

FLORENCE GUIDE



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Essential Information

The charming capital of Tuscany attracts many visitors from all over the world. Located in the northern part of Italy, it is situated in the center of the Apennine Peninsula between the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic Seas. With a pleasant Mediterranean and subtropical climate, where summers are hot and winters mild, the city is suitable to visit all year round. Locked between mountains, there is almost no wind blowing and in summer, weather can be quite hot.

Its long history as a trading and financial center left traces all over the town. It is here that Renaissance and the Neoclassicism originated. Also, Florence is the birthplace of opera. It is an ideal place to visit for all lovers of culture and historical sights. There are many examples of beautiful and unique architecture, such as Vecchio Palace or Pitti Palace. Florence is home to many museums and art galleries – about 80 of them, including the Archeological Museum and the Bargello.

It doesn't matter if you are an admirer of art and architecture, a historian, a lover of music or a food and drink gourmet, all these needs and wants can be satisfied in Florence! The capital of Tuscany certainly won't disappoint you!

Time Zone

CET (UTC+1), observes DST.

Contacts

Tourist Contacts

Main tourist information office – +39 055 290832.

Currency – 1 Euro (EUR, €) = 100 cents

There is a lot of exchange offices and banks around Florence, which offer the best exchange rates and reliability but they close relatively early. You can also change traveler's checks there. It is not favorable to exchange money at the airport or near the railway station. If you urgently need money at these locations, exchange only the necessary amount.

You can find many ATMs scattered around Florence and can withdraw euros directly. MasterCard, Diner's Club and Visa are generally accepted. In small stores, you should ask a seller if you can pay by card, as many of them only accept cash. It is also advisable to check whether they accept American Express before you attempt to use it.

Tax Refunds

VAT in Italy is 21%, in July 2013 it is planned to rise to 23%. Tax refund is available for those who are non-European Union citizens. You can be refunded when you spend at least €154,94 in an Italian shop in one day. Ask for a yellow Tax Refund form. Then, you have to claim your purchase at the Customers' Office and get a Customers' Stamp on the yellow form before you leave the EU. If leaving by plane, you have to do it before your check-in. Carry your products and the yellow form with you. Mail the stamped yellow form back as soon as possible.

Prices

Florence is a typical tourist destination, that's why prices may not be very favorable.

There is a wide variety of accommodation on offer in Florence. A bed in a mixed bedroom at a hostel costs €19 – 25. One night at a three-star hotel costs from €40, if booked in advance. In a four-star hotel, expect a price of €55 per night per double bedroom.

- Meal, Inexpensive restaurant – €13.50
- Meal for 2, Mid-range restaurant, Three-courses – €60
- Combo meal at McDonald's or similar – €6
- 0,5 l domestic beer in restaurant – €4
- 1,5 l water in supermarket – €0.50
- 1 l of gasoline – €1.80

Remember that prices of take-away food or drinks to-go may differ from those when you sit in a restaurant or café, but do not order to go and then sit down, as waiters can tell you to leave the establishment.

Student discounts are not common at museums in Florence, so the full price will usually be applicable, but do bring your ISIC along, just in case. Sometimes there are special events at the museums, for which entrance is free. The tourist office (www.firenzeturismo.it) provides more information about when and at which museums they are being held.

Tippling

In Italy, you do not have to tip. When going to a restaurant, 'coperto' or 'servizio' will probably be added to your bill, which means that you pay for setting the table. This functions as a tip for restaurant attendants. Rounding up your bill is common but not required. You may leave a few euros when you are satisfied with services provided. Keep your bill with you to prove that you've paid.

Tipping cab drivers is not usual but they will appreciate it. It is advisable to tip porters in hotels, as well as room service. Again, it is not required.

Electricity

Wall sockets in Italy, as well as in Europe, operate under 220 V at 50 cycles per second. A number of different sockets are used in Italy, with either two or three round plugs. Check your devices if they are compatible before travelling and take a converter with you when needed.

