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Florence, the regional capital of Tuscany, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Italy. It is acknowledged by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, and stepping onto its historic cobbles it is easy to see why. Cradled between the surrounding hills, the city hosts some of the most famous works of art on the planet and the whole of the city centre is packed with stunning palaces, churches and monuments. The surrounding countryside is well-known for its rolling hills and its wine, particularly the Chianti area between Siena and Florence.



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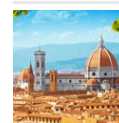
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THE CITY



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Florentia—literally "florid city"—was the name given by the Romans to this settlement founded in the I century AD along the Arno river, at the foot of Fiesole, an Etruscan city whose ruins are visible on the hill which dominates the city. The flowering of Florence in art, culture and international trade began in the 13th century and reached its peak in the 15th century under the reign of the Medici family, who ruled over the city for more than three centuries.

Everywhere you turn in Florence, you find extraordinary works of art and architecture, which attract almost 8 million tourists every year—from the Palazzo Vecchio to the world-famous Uffizi Gallery to the Cathedral with its magnificent dome and the tower designed by Giotto. Along the river Arno the Ponte Vecchio, with its jewellery shops is a must for all those who pass through the city, as well as the splendid Boboli gardens across the river.

Florence is also an international wine and gastronomic centre, Chianti is its most famous local product together with the celebrated Fiorentina steak on the bone.

DO & SEE



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Visit Florence during spring is an obvious option, it is one of the best times of the year to visit due to warmer temperatures and all the beautiful flowers that are in bloom. In Florence there is so much to see and experience outdoor that a pleasant weather is the ideal, and alternate this with a good Italian ice cream can make your holiday unbeatable. In addition, the century city of Florence attracts millions of tourists each year, and it has been ranked as one of the world's most visited destination by Euromonitor International.

Cattedrale Santa Maria del Fiore



Florence's main church stands on the city with its magnificent Renaissance dome, designed by Brunelleschi. The cathedral was built on the ruins of the 7th century church of Santa Reparata. On its right side you can admire Giotto's Bell Tower, whereas the Baptistery of San Giovanni stands opposite the cathedral entrance. This remarkable historic landmark can be considered a summary of the entire city, as point of convergence of the greatest artists of the glorious Italian Renaissance period.

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Address: Piazza Duomo 17, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm

Phone: +39 055 230 2885

Tickets: Cumulative tickets are available to visit more than one church and cathedral.

Internet: www.operaduomo.firenze.it

Email: opera@operaduomo.firenze.it

Santa Maria Novella



The church of Santa Maria Novella is located just a few metres from the railway station which shares its name, so it is easy to find.

Chronologically, it is the first great basilica of the city, it was built between 1279 and 1357 by the Dominican order. Architecturally, it is one of the most important Gothic edifices in Tuscany. Inside the building, you will find masterpieces by Masaccio, Giotto and Brunelleschi.

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Address: Piazza di Santa Maria Novella 18, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6.30pm; Sun 1pm-5.30pm.

Phone: +39 055 219 257

Tickets: It is possible to buy the tickets from the webpage specified below.

Internet: www.smn.it

Email: info@smn.it

Basilica Santa Croce



Located right in the main square of the Piazza di Santa Croce, Basilica Santa Croce, perhaps the most famous Florentine building is one of the

largest and oldest Franciscan basilicas in the world. Also known as the "Temple of the Italian Glories", as the church is today the burial ground of some of the greatest Italian artist, including Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Gioacchino Rossini just to name a few. The church was built

in 1294 and designed by the great architect Arnolfo di Cambio.

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Address: Piazza Santa Croce 16, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-5:00pm; Sun and Festivities: 2pm-5pm.

Phone: +39 055 2466 105

Internet: www.santacroceopera.it

Email: segreteria@santacroceopera.it

Basilica di San Lorenzo



This cathedral is the great masterpiece of Michelangelo in Florence. Here, you will find the Master's New Sacristy, some sculptures that

Michelangelo made for Lorenzo and Giuliano de' Medici's tombs, and fine examples of Mannerist architecture in the Biblioteca Laurenziana - which is the building annexed to the cathedral. In addition, the edifice also houses the splendid Old Sacristy by Brunelleschi.

