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WELCOME

The Italians have escaped to the seaside for August, leaving the city for visitors brave enough to navigate the heat in exchange for Renaissance beauty. Many stores may be closed this month but there is plenty to see and do! Summer-season venues like Il Chapiteau and Vox are havens of live music, performance, and entertainment. You could relax at the "beach" on the Arno, enjoy free yoga in La Cascine, and spend your nights under the stars for concerts in Fiesole. We've kept the list of swimming pools for you to reference this month, because that heat is here to stay for August, but there are also exhibits and feasts to keep you busy all across Tuscany. Don't forget the sunscreen and mosquito repellant! With best wishes from. With best wishes from SUZANNE, CORSO, BEI, EGLA, VANNI, ANNA PIA, RAFFAELLA, AND MARISA.

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BEST HOLIDAY: THE SUMMERTIME FERRAGOSTO NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Known as the day when absolutely everything is closed, Ferragosto is the key date during the Italian summer holidays. The 15th of August is the Feast of the Assumption, and marked the last day of the summer harvest and the start of a well-earned rest, traditionally in the form of a two-week holiday. Now, Italians take their holidays anytime during July to August, but the Ferragosto holiday holds strong and you can expect almost every Italian to have the day off. Do as they do, and treat yourself to a visit to the seaside, a picnic, or a party outdoors!

BEST P&F RENTAL: A SWEET APARTMENT DECORATED WITH CARE THAT GIVES A REAL TASTE OF FLORENTINE LIVING



You can see the care the owners have put into this sweet apartment. The resisidential area gives a true taste of Florentine living, which does mean you are further from the historical center. A small price to pay for such quiet. The quaint kitchen reminds me of my nonna`s kitchen! Located in a quiet street of a residential area in the outskirts of Florence, this apartment is within easy walking distance (5 minutes) of the Statuto train station and tram stop plus conveniences like supermarkets, cafés and the like.

More information and photos here.

BEST TRADITION: THE FEAST OF SAN LORENZO, August 10

San Lorenzo is the co-patron of Florence and every year on 10th August the San Lorenzo district becomes the place of the popular festival par excellence. The Basilica of San Lorenzo, which is also the first consecrated church in the city center, will be the center of all the celebrations. The community comes together in the evening for the traditional distribution of watermelon and lasagna at around 9pm in Piazza San Lorenzo, as well as a concert of classical music in the churchyard. The festivities begin with the Historic Procession of the Florentine Republic that starts at 10am from Piazzetta di Parte Guelfa and arrives at the Basilica in Piazza San Lorenzo, where a holy mass is celebrated.

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BEST SUMMER RELAX: FLORENCE FROM THE ROOFTOPS, THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR APERITIVO WITH A VIEW

Florence from above is it's own world - the chaos of the busy streets falls away into the distance, and the small town opens up to an expansive view that carries you all the way to the distant hills. To savour the experience from every angle, here's The Florentine Magazine's 2026 roundup of the best rooftop locations for the season: "When summer heat shimmers over the terracotta roofs, there's no better way to escape the crowds and catch a breeze than by heading skyward. Rooftop bars and restaurants offer a fresh vantage point over Florence's skyline, where Brunelleschi's dome and Giotto's bell tower feel close enough to touch, spritz in hand. Here are a few rooftops worth climbing this season." Read the list here!

BEST SUMMER ACTIVITY: TRADITIONAL BOAT RIDES ON THE MAGNIFICENT ARNO RIVER

An hour's journey in which you will be welcomed by the river and sheltered from the hustle and bustle of the city, while the city of Florence flows by the sides of the boat. The profession of the Renaioli dates back to the beginning of the 20th century. Most of the boats were destroyed during the flood that struck Florence in 1966. In 1995, the Associazione dei Renaioli decided to restore them as they were part of the city's historical heritage. Today the Renaioli boats are ready to carry you along the waters of the Arno river. Contact them directly through whatsapp or by calling the number on their website to organise your seat on these river boat rides for summer.

BEST DINING OUT: CALLE DI STELLE 2026

Tuscany's summer wine festival Calici di Stelle runs until August 16, offering more than 50 events across the region that combine tastings, local culture and night skies. Organized by Movimento Turismo del Vino Toscana, the festival will involve around 30 wineries and nine Tuscan municipalities. The programme ranges from guided tastings and vineyard dinners to sunset aperitifs, moonlit walks among the vines, cellar tours and astronomical observations led by expert stargazers. Live music, DJ sets, art performances, family activities, trekking excursions and local food experiences complete the programme. Read more at The Florentine Magazine!

BEST OF THE REST

ESTATE FIESOLANA, Until September

Estate Fiesolana 2026 is one of the most anticipated cultural events of the Florentine summer. There are massive events coming up! Theater events include Massimo Recalcati (September 9). The Teatro Pubblico Ligure will also return with the "Tales of the Sea" series, featuring performances by David Riondino, Roberto Alinghieri, Simone Regazzoni, Arianna Scommegna, and Pietro Grossi. Dance will also be featured, with performances by Balletto di Milano (August 3). The program also features

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a tribute to Miles Davis by Andalusian dancer Israel Galván. Have a look at the complete program of Estate Fiesolana 2026 here and here.