Languages

The most common language spoken is, of course, Italian. In Tuscany you can hear a unique dialect, referred to as the Florentine language. If you can speak Italian, this dialect may confuse you. Many locals can speak at least a little English as they live in a tourist center. They are very helpful and will probably try to communicate with you no matter how bad their English is.

Mobile Phones

Italy has good network coverage all over the country and uses the 900/1800/GSM/GPRS standard. There are four major mobile networks in Italy – TIM, Vodafone, Wind and 3. The first three support the 2100 MHz UMTS/HSDPA network. Cell phones of European visitors usually work fine. If you come from America or Asia, better check your compatibility. Generally, calling mobile phones is quite costly in Italy, but is usually lower after 8:30 p.m.

The international dial code for Italy is +39 and the regional code for Florence is (0)55.

Internet

The Internet is widely used in Florence and the whole Tuscan region. Many hotels and pensions have free Wi-Fi access. If not, there are also a lot

of internet cafés and free Wi-Fi spots in the city. Also, some stores have free Wi-Fi available.

Prices for using the Internet are favorable, especially for students who can get discounts. However, costs vary from €1.50 – €5 per hour. The most popular internet cafés are Webpuccino (www.webpuccino.it) or Il Cairo (ilcairo.it)

Internet Resources

- Official website for tourists (www.firenzeturismo.it)
- Official website for tourists (www.visitflorence.com)
- Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

- January 1 – **New Year's Day**
- January 6 – **Epiphany**
- March 17 – **Anniversary of the Unification of Italy**
- **Easter Monday**
- April 25 – **Liberation Day**
- May 1 – **International Workers' Day**
- June 2 – **Republic Day**
- August 15 – **Ferragosto/Assumption Day**
- November 1 – **All Saints**
- November 4 – **Day of National Unity and the Armed Forces**
- December 8 – **Immaculate Conception**
- December 25 – **Christmas Day**
- December 26 – **St. Stephen's Day**

Opening Hours

Generally, shops are open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., when there is a break followed by further opening between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. But many shops close earlier on Mondays and Saturdays, with most, apart from large international chain stores, being closed on Sundays.

Banks are normally open until 4 p.m. Restaurants open just for lunch and dinner – from 12 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and then from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., some not opening on Sundays at all. The most popular museums stay open until 7 p.m., however, some close really early (at 2 p.m.) so better check it out before visiting!

Public Transportation

In Florence, there are two main town bus operators – ATAF (www.ataf.net) and Li-nea (www.li-nea.com) Older buses are orange, newer ones are deep purple and white.

You can buy bus tickets at authorized sale points, e.g. tobacco shops, bars etc. One 90-minute ride (in which you can take multiple buses) costs €1.20. The bus drivers also sell tickets, but for €2. You can also send a text message to 4880105 to buy your ticket. You must validate your ticket when entering a bus immediately. Inspectors are frequent and can impose a fine of €45 for lack of a valid ticket – that's if you pay immediately or within 5 days, if not, the fine can climb to €240!

ATAF buses also operate to and from Vespucci Airport departing every 30 minutes for a price of €4.50.

You can also use the local railways to reach a number of train stations in town if you have the ATAF ticket. There is also a single tram line running from Scandicci to Santa Maria Novella which also requires ATAF tickets.

Taxis

Taxis in Florence are not to be hailed, but instead found at taxi ranks. These taxi ranks are located near main tourist hubs. Generally, taxis are quite costly in Florence, with a basic fare of €3.20, doubling at night and jumping to €5.10 on Sundays and public holidays. There is an extra charge for baggage too, €1 apiece. From Vespucci Airport, expect a fare of €20.

Women traveling alone between 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. get a 10% discount, but have to ask for it.

