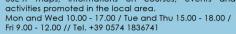
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## GETTING AROUND PRATO



There are five bus lines that run in the mins from Monday to Saturday and

can get a 5 ticket pass for 6,00 €, or a 10 ticket pass for

To and from Florence (Largo Fratelli Alinari, Florence – Central Station, Prato), buses run every 15 minutes (30 minutes in summer). One way ticket is 2,60 € Tel. +39 0574 608235 (Prato) / +39 055 214637 (Florence)



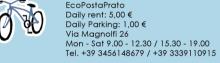
From Prato you can easily reach many tricks! Organized

other towns of Central Italy such as
Pistoia, Florence, Bologna, Lucca,

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Taxi available at Central Station. You

can also call +39 0574 5656 (from 22.00 to 6.00 higher fare). In Italy, taxis





Pass for 4 museums : Contemporary Art Centre Luigi Pecci, Textile Museum Museum of Palazzo Pretorio, Diocesan ited card: 16,00 € for the single ticket and 28,00 € for the family ticket. Get them online o at the museum ticket office // www.prato-musei.it



You can findthe map of all free wi-fi areas in Prato at:

14.30 at lunchtime and supper is know, in Italy we really can't help dinner it's very typical having an "aperitivo" in a bar where you can find a vast choice of finger food and grab

a bite to eat while drinking a cocktail and chilling out If you're getting around and feel hungry, cafes are usually open all day and you can have a mid-morning // afternoon "merenda" (snack) stopping for a sandwich, a slice of pizza or a big ice-cream in summer.

At night, if you fancy a midnight snack 22.30 to the early morning or a Belgian fries till late night.



closed at lunchtime; from September Sunday of the month: in July they are open till midnight on Thursdays, but closed on Saturday afternoons and during Christmas time family owned

CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS Some places belong to private cultural associations therefore, in order to get



There are workshops where you can get the feeling to be part of it touching hatters, goldsmiths, restorers and lute-makers. They may reveal you their

into cultural associations or exhibitions. To be always updated with

province of Prato. It's a project edited by the organizes guided tours of the buildings.



If you want to know what's up this

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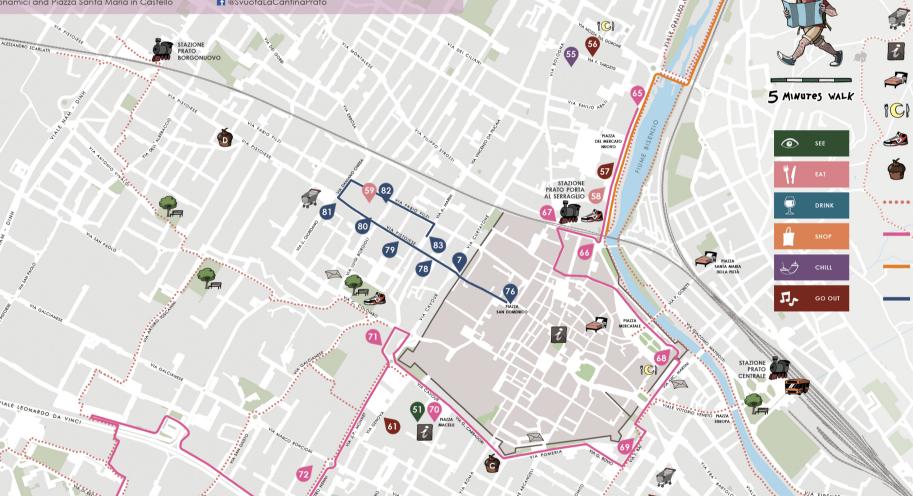




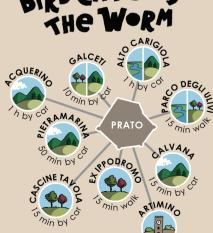




bargain or are fascinated by antiques and vintage SVUOTA LA CANTINA









When people in Prato have a day off, or maybe just on the weekends, they like to take their time and have breakfast in one of the many high-quality bakeries inside and outside the city walls. Next to Piazza Duomo, stop by **Nuovo Mondo** de famous pastry chef whose custard is elming. It's also hard to say no to the chocolate o Pralinae B , or to the small version of "7 veli" by Luca
Mannori C , or to the pastries of Peruzzi D and Bar
Maurizio E . For those having a sweet tooth, the

