

Italian Burning Experience 2024

Survival Guide

Benvenuti, Welcome

Welcome to the Italian Burning Experience, a small, intimate and unique event in the spirit of Burning Man.

Surrounded by mountains and lush nature, the Italian Burning Experience offers you a high vibe spot to explore, a place to connect with nature, and share a classic Italian aperitivo with your old and new Burner friends! Together we'll prepare and enjoy sinfully delicious Italian food, we will create inspiring art and we will enjoy different exciting activities, and of course ...dance dance dance to beautiful beats until sunrise.

Our magical Italian Burning Experience will take place from September 26 until September 29 in a stunning location in Tuscany, Italy. It's near the area of Mugello, the closest train station is San Martino in Gattara on the rail line Ravenna-Florence, and the closest airports are Florence and Bologna. You can find below the exact address and GPS coordinates.

The Burning Man Principles guide our community and event. This means that participation and collective commitment is key. You are all encouraged to contribute with your music, talents, skills, art... Your presence and participation are gifts to the community.

We can't wait to spend some unforgettable days together in our beautiful venue!

The Principles

The Italian Burning Experience follows the principles of Burning Man. If you don't know them yet, take a moment to read about them now. The principles are not about how people should behave and act, but they set the tone for our community's ethos and culture, and organically develop over time. For example, in some regional communities, additional principles such as 'Consent' and 'Each one, teach one' have emerged.

Radical Inclusion

Anyone may be a part of Burning Man. We welcome and respect strangers. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

Gifting

Burning Man is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

Decommodification

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

Radical Self-reliance

Burning Man encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on their inner resources.

Radical Self-expression

Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

Communal Effort

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

Civic Responsibility

We value civil society. Community members who organise events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavour to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

Leaving No Trace

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavour, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

Participation

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

Immediacy

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

Consent

In our open and experimental environment, it's crucial that you always check in with those around you before practising your own self-expression. Be mindful that people from different cultures, backgrounds, and generations are coming together, and what is ok for you may not be ok for somebody else. You can only know by asking.

Consent goes beyond sexual actions - it should be applied in anything that involves another person or their personal belongings.

A no is a no, always. A yes may also be a no, unless it's a clear "Hell, yes!"

Consent should also be applied to taking photos and videos. Anyone who is identifiable in a photo or video you have taken, has to be asked for consent. If you consider publishing a photo on social media or publicly, consent has to be explicitly given.

How to reach the Italian Burning Experience



[Link to location on Google Maps](#)

GPS Coordinates: 44.132244644130736, 11.635718102536316

Address: Rifugio Valnera, Località Parrocchia di Valnera, 1, 50034 Marradi FI

Arrival by car

Highway exit Florence, take the SS 302 direction Florence, when you reach San Martino in Gattara follow the directions to Rifugio Valnera.

Parking. There is a large free parking area inside the premises, very close to the main structure.

Campervans. There is place for RVs and Tents just outside the main building, with free and easy access to all the facilities. The price for tent or RV is 200€ per person + ticketing system fees, but it is subjected to availability: if you plan on arriving in a campervan / with your own tent, please get in touch with the organisers as soon as possible to see what options are still available.

Arrival in Italy - Flights

The closest airports are Bologna or Florence. From Bologna it's about 1.5 hours drive, and from Florence it's about 2 hours drive.

Arrival by public transport - Train

The closest train station is San Martino in Gattara (RA), on the Florence-Ravenna train line. It's possible to reach it from both Bologna or Florence central stations. For the best connections and fares, check here:

<https://www.trenitalia.com/>

<https://www.italotreno.it/en>

The train station San Martino in Gattara (RA) is the closest you can get by train. Once you've made it here, you still have 7 km to reach the event. This means you will need additional means of transport.

Rideshare

If you are looking for a ride share, you can look for or offer a ride to participants [here](#)

There is also a shuttle service available from San Martino in Gattara for organised groups:

For 5/7 people cost is 55€ one way, for groups up to 25 a bus is available for 110€ one way. Contact the organisation for more details.

