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IN FLORENCE AND TUSCANY

WELCOME

As we move into the festive season, we know that this year will be very different. As Italy faces the second wave with restrictions and closures to keep us safe, it's time to celebrate in modest ways with those closest to us. We treasure our inner circle, we tend to our virus fatigue with gentleness, and we savour life online and at home until the time we can share in larger communities again. Here in Florence, we are always ready to welcome you when the time comes to share our magical city once again. We send you care and Christmas lights that illuminate the better days to come. Our warmest best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, LESLIE, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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PITCHER & FLACCOMIO PICKS FOR DECEMBER

BEST FESTIVAL: THE LUCIA FESTIVAL STREAMING FROM MANIFATTURA TABACCHI, December 12-13

An international event that celebrates exceptional works in audiocraft, radio and podcast.

LUCIA 2020 – in a year of catastrophic, natural, social and emotional imbalances, in a time when we have clung to our voices so as not to lose the outside world and the world of affection – it seems necessary to reiterate the importance of listening as a space for relationships and the construction of meaning. That is why this year’s programme brings together stories that transcend narrative formats, transcend geographical boundaries – but also those between human and non-human, animated and inanimate – and defeat private and collective silences. Susan Stamberg thought us that “a microphone is a magic wand, a magic wand against silence“, let’s break our silence! From Florence, live streaming from Manifattura Tabacchi, LUCIA brings on air two days of live talks, digital masterclasses, guided listening sessions, sound narrations, podcasts, curiosities and backstage audio productions from all over the world. On air and in live streaming from Manifattura Tabacchi. Just tune in to luciafestival.org and manifatturatabacchi.com Curated by Radio Papesse and co-produced by NAM – Not A Museum.

BEST P&F RENTAL: A COMFORTABLE HOUSE FOR EASY LIVING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

The house, built soon after the Second World War, is semi detached. It is situated on the side of a hill, in a gated complex with its own 600 sq. mts (approx. 6460 sq. ft.) garden and parking. Via Bolognese is the old main road that connects Florence to the city of Bologna to the north, along which are many historical villas of important Florentine families. This house is located just off the Via Bolognese, approx. 15 minutes from Florence by car, immersed in the Tuscan landscape of the foothills of the Apennine mountains.



[More information and photos here.](#)

BEST FILM: RIVER TO RIVER INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL 20TH EDITION, December 3-8

The Florence Indian Film Festival turns 20! **It is the only festival** - out of India – totally devoted to films from and about India, under the Patronage of the Embassy of India. **River to River** would represent the flowing of cultures, ideas and cinema, from one river to the other: from the **Ganges** to the **Arno**. This special edition going on from **December 3rd to 8th** **will be online** on the virtual platform Più Compagnia to reach all the friends, also in this particular and difficult moment. Among

the **festival guests** this year: super star **Amitabh Bachchan**, the famous Sandokan, **Kabir Bedi** and the director **Deepa Mehta** who, due to the restrictions, will be live streaming. All the films are in original language with Italian and English subtitles. Online version instructions and cost: The festival pass is on sale onwards and includes all the screenings at a total cost of only 9,90 Euros. [See the full program and buy your pass here!](#)

BEST TRADITION: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CHRISTMAS, AND SANTO STEFANO FEATURING THE DUOMO CHRISTMAS TREE AND NATIVITY SCENE,

December 8

While public celebrations of all kinds are cancelled, December 8 in Italy is still a national holiday that celebrates the Immaculate Conception. This day of festivity unofficially starts the countdown to Christmas as many Italian families traditionally use this day to set up and decorate their Christmas tree and Nativity scene in their homes. On December 8 in Florence's historic centre the large Christmas tree is set up in Piazza del Duomo. The lighting of the Christmas tree is accompanied by an official public ceremony with the participation of Florence's Mayor. Also in Piazza del Duomo, the impressive Nativity Scene is built in the front and left of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. The Nativity has life-sized beautiful statues made in terracotta by an artisan of Impruneta. Both the Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are up until January 6, the day of Epiphany. In the Cathedral of Florence, the traditional Christmas Eve Mass is celebrated by the Cardinal of Florence at midnight (Vigil prayers start at 11pm). On Christmas morning, the Mass is celebrated at 10:30am, in conjunction with the Pope's blessing in Rome. \

BEST EXHIBITION: THE UFFIZI ON AIR

Every Tuesday and Friday at 1pm, tour the Uffizi online with one of our curators! Each curator and event is announced through The Uffizi Facebook Page, where you will also find all of the guest exhibitions available for viewing online. The first on December 1st is live from the Modern Art Gallery of Palazzo Pitti, with Dr. Vanessa Gavioli, to discover the Macchiaioli paintings. A story that proceeds like a novel through images of the places, landscapes and artistic associations of nineteenth-century Tuscany, with breathtaking openings on contemporary French painting from Corot to the Impressionists. Follow the [facebook page](#) for all the events and guided tours!