Nobody has paid to be registered in this map The choice of locations was made by young people living in Prato. Did we miss something? Please let us know: f @useitprato

53 THE SHADY PIZZERIA

Burger Time or how the locals call it, I'illegale, is famous for wo reasons: having the best pizza in town and for its particular atmosphere. While some complain about having to eat their The sign may suggest this is membership card is required (ACSI), we're happy to enjoy our a beer paradise. But don't be too quick to judge: the carefully kneaded dough. Take it or leave it. Locanda del Terzo Tempo is a Tue closed / Wed - Mon 19.00 - 24.00 // Prices: Low

Excellent selection of gins and whiskeys, some of which are really

expensive (ask if you want to see the for a light lunch in the day, that turns into a "Focaccioteca" at stewed with grape must. Since it's just one minute walking from At Naga Thai Bistrot, you can watch the cooks prepare our food with meticulous precision as spicy aromas fill

Niccolò that is a real gem.

Sun closed / Mon - Fri 12.00 - 18.00 / 19.30 - 24.00 //

un closed / Mon - Sat 19.00 - 24.00 // Prices: Medium

the air. This restaurant is both elegant and a gift to your Prices: Medium

scotch that goes for 60,00 € the glass).

Sun - Thu 19.00 - 1.00 / Fri - Sat 19.00 - 2.00

Combining food and harmony was Francesca's aim when she opened **Yop** and she definitely made it. Vegetarian, vegan and organic food in a relaxing aromatic backyard. And you can have a go at playing the guitar while sipping infusion tea Sun 19.00 - 0.00 / Mon 12.00 - 15.30 / Tue - Sat 12.00 - 15.30 / 19.00 - 0.00 // Prices: Medium

The Gardens of Sant'Orsola are managed by the Santa Trinita residents who invented the Plaid Festival in June and July, which perfectly captivates the spirit of this areat city that has place is great for movies, theater, live music and dancing tango or swing. Or just lying down on your picnic plaid havir a picnic with the special box you can get from the bars in the

Mon - Sun 8.30 - 21.00 // Activities: Mon - Ven till 0.00 For more info: 🚹 In Sant'Orsola

ere is only one place in Prato linking the past to the future and this is the so-called **Ex Campolmi** area, located in an old textile factory built around a 15th-century mill inside the city walls. After a major restoration, it now hosts the **Textlle Museum** and the **Lazzerini Library**. Abandoned in the 1990s, it was brought back to life as the most important example of industrial night around maybe with a "Together Party". Don't be archaeology in Tuscany. Some of the most typical structures of the area are still visible, such as the tub where fabrics were washed and the high smokestack, that became the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the clirk during its most productive individual and the symbol of the sy the city during its most productive industrial period and which defined Prato as "the city with 100 smokestacks". The Textile Museum, besides important textile collections (antique church day, While the handmade Chinese dumplings, the rice robes, ethnic, embroidered fabric, samplings), it also hosts important shows. The Lazzerini Library is usually a gathering admit the struggle to finish is real. Prices are low and the take place for students and it has a large open space. The Sculpture out option is worth a try. Don't forget your soy sauce! Textile Museum: Tue - Thu 10.00 -15.00 / Fri - Sat 10.00 - 19.00 / Sun 15.00 - 19.00 // Full price 8,00 € / Students 4,00 € Lazzerini Library: Mon14.00 - 20.30 / Tue - Sat 9.00 - 20.30 / Thu 9.00 - 23.00 / Sun 9.00 - 13.00

