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DESTINATION WEDDING MAG

Sweet September in  
Tuscany

Best 2019 wedding  
venues

Her Majesty La  
Fiorentina

& more...



# let's always meet with a smile



Pic. P. Nobili

**TheKnotInItaly celebrates its 18th anniversary** and to be honest with you, so far things have not changed dramatically for us! Yes, we did touch up our Make Up, once or twice, to keep abreast with the tough Destination Wedding industry, but the song remains the same. We started in 2000 with a clear idea in mind, to provide with events that **would touch people's hearts**. For our **DUO**, what really matters is not how much you can spend on the wedding, it is not how many guests will celebrate with you your day, it is not the region of Italy or France where you will bring us.

*To us, it has always been vital to understand you as a couple first, and not for nothing, we do prefer to meet you before, in order to get to know you and to start interpreting your needs and expectations.*

Translate them with a realistic approach to live your day together with your family and friends, watching into each other's pleased eyes knowing that everything has gone as you expected.

*To toast to your happiness and thanking you for letting us be part of your day, it is one of the most gratifying parts.*

**We want a wedding that speaks to people's hearts.** We always try to tiptoe around your plans, observing but still helping you and letting you decide depending on your priorities.

It has not always been easy, I admit, but it is the organization aspect I prefer... when I finally hear you "I DO" ! This is the proof that what we proposed was the right idea, the icing of the cake to make your day memorable, and this make me feel satisfied and gratified. This is the 18th year of hard work and dedication not only with couples that decided to have us on board, but with vendors as well, without whom none of this would be possible! Even if in some cases, even the impossible becomes feasible! We collaborate, we exchange ideas, opinions and solutions because after all we are different people, each one of us with a creative mind, deeply in love with his work and role.

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...for the smile is the  
beginning of love...



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Pic. P. Jurika



# TRENDSETTER(S)

## 2019 wedding season

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*Life in Color*  
*photos courtesy of R. Pieri for Leila & Peter wedding*

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In the armonious frame of Villa Medicea di Lilliano, in the nearby hills of Florence, this young and loving couple, together with their amazing little child, decided to tie the knot in front of their families and friends. From the ceremony to the after party dancing, everything was held at the Villa in a feast of colours and nice details. Not only the colours but also the way they are displayed and caught is essential... and we cannot avoid speaking of Riccardo Pieri, that with his incredible camera succeeded in let these colours be even more vibrant than in the reality!

Leila and Peter opted for a colour palette that rocked the day and impressed all their guests. No more blush pink or white to off-white for their dreamy day but solid and striking colours such as indigo and burgundy that perfectly melted with the incredible green of the Villa.

The bridesmaids were wearing robin's-egg blue dresses on the shades of blue and teal, while the groomsmen wore perfect blue suits.



Either the Bridal bouquet or the bridesmaids and groomsmen's accessories were composed by burgundy peonies, indigo astrancias that adorned the typical spray roses and lush greenery. More than this, the ceremony perfectly suited the colourful and joyful atmosphere with the compositions on the chairs that recalled the bridal bouquet with the addition of yellow, robin's-egg and burgundy ribbons. Same for the terracotta pot that ruled the background with its colours and composition.

## THE DIFFERENCE

Nothing left to chance when speaking about décor, therefore the table setting as well recalled the colourful power of this wedding! Candles, napkins and bouquets in glass vases and jars teamed incredibly well with the layout of all the day! It does seem that the solid and striking colours are coming back and that the fashion of pale pink, blush pink and dirty white is leaving the scene. We must admit that somehow we feel relieved and curious and can't wait to see more!



*"tips: multicolored confetti wrapped in newspaper cones! agrrrrr! "*



### *little touches*

Floral décor is essential it is true, but the details and the small things always make the difference.

Something simple but still harmoniously melted with the ensemble such as a vintage bread plates (from the private collection of Galateo Ricevimenti) that recall the colours palette or again, a little box of candies with the vintage packaging displaying vintage pictures. Nothing extravagant, it really takes a little effort and a bit of creativity to have the perfect wedding!