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.](#)

PITCHER & FLACCOMIO FAQ ON TRAVEL, BUYING, RENTING AND COVID-19

In these uncertain times during the Covid-19 pandemic, we would like to offer you a brief FAQ file regarding travel and renting in Tuscany, and what we can do to help you have a better and safer stay in your rental property.

Tuscany in general, and Florence in particular, have been relatively spared by the Covid-19 outbreak. But the lower numbers of contagions in this region have not prevented the lock downs and the travel restrictions that have been imposed. As we adjust to the new rules such as social distancing, face masks, hand sanitizers, and contact tracing, etc., that are necessary to keep us safe, we are thinking of ways to improve the interest in our Region and make the rentability of properties easier for the future.

We think one of the biggest expectations of our clients will be safety. You will expect to enter a property, whether it be for a night or a month or a year, that is not only clean but possibly also sanitized prior to being occupied. This major concern is something we are planning for so that we may offer with confidence any apartment, house or villa that Pitcher & Flaccomio represents.

You can find out more in our FAQ page.

https://www.pitcherflaccomio.com/pdf/FAQCOVID-19_en.pdf

Please consider the items under what we can do to help you as "suggestions", since we are a Real Estate company and not an official health institution nor doctors.

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/>

Ministry of Health Information In English: <http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/homeNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english>

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

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

Tuscany Specific:

- Official [coronavirus updates](#) for Tuscany
- Daily [case numbers](#)
- Latest [regional ordinances](#)
- Tuscany region on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Regional coronavirus helpline: 055 438 5850

WHERE CAN I READ ABOUT THE DIFFERENT YELLOW, ORANGE, AND RED ZONES ACROSS ITALY?

[Here at the Governo website](#), you can click on the interactive map that shows the different colour coding of each Municipality, and drop down information menus that explain the specific restrictions and permissions for each colour code.

RULES IN FLORENCE WHEN IT'S AN ORANGE ZONE

It's hoped that on December 3rd or 4th, Tuscany may be downgraded from a Red Zone and return to being an Orange Zone. If that happens, here's an english translation of some of the restrictions and limits, thanks to The Florentine Magazine. [Read about it here](#).

BEST OF THE REST

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE WEDNESDAY LECTURES: THE RECOVERY PLAN. RECOVERING BLACKNESS AND RECOVERING FROM FLORENCE'S HISTORICAL NARRATION, December 2

At 18:00, a Wednesday Lecture by Justin Randolph Thompson at the Harold Acton Library and online on Zoom. *The Recovery Plan* is a way of rethinking the exclusions and violences of historical narration. The talk draws upon the research project *On Being Present* which examines a range of paintings that figure Black Africans in the collection of the Gallerie degli Uffizi. To join the event **on Zoom (no reservation necessary)**, simply click on [this link](#) (password: **qzDe0T**) at 18:00 on Wednesday 2nd December. There is no charge for seat reservations or to attend the event on Zoom, but we ask you to consider [making a donation](#) to support the Institute and its beautiful library if you wish to attend an event. Thank you for your support.

GIFTS FOR THE TRAVEL LOVER IN YOUR LIFE, CURATED SELECTIONS BY CREATIVE PEOPLE IN FLORENCE

Yes, you read that right, we've come up with a selection of gifts for those friends and loved ones who long for the days of packing a bag and jetting away to an other continent, country, city, or these days, even just to the next town over. Whether you know someone who is longing to get back to Italy, or has been hunkering down here for longer than anticipated, here are a few ways to feel close to Florence from afar, or to see the city from a brand new perspective. [See the full list here](#), including photography sessions, fashion, artiginal treasures and more!

SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS! CHRISTMAS STORYTIME ONLINE AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE, December 3, 10, and 17

How we miss your smiling faces and artistic creations at our weekly storytimes!

This is why we are bringing our favourite Christmas stories to Facebook for all the little readers out

there. **Join us on Thursday 3, 10 and 17 December at 17:00 for three special virtual Christmas readings for children** - right from the comfort of your home! The readings will be in English. Virtual Christmas Readings for children will start at 17:00. Stay tuned, more info on the readings soon, [here at the website](#).

PRIM.OLIO ONLINE EDITION, Until December 20

Prim.Olio does not stop. The health emergency does not stop the event dedicated to extra virgin olive oil produced in Bagno a Ripoli and beyond. But instead of the traditional market exhibition hosted in the "Campeggi" garden at the Ponti, this year the event will take place on the web with many online initiatives, scheduled for a month from November 20 to December 20. A showcase just a click away to present the local farms and the fruits of their work, many zero-kilometer recipes that have "new" oil as the protagonist, direct videos with tasting experts and professionals and the inevitable "Gocciola d'oro", which will award the three ripolesi oils considered best.