Florence taxi companies:

- Radio Taxi SOCOTA (www.socota.it) +39 055 4242, +39 055 4798
- Radio Taxi COTAFI (www.4390.it) +39 055 4390, +39 055 4499

Regional Transportation

The main railway station in Florence is Santa Maria Novella, from where many trains to various parts of Italy depart. The most frequent lines are to Milan, Venice, Bologna, Naples or Rome. There is also another railway station, Campo di Marte, which is used mainly by commuters from nearby villages. The major rail operator is Trenitalia (www.trenitalia.com)

You can reach other parts of Tuscany by local buses operated by ATAF (www.ataf.net) Most of them stop in front of Santa Maria Novella. There are many bus companies offering transportation all over the region such as Cap Autolinee (www.capautolinee.it) Florentia Bus (www.florentiabus.it) and Busitalia (www.fsbusitalia.it)

Driving

To drive in Italy, you need an international driving license. If you are an American citizen, you have to obtain an International Driving Permit. Police ask drivers to present these during checks or in case of violating traffic rules. You can get it at the American Automobile Association (www.aaa.com) The legal driving age in Italy is 18 years.

- In towns, the speed limit is 50 km/h. On motorways, it is 130 km/h. On open roads, it is 90 km/h and on dual carriageways the maximum speed is 110 km/h.
- In case of wet roads on carriageways and motorways, the maximum speed is 20 km/h less than normal and on open roads, 10 km/h less.
- Radars are abundant.

- Make sure you have your seatbelts fastened.
- Children less than 150 cm in height must use a child restraint system. Children under 18 kg have to be in safety seats, those over 18 kg may use booster seats.
- The permitted level of alcohol is 0,5 milligrams of alcohol per milliliter of blood. However, it is better to not drink and drive.
- You must use headlights on carriageways, motorways, outside of towns and when visibility is poor.
- Visibility vests and warning triangles are compulsory.
- Horns are used frequently but should not be used in built-up areas. Italian drivers are often disrespectful of traffic rules and you should drive carefully.

In the center of Florence, there is the Restricted Traffic Zone (en.comune.fi.it) – cars are not allowed to enter or park there, however motorcycles and scooters are allowed. The zone is well indicated. Parking is available around the town in car parks. Some of them are above-ground. Residents may park in the streets. Parking for non-residents is restricted. There are many non-stop gas stations in the city.

A lot of car rental companies (comparearrent.com) operate in Florence.

Walkability

Florence is an easily walkable city and quite safe for pedestrians as its city center streets are often narrow and inaccessible to cars. However, those cobblestoned streets can be quite uneven, so make sure you take comfortable shoes! There is a nice promenade made for strolling along the Arno River. Six bridges cross it and all of them are walkable, the most famous being Ponte Vecchio. Via Calzaiuoli is pedestrianized. When you

are tired of walking, you can rest in one of many cafés and bars or just stop and enjoy the beautiful views!

Generally, Italian drivers are considered bad and rude. Car accidents involving pedestrians happen frequently. Italians also drive scooters quite unpredictably. You should stay alert and bear in mind that you can get hurt easily.

Remember that there are a lot of narrow cobblestoned streets in Florence which could be inaccessible to wheelchair users. However, many museums are accessible.

Italian cuisine is world-renowned and it would be a sin not to try the specialties! In Tuscany, most of the food is made from local products. Delicious cheeses or luscious grilled steaks – every visitor of Florence has to try these. One of the most popular Tuscan products is white beans, usually prepared with olive oil and sage. Beef products with wine are very tasty, too.

Italians like to cook with vegetables, mainly tomatoes, eggplants and zucchini. As you are in Italy, try the pizza to discover its real taste! Also, they prepare pasta in various ways with many kinds of sauces, fresh or cooked vegetables, cheese and olive oil. Try antipasti, which is eaten before the main dish. The most famous typical Italian products are buffalo mozzarella, pesto, which is a mix of basil, olive oil and cheese, and also parmesan, a delicious kind of cheese used for pasta, pizza and soups.

The country has become the world's largest wine producer lately. Their wines are of various kinds to match every meal. Tuscan red wine is just legendary. Drink Italian rosso or bianco and enjoy its toothsome taste!

Legal Age

The legal age for drinking and purchasing alcohol in Italy is 16. You may be asked to show your ID when buying alcoholic beverages. You can buy cigarettes from the age of 16 as well.

