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## Welcome to Florence!

Florence is a unique city, rich in history and art, with a glorious past that can still be admired in its majestic palaces, delightful gardens, statues, and frescoes. Artists from all over the world come here, to this gem nestled among the Apennine mountains and a few steps from the Tyrrhenian Sea, to seek inspiration in artistic and architectural work. Even you, staying in this delightful apartment located within the UNESCO area of the city - and therefore in a recognized area of great cultural value protected by European laws - will be able to discover that art and history, while also finding good food and entertainment, and then return here and stay pleasantly as if you were at home.

## Shall we start with this tour?

Let's begin with...

### Museums and Cultural Activities

There are numerous museums, so much so that it will be impossible to visit them all in a few days. Don't worry, Florence will be waiting for you to return whenever you want. As an old local singer's song says, "In Florence, mark my words, you don't see everything in one go".

### Uffizi Gallery

The most famous museum, not to be missed, is the Uffizi Gallery, located a short walk from the Lungarno, in the heart of the ancient city. The museum houses famous Renaissance artworks such as Botticelli's Birth of Venus, numerous Roman statues, paintings by Leonardo, Raphael, Caravaggio, Giotto, Simone Martini, Piero della Francesca, and Beato Angelico. There are also works of European painting, especially German, Dutch, and Flemish.

**Opening hours:**



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Tuesday 8:15 AM - 9:30 PM

Wednesday to Sunday 8:15 AM - 6:30 PM (last entry 5:30 PM)

Closed: every Monday, January 1st, December 25th

## **Tickets:**

Full price €25

Reduced price €2

Reservation fee €4

More info at: [www.uffizi.it](http://www.uffizi.it)

## **Vasari Corridor**

From the Uffizi to the Boboli Gardens, this corridor is a real street above the city. This aerial walk is an exciting journey, leading to the discovery of the city from different and unexpected perspectives. Built by Giorgio Vasari for Cosimo I de' Medici, the corridor extends for about a kilometer through palaces and streets, without any obstacles. Closed since 2016 for maintenance work, it will soon reopen to visitors.

## **Accademia Gallery**

The birth of the Gallery dates back to 1784, when Grand Duke of Tuscany Pietro Leopoldo reorganized the Academy of Fine Arts founded in 1563 by Cosimo I De' Medici. It currently preserves some of the most important collections of paintings and sculptures in the world. You can admire notable works by Michelangelo such as David, the most famous one, whose copy is at the entrance of Palazzo Vecchio, and a rich plaster cast collection. The museum also houses valuable musical instruments of the Medici and Lorraine grand dukes.

## **Opening hours:**

Tuesday to Sunday 8:15 AM - 6:50 PM (Last entry 6:20 PM)

Closed: every Monday, January 1st, December 25th

## **Tickets:**



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Full price €16

Reduced price €2

Reservation €4

More info at: [www.galleriaaccademiafirenze.it](http://www.galleriaaccademiafirenze.it)

## **Pitti Palace**

It was the residence of three dynasties, the Medici, the Habsburg-Lorraine, and finally the Savoy who lived there as kings of Italy from 1865. It is named after its first owner, the banker Luca Pitti who had it built in the mid-1400s. It is located at the foot of the Boboli Hill and is home to five different museums: the Treasury of the Grand Dukes, the Museum of Russian Icons with the Palatine Chapel, the Palatine Gallery and the Imperial and Royal Apartments, the Gallery of Modern Art, and the Museum of Fashion and Costume.

### **Opening hours:**

Tuesday to Sunday 8:15 AM - 6:30 PM (last entry 5:30 PM)

Closed: every Monday, January 1st, December 25th

### **Tickets:**

Full price €16

Combined Pitti + Boboli €22

Reduced price €2

Reservation €3

More info at: [www.uffizi.it](http://www.uffizi.it)

## **Boboli Gardens**

Here nature, art, science, and alchemy meet. It is a real open-air museum, which extends through the well-kept and lush vegetation that creates delightful paths, and it is dotted with statues, caves, and fountains. On a beautiful sunny day, it is the perfect opportunity for a walk admiring so much beauty.