Photo: Marco Saracco/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza San Lorenzo 7, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sun 1:30pm-5:30pm.

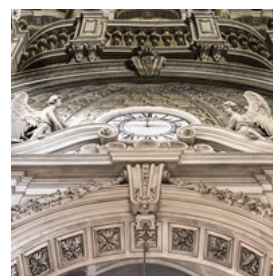
Closed on Sundays between November-February)

Phone: +39 055 214042

Internet: www.operamedicealaurenziana.org

Email: segreteria@operamedicealaurenziana.org

Cappella Brancacci and Santa Maria del Carmine



The Brancacci Chapel is located in the Church of Santa Maria del Carmine. It is also known as "the Sistine Chapel of the early Renaissance" for its

magnificent painting cycle by Masaccio, which inspired great artists as Michelangelo and Raffaello. Today its access is via the

neighbouring convent, designed by Brunelleschi. Nevertheless, the church and the chapel are treated as separate places to visit, they even have different opening times.

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Address: Piazza del Carmine 14, Florence

Opening hours: Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-5pm; Sun and Festivities 1pm-5pm.

Phone: +39 055 276 8224 / +39 055 276 8558

Internet: musei.firenze.it/cappella_brancacci.htm

More Info: Reservation is recommended,

Galleria degli Uffizi



This is one of the biggest museums of the world. It houses important masterpieces dated back from the 13th to the 19th century. Among its works it boast Botticelli's "Birth of Venus", probably the most famous painting in the history of art, after Mona Lisa. The museum is also historically important for being one of the firsts to open its doors to the public, during the 18th century.

A reservation far in advance is necessary.

Photo: Hibiscus81/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazzale degli Uffizi 6, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 08.15am-6.50pm

Phone: +39 055 975 7007

Tickets: Free entrance for: Firenze Card owners, children under 6 years old, disabled people and their helpers, authorized tour guides and leaders, teachers accompanying school groups.

Internet: www.uffizi.com

Email: <http://www.uffizi.com/>

Galleria dell'Accademia



This gallery is mostly famous for its sculptures by Michelangelo: The Prisoners, St. Matthew and, above all, the magnificent statue of David. Accademia houses works by the greatest Italian artists, such as Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo, and many others. Great part of the collection belonged to the powerful Medici family, who, at the end of their domination donated it to the Grand Duchy of Tuscany so that this treasure could be preserved and enjoyed by everyone.

Photo: Rachel Sanderoff/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Ricasoli 58, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8.15am-6.50pm

Phone: +39 055 238 8609 / +39 055 238 8612

Tickets: Discounts for: EU citizens between 18 and 25 years old, Teachers from EU public institutes, Free entrance for: Minors under 18 y.o., Disabled persons and an accompanying family member, ICOM members, Journalists.

Internet: www.galleriaaccademiafirenze.beniculturali.it

Email: ga-afi@beniculturali.it

Museo degli Innocenti



Museo degli Innocenti - Hospital of the Innocents - is the headquarter of a charitable institution that has provided care of children and infants for more than 500 years.

The structure houses a gallery and museum exhibiting famous paintings of Italian artists, such as "Madonna with Child" by Botticelli and "Adoration of the Magi" by Ghirlandaio. Even the building itself, designed by Filippo Brunelleschi, is a masterpiece of the Renaissance architecture.

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Address: Piazza della Santissima Annunziata 12, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +39 848 082380

Tickets: Different kind of tickets are available according to the time they are valid. Discounts available for youngsters between 12 and 18 y.o., students, over 65 y.o., members of groups of at least 15 people. Free entrance for children, university students of some departments (see the website), disabled people and helpers.

Internet: www.istitutodeglinnocenti.it

Email: museo@istitutodeglinnocenti.it

Palazzo Vecchio



Palazzo Vecchio - literally "the old palace" - was the ducal residence in Piazza della Signoria, but today it is the town hall of Florence. It houses a

large collection of paintings and sculptures, and on the square just in front of the building, you can admire several amazing statues which one of them is a copy of the famous "David" by Michelangelo. In fact, this was where the original sculpture was located, before it was moved to Accademia Gallery in 1873.