D.OFF DANCE MEETS THE CITY

D. OFF – Dance Meets the City returns for its 24th edition until 24 September 2026, bringing contemporary dance to public spaces across five Italian regions: Tuscany, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Marche, Puglia and Calabria. Directed by Roberto Lori and promoted by Associazione Culturale Art Hub, the festival features performances, artist showcases and community workshops that connect dance with urban spaces and local communities. The program includes renowned companies such as Artemis Danza, Ersilia Danza, Hunt CDC and Compagnia degli Istanti, alongside emerging local artists. All events are free of charge, making contemporary dance accessible to audiences of all ages. More information.

HAVE AN ADVENTUROUS SUMMER RAFTING, TREKKING, RIVER CANYONING OR KAYAKING WITH FIRENZE RAFTING

Firenze Rafting was founded in 2010 by three friends. An ambitious project: to navigate history beneath Florence's famous Ponte Vecchio and explore the most remote and hidden corners of Tuscany through its rivers, from Mugello to the Lima Valley, passing through Lucca, rafting, canoeing, canyoning, and much more. Fantastic adventures, accessible to everyone and just steps from home. See their website to book your summer experience!

FREE YOGA CLASSES AT LA CASCINE PARK

This group was born with the intention of sharing a common passion, Yoga, with as many people as possible. A rotating team of yoga instructors from studios all over Florence and Tuscany come to present classes free to the public every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in the months of June, July, August and September. Classes start at 7.15 pm and end at 9.00 pm, on the grass surrounding the Fountain of Piazzale del Re. Bring a mat or a beach towel and the desire to feel good together! Participation is free, so participants must take complete responsibility for their own safety, while the teachers are required to stay within the levels of a lesson suitable for everyone. **Pitcher and Flaccomio tip: Bring mosquito repellant to ensure a more comfortable class! Find the group here on facebook.

ULTRAVOX IN LE CASCINE FOR FREE CONCERTS ALL SUMMER

Ultravox Florence is the free-entry summer space of the Cascine Park! A favourite for locals who love to pass the evenings out in the green and beneath the stars. Ultravox Florence is the perfect summer place to meet up, enjoy a signature aperitivo or an excellent dinner, while shows and concerts take place on the stage. Enjoy the summer in nature while enjoying the best of free live music! All the info here.

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FRIDAY NIGHTTIME OPENINGS OF THE VASARI CORRIDOR

From The Florentine Magazine: Beginning July 4 and running every Friday evening through December 26 (excluding August 15), 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.

THE SAN NICCOLO TOWER IS OPEN FOR VISITS

The San Niccolò Tower is now open for the season until the end of September. The medieval tower dates back to 1324 and once formed a part of the old walls around the city. It is the only one of the city towers to retain its original height of 60m (the others were lowered during the siege of 1529 to make them less vulnerable to cannonball fire). This year you can make the climb (around 200 steps) between 5pm and 8pm each day, with visits beginning every 30 minutes. For Bookings write to info@muse.comune.fi.it

RIVERSIDE AND OUTDOOR STREET FOOD POP-UPS ARE HERE FOR THE SUMMER SEASON

Every summer, the open air spaces of Florence come to life with pop-up venues across town that combine live music and entertainment with the best of street food. Whichever area of Florence you love to frequent, you will not lack options. This summer's offerings including: Il Molo, LIGHT, Ultravox, Fico' Bistro, Lumen, Love Orticoltura, Caffe' Letterario Chiosco del Giardino delle Rose, L'Atollo, Circolo Aurora, Anconella Garden, Festa del Mugello, Habana500, La Limonaia, Villa Vittoria, Fuoribordo, Fiorina sull'Arno, The Lodge, Flog, Atollo, Manduca, Easy Living in Fattoria, Manifattura Tabacchi, Serre Torrigiani in Piazzetta, Palagetto Garden 2026, and even the reopening of the historic venue Flo' as a botanical terrace. Each one of these summer venues is offering a full program of concerts, events, and magic to accompany the delicious foods that are being served up all summer. Click their links to see the upcoming events!

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ESTATE A SAN SALVI, Until August

One of the most interesting summer events in Florence is undoubtedly 'Estate a San Salvi', organised by Chille de la Balanza in the charming pavilions of Florence's former psychiatric hospital. The programme begins in June and runs throughout the summer, including a traditional concert on 15 August. See the website for more details and to reserve your spot.

GIARDINO DELL'ARTECULTURA, May until September

The Giardino dell'ArteCultura is one of the most popular summer spaces in Florence and offers every day a rich program of events for all tastes and all ages. This well-equipped space, inside the Garden of Horticulture in Florence, offers every evening various art and entertainment initiatives for adults and, for children, in the park not far from Piazza della Libertà. Events schedule available on the official 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

MORE EXHIBITIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

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

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.

