

**Ciao, fellow traveler!**

## **The Jubilee of Youth A Million Hearts United Under Roman Stars**

The Jubilee Year 2025, a sacred period of forgiveness, renewal, and pilgrimage held every 25 years in the Catholic Church, reached one of its most breathtaking moments in early August with the Jubilee of Youth.

The atmosphere was electric. At times the crowd erupted in joyful songs, cheers, and chants, flags from every nation waving in the Mediterranean breeze. Pope Leo XIV spoke directly to this generation, urging them to embrace friendship, deepen their faith, and make bold life choices. His words were not only heard but felt, carried in waves of emotion across the vast field.

## **Spectacular September Celebrations Across Italy**

### **Firenze Jazz Festival Tuscany September 2 to 14**

Florence comes alive with the sound of jazz as over 100 artists perform in Renaissance cloisters, villas, and piazzas under the Tuscan stars. From smooth saxophone serenades in hidden courtyards to big band performances in historic gardens, this festival blends music and history into pure magic.

### **Chianti Classico Wine Festival Greve in Chianti Tuscany September 11 to 14**

Over 80 producers gather in Piazza Matteotti to showcase world renowned Chianti Classico wines. For just €15, guests receive a tasting glass and vouchers to sip directly from passionate winemakers who share stories of their family traditions. Rolling vineyard hills surround you, creating a Tuscan dream.

### **Festa della Madonna della Stella, Militello in Val di Catania (Sicily) – September 8**

On September 8, Sicily's baroque jewel of Militello in Val di Catania bursts into celebration for its Patron Saint of stars. The beloved wooden statue of the Madonna della Stella is carried aloft through ancient streets by devoted locals beneath an ornate baroque sanctuary that seems to glow in the early evening light. A procession of faith, music, and candlelit devotion winds past golden facades and staircases carved into memory.

### **Festival delle Sagre Asti Piedmont September 13 to 14**

Three thousand locals dress as knights, nobles, and artisans, filling Asti with medieval color and tradition. Feast on agnolotti del plin, Barolo braised beef, tajarin with white truffles, and sip the region's wines as jugglers and musicians fill the air with celebration.

### **Festa in Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows Fiano Romano Lazio September 21, 2025**

One of Italy's most moving religious spectacles. The entire town gathers for a torch lit procession carrying the Madonna Addolorata through the streets. Traditional hymns echo through the night, fireworks light the medieval skyline, and families welcome visitors with homemade food and stories passed down for generations.

### **Stay Connected & Let Me Bring These Festivals to Life**

Follow me on Instagram [@katerinaferraraauthor](https://www.instagram.com/katerinaferraraauthor) where I share photos, videos, and behind-the-scenes stories from Italy's most unforgettable celebrations. From torchlit processions to wine tastings under the stars, you'll find daily inspiration for your next Italian journey.

### **\*NEW\* Venice & the Veneto**

I am so happy to share that my [Ultimate Festival & Travel Guide Venice and the Veneto](#) was released on **Ferragosto August 15**, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary and a national holiday in Italy. I could not think of a more meaningful day for this launch, and I hope Mary's blessing brings me good fortune with this book!

 **Special Offer for Newsletter Readers:** the Venice ebook is just **\$2.99** for a limited time, available only to friends, family, and my community.

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## Lake Garda Podcast Series Available now

This month I am featuring my **five part podcast series** exploring Italy's spectacular lakes. Since we spotlighted Lake Como in August, September will focus on **Lake Garda** with its historic towns, vineyards, bike paths, castles, and unforgettable lake views. Each free podcast has an accompanying blog post available on my site: [katerinaferrara.com/blog](http://katerinaferrara.com/blog)

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Let's make your next Italian getaway the trip of a lifetime! 🌍🍷🎉

Grazie mille for being part of this amazing journey. I can't wait to share even more of Italy with you.

**Arrivederci,**

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