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## **Opening hours:**

8:15 AM - 4:30 PM January, February, November, December

8:15 AM - 5:30 PM March and October (with daylight saving time)

8:15 AM - 6:30 PM March (with standard time), April, May, September, October (with daylight saving time)

8:15 AM - 7:10 PM June, July, and August

Closed: first and last Monday of the month, December 25th

## **Tickets:**

Full price €10

Combined Pitti + Boboli €22

Reduced price €2

Reservation €3

More info at: [www.uffizi.it](http://www.uffizi.it)

## **Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral (Florence Cathedral)**

It is one of the largest churches in the world, with its mighty dome by Brunelleschi, measuring 153 meters long. The name of the cathedral is a clear allusion to the name of the city, Florentia, and its emblem, the lily flower. The first stone was laid in 1296. Inside, you can admire works by Paolo Uccello, Vasari, Zuccari, and paintings from the 14th, 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, up to the 19th century. I recommend climbing to the top of the dome for a breathtaking view of the city!

## **Opening hours:**

Monday to Saturday 10:15 AM - 3:45 PM

Closed on Sundays and public holidays for worship reasons

Access to the cathedral is always free, without tickets or reservations. You only pay for access to the dome with the solutions below:

## **Tickets:**

Brunelleschi Pass



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(valid for three days to visit Dome, Campanile, Baptistery, Museum, and Santa Reparata)

Adult €30

Reduced 7-14 years €12 (children 0-6 years free)

## Giotto Pass

(valid for three days to visit Campanile, Baptistery, Museum, and Santa Reparata)

Adult €20

Reduced 7-14 years €7 (children 0-6 years free)

## Ghiberti Pass

(valid for three days to visit Baptistery, Museum, and Santa Reparata)

Adult €15

Reduced 7-14 years €5 (children 0-6 years free)

More info at: [www.duomo.firenze.it](http://www.duomo.firenze.it)

## **Giotto's Campanile**

It is the majestic bell tower of the Cathedral, one of the masterpieces of Italian Gothic architecture. Its construction was entrusted to Giotto in 1334, but the bell tower was only completed in 1359, passing first to his pupil Andrea Pisano and then to Francesco Talenti. It is equipped with twelve bells, the largest called "Apostolic," made in 1401, which can be admired during the visit. Don't miss the opportunity to climb the bell tower! 414 steps will take you to the top to admire one of the most beautiful panoramic views of Florence. Once at the top, you can enjoy a spectacular close-up view of the Duomo.

### **Opening hours:**

Every day 8:15-18:45

### **Tickets:**

Refer to Cathedral



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## **Opera del Duomo**

Museum: In over 6,000 square meters divided into 28 rooms on three floors, you can admire unique masterpieces, a sort of educational journey to discover the places and artists that gave life to the Cathedral and the other surrounding monuments. It preserves the original masterpieces that have adorned the monuments over seven centuries: from Michelangelo to Donatello, Brunelleschi, Ghiberti, and many others.

### **Opening hours:**

Monday to Saturday 8:30-16:00 (closing at 17:00)

## **Baptistry of San Giovanni**

Consecrated in 1059 by Pope Nicholas II, it is perhaps the result of the enlargement of a previous baptistry dating back to the 4th-5th century. Dante Alighieri was baptized here. It has the typical octagonal plan with walls and ceiling covered in white and green marble, with geometric designs, and decorated with mosaics started by Byzantine school masters and completed by great Tuscan masters such as Cimabue, Coppo di Marcovaldo, Meliore, and others.

### **Opening hours:**

Every day 8:30-19:30 (closing at 19:45)

### **Tickets:**

Refer to Cathedral

## **Ancient Basilica of Santa Reparata**

Inside the Duomo, between the first and second pillar on the right side of the central nave, a staircase leads to the tour of the archaeological remains of an ancient basilica dating back to the early Christian times. In this place, visitors experience a journey back in time through the



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different construction phases of one of the earliest Christian sacred places in Florence's history.

**Opening hours:**

Monday to Saturday 10:15-16:00

**Tickets:**

Refer to Cathedral

## Palazzo Vecchio Museum

Palazzo Vecchio is located in Piazza della Signoria and houses the Municipality of Florence. It represents the best synthesis of 14th-century civil architecture and was built by the architect Arnolfo di Cambio (died in 1302 in Florence). It stands on the remains of an ancient Roman theater, preserved underground. Among the masterpieces inside, there are Donatello's Judith, Bronzino's paintings, and Michelangelo's Genius of Victory. Don't miss the experience of climbing the Arnolfo Tower! Looking from all four sides, you can admire all the wonders of Florence, nestled in the embrace of the surrounding hills.

