.net](#))

Following its social media response to Covid-19, the Uffizi has today launched a full-immersion virtual tour of the gallery's most prestigious areas. By clicking [here](#), anyone with a computer, tablet or smartphone can take a virtual tour of ten rooms in the Uffizi, including those that have opened over the past year. The suggested route starts with the Sala delle Dinastie and its portraits of the Medici and the Della Rovere, two families who had an instrumental role in the Uffizi's current collection. The tour comprises 55 artworks in all, which can be viewed from a variety of angles and distances. Essential notes, in Italian or English, can be accessed by clicking on the information panels, while the most famous pieces have a link to their details on the Uffizi website.

BEST DINING OUT: IS DINING IN, WITH GIRL IN FLORENCE'S BEST HOME DELIVERY SELECTION!

As we move back into strong restrictions, or a version of lockdown, in order to manage the very high numbers of coronavirus cases, it's time to revisit Girl In Florence's list for everything home delivery that can be brought to your door. She includes excellent tips for groceries as well as highlights of the restaurants who will send their yummy goodness to be enjoyed at home. [Check out the full list here.](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WHERE SHOULD I BE CHECKING FOR ACCURATE NEWS AND INFORMATION?

It's especially important to be relying on the correct information and news sources during this time. Here are some official and accurate sources:

Italian Government Website: www.governo.it

Italian Ministry of Health: www.salute.gov.it

Coronavirus Page at the Ministry of Health: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/>

Coronavirus Counts Worldwide: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

News Site with daily official conference at 6pm: <http://ansa.it/>

LATEST RESTRICTIONS IN FLORENCE - UPDATES FROM [The Florentine Magazine](#)

Covid-19, new rules for Tuscany (October 30): applicable to shops, supermarkets and malls

On entering into shops, persons must wear face protection that covers the nose and mouth, and are required to clean their hands with sanitizer.

All shops must display a sign stating the maximum number of people allowed to enter the premises at any one time.

Only one household member is allowed to enter grocery stores at any one time.

Medium and large stores must have temperature check stations by the entrance.

Food and drinks must not be consumed in shopping centres other than in bars and restaurants.

[Businesses should read the full regional ordinance for Tuscany here \(in Italian\).](#)

NEW RULES IN ITALY ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 25TH – HIGHLIGHTS FROM [The Florentine Magazine](#)

New Covid-19 rules will enter into effect in Italy on October 25 and apply until November 24. You can read [highlights of the key changes here](#), including a link to the full decree in Italian. There are also Florence-specific rules introduced to prevent loitering in the major piazzas at night, with people encouraged to only travel or move about for work, health, and essential needs.

BEST OF THE REST

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE ONLINE SEMINARS, BRINGING THE BEST OF FLORENTINE CULTURE RIGHT INTO YOUR HOME

In response to the positive feedback on our recent online cultural events as well as specific requests to expand our History of Art programming along these lines, the British Institute of Florence is offering a new series of online seminars devoted to the art and culture of Florence! A pilot programme is scheduled to run the week of 11-15 May 2020, and is now available for registration. Led by the British Institute's Head of History of Art, Jeremy Boudreau, this seminar will introduce participants to the various resources available for the remote study of Florentine art here in Italy and around the world. With the aid of digitised readings and online content, we will explore the city's monuments and masterpieces while devoting each weekday to particular frameworks and methodologies for research, teaching and independent study. If you would like to offer any input as we develop future seminars for this series, please complete the online survey, and [keep an eye on this page!](#)

GET YOUR FLORENCE FIX! TOUR FLORENCE ONLINE WITH GIRL IN FLORENCE'S

LIST OF THE BEST INSTAGRAM PAGES TO FOLLOW

“In a time when we can’t physically be in Italy ourselves, the next best thing is to follow people who are. The ones who can evocatively capture the landscapes, culture, street scenes, food culture and everyday moments we all love and appreciate. Ones that we simply long to experience again once these days are over. After calling Italy home for 13 years and blogging on GirlinFlorence.com since 2012, I have found Instagram to be a very useful portal to connect with people all over the country and even make new friends. Though I will always be a blogger first, the gram is indeed a great way to wind down from work/life with a scroll and catch up with friends around the globe. This is simply a list of people I enjoy following on Instagram that capture Italy in a myriad of different ways.”