Web: www.oliobagnoaripoli.it

Facebook: primoliobagnoaripoli ; Instagram: oliobagnoaripoli

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TO SUPPORT TUSCANY'S FINEST, A GREAT LIST OF OPTIONS BY THE FLORENTINE MAGAZINE

Help Italy's businesses while savouring a taste of Tuscany. **It's time to buy Tuscan**. Help from across the miles this holiday season by selecting a **specialty food gift** from the region's businesses. Here's *The Florentine's* pick of the crop for the Tuscany lovers in your life. All **ship internationally** and have **English-friendly** online shops. Suggestions for vegetarians, tea drinkers, coffee addicts, Negroni fans, chocoholics and more. [Check out the list here!](#)

FIRENZE NOW! TOWARDS A SMARTER FUTURE FOR FLORENCE, THE FINAL SESSION IN THIS SERIES BY THE BRITISH INSTITUTE, December 3

The final event in the series will be a Review / Summation of the other five sessions:

Moderator - Marzio Fatucchi (Corriere Fiorentino)

Smarter Greener Florence - Sergio Gatteschi (Amici della Terra)

Building a Knowledge Economy - Morgan Fiumi

International Education & Research - Marco del Panta

Manufacturing: Industry and Botteghe – John Hooper

Tourism of the Future – Beatrice Bargagli Stoffi

Each speaker summarises the session on their topic, and then in discussion we bring out the interfaces / synergies between the different strands, and identify priorities for the city to build a better socio-economic future.

There are two ways to join the event:

1) On Zoom (no reservation necessary), simply clicking on [this link](#), (password: SMxMk4) at 18:00

on Thursday 3rd December

2) Via live streaming on Facebook – at [the British Institute page](#)

There is no charge for seat reservations or to attend the event on Zoom, but we ask you to consider [making a donation](#) to support the Institute and its beautiful library if you wish to attend an event. Thank you for your support.

ENJOY A CREATIVE WINTER AT HOME WITH THESE DIY ARTS AND CRAFTS KITS PUT TOGETHER BY ARTIGIANI IN FLORENCE

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

Ever since the Renaissance, the city has been an epicentre of craftsmanship, its residents proud patrons of the arts. Leather, jewellery, textiles, marbled paper, perfume and many more trades have a long Florentine legacy, but what makes the city so special is the way these practices have continued and evolved. Even in 2020, independent studios and ateliers are as vibrant as ever. From sunny corners of Il Conventino to historic workshops in Santo Spirito, makers are blending old traditions with new ideas. With impressive creativity, many of these independent artisans have diversified over the last few months to offer **kits and virtual tutorials to teach skills at home during lockdown**. Helped by initiatives like Creative People in Florence and Officina Creativa, we can support independent makers by bringing their activities into our own homes to keep us creative this winter. [Click here to enjoy them all!](#)

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!](#)

DREAMING OF FLORENCE? SOME ADVICE FOR MAKING THE BEST OUT OF LIFE IN THE RENAISSANCE CITY FROM SPEAKEASY MULTILINGUAL

For now, we are all at home, as Italy works to contain the virus. But we pass our time imagining life again once the crisis is over, and Speakeasy Multilingual is one of our favourite events that we can’t wait to return to! In the meantime, their website is full of gorgeous articles to help you navigate life here. Here’s their list of some [pros and cons to Florence life](#), to activate your nostalgia!

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.](#)

EXHIBITIONS

In compliance with the measures included in the new Decree Law, all the event venues, theatres and cinemas must remain closed. Events in programme are suspended.

ONLIFE ONLINE, HOSTED ON THE VILLA ROMANA WEBSITE

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

Created by Giacomo Zaganelli in collaboration with Angelika Stepken, OnLife is an exhibition that "reflects the Zeitgeist, the current spirit of the time, the fact that we are all obliged to stay at home" only able to keep our social relationships alive using the web. Hosted on the [Villa Romana website](#), contributing artists include Silvia Piantini, Fabrizio Silvia Piantini, Fabrizio Bellomo, Yao Jui Chung, Leone Contini, Mischa Leinkauf, Armin Linke, Johannes Paul Raether, Christian Naujoks, Rosa Barba, Gabriele De Seta, Takayoshi Kitagawa, Antje Majewski, Giacomo Zaganelli and Nasan Tur.