**Opening hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9-19

Thursday 9-14

Arnolfo Tower

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9-17

Thursday 9-14

**Tickets:**

Full (museum or Arnolfo Tower) euro 12:50

Reduced (18-25 years old) euro 10:00

Free under 18 years old



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## **Loggia dei Lanzi or Loggia della Signoria**

It is an important historical monument built between 1376 and 1382 to host the numerous popular public assemblies and official ceremonies of the Florentine Republic. Under the shelter of the loggia, numerous sculptures of great value can be admired, including Benvenuto Cellini's Perseus and Giambologna's Rape of the Sabine Women.

Free, always open

## **Basilica of Santa Maria Novella**

located a few steps from the train station named after it, this church was founded by the Dominican friars in the first half of the 1200s. Its importance over the centuries has led to the concentration of priceless works by Giotto, Brunelleschi, Masaccio, Michelangelo, Ghirlandaio, Botticelli, and Vasari.

### **Opening hours:**

Monday to Thursday and Saturday 9:30-17:00

Friday 11:00-17:00

Sunday 13:00-17:00

### **Tickets:**

Full euro 7.5

Reduced 11-18 years old euro 5

For more details: [www.smn.it](http://www.smn.it)

## **Galileo Museum**

It is located inside a palace in Piazza dei Giudici. The museum houses an exceptional collection of ancient scientific instruments and models of Leonardo da Vinci's machines. You can also admire the monumental sundial built in 2007.





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**Opening hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 9:30-18:00

Tuesday 9:30-13:00

Closed on January 1st and December 25th

**Tickets:**

Full euro 13

Reduced 6-18 years old and other discounts euro 7

Free under 6 years old

For more details: [www.museogalileo.it](http://www.museogalileo.it)

## San Marco Museum

The museum occupies the monumental part of the Dominican convent of San Marco, an architectural masterpiece by Michelozzo built between 1437 and 1443. It houses the largest collection in the world of works by Beato Angelico. Also of considerable interest is the visit to the hermits' cells. The museum also includes other remarkable works such as Ghirlandaio's Last Supper, Paolo Uccello's Madonna and Child, Della Robbia terracottas, and the famous portrait of Girolamo Savonarola painted by Fra Bartolomeo.

**Opening hours:**

Tuesday to Saturday 8:15-13:50

Second and fourth Sunday of the month 8:15-13:50

First and third Monday of the month 8:15-13:50

Closed on the first, third, and fifth Sunday of the month, second and fourth Monday of the month, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

**Tickets:**

Full euro 8

Reduced euro 2



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For more details: [www.museitoscana.cultura.gov.it](http://www.museitoscana.cultura.gov.it)

## Medici Chapels

The Medici Chapels are now a museum adjacent to the Basilica of San Lorenzo. The museum is famous above all for the presence of the tombs of Giuliano and Lorenzo de' Medici created by Michelangelo. Admire the Medici mausoleums and Michelangelo's sculptures.

### Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 8:15-18:50

### Tickets:

Full euro 16

Reduced 18-24 years old (EU citizens) euro 9

For more details: [www.cappellemedicee.it](http://www.cappellemedicee.it)

## Museo Stibbert

It hosts the collection of Frederick Stibbert (1838-1906), an English art collector and entrepreneur born in Italy. Inside, visitors can admire objects collected during his travels, especially armor (European, Islamic, and Japanese), as well as porcelain, paintings, costumes, and engravings.

### Opening Hours:

Monday to Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Friday to Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Tickets:

Full price: euro 9.80

Further details:



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[www.museostibbert.it](http://www.museostibbert.it)

### **Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale**

The one in Florence is, along with Rome, one of the two national libraries responsible for preserving all the published works in Italy. It is one of the most important national and European libraries. Inside, there is also a restoration laboratory. It holds many valuable and ancient volumes, several of which were unfortunately lost during the flood of 1966. It possesses 5,948,235 books, approximately 25,000 manuscripts, and 3,716 medieval prints.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Free Admission

Further details:

[www.bncf.firenze.sbn.it](http://www.bncf.firenze.sbn.it)

### **Arcetri Astronomical Observatory**

The observatory preserves a vast historical heritage consisting of archival documents, instruments, and scientific volumes, including the 1632 edition of Galileo Galilei's "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems." Not far from the observatory there is the Villa Il Gioiello, the last residence of Galileo. Inside, there is also a piano that belonged to Albert Einstein's sister.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

For reservations and guided tour prices, please contact the facility directly.