[See the list here!](#)

STOCK UP ON CREATIVE WRITING FROM FLORENCE

From [Creative People in Florence](#)

CPiF has some incredibly talented authors in the group! Now more than ever is the perfect time to explore their works. There is everything from historic novels set in Italy to autobiographies and love stories. We’ve also included some great storytelling blogs and even a bit of poetry. The Paperback Exchange will even deliver books right to your door! As always, please be sure to share this post as much and as often as you can to help support the creative community here in Florence especially during this incredibly difficult time! [Read all about it here.](#)

AREOCENE, TOMÁS SARACENO’S SIDE EXHIBITION, IN FLIGHT AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI, Until November

The occasion of the exhibition Aria. Tomás Saraceno (21/02/20 – 1/11/20) marks the beginning of Manifattura Tabacchi’s collaboration with Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi, working together as partners for the project [Aerocene](#). Visitors can take part in testing and launching aero-solar sculptures which are able to fly using only the heat of the Sun and infrared radiation from the Earth’s surface. Manifattura Tabacchi is hosting an area where people can learn more about the philosophy of Aerocene, where they can look at literature, watch videos and documentaries, and see the Flight Starter Kit up close. [More information here.](#)

SUPER TUSCANS COME TO THE BRITISH INSTITUTE

Florence’s astonishing artistic patrimony was created in the context of complex rivalries with other cities in Tuscany, and the continuous struggle for power and prestige amongst the great families and clans ... and the church. Super Tuscans is a series of ten weekly online seminars that will take a chronological look at the major artists and the outstanding artistic heritage of Siena, San Gimignano, Volterra and the other beautiful historic towns of Tuscany. And we may get to explore some of the great red wine as well!

[Click here for details of the Super Tuscans Series and how to register.](#)

EXHIBITIONS

RAPHAEL AND THE RETURN OF THE MEDICI POPE, AT PALAZZO PITTI, Until January

(From: theflorentine.net)

A triptych of exhibitions forms part of the celebrations for the 500th anniversary of Raffaello Sanzio's death. This, the second of them, looks at the homecoming of the *Portrait of Pope Leo X with Cardinals Giulio de' Medici and Luigi de' Rossi* in an exhibition curated by Marco Ciatti and Eike Schmidt. The restoration of the painting carried out by the Opificio delle Pietre Dure is documented, with each phase extensively detailed along with scientific analysis of the work. Each shade of red, the variety of textures, and the figures remarkable introspection are vividly rendered to form a magnificent work explored in thorough detail. [Read more and watch the video here](#). Sala delle Nicchie, Palazzo Pitti

DANTE 700 - PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION OF MASSIMO SESTINI, Until January 6,

(From: theflorentine.net)

Renowned photoreporter Massimo Sestini contributes to the year-long celebrations across Tuscany in 2021 marking the 700th anniversary of Dante Alighieri's death. Sestini's distinct style rivetingly captures places associated with the Supreme Poet, from Florence to Ravenna, passing through Monte Falterona—the source of the Arno—and also Venice, Rome, Verona and Poppi. The 23 shots were taken with innovative photographic techniques portraying the poet's face and words along with the areas significant both to him and his work, illustrating his continued presence, importance and relevance in our lives. Accompanying the works will be a precious wooden portal from 1480 that depicts Dante, made to a design by Sandro Botticelli. More to be revealed at www.musefirenze.it.

Santa Maria Novella Museum Complex, Florence

THE WOLVES ARE HERE, INSTALLATION BY LIU RUOWANG, Until November

(From: feelflorence.it)

Love them or hate them, the wolves have descended. Packs of iron wolves are invading Florence! It's "Wolves are coming", monumental installation by Liu Ruowang, set right in front of two Renaissance symbol-buildings: Pitti Palace and Spedale degli Innocenti, starting point for a double confrontation. The pack of wolves (a hundred iron elements) threatening the powerless warrior is an allegory of nature's response to the devastation and predatory behaviour of man on the one hand, and it is a criticism of the values of civilization on the other one. The project was conceived on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations between the Italian Republic and the People's Republic of China. [More information here](#).

THE MUSEO NOVECENTO EXHIBITIONS

The Museo Novecento presents a retrospective exhibition on Allan Kaprov with 40 works on paper and canvas that tell the story of his debut, the new appointment with the cycle SOLO dedicated to the figure of Mario Mafai and the cycle DUEL dedicated to Francesca Banchelli. Finally, the fifth

edition of Campo Aperto, this time dedicated to the artist Emanuele Becheri, whose sculptures will be displayed throughout the museum.

ALLAN KAPROV - I will always be a painter - of sorts

A retrospective exhibition about the great artist with 40 works on paper and canvas narrating his debut.

SOLO - Mario Mafai. Works from Collezione Alberto della Ragione

The protagonist of the cycle SOLO is this time Mario Mafai (Rome 1902-1956) in his works among views of Rome, recurring subjects dear to him like flowers, his association with other artists and his political and social commitment during the years of the Nazi-Fascist dictatorship.

DUEL - Francesca Banchelli. I cani silenziosi se ne vanno via.

Francesca Banchelli's first solo exhibition in an Italian museum in which the theme of the Fugitives dialogues with that of the Apocalypse by Scipione (1930) in the sign of epochal change.

More details at the [website](#).