# all crazy for Italy

Have you ever noticed that all Italian things and traditions seem to be born in Florence? (especially the cooking ones!)... of course this is not a rule, and Italy is full of traditions from the North to the South. But this one is strictly related to the city of Florence and its Great History

## The History

The history of the Florentine beef steak known all over the world with the name of FIORENTINA, dates back to the 15th - 18th century in Florence. On the night of 10th August, to honour Saint Lorence, De'Medici family offered slices of beef meat to the entire Florentine citizen that cooked these slices on the bonfires that were lightened up for the occasion in every square of the city. Among the Italian citizen there were also British merchants who, amazed by the incredible tastiness of the meat, started screaming "Beef Steak, Beef steak!" to ask for more. The Italians were not aware of the meaning of those words that they then changed into Bistecca to indicate that kind of meat and cooking!

## The Cooking Tip

Please do not ever ever ask for a well done Fiorentina. The cooking is severely rare!!

## Where to eat in Italy and abroad:

**Macellaio RC:** Between Milan and London, the excellence of the Italian traditions of steak and meat encounters no compromises, this is their policy and the secret of their success.

**Officina della Bistecca:** Good food, good prices and good company is the motto of this amazing place in Panzano in Chianti that boasts quality and passion and a special love for her majesty The Fiorentina.

**Antica Macelleria Falorni:** In Greve in Chianti, not exactly a steak house but one of the Tuscan reference when speaking about Meat. Not only a butchery but also practice headquarters of the Gastronomy University.

# HER MAJESTY LA FIORENTINA

by C. Falchi

## REGINA BISTECCA (the steak atelier)

Brand new and located at 20 mt far from Florence Cathedral, this place (**see pics below**) perfectly combines quality of food, arts and history, with the goal of preserving and enhancing the atmosphere of a charming place. **The Atelier for refined palates. Do not miss if you are in Florence!**





Pic Calamosca Sposalizi

Pic. M. G. Calamosca

## top 10 wedding venues in Italy

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1  
VILLA LARIO  
LAKE COMO

2  
VILLA FELTRINELLI  
LAKE GARDA

3  
VILLA RIZZARDI  
VERONA

4  
LA SUVERA  
TUSCANY

5  
CASTELLO DI BIBBIONE  
TUSCANY

6  
VILLA DI LILLIANO  
TUSCANY

7  
CASTELLO DI GIOMICI  
UMBRIA

8  
BORGO DELLA MARMOTTA  
UMBRIA

9  
BELMOND CARUSO  
RAVELLO

10  
VILLA POMPEIANA  
SORRENTO

*to be continued...*

# details maria!

## GARLAND

The olive tree's green with the addition of few simple flowers can be the perfect frame for your table and do not forget a shower of candles.

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## LEAFY

Opt for a simpler style with olive's leaves if you are in Tuscany. The olive leaf is perfect to decorate Bride and Groom's chairs.

1.

## GOLD

To enrich the table you don't need many details. A golden chair can make the difference and turn a country style into an elegant chic one.

3.

### MODERN BRIDE

We love the mix match of styles, as in this case, linear simple and elegant.

4.

### NAPKIN

Tying the napkins like a knot is a sort of paying homage to the newlyweds and at the same time a new way of folding.

5.

### NICE TOUCH

Precious cutlery always confers a special classy and stylish touch.

6.

### MENU

COMARDE ET JULIENNE  
DE TRUFFE  
VEAU EN CROUTE  
DE SESAME  
PUREE DE POTIRON  
BOISSE DE FROMAGES  
ET SALADE  
PIECE MONTÉE  
DE MACARONS  
BUFFET DE DESSERTS

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### RIBBONS

A simple satin ribbon enriches the napkin and you won't need anything more for your perfect table.

7.

### THEME

If you are in Tuscany you can personalize the seat marker with olive leaves and rosemary. Please do not use it if you are getting married in the Costiera, opt for lemons in this case!

8.

### NICE TOUCH

Pamper your guests with something really Italian. Anita & David decided to offer their guests a cute canvas bag with Italian Coffee

9.

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### DISPOSAL CAMERA

They are the ever green when speaking about photobooth and nowadays you can have tons of reasonable priced solutions with captivating design!