Arrival at event and general information during the event

Arrival

Like at every burn, the first thing to do when you arrive is to go to Gate and check in with your ticket and ID. Also, hug your old and new friends! It can also be a good idea to have your burner cup ready as there may be some delicious local Tuscan wine or prosecco available for you...

Sleeping arrangements

Once you check in at the Gate upon arrival, you will be able to find your bunk bed in the Tuscan country mansion.

Bring your own sleeping bag, bed linen, and towels.

If you prefer to stay in your own tent or RV instead of a bunk bed, it's possible. You will have easy access to all the infrastructure (bathrooms, showers, internal spaces). The full price for the event if you come with RV/tent is 200€ + ticketing system fee. Ask in advance to the organisation what options are still available.

Food & Beverage

At the very heart of the Italian Burning Experience, is our deep, passionate, and fiery love for delicious, healthy, and nurturing food. It's so much more than just cooking and eating - coming together and having fun in the kitchen, connecting and sharing stories with new and old Burner friends around the table, letting yourself indulge in the mouth watering flavours that the Italian cuisine has to offer. It's quality time. It's family time. It's community.

It's simply a must to join the workshops of the culinary team to learn the secrets of genuine Italian cooking - it's a lifestyle and a precious skill, that you can learn and then bring back out into the default world to make it a better place.

Your ticket includes 3 meals a day: Mediterranean breakfast, light lunch, and authentic Italian cuisine for dinner. Meals also include beverages such as local wine and beer, and fresh drinking water.

Our talented kitchen team uses high quality and local produce only, to ensure you get to experience the authentic Italian flavours, and also to keep our carbon footprint at a minimum.

Bring your own burner plate/bowl and cutlery, and of course, your burner cup.

During evenings, when the music and all the shenanigans begin, our mixologist will treat your palate with classic and original cocktails.

LNT

As per our 'Leave No Trace' policy, what we bring in we will bring out - it's as simple as that. LNT applies to all of us. Waste management and recycling options will be organised on site, however each and everyone of us should be mindful of what we bring in and how we recycle during + on our way out of the event.

This applies also to unconsumed food. What you bring in, you bring out.

A pro tip is to bring a Moop Bag ('moop' = matter out of place). If you're smoking cigarettes, consider carrying your own personal ashtray.

Shifts & Volunteering

As always at Burn events, we all sign up for shifts to make sure our event runs smoothly.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and be a crucial part of the community. See more information below, or [sign up right here, right now.](#)

Children & Pets

Children are welcome, however with some restrictions: Age 0-10, children can attend for free with an adult that has a ticket (1 Adult + 1 Child). Age 11+, a ticket is required. Children need a 24/7 guardian, no exceptions. Pets are not allowed.

Weather conditions

In general, the weather in May in Tuscany is very pleasant and mostly sunny. However, we are gathering in the mountains and are surrounded by woods. Temperatures, especially after sunset, can drop by several degrees and it can also be humid in the evenings. Bring some layers to stay warm.

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Co-create & Get involved

Shifts & Volunteering

We said it above, and repeat - As always at Burn events, we count on you to sign up for shifts in order to become an integral part of the event and its success. Taking a shift or several, is a great way to participate in any burn and a great way to make new friends and have a good time. Here's your invitation to participate by taking some shifts and make the Italian Burning Experience as amazing as it can possibly be.

[Sign up for shifts here.](#)

Workshops & Performances

Would you like to share your gifts in a workshop or performance during Italian Burning Experience? Yes, yes, yes - do it! [Sign up here.](#)

DJ sets & Music

Would you like to share your music and DJ sets? We can't wait to dance to your beats. [Sign up here.](#)

Art

This year, we have reserved some fundings for an art grant: contact as soon as possible our Art Lead (Frice1968@gmail.com) to see how it works. It's also possible to bring your own art, installation, or similar project.