NATURA COLLECTA - NATURA EXHIBITA PUTS NATURE ON DISPLAY INSIDE THE BASILICA OF SAN LORENZO

The University Museum System has put on display 150 pieces among the most significant of its collections and representative of the various disciplines: from ethnology to zoology, botany and earth sciences. The most significant finds range from the jasper quartz cup engraved with the initials LAURMED (Lorenzo de' Medici), to the large oil paintings by Bartolomeo Bimbi depicting flowers and fruits, to the famous anatomical and botanical waxes of Museo della Specola. A special space is dedicated to the figure of Beato Niccolò Stenone, bishop and scientist buried in San Lorenzo, whose collections are preserved at the University Museum System. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Access is by guided tour only. Reservations required. [More information here](#).

INDISPENSIBALI INFERMIERI AT SANTA MARIA NUOVA HOSPITAL, Until December

A multimedia exhibition with extraordinary images taken by the photojournalist Massimo Sestini during the emergency at the Santa Maria Nuova hospital, inaugurated at Palazzo Vecchio. The great photojournalist Massimo Sestini, winner of the World Press Photo in 2015, shot for five days and five nights in the Covid departments of the Santa Maria Nuova Hospital in Florence. The result is "Indispensabili Infermieri", an exciting work that pays homage to this fundamental profession for both doctors and patients. The exhibition remains set up until December inside Santa Maria Nuova Hospital. [More information here](#).

#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

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

CURATED PERFORMANCES AND CONCERTS STREAMING THROUGH THE FIRENZE TV CHANNEL ON YOUTUBE

This is THE channel for theater, music, art, culture of Florence and for Florence! This project is the response to the call by Councilor for Culture and President of the Teatro della Toscana Tommaso Sacchi Foundation to bring the centers of art and culture to life despite the moment of silence and necessary closure to safeguard public health. An open and shared forum to which all Florentine theaters and local artists can contribute. Find an incredible selection of Florence's best live art, music, performance, dance, and more live on the web, bringing culture directly to the spectators' home. Sign up for the channel here: <https://tinyurl.com/firenzetv>

FILMS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

THE BEST OF ITALY IN CINEMA WITH CN TRAVELER'S LIST OF THE BEST 41 FILMS TO WATCH IF YOU'RE DREAMING OF ITALY!

“Italy has produced—and inspired—some of the [greatest cinema](#) of all time. Among its key players, you'll find directors like Federico Fellini and Luca Guadagnino alongside actors like Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni (and quite often, the American Gregory Peck). But when we asked our editors what their favorite Italian movies were, their choices went far beyond the classics. Below, you'll find picks like the mid-'90s rom-com *Only You* and Netflix's *Two Popes*—and lots of Tilda Swinton. (Plus Lizzie McGuire, of course.) Yes, the scope of our picks are broad—there are movies in Italian, filmed in Italy, or just set in part in the boot-shaped country included, but they'll all transport you to the bustle of Rome, the rolling Tuscan countryside, the luxe Lake Como, or beyond in no time. [See the whole list here!](#)

NOVEMBER WISHES

We hope you enjoy the aroma of white truffles and indulging in produce and culture from home. May your troubles fall with the Autumn leaves and the season of change bring new beginnings for all.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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SALE – Duomo Apt – Historic Center

Second floor apt, refurbished, approx. 90 Sq. Mt. (900 Sq. Ft.), plus small outdoor terrace. 2 bed, 2 bath; High ceilings, modern finishes, quiet, air conditioning, autonomous heating,

Asking Price 410,000 Euro



SALE – Ponte Vecchio View – Historic Center

Refurbished Apt, third floor with elevator aprox. 150 sq. mt. (aprox. 1500 sq. ft.) two bedrooms and three bathrooms. Under floor heating, air conditioning, sunny and views.

Asking price 1,500,000 Euro



SALE – Tasso Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished apartment, first floor, approx. 100 Sq. Mt. (1000 Sq. Ft.) plus 60 Sq.Mt. (600 Sq. Ft.) of terrace. 1 bed, 1 bath, studio; autonomous heating.

Asking price 595,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito – Historic Center

Second floor apt, refurbished, approx. 170 Sq. Mt. (1700 Sq. Ft.). 3 bed, 2 bath; High ceilings and spacious rooms, quiet, natural light, autonomous heating,

Asking Price 990,000 Euro



SALE – Costa Magnoli Apt – Historic Center

Refurbished ground floor apt. approx. 60 Sq. Mt. (600 Sq. Ft.). 1 bed, 1 bath; quiet, autonomous heating, ready for air conditioning, great location.

Asking Price 300,000 Euro



SALE – Santo Spirito – Historic Center

First floor, refurbished, approx. 60 sq. mt.(600 Sq. Ft) 2 Bed, 2 Bath. Modern with all amenities, autonomous heating, air conditioning, quiet street.

Asking Price 375,000 Euro

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