Sun closed / Mon - Fri 11.00 - 15.00 / 19.00 - 22.00 /



d meatpacking area still has the typical features of when fact it's pretty far from the rest of fancy restaurants and to get it was in use, but now there is less blood and more art. Officina here you may need your own car or a taxi. Prices are higher Giovani provides the location and all the necessary equipment for any artistic production on top of many concerts and events (check schedule on 🕶 @portalegiovani.prato). You'll also find the Eurodesk agency and the youth information point. Prices: Medium Mon and Wed 10.00 - 17.00 / Tue and Thu 15.00 - 18.00 /

Customers from all over Italy stop by **Raia** for its authentic If it's your first approach to Indian tastes, feel free to ask Parmi and his brother for advice. The female audience agrees they are both a sight for sore eyes! Remember to book! Mon closed / Tue - Sun 19.00 - 00.00 // Prices: Low

underpass Via del Serraglio 67
Luca Maleonte / Veronica Montanino / Mneyless / Cristiano
Petrucci / Moallaseconda / Tellas / 108 / Danilo Bucchi / Gnob
- Bastione delle Forche 68
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night. At **Lo Schiaccino** we definitely suggest the focaccia with PGI mortadella Bologna, PDO gorgonzola and dried onions

55 URBAN FACTORY GARDEN

Ex Fabrica is music, culture, live art and at the same time a city regeneration movement. Around the Fabbricone area, the Since last year, **Squisio** has been serving great food and cocktails in a steampunk setting in the historic town center.

largest industrial building in town dating back to the late 19th century, the theatrical company TPO created an urban century, the theatrical company TPO created an urban garden inspired by the landscape architect Gilles Clément, a Open every day from mid-June to mid-August, it organize free activities and at sunset you get a good drink with live



999. It's a dark little venue, reminding you of Berlin's clubs. expect hip-hop themed nights (Notorious Night).

If you're looking for a Latin lover, talk to Maurizio at Caffé

If you fancy going clubbing in Prato, **Nait** may be the best choice. Not exactly close to the city centre, but lots of fun anyway! People gathering here want to party hard rather than listening to the music in there. For teenagers the perfect night is Saturday; Friday night is more for university students while warehouse where counters are hidden behind decorated. Sunday is for the brave who can't say no to a strong aperitive

> 61 A FAMILY TRADITION
> Capanno 17 is located in the splendid and futuristic court Genova, a typical industrial site in Prato, and it's probably the most popular nightclub in the area. Once you get in you may feel a bit disoriented, but no worries, you'll easily find your way to the bar. DJ-sets on Fridays, live music on Saturdays. oer - May // Fri -Sat 23.30 - 5.00 / Wed 21.00 - 1.00 // Drink 5.00 € // Free entry with ACSI card (5,00 €)

over 50 years, restaurant II Capriolo has been one of the best in town. Industrial businessmen, sportsmen, politicians, actors and musicians have all been through here. This is ever more remarkable because it is not in a prestigious location, in but it could be perfect for a romantic dinner with your lover! Sat 19.00 - 23.00 / Sun 12.00 - 15.00 / 19.00 - 23.00 //

s building was designed as a spacecraft by Maurice Nio to house the Centre for Contemporary Art Luigi Pecci. The fascinating experience. Art installations are always surprising, you can even touch or walk over them sometimes! We promise visiting this museum is unforgettable and never banal. Mon closed / Tue - Wed 12.00 - 20.00 / Thu - Sun 12.00 - 24.00

n Saturday evening **Prato City** hosts Bolsa Bit, a party where drink prices are according to "market quotations" (roughly between 3,00 € to 6,00 €). For sure it is no place for abstract calculations but perfect to digest even a "Bull Market" Mon - Ven 7.30 - 24.00 / Sat - Sun 17.30 - 2.00

reference of the textile heritage (Hopn 67) and the projection into the future (Dem 65). Another interpretation found would be of sarcastic origin formulated by the evolution of men (Blu 66) with the need to showcase the city to the industrial development in the city, starts. Recently during a flood people even tried to surf on it with poor success! Continue on the paved road among the olive groves, keep or climbing until the crossroads where you will find the Fausto options: if you feel like Indiana Jones and are not afraid to ge dirty, take the road on the right and follow it for 100 meters. not take the one on the left and you'll reach Paradise comfortably, where you'll long for a dive!