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Further details:

[www.arcetri.inaf.it](http://www.arcetri.inaf.it)

## **Museo degli Innocenti**

The museum is located in the monumental complex designed by Filippo Brunelleschi, which is part of the Institute of the Innocents. Originally intended to exhibit artworks from the ancient Hospital, it now showcases a unique heritage linked to the activities carried out in favor of children who could not be raised by their original families.

### **Opening Hours:**

Open every day: 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

### **Tickets:**

Full price (exhibition and permanent collection): euro 16

Full price (permanent collection only): euro 9

Reduced price (exhibition and permanent collection): starting from euro 12

Reduced price (permanent collection only): starting from euro 6

Children aged 5 to 10: Exhibition and permanent collection euro 7

Children aged 5 to 10: Permanent collection only - free

Further details:

[www.museodeginnocenti.it](http://www.museodeginnocenti.it)

## **Unconventional Museums**

Florence is not just about the Renaissance, it is much more. For example, it is also one of the fashion capitals. Many of the most prestigious brands originated in this city, and some museums testify to their birth and their journey alongside fashion and society.



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Here are some of the most interesting ones:

## **Gucci Museum (Gucci Garden)**

It is a museum dedicated to the Gucci brand, one of the world's most famous luxury brands, founded in 1921 in Florence. In reality, this museum is much more: with its colorful, eccentric, and iconic rooms, it is a true museum of contemporary art.

### **Opening Hours:**

Every day from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Tickets:

Full price: euro 8

Over 65, under 12, disabled, and Florence residents: free

Further details:

[www.gucci.com](http://www.gucci.com)

## **Salvatore Ferragamo Museum**

It is a museum dedicated to the history of one of Italy's oldest and most refined brands, a symbol of local craftsmanship. It hosts a permanent exhibition and some temporary expositions to discover more about the life of Salvatore Ferragamo and his fashion creations through history.

### **Opening Hours:**

Every day from 10:30 AM to 7:30 PM

Tickets:

Full price: euro 8

Reduced price: euro 5/euro 4

Free for under 18, over 65, disabled companions, etc.



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Further details:

[www.museo.ferragamo.com](http://www.museo.ferragamo.com)

### **Museum of Illusions: Borgo degli Albizi, 29**

An incredible series of optical illusions where it's pleasant to get lost. You can experience a different sensory experience from the usual, between physics, optics, and art, by trying out some interactive activities yourself.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday to Friday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

#### **Tickets:**

Full price: euro 17

Reduced price: euro 13

Ages 3 to 6: euro 6

Pre-sale: euro 4

Further details:

[www.museumofillusions.it](http://www.museumofillusions.it)

### **Selfie Museum: Via Ricasoli, 44**

In over 1000 square meters dedicated to the creative reinterpretation of art and culture from every era and style, you can take beautiful photos with immersive installations and scenarios created by over 400 artists from around the world.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Every day from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM



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**Tickets:**

Full price: euro 13

Reduced price: euro 10

Ages 6 to 18: euro 7

Ages 3 to 5: euro 5

Further details:

[www.selfiemuseumfirenze.it](http://www.selfiemuseumfirenze.it)

## **Villoresi Museum: Via de' Bardi, 12**

The museum offers a multisensory journey to discover the universe of perfume, smell, and the appearance of the main aromatic materials. If you are passionate about perfumes or if this world intrigues you, you will surely appreciate this dive into the tradition of perfume, with interactive experiences and scientific insights. Additionally, you can admire the beautiful sixteenth-century palace.

**Opening Hours:**

Monday to Saturday from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**Tickets:**

Full price: euro 18

Ages 6 to 26 with student card: euro 10

Over 65: euro 12

Further details:

[www.museovilloresi.it](http://www.museovilloresi.it)

## **Where to Eat**



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As we've mentioned, Florence isn't just about art and culture, but also about great food and typical gastronomic products that you can enjoy in numerous trattorias, restaurants, and osterias. Would you like to taste some? Here are some trattorias that will delight your palate.

## **Trattoria Zà Zà: Piazza del Mercato Centrale, 26R**

Here, try the Florentine steak and other traditional Tuscan dishes.

[www.trattoriazaza.it](http://www.trattoriazaza.it)

## **Trattoria Sabatino: Via Pisana 2R**

Under the historic San Frediano gate, enjoy Florentine home cooking in a cozy atmosphere.

[www.trattoriasabatino.it](http://www.trattoriasabatino.it)

## **Ristorante Il Latini: Via dei Palchetti 6R**

Choose the fixed menu and savor a selection of typical Tuscan dishes. Also, it serves vegetarian dishes and it has a selection of fine wines. A special feature: there's a menu for our four-legged friends.