TAKE AN ONLINE TRIP WITH MUSEUMS IN FLORENCE AND ITALY ONLINE

It may not be the perfect time for a visit, but Italy is making sure that many of its treasures are still accessible for travellers to take a virtual tour of this cultural paradise. Here are three fantastic museums that have online tours available of their collections, starting with the divine Uffizi.

1. Galleria degli Uffizi - Firenze <https://www.uffizi.it/mostre-virtuali>
2. Pinacoteca di Brera - Milano <https://pinacotecabrera.org/>
3. Musei Vaticani - Roma <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/it/collezioni/catalogo-online.html>

DANCE, THEATRE AND MUSIC

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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

In compliance with the measures included in the new Decree Law, all the event venues, theatres and cinemas must remain closed. Events in programme are suspended. Films will be rescheduled in streaming.

I AM GRETA: THE ODEON STREAMS TO YOUR LIVING ROOM

From November 14th, on ***MIOCINEMA*** web platform, the **Cinema Odeon** together with **Fridays For Future**, will present "I am Greta": an intimate documentary on the teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg. [Sign up at the website.](#)

FAST ART WITH FREYA: ART TALKS WITH ONE OF FLORENCE'S FAVOURITE TOUR GUIDES, FREYA MIDDLETON

A painting speaks 1000 words. I will tell you in 30 minutes! There are 4 talks left...

BOTTICELLI, Tuesday 1st December

Some of his paintings are the most famous in the history of Western art. Why? Because they represent a visual manifesto of a particular moment of the Renaissance and we will discover that moment through his depictions.

MICHELANGELO'S DAVID, Tuesday 8th December

The David statue by Michelangelo is one of the most famous statues of all time. Discover the reason why he was sculptured, what he represents and why this was unlike any other sculpture produced up till now.

RAPHAEL (Part I), Tuesday 15th December

Raphael is without a doubt one of the most fascinating and talented artists of the Renaissance. He is brilliant, ambitious and visionary. Part I looks at his early life, beginning in Urbino and then studying and living in Florence.

RAPHAEL (Part II), Tuesday 22th December

We follow Raphael to Rome for his mature period where he works for two popes and where he became the undisputed artistic 'influencer' of the time.

TIME: I'll run the talk twice every Tuesday so that all parts of the globe can tune in! You choose the time that best suits where you are in the world.

Session 1 - 8am in Italy CET (for Australasian listeners= 6pm Sydney time) & Session 2 - 8pm CET in Italy (European & American listeners = 11am in California & 2pm in NY).

REGISTER: Send an email to freya@freyasflorence.com

COST: 15 euro per talk. Payment through PayPal. A link will be sent upon booking.

WHERE & HOW: via the digital Zoom video conference tool on your computer. You will be in the comfort of your own home.

TOPICS: Each talk is the discovery of a masterpiece art work or artist in Italian art.

This week it's BOTTICELLI. I look forward to seeing you!

LIVE STREAMED ARTIST TALKS FROM THE L'ARMONIA ART RESIDENCY AT MANIFATTURA TABACCHI, December 9 and 16

A series of **talks** during which the artists and curators visiting Manifattura Tabacchi share their experiences, as such offering up a space for discussion during the course of their workshops with the artists in residence of [L'armonia](#).

L'armonia TALKS:

9 December | Masbedo

16 December | Patrick Tuttofuoco

A conversation with [Sergio Risaliti](#), Manifattura Tabacchi Art Residencies curator and Director of Museo Novecento of Florence. Introduced by [Paolo Parisi](#), Art Residencies tutor.

The talk will be live streamed on the [Facebook page](#) of Manifattura Tabacchi.

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!](#)”

DECEMBER WISHES

We hope you spend the last days of the year with those you love, warm in the tastes of winter and the

embrace of close community.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flacomio

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SALE – Tronabuoni Attic – Historic Center

Top floor apt, refurbished, approx. 200 Sq. Mt. (2000 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 35 Sq. Mt. (350 Sq. Ft.) outdoor terraces. 4 bed, 4 bath; High ceilings, modern finishes, quiet, air conditioning, autonomous heating,

Asking Price 2,000,000 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 – 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 – Via Maggio Attic – Historic Center

Second and top floor apt, approx. 600 Sq. Mt. (6000 Sq. Ft.), plus approx 60 Sq. Mt. (600 Sq. Ft.) outdoor terrace. 5 bed, 6 bath; High ceilings and spacious rooms, staff apartment, car parking, autonomous heating,

Asking Price 3,600,000 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 – S Annunziata – Historic Center

Refurbished apartment, first floor, approx. 140 Sq. Mt. (1400 Sq. Ft.) plus 5 hectare (50 Sq. Ft.) of small outdoor. 3 bed, 3 bath, studio; autonomous heating, air conditioning.

Asking price 690,000 Euro

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