There is no 'last call' in Italy. The dress code in clubs is quite casual, with only more upscale restaurants requiring appropriate choice of dress. Men usually don't wear shorts in the evenings, but

it is not a rule. Italians are fashion-conscious but they are used to tourists and respect them.

January 6th

- Epiphany Parade

February

- Carnevale – Carnival

March 25th

- Florentine New Year

April

- Scoppio del Carro – ‘Explosion of the Cart’

May

- Maggio Musicale Fiorentino – ‘May Music Festival’ (www.maggiofiorentino.it)

June, July

- Florence Dance Festival (www.florencecdance.org)

August 10th

- Festa di San Lorenzo – San Lorenzo Feast

September 8th and 9th

- Festival of Paper Lanterns and Nativity of Virgin Mary

October 8th

- Festa di Santa Reparata – Santa Reparata Feast

Free Things To Do

- Piazza della Signoria is a beautiful square in the city center where you can observe an exhibition of statues. There is also a fountain.
- Duomo, officially Cattedrale de Santa Maria del Fiore, is a marvelous cathedral where entrance is free.
- Ponte Vecchio is a prime Florentine attraction, crossing the Arno River from where you can enjoy the panoramic view.
- Piazzale Michelangelo is a plaza on the top of the hill above Florence. Take a short walk and admire the breathtaking view!
- The Santa Croce Neighborhood is a pleasant place for a stroll and its main landmark is a Franciscan cathedral, which is the largest of its kind in the world!
- Generally, most of churches in Florence are free to enter.
- You can take a free guided tour around the city with Florence Free Tour (www.florencefreetour.com) You do not pay, but can perhaps tip your guide.
- Every Thursday evening, you can visit Strozzi Palace (www.palazzostrozzi.org) for free to see an exhibition of contemporary art.
- There are many parks in Florence which are free to enter, including the Garden of Cascine, the Etruscan Tomb of Montagnola and Torrigiani Garden.
- You certainly must visit Mercato Nuovo to find the large sculpture of a boar, rub his nose for luck!

Shopping

The best places to buy souvenirs in Florence are street markets with favorable prices. The most famous is Mercato Centrale, where you can buy not only keepsakes, but also fresh tasty food, such as vegetables and cheese. Another popular market

is Mercato Nuovo, which is close to the famous Ponte Vecchio. It is illegal to buy fakes of designer goods (e.g. bags). You can buy original branded goods in many stores in Florence, mainly in the Via Novella district.

The most popular Florentine souvenirs are various leather products, items made of marble and gold and also luxurious perfumes. Generally, jewelry is reasonably priced and is quite beautiful.

- DO ignore beggars and don't give them money.
- DO cover your shoulders and knees while visiting churches.
- DO have a delicious dinner sampling Tuscan cuisine!
- DO wander around the city and admire the architecture.
- DO stamp your tickets on public transport.
- DON'T leave your drinks on tables in clubs!
- DON'T carry valuables around the town with you.
- DON'T walk in beachwear in the city center.
- DON'T buy fake designer goods – it is illegal.
- DON'T drive in Restricted Traffic Zones.

Safety

In general, the crime rate in Italy is quite low. However, in major tourist destinations such as Rome, Florence, Milan or Naples, there is a high rate of petty crimes in crowded places. When visiting a city, do not take valuables with you, better to leave them in a safe in your hotel. Parked cars can also be targets of robbery. Lock your car and do not leave anything expensive or precious in it.

When going out at night, do not leave your drinks on the table as there have been some cases of spiking the drink of tourists, who were then robbed or sexually abused. Do not take drinks from people you don't know. Alcohol can make you less watchful, too, making you an easier target, so keeps your wits about you. Do not walk alone at night. Keep to busier, well-lit streets. Florence train station is not a safe place in night, so better avoid visiting it. There are also beggars around the city who can be annoying. You should ignore them. Do not wear striking jewelry and put your camera into an ordinary bag. Cameras and jewelry are a favorite plunder of thieves. Most frequently, they operate near the train station or

Ponte Vecchio. Also, savvy pickpockets often go to internet cafés to search for distracted tourists. You can easily get robbed while sending an email, so better keep your bag on your lap!