LAST MONTH! MARK ROTHKO AT THE PALAZZO STROZZI, Until August

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The Rothko exhibition arrives at Palazzo Strozzi in Florence, one of the most important exhibitions ever dedicated to an undisputed master of modern art. He is one of the most prestigious artists in the world, and the monographic exhibition in Florence, with satellite sections at the Museum of San Marco and the Laurentian Library, is an absolutely unique event. Mark Rothko's career is traditionally divided into three distinct periods: all are represented in the 70 paintings on display in Florence, which come from major museums in both the United States and Europe that normally house his works. The architecture of Palazzo Strozzi and the Florentine spaces are the ideal setting for exploring Rothko's technique, which translates the tension between classical measure and expressive freedom into painting; colour creates a new perception of space and gives the canvas a particular material dimension, beyond normal two-dimensionality. Website.

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

Ferdinando Sarmi, 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 Sarmi 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.

BASELITZ. AVANTI! AT THE MUSEO NOVECENTO, Until September

The Museo Novecento in Florence presents Baselitz. AVANTI!, a major exhibition dedicated to Georg Baselitz, organised in collaboration with the artist's studio. Spread over three floors, the exhibition brings together around 170 works, including engravings, paintings and sculptures, with a special focus on engraving, a central but lesser-known aspect of his work. The exhibition traces over sixty years of activity, highlighting the radical nature of his language and his famous practice of reversing images, which challenges the viewer's perception. Born in 1938 in pre-war Germany, Baselitz used destruction and historical crisis as a starting point to profoundly renew the figurative tradition. The exhibition also highlights the artist's strong connection with Florence, a city that was fundamental to his development, where he stayed in the 1960s and 1970s and returned several times until his solo exhibition in 1988 at Palazzo Vecchio. Website.

SWIMMING POOLS IN FLORENCE

SWIMMING IN FLORENCE: POOLS, POOLS, WHERE ARE THE POOLS?

It’s too hot to function some days in the city, and the need to find a pool is relentless, unless you’re lucky enough to have a friend with one at home or a hotel with great amenities! If you’re on the

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search for a quick dip, here are your best options. One small note: most pools now require a swimming cap for use. For more details and tips, check out this article by The Florentine Magazine as well!

Le Pavoniere

The famous swimming pool of La Cascine park, with a restaurant, bar, open air swimming pools, and an outdoor stage for a nightclub set up during the summer nights. Open Every Day from 10.00 until 18.30. Via della Catena 2, La Cascine park, Website

La Piscina Goffredo Nannini, Comunale di Bellariva

Three pools to enjoy including a 50m olympic pool, a learning pool, and a play pool, with 3.5 hectares of park, bar, and restaurant for relaxing. Open Monday to Friday 10.00-18.00, Saturdays, Sundays, Festivi: 09.30-19.00. Lungarno Aldo Moro 6, San Niccolo, Website

Rari Nantes Florentia

The reopening of the bar and restaurant area means that after the pool you can enjoy parties every night on the Arno! They also program Yoga Dolce: Tuesdays and Fridays 09.00-10.00, Aperiyoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays 18.00-19.00. Piscina Gigi Raspini, Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci 24, Website

Piscina Poggetto-Flog

Ready for the summer! Open every day from 10.00-19.00 up until September. Via Michele Mercati 24b, Open every day from 10.00-19.00 Website

La Costoli

An olympic sized swimming pool, two outdoor pools, and a children's pool, all equiped with a bar, snacks for sale, and lots of grass for picnic lunch. The Costoli swimming pool in Campo di Marte will be open to the public until the 31st of August. Monday: 14.00-18.00, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday: 10.00-18.00. Viale Pasquale Paoli, Campo di Marte Website

Firenze Camping in Town

A campsite where you can pay for day access to use their two swimming pools, one for children and one for adults. There is also a restaurant/pizzeria, and all the amenities of the camp site including pool tables and lounging areas. Via Generale C.A. della Chiesa, ⅓, Website

B-Side, Virgin Active, and Klab

This is the only reason I might pay for a gym membership - to use the swimming pools. Spread across several locations, both companies have a few swimming pools on site, plus you get to use all the other benefits as well like sauna, steam room, turkish baths, oh, and equipment for exercising if that's your thing! Check out their websites for all the details: B-Side, Klab, and Virgin Active

Asmana Wellness World

Known by Florentines as the place to go for spa indulgence, Asmana has indoor and outdoor pools, beauty and massage treatments, whirlpools, salt pools, saunas and steam rooms. It may be too hot for

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the steam (the summer humidity is free!) but it's a great time to take advantage of their cool swimming pools. Find the prices and information here.

AUGUST WISHES

May the summer gift you with adventures shared with all the people you love. Whether in nature or city culture, let cool evening breezes find you and leave you refreshed.

All the best,

The Staff of Pitcher and Flaccomio

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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 – 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 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 1,100,000 Euro



SALE - Paterno Farm House - 25 Km East of Florence
Free standing, refurbished stone house approx 400 Sq. Mt. (4000 Sq.Ft.), surrounded by 1.500 Sq. Mt. (15.000 Ft) of garden. 5 Bed, 4 Bath, autonomous heating, independent apartments.

Asking Price 800,000 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 2,500,000 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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