[www.latinifirenze.com](http://www.latinifirenze.com)

## **Trattoria Sostanza: Via del Porcellana, 25R**

A cozy local serving traditional Italian cuisine, including Florentine steak and the famous butter chicken.

@trattoriasostanzafirenze

## **La Giostra: Borgo Pinti 10/18R**

Enjoy a refined dinner in a medieval atmosphere in the heart of Florence, under a 16th-century brick vault. The restaurant serves Tuscan dishes, has an extensive wine list, and offers a private dining room.

## **Osteria dell'Enoteca: Via Romana 70/R**

Refined Tuscan menu prepared with fresh ingredients from local producers, including spaghetti, soups, tagliolini, cod, roasted pigeon, and many other specialties, along with a





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Careful selection of wines.

[www.osteriadellenoteca.com](http://www.osteriadellenoteca.com)

## **Il Pizzaiuolo: Via dei Macci, 113/R**

For those who love authentic Neapolitan pizza baked in a wood-fired oven, this is the perfect place. Also, it serves pasta dishes and seafood specialties, in a typical historic setting.

[www.ilpizzaiuolo.it](http://www.ilpizzaiuolo.it)

## **La Ménagère: Via De' Ginori, 8/R**

A bright bistro in rustic-chic style, offering flowers, books on flowers, and gift items, as well as creative cocktails and revisited traditional dishes.

[www.lamenagere.it](http://www.lamenagere.it)

## **Trattoria Cammillo: Borgo San Jacopo, 57/R**

Sample traditional Tuscan home cooking with a modern twist. Tradition, goodness, and authenticity in a timeless atmosphere. It also serves vegetarian dishes.

@trattoriacammillo

## **Trattoria da Mario: Via Rosina, 2/R**

In this historic restaurant in Florence, you can taste traditional Tuscan dishes such as Florentine tripe, grilled liver, lampredotto, and “peposo”, in a cozy and authentic atmosphere.

[www.trattoriario.com](http://www.trattoriario.com)

## **Osteria Santo Spirito: Piazza Santo Spirito, 16R**

Homemade cuisine in a rustic venue with red walls and the option to dine outdoors in the historic square, in the heart of the Oltrarno district.

@Osteria\_santo\_spirito\_16r

## **Mercato Centrale: Piazza del Mercato Centrale, Via dell'Ariento**

This place is an absolute must-visit to immerse yourself in the Italian culinary scene. I recommend exploring this lively market of delights and savoring local delicacies like



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lampredotto and ribollita, in a vibrant and welcoming space in the heart of Florence. Even if you don't want to stop for a meal, it's enjoyable to take a culinary discovery tour in this indoor market, housed in an 1874 iron and glass building.

[www.mercatocentrale.it](http://www.mercatocentrale.it)

## **Enoteca Pinchiorri: Via Ghibellina, 87**

If you're looking for excellence, treat yourself to a gourmet dinner at this renowned Michelin-starred restaurant that strikes a balance between past, present, and future by seeking the best in every detail.

[www.enotecapinchiorri.it](http://www.enotecapinchiorri.it)

## **Gelateria Santa Trinita: Piazza De' Frescobaldi, 11/red**

If you have a sweet tooth and want to try real and famous Italian gelato, enjoy fresh and delicious artisanal gelato in a myriad of flavors at one of the best gelaterias in Florence located in an ancient palace.

[www.gelateriasantatrinita.it](http://www.gelateriasantatrinita.it)

## **Trattoria dall'Oste: Via Luigi Alamanni, 3/5R**

Try, just steps from Santa Maria Novella station and from where you are staying, the Florentine steak in twelve different types of beef, from Chianina to Marchigiana, Angus to Rubia. The venue is simple, but the cuisine is truly high quality and super appreciated by customers.

[www.trattoriadalloste.com](http://www.trattoriadalloste.com)

## **Antico Vinaio: Via dei Neri, 65/R**

This is the place for you if you're looking for street food, especially the famous Florentine schiacciata, very stuffed and tasty, with various combinations of typical Tuscan cold cuts, vegetables, sauces, and cheeses. It's one of the best street foods in Florence, which now also has locations in New York. Being very famous, there may sometimes be a long line in the street to get in. In any case, in the same street, there are many other less famous but equally good places to enjoy schiacciata.



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[www.allanticovinaio.com](http://www.allanticovinaio.com)