The streets are not very safe in Italy. Drivers often disrespect the traffic rules and even traffic lights. They use their horns frequently. While walking, you must stay alert and watch the road. Do not leave your children alone in the streets as they can easily get lost or be at risk of being hit by a car. Scooters are very popular in Italy and their drivers are often rude. A scooter can suddenly appear from behind a corner and hit someone. There are frequent car and traffic accidents in Italy, so you must be careful!

Tap water in Italy, especially in the region of Tuscany, is high quality and safe to drink. Free drinking water is delivered in barrels in Florence from which you can fill your bottles. However, many Italians prefer bottled water.

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Florence Cathedral Dome / Duomo

This dome is one of the most incredible places in Florence and boasts a superb view! It is quite a climb, but so very worth it.

Piazza del Duomo, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77340, E11.25722

Opening hours:

Mon – Wed, Fri: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thu: 10 a.m. – between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. (season dependent)

Sat: 10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Sun: 1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Admission:

Admission to the cathedral is free.



Vecchio Bridge / Ponte Vecchio

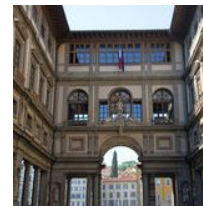
Crossing the Arno River, this closed bridge with archs is one of the oldest structures in Florence and an absolute must-see.

Ponte Vecchio, 50125 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76802, E11.25318

Phone:

+39 055 292 289



Uffizi Gallery / Galleria degli Uffizi

No art connoisseur should miss this fantastic collection of Italian paintings and sculptures by Boticelli, da Vinci, Titian or Raphael.

Piazzale degli Uffizi, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76851, E11.25579

Phone:

+39 055 238 86 51

Opening hours:

Mon: closed

Tue – Sun: 8:15 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.

New Year's Day, May 1 and Christmas Day: closed

Admission:

Full Price: €11

Reduced (EU students): €3.25

Seniors (over 65), children (under 18): free





Florence Cathedral / Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore
 Nicknamed 'Il Duomo', this cathedral is probably the most famous sight of Florence with its huge dome and amazing radiant facade.



Piazza del Duomo, 50122 Florence, Italy
 GPS: N43.77321, E11.25623

Phone:
 +39 055 215 380

Opening hours:
 Mon – Wed, Fri: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Thu: 10 a.m. – between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. (season dependent)
 Sat: 10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
 Sun: 1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Admission:
 Admission to the cathedral is free.



Florence Baptistry / Battistero di San Giovanni di Firenze
 This unique building is one of the oldest in Florence and is renowned for its unusual octagonal shape and carved bronze doors.



Piazza di San Giovanni, 50129 Florence, Italy
 GPS: N43.77320, E11.25508

Phone:
 +39 055 230 28 85

Opening hours:
 Daily except Fri: 11:15 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Night openings:
 Thu, Fri and Sat: 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. (until 28 September)
 Last entry is 30 minutes before closing time.

Admission:
 General admission: €5



Giotto's Bell Tower / Campanile di Giotto
 The free-standing bell tower in Piazza del Duomo is more than 80 metres high and boasts 7 bells. Notice the exterior decorations!



Piazza del Duomo, 50122 Florence, Italy
 GPS: N43.77288, E11.25580

Phone:
 +39 055 230 28 85

Opening hours:
 Daily: 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Admission:
 General admission: €6



Accademia Gallery Florence / Galleria dell'Accademia
 Built to hold a single masterpiece – Michelangelo's David. There are other impressive works by this artist displayed here.

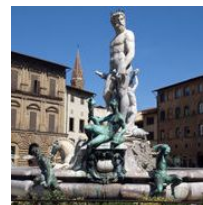


Via Ricasoli 60, 50122 Florence, Italy
 GPS: N43.77682, E11.25891

Phone:
 +39 055 238 86 12

Opening hours:
 Tue – Sun: 8:15 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.

