

7-DAY PREMIUM GUIDE

FLORENCE

Italy, Europe

Renaissance art, medieval streets & the soul of Tuscany

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Top Hotels

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Insider Tips

Welcome to Florence

Florence (Firenze) is the birthplace of the Renaissance — a compact, walkable city where masterpieces by Botticelli, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci are around every corner. Beyond the art, Florence rewards with Tuscan cuisine, atmospheric piazzas, and day trips into the vine-covered hills of Chianti. This 7-day guide takes you beyond the tourist rush and into the real heart of this extraordinary city.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

April–June & Sept–Oct

TYPICAL BUDGET

\$150–\$250/day (mid-range)

COUNTRY

Italy, Europe

GUIDE LENGTH

7 Days

7-Day Overview

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Days 1 & 2

DAY 1

Arrival & Duomo District

- Check in, freshen up
- Piazza del Duomo & Baptistery exterior
- Climb Giotto's Campanile for city views
- Aperitivo at a rooftop bar in the centro
- Dinner near Santa Croce

TIP: Pre-book Duomo complex tickets online — the climb sells out fast.

DAY 2

Uffizi & Oltrarno

- Uffizi Gallery (book 2 weeks ahead)
- Ponte Vecchio at midday
- Cross to Oltrarno — artisan quarter
- Pitti Palace & Boboli Gardens
- Dinner in Oltrarno's local trattorias

TIP: Arrive at the Uffizi at opening time even with a reservation — it gets crowded by 10am.

Days 3 & 4

DAY 3

Michelangelo & San Lorenzo

- Accademia Gallery — see David (book ahead)
- San Lorenzo market & leather stalls
- Medici Chapels
- Mercato Centrale for lunch
- Piazza della Repubblica evening stroll

TIP: The Accademia tickets sell out — book at least 10 days ahead in high season.

DAY 4

Tuscan Hills Day Trip

- Morning drive or bus to Fiesole
- Etruscan ruins & panoramic Florence views
- Afternoon in Chianti wine country
- Winery visit & tasting
- Return Florence for sunset from Piazzale Michelangelo

TIP: Fiesole is a 20-min bus ride from Piazza San Marco — line 7.

Days 5, 6 & 7

DAY 5 San Miniato & Hidden Florence		DAY 6 Siena Day Trip	DAY 7 Final Wanders & Departure
● San Miniato al Monte monastery ● Rose Garden below Piazzale Michelangelo ● Explore Piazza Santo Spirito ● Brancacci Chapel frescoes ● Sunset Negroni in Santo Spirito TIP: Santo Spirito is Florence's most local neighborhood		● Day trip to Siena (75 min by bus) ● Piazza del Campo — one of Europe's finest ● Siena Cathedral & Piccolomini Library... ● Lunch in the campo ● Return to Florence for final dinner TIP: Take the Siena bus from Florence SMN bus station	● Morning at San Marco Museum (Fra Angelico fresco) ● Bargello sculpture museum ● Last gelato at Gelateria dei Neri ● Shopping on Via de' Tornabuoni ● Depart or onward journey TIP: Gelateria dei Neri is locals' favorite — try the pistachio and

Where to Stay in Florence

Hotel Davanzati★★★★ City Centre\$180–\$260/night Charming 4-star in a medieval tower, steps from Piazza della Repubblica. Rooftop terrace.	AdAstra Florence★★★★★ Santa Croce\$380–\$600/night Intimate 5-star boutique with Florentine art pieces and a magnificent inner courtyard.
Soprano Suites★★★★ Oltrarno\$200–\$320/night Design-forward suites in a historic palazzo on the quieter south bank of the Arno.	Hotel Perseo★★★ City Centre\$90–\$140/night Excellent value 3-star near SMN station. Clean, friendly, and very well located.

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Where to Eat in Florence

Buca Mario Florentine Trattoria (est. 1886)	Must order: Bistecca alla Fiorentina (T-bone steak)
Trattoria Sostanza Old-school Florentine	Must order: Butter pasta & legendary breaded chicken
Il Latini Classic Tuscan	Must order: Ribollita bean soup & Chianti house wine
Buca dell'Orafo Riverside Tuscan	Must order: Pappardelle al cinghiale (wild boar pasta)
Gelateria dei Neri Artisan Gelato	Must order: Pistachio, ricotta & fig, dark chocolate
All'Antico Vinaio Street Food / Schiacciata	Must order: Finocchiona salami sandwich — legendary
Buca Mario Wine Bar	Must order: Brunello di Montalcino & local Chianti Classico

Tips & Logistics

Getting There:	Nearest airport is Florence Peretola (FLR) or Pisa Galilei (PSA, 1hr by train).
Getting Around:	Florence centro storico is walkable. ZTL restricted zone — avoid driving in the old city.
Florence Card:	The Firenze Card (72h) covers most museums. Worth it for 3+ museums in your trip.
Book Ahead:	Uffizi, Accademia, Duomo climb — all require advance booking. Don't arrive without tickets.
Best Views:	Piazzale Michelangelo (sunset), Fiesole (daytime), Campanile tower (city overview).
Tipping:	Not expected but appreciated. Round up or leave 1-2 euros at cafes and trattorias.
Language:	Locals appreciate basic Italian — 'grazie', 'per favore', 'un caffè, per favore' go a long way.

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