10.

### PHOTOS

The vintage frame enriched by coloured ribbons is a simple detail that can perfectly fit the style of a country but also luxury wedding!

11.

### SIGNS

Do not overlook the sense of humour... try to intrigue your guests with funny and inviting signs!

12.

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*Prenez  
la  
pose!*

### BRIDAL CAR

If you opt for a convertible car or for a Vespa, it is better not to wear the veil to avoid this can fly away!

13.

### RIDING

Let's start the new life as the modern Audrey and Gregory in Vacanze Romane. The Vespa is a real great touch!

14.

### DECOR

the car or the Vespa's decoration is extremely important and should always recall the theme and style of the event.

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## SWEET SEPTEMBER SARAH & SAMMY

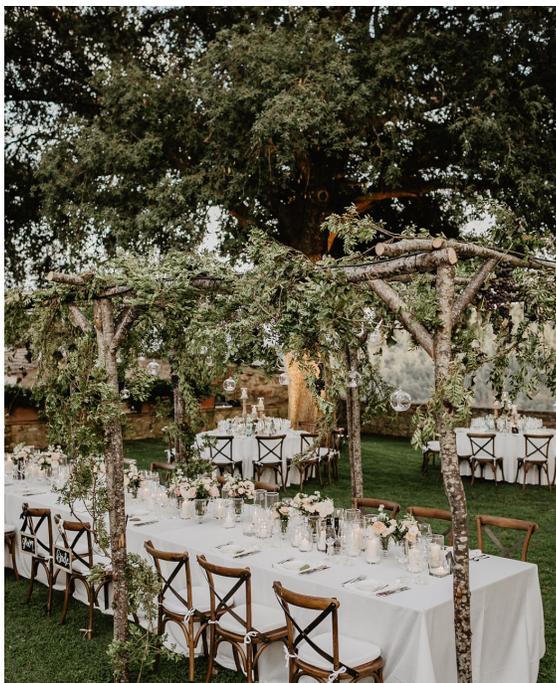
September in Tuscany, warm weather and blue sky, green hills and a stunning location... what more can be missing for the perfect wedding weekend? The newlyweds of course... and these two did rock!

Sarah and Sammy, a young, incredibly beautiful and loving couple tied the knot in the beautiful but not too much exploited Villa Dievole, not far from the famous Siena. The wedding weekend started with a welcome cocktail on the panoramic terrace and where all the guests could taste the finest food together with the Tuscan traditional wine and cocktails and the craft ice-cream cart from Vivoli.

On the wedding day they held the ceremony on the same terrace facing the Tuscan hills and vineyards together with their touched family and friends that harmoniously joined their exchange of the vows and the atmosphere of this glamorous and extraordinary event. The dinner took place in the stunning and perfectly maintained Giardino all'Italiana of Villa Dievole, where for the occasion, Dario Benvenuti our amazing florist,

### VENDORS

wedding venue:  
*Dievole*  
flowers:  
*Dario Benevenuti*  
DJ:  
*WeddingMusicLights*  
photos:  
*Aberrazioni Cromatiche*  
video  
*Angelo La Torre*  
design & planning :  
*theknotinitaly*



# stories

built a pergola made by trunks, greenery, suspended candles bowls and grapes conferring all the garden a fairy-tale aspect.

That aspect was even more accomplished with the photo booth area where he created a floral swing where the guests could have their pics!

The Villa provided the guests and the newlyweds not only with the finest food but also with the perfect and discrete service that let everyone enjoy their time and the moment. The amazing group of guests then danced till the early morning under the music played by Wedding Music Lights that also provided with the perfect lightning that created the glam and fairy-tale atmosphere.

A ginormous thank you also to the staff of Angelo La Torre, the videographer and to Aberrazioni Cromatiche that took these poetical shots!

We will remember this wedding weekend as one of the most glam, refined and still rustically fairy-taled ever. Not only Sarah and Sammy contributed with their personalities and tastes but also rocked in the choice of the location... *there is no need to Florence to find a gem of location like this one that offers you the finest of the experience and service!*



## **RIME ARODAKY**

Founded in 2011 the “Maison” is now one of the most inspiring designer for modern brides.