Admission:
 Full: €11
 Reduced (18-25 years of age): €3.25
 Children (under 18), seniors (over 65): free
 The ticket is also valid for the Department of Musical Instruments.



Fountain of Neptune Florence / Fontana del Nettuno
 Famous sculptor Bartolomeo Ammannati designed this marvellous fountain in the 16th century. It is dominated by a statue of Neptune.



Piazza della Signoria, 50122 Florence, Italy
 GPS: N43.76953, E11.25597



Medici Riccardi Palace / Palazzo Medici Riccardi

The most famous Florentian family of Medici lived in this beautiful palace which was built in Renaissance civil style.

Via Camillo Cavour 1, 50129 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77554, E11.25564

Phone:

+39 055 276 03 40

Opening hours:

Weekdays and holidays: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Wed: closed

Last admission at 6:30 p.m.

Admission:

Full price: €7

Children (up to 12), military, groups: €4

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Vecchio Palace / Palazzo Vecchio

Reminiscent of a fortress, this palace serves as a town hall and dominates Plaza della Signorina with its tall belltower.

Piazza della Signoria, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76963, E11.25601

Phone:

+39 055 276 84 65

Opening hours:

Museum:

Summer (Apr – Sept):

Daily except Thu: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thu and holidays: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Winter (Oct – Mar):

Daily except Thu: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thu: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tower:

Apr – Sep:

daily except Thu: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Thu: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Admission:

Museum:

Adults: €12

Seniors, people 18-25: €10

Children (under 18): €2

Tower:

General admission: €6.50

Museum and tower: €14

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Bargello Museum / Museo del Bargello

An unrivalled collection of Italian Renaissance sculpture. The most illustrious member of the collection is Donatello's David.

Via del Proconsolo 4, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77014, E11.25836

Phone:

+39 (0)55 238 86 06

Opening hours:

Daily: 8.15 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The ticket office closes at 4:20 p.m.

Admission:

Full price: €4

Reduced price: €2

EU citizens up to 18 and over 65: free



Medici Chapel / Cappelle Medicee

These splendid marble chapels were built as a showcase of the power and wealth of the famous Medici family.

Piazza di Madonna degli Aldobrandini, 50123 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77478, E11.25306

Phone:

+39 055 238 86 02

Opening hours:

Daily: 8:15 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Last admission at 1:20 p.m.

Closed on 2nd and 4th Sun; 1st, 3rd and 5th Mon of the month.

Admission:

Full price: €6

Reduced price: €3

EU citizens up to 18 and over 65: free



Loggia dei Lanzi

World-known spectacular sculptures are on display in this open-air gallery in the centre of Florence.

Piazza della Signoria, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76931, E11.25565

Opening hours:

Accessible 24 hours a day.

Admission:

Admission to the open-air museum is free.



San Lorenzo Market / Mercato di San Lorenzo

Popular street market with laid-back atmosphere. Everything from local produce to shoes and leather products. Watch out for rip-offs though.

GPS: N43.77655, E11.25331

Opening hours:

Tue – Sat: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.



Basilica of St Lawrence / Basilica di San Lorenzo

One of the largest and oldest churches of Florence, founded in the late 4th century. The testimony to the Medici family.

Piazza di San Lorenzo 9, 50123 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77495, E11.25511

Phone:

+39 055 216 634

Opening hours:

Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun: 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Admission:

General admission: €4.50





Santa Maria Novella Church / Basilica di Santa Maria Novella
Beautiful Gothic and Renaissance frescoes dominate the interior of this basilica. Explore its interesting chapels!

Piazza di Santa Maria Novella, 50123 Florence, Italy
GPS: N43.77492, E11.24912

Opening hours:

Mon – Thu: 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Fri: 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sat: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sundays – season dependent:

Jul – Sep: noon – 5 p.m.

Oct – Jun: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The last entry is half an hour before closing time.