community in Italy, probably because we were always read culture and new energies. Start your walk from Piazza San
Domenico 75, go through Porta Pistolese 77, the local
version of a classic Chinatown door. You'll find the little
Queen's Shop 78 full of flowers, stuffed animals, trendy
accessories and t-shirts. Next stop is Taro Garden 79 for a slush a hubble tea or sweets from Taiwan. There are lots with a wide selection of tofu. Have a rest on the woo benches built from the inuries of fallot.

dell'Immaginario 81 , continue along Via Fabio Filzi, where
volucion find the famous Ravioli Liu 59 82 , and then you reach **Utopia Café** 83 , a hipster place in which east and west are merged as a melting pot.

FEBRUARY

the area.

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MARCH





luge, carts, drift trike, downhill, climbing, parkour,gravity bike, MTB, @XtremeValleyVernia

celebrate Chinese New Year together low budget and no production houses. Free entrance or with the wide Chinese community set in ticket 12,00 € maximum. www.festivaldellecolline.com

FESTIVAL DELLE COLLINE (Festival on Hills) the streets of Prato. Every year, for the occasion, many initiatives take place to who starts from scratch, but sets their sights high with a

AUGUST



FESTA DI MEZZ'ESTATE No matter how you call it, to us it will always be the Cocomerata. An watermelons will be handed out for

Every August 15th / 20.30 / Piazza delle Carceri he festival of comics, games and RIFICOLONA - Montepiano entertainment with special guests, exhibitions, trade show, cosplay, role playing, video games and much more.

Who said little villages have nothing to offer?! This is the craziest competition in the

among the four districts of the village competing with different parade floats every year to take home the prize, which is... nothing. Trust us, It's all fun and games!

SETTEMBRE PRATO È SPETTACOLO Prato is the place to be. Everyone is back from holiday and the city wakes up and celebrates over two weeks. In the third edition of "Settembre Prato è

spettacolo". The historical parade - involving more than one thousand people - has taken place for years before the sacred belt ostension, which is a relic thought to be additional concerts, street food and a bit of sport, too This year the traditional Pallagrossa tournament won't take place in Piazza Mercatale, but it will move to Parco dell'Ippodromo (the racecourse park). Full programme at <u>www.settembreprato.it</u>

FESTIVAL CONTEMPORANEA For over 15 years, a large audience of contemporary art lovers has come to

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hiking up to the river spring and walk along both sides of the valley. There are 75 km of paths, getting to over 700 mt, surrounded by unspoilt nature that takes two days to be covered. When the hike first took place, only 30 crazy people dared to do it. Now the number of participants has definitely increased but they all still share the same mood as they did in the past. You can make the hike all year, thanks to the permanent signposting along the route wave deplazagapiagat it infogrative and provide wave deplazagapiagat it infogrative and provide wave deplazagapiagat it infogrative and all its shapes, from stoner-post-pop-

route. www.dapiazzaapiazza.it infocaiprato@gmail.com all its shapes, from stoner-post-pop-Mars which brought famous Chinese rock groups on our

stage. As usual, the next edition will take you in a melting-pot that has no equal in the city.

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FESTA DEL VINO
Poggio a Caire
This is the This is the exact place where, over 300 years ago, the first

the streets to celebrate the "Carmianano" wine an essential beverage on our table. It's a popula feast with re-enactments, antique markets and last but not least.... free wine for everybody that even flows from a fountain! For the occasion, you can also take a

tour of the stunning Lorenzo de' Medici's villa. Don't mis it! www.prolocopoggioacaiano.it

workshops and seminars on how to live a healthy life. The festival deals with environment, alternative energy sources, plistic disciplines and alternative holistic disciplines and alternative www.armoniadellanatura.com





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SEPTEMBER and tackling, they can't wait to go straight away to the third half. www.gispi.it





among friends, who tried to figure out how to connect two main squares without crossing the Bisenzio, the river of the city. The only way to make it was hiking up to the river spring and walk along both sides of SANTAVALVOLA FEST - Tobbiana

Mediterranean countries. Its aim is to

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