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There are no cars. People walk or take boats like gondolas or a vaporetto (water bus).

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Since 1097

3. How are zucchini blossoms used in Italian cooking?

Zucchini blossoms have a soft and fleshy center. The male flowers that grow from the stems of plants are best for cooking. They are stuffed with cheese, dipped in light batter, and fried in olive oil.
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*Wine grapes have a higher acidity, which makes them too tart for eating. Table grapes wouldn’t make a flavorful wine.*

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*Steam, fry, braise, and add it to soups or salads*

*The leaves are slightly bitter and somewhat pungent in flavor*

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*Pasta with sardines, olives, garlic, olive oil, and sometimes pine nuts*

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*Marzipan sculptures*

*Candied citrus rind*

*Almond, pine nut and pistachio biscuits*

8. What is a cannoli?

*A cannoli is a fried shell filled with sweetened ricotta cream*

9. What are some surprising meats found in Florence’s Central Market? How are they used?

*Small suckling pigs, which are served on special occasions*

*Whole chickens for classic recipes*

10. What is extra virgin olive oil?

*Olive oil is indispensable ingredient in Italian cooking. Extra virgin olive oil is made from the first pressing of olives, which has low acid and the finest and fruitiest flavor*