French and Italian lace, macramé, organza, crepe... for iconic wedding gowns.

As an avid supporter of animal rights and environmental issues, Maison Rime Arodaky does not use any animal skin, nor elements tested on animals in the making of its creations.



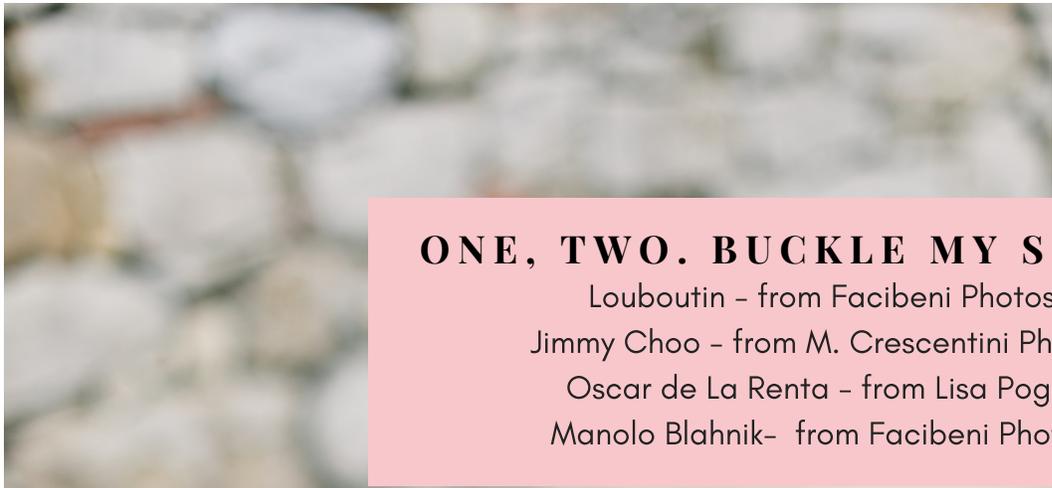
## ONE, TWO. BUCKLE MY SHOES!

Louboutin - from Facibeni Photos

Jimmy Choo - from M. Crescentini Photos

Oscar de La Renta - from Lisa Poggi

Manolo Blahnik- from Facibeni Photos



## TOSCANINO TUSCAN TREATS IN MILAN

# Best of...

Our job usually bring us to meet incredible couples and families and this is one of the most exciting part of what we do. I'm telling you this because the history of this amazing place is the result of the incredible duo formed by Simone Arnetoli, authentically Tuscan, Florentine and expert in the catering field and Laura Tosetti, Florentine from generations, who designed and imagined the mood and the style of this project.

Their knowledge in the subject and the trust in the excellence of the Tuscan products gave birth to the famous ToscaNino in Milan, the house of the made in Tuscany, an ambience far to be considered commercial or posh, but "home style" indeed. The concept store they created involves all the 5 senses:

**SMELL** - the smell of the just baked bread, the kitchen smells and the home perfumes made in Tuscany.

**TASTE** - with the possibility to try typical and traditional Tuscan specialities or to taste some mixology cocktails all made with Tuscan liquors and spirits.



**SIGHT** - the colours have not been chosen by chance... cypress green, new oil green, Sienna's earth, cornflour yellow and the red of the wine. Merged on purpose for the ToscaNino.

**TOUCH** - You will have the possibility to get in touch with raw materials and artisan's piece of works home made for this place.

**HEARING** - The music that will accompany your night involves some gems of the Tuscan and Italian tradition.



ToscaNino in Milan is therefore not only a restaurant, is an atelier of the Tuscan traditions that will tailor for you the perfect Florentine experience tasting genuine but fine typical food in a perfect ambience where you can feel at home.



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*Fairytales ending!*

An aerial photograph of a long, narrow dining table set up outdoors on a grassy area. The table is covered with a white tablecloth and has numerous white plates and glasses. Many people are seated along the table, some are eating and talking. The background shows lush green trees and a paved path on the right side.

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