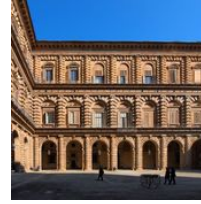
Admission:

Full price: €5

Seniors, student groups (under 18 years): €3.50

Children (up to 5): free

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Pitti Palace / Palazzo Pitti

Don't miss out on this marvellous Renaissance palace which now houses several museums of art, jewelry, costumes and a lot more.

GPS: N43.76465, E11.25051

Phone:

+39 055 23885

Opening hours:

The Palatine Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art:

Tue – Sun: 8:15 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.

The Costume Gallery and Museo Degli Argenti (Medici Treasury):

Nov – Feb: 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mar, end of Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Apr, May, Sep, Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Jun, Aug: 8:15 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.

The Porcelain Museum:

Nov – Feb: 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Mar, end of Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Apr, May, Sep, Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Jun, Aug: 8:15 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The Boboli Gardens:

Nov – Feb: 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mar, end of Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Apr, May, Sep, Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Jun, Aug: 8:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Admission:

Combined ticket to the Palatine Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art:

Full price: €8.50

Reduced price: €4.25

Combined ticket to the Costume Gallery, Museo Degli Argenti (Medici Treasury), The Porcelain Museum and the Boboli Gardens:

Full price: €7

Reduced price: €3.50

EU citizens up to 18 and over 65: free entrance to all museums.

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Boboli Gardens / Giardino di Boboli

Take a slow walk through this extensive park and admire the sculptures, fountains and cornucopia of plants on your way.

Piazza de' Pitti 1, 50125 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76259, E11.24938

Opening hours:

Nov – Feb: 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mar, end of Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Apr, May, Sept, Oct: 8:15 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

June, Aug: 8:15 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Admission:

Combined ticket to the Costume Gallery, Museo Degli Argenti (Medici Treasury), The Porcelain Museum and the Boboli Gardens:

Full price: €7

Reduced price: €3.50

EU citizens up to 18 and over 65: free



Piazzale Michelangelo

This square provides simply astonishing views of Florence. If you want to take the best pictures, come here and shoot for life!

Piazzale Michelangiolo, 50125 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76307, E11.26473



Church of Orsanmichele / Orsanmichele

Take a walk around this church and marvel at its 14 niches. Each one is decorated with a different sculpture.

Via dell'Arte della Lana 1, 50123 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77074, E11.25508

Phone:

+39 055 284 715

Opening hours:

Church:

Daily: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed on Mondays in August.

Museum:

Mon: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission:

Admission to the church and museum is free.



Tornabuoni Street / Via de' Tornabuoni

Let yourself go on a shopping spree and explore the luxurious boutiques of this street. Don't forget to notice nice buildings around.

50123 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76988, E11.25095



Piazza della Signoria

Impressive square serving as a hub of the city for centuries now. There are smashing historical buildings and even a copy of David here.

GPS: N43.76970, E11.25535



Santa Maria Novella Square / Piazza di Santa Maria Novella

One of the principal squares of Florence is vast and five-sided. It was extended several times.

50123 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77378, E11.24916





Casa di Dante

This collection covers documents, manuscripts, and drawings relating to the great writer and artist Dante Alighieri.

Via Santa Margherita 1, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.77102, E11.25708

Phone:

+39 055 219 416

Opening hours:

Oct – Mar:

Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Apr – Sep:

Daily: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission:

Full price: €4

Reduced price: €2

Children (up to 7): free

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Vasari Corridor / Corridoio Vasariano

Linking the Palazzo Pitti and the Palazzo Vecchio, this corridor is lined with paintings by Raphael, Bernini, Rubens, and Rembrandt.

Piazza della Signoria, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76820, E11.25407

Opening hours:

The corridor is currently closed.

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Basilica of the Holy Cross Florence / Basilica di Santa Croce di Firenze

Completed in the 14th century, this magnificent church is also the burial site of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli.

Piazza di Santa Croce 16, 50122 Florence, Italy

GPS: N43.76869, E11.26205

Phone:

+39 055 244 619

Opening hours:

Mon – Sat: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sun and holidays: 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Last admission is at 5 p.m.

Admission:

Full price: €6

Children (11 – 17), groups: €4

Children (up to 11): free

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