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Address: Piazza della Signoria 1, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-12pm; Fri-Sun 9am-12pm.

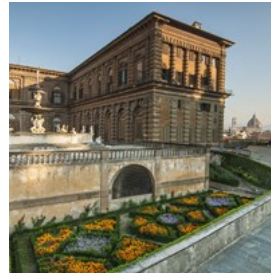
Phone: +39 055 276 8325

Tickets: Discounts available for: youngsters aged 18 to 25 years, students, people over 65. Free entrance for: under 18 years old, disabled people and their helpers, authorized tour guides and leaders, teachers accompanying school groups, Firenze Card owners.

Internet: www.florenceartmuseums.com/palazzo-vecchio

Email: info@muse.comune.fi.it

Palazzo Pitti



Palazzo Pitti houses different types of museums and temporary exhibits. The basis of the current palace dates back to 1458, when it was the residence of the powerful bank man Luca Pitti. It was then bought by the Medici family one century later and employed as official residence of the ruling family of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany. In connection with Palazzo Pitti you find the Boboli Gardens which are among most beautiful and ancient royal gardens in Italy.

Photo: Wallace Weeks/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza de' Pitti 1, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8.15am-6.50pm

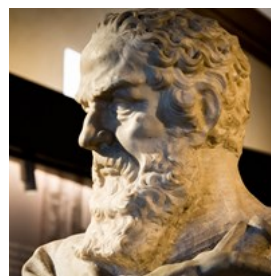
Phone: +39 055 294 883

Tickets: Is it possible to buy a 3-days cumulative ticket includes the all the museums in Palazzo Pitti complex. Free entrance for children under 6 y.o., disabled people and helpers, authorized tour guides and leaders, teachers accompanying school groups, Firenze Card owners.

Internet: www.florenceartmuseums.com/pitti-palace

Email: info@florenceartmuseums.com

Museo Galileo - Institute and Museum of the History of Science



Florence, which has a long history of collecting art and artefacts of historical relevance, opened its science museum in 2010. The exhibitions include all kinds of inventions from history, with informative videos showing how they work. Since Galileo Galilei was one of the world's most celebrated scientists and inventor, this museum is a tribute to him and to the work he accomplished in Florence.

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Address: Piazza dei Giudici 1, Florence

Opening hours: Mon 9.30am-6pm; Tue 9.30am-1pm; Wed-Sun 9.30am-6pm.

Phone: +39 055 265 311

Tickets: Discounts available for: 6-18 y.o., groups of at least 15 people. Free entrance: under 6 y.o. Family tickets available.

Internet: www.museogalileo.it

Email: info@museogalileo.it

Tuscan Wine Tour



Chianti region is one of the world's most famous wine districts, and Florence is located right in the centre of this area.

The landscape here is unique with its green hills and vineyards lying next to olive groves. This scenery is so beautiful that many internationally renowned directors set their movies here.

It possible to hire a car and visit cantines and vineyards on your own, or book one of the many wine tours organised from the numerous private tour operators located in the city centre.

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Address: Chianti Region

Villa Gamberaia



If you are visiting Florence during the warm season, Villa Gamberaia is worth a visit. This luxurious villa is located 15 minutes from the

centre of Florence, surrounded by green hills and the Tuscanian countryside, it is particularly famous for its Renaissance and Baroque gardens. Take a break from the chaotic tourist paths by taking a walk in this peaceful place just outside the city.

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Address: Via del Rossellino 72, Settignano

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm; Sun 9am-5pm.

Phone: +39 0556 97205 / +39 0556 97090

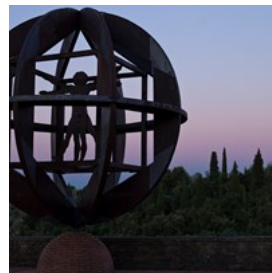
Tickets: Tickets available on the spot. Discounts for students and groups.

Internet: www.villagamberaia.com

Email: info@villagamberaia.com

More Info: Occasionally the gardens are closed for private events. It is recommended to contact the villa to be sure that visits are possible on a given day.

Leonardo Da Vinci Museum



The museum is situated in the historic heart of Florence and shows in full-scale the perfectly working machines designed by the Great

Master Leonardo Da Vinc. Here, visitors not only can see the large models of Leonardo's creations, but they can experiment personally their mechanism thanks to the interactive exhibitions. Leonardo designed in his time machines and principle that the modern civilization would afford only several centuries later. Let yourself be amazed by his indisputable genius and creativity.

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Address: Via dei Servi 66, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +39 055 282 966

Tickets: Reduced entrance: children over 6 years old, students and group of at least 15 people. Free admission: children up to 6 years old, disabled people.

Internet: www.mostredileonardo.com

Email: info@mostredileonardo.com

Florence Food Walking Tour



Thanks to this organised tour, you can discover Tuscanian specialties and the best places where to eat in Florence, while at the same time exploring the charming and historical areas in Florence accompanied by a professional and knowledgeable guide. There are more food tours available like the "Florence beers and bites" including "private afternoon food tour".

So food, art and history all together in one tour! What more could you ask for?

Photo: RossHelen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via del Canto alla Quarconia, 9, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm

Phone: +39 055 2398855

Tickets: Discounts for children up to 10 years old.

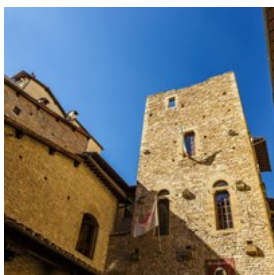
Internet: www.florencefoodtour.com

Email: italyfoodtours@gmail.com

More Info: Group of 12 people. Daily tours at 9.30am.

Duration 3.30 hours.

Museo Casa di Dante



Born in Florence 1265, Dante is the father of modern Italian language and author of the famous The Divine Comedy, one of the great's

masterpieces of world literature. Keep in mind, the museum is not the actual place where Dante was born; it is a restored medieval house similar to Dante's birthplace.

This picturesque tower house illustrates the story of the poet and the medieval Florence through historical documents and some models.

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Address: Via Santa Margherita 1, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm

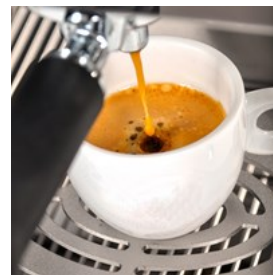
Phone: +39 055 219 416

Tickets: Reduced price for: school and tour groups, children ages 7-12, members of TCI/Edumusei/Assointesa, journalists, ICOM cardholders, and disabled's people helpers. Free admissions: children up to 6 y.o., ICOM cardholders, tour guides and disabled people.

Internet: www.museocasadidante.it

Email: info@museocasadidante.it

Italian Coffee, Cappuccino and Latte Art Courses



The entire world knows Italian coffee: espresso, macchiato, cappuccino... But if you are curious to discover something more about how to make a real

Italian break, these courses fit you perfectly!

Lectures are held by English speaking teachers with years of coffee experience, not only they will answer all your questions about coffee, but you can also learn how to recognise a top quality blend, and how to make a good Italian espresso.

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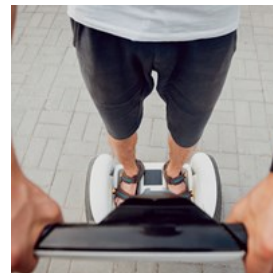
Address: Via delle torri 55, Florence

Phone: +39 055 7321718

Internet: www.espressoacademy.it

Email: info@espressoacademy.it

Segway Italy Tours



Explore one of Italy's most beautiful Art Cities with an eco-friendly sightseeing tour - with a Segway. A 3-hour tour where the knowledgeable

guide will show you Florence's most iconic sights and attractions while telling you stories and curiosities about the city.

If this is your first time, do not worry, you will first get to know how to ride a Segway before the tour starts.

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Address: Via dei Cimatori 9R, