

## Recycled Wool in Prato, Italy: Between History and Modernity



**CONFINDUSTRIA TOSCANA NORD**  
**Lucca Pistoia Prato**



**Hosts:** Confindustria Toscana Nord and ICEA

**Location:** Prato, Italy: Tuscany Region

**When:** Thursday, October 25, 2018

**COST: \$50 USD**

**Travel:** Milano Centrale train station to Florence, Italy and then local train to Prato porta al Serraglio Station. **Attendee is responsible for arriving/departing to/from Milano Centrale train station on their own. This cost is NOT included.**

**ARRIVAL:** Recommended departure times from **Milano Centrale** could be at 7:20am and then arrive at Firenze SMN at 8:59 am. In Firenze SMN you can find a train to Prato Porta al serraglio at 09:10am or 9:47am (arrival at 10:20 am). At the station of Prato Porta al Seraglio there will be a guide that will accompany you, through the city center, and then to the museum.

**DEPARTURE:** At 5.00 pm departure from Prato centrale for Florence SMN by train. At 18.30 departure for central Milan with arrival at 20.29.

**Tickets for the high-speed train journey from Milan to Florence must be booked.**

The web site where you can buy them is this: <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

Tickets for the Florence - Prato route can be purchased at the station or online. **Book as soon as possible!**

**Included costs:** Transport around Prato, lunch, entrance at the Textile Museum of Prato

**Agenda** (subject to change):

The tour begins at 10.30 am.

A presentation of Prato and the recycling of wool will be done at the Museo del Tessuto

At 12.00 light lunch in museum

At 13:00 departure in autobus for company visits | Visit of companies specialised in different processes that will offer a comprehensive overview of all the manufacturing processes related to carded (recycled) wool

17:00 departure from Prato centrale for Florence SMN by train. At 18.30 departure for central Milan with arrival at 20.29.

**Additional Information about tour and hosts:**

**Museo Del Tessuto Di Prato** ( <http://www.museodeltessuto.it/?lang=en> )

The Museum was founded in 1975 within the "Tullio Buzzi" Industrial Technical Textile Institute, as the result of an initial donation of approximately 600 historical textile fragments. These were added to examples which had been gathered over the years by the Institute's professors for students to consult and study. Since then, the collection has seen a significant increase in size thanks to the

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contribution of the Buzzi Institute Alumni Association and other important civic institutions, such as the Municipality of Prato, Cariprato and the Pratese Industrial Union.

In 1997, the Museum was temporarily housed in the Palazzo Comunale. During this period, the collection of contemporary fabrics was established, which continues to increase with seasonal fashion trends thanks to the relationship with the Prato Trade Association, a selection of fashion textile manufacturing companies. In 2003, the inauguration of the permanent premises took place in the restored spaces of the former Campolmi factory, a precious jewel of industrial archaeology situated within the old city walls.

Since 2012, the Museum has been granted the status of "museum of regional importance" pursuant to Art. 20 and 21 of Regional Law no. 21 of February 25th, 2010.

### **CONFINDUSTRIA Toscana Nord (<https://www.confindustriatoscananord.it>)**

The expression of an open-minded business community, capable of constant renewal while preserving and valorizing its strongly rooted local traditions, Confindustria Toscana Nord has been operating in Prato since 1912 - until the year 2015 as Unione Industriale Pratese - at the service of local industry, promoting and safeguarding its interests with those of the individual companies.

The Association now has about 1000 members; in Prato, Association represents 80% of local industry. The largely prevalent product sector is textile and clothing industry. Confindustria Toscana Nord is a member of the Confindustria federation, the most important network of industries in Italy.

The core value driving this organization of entrepreneurs is the belief that free enterprise and economic freedom, within the context of a market economy, fosters society's development and progress.

Confindustria Toscana Nord's aims are:

- acting as a spokesperson body to the national and local institutions and striving for permanent liaison with official institution
- supplying advices and services in the following areas:
  - labour relations
  - economics, finance, taxation
  - managerial and vocational training
  - public services and infrastructures
  - environmental protection and safety in workplaces
  - innovation
  - studies and researches
  - public relations

#### **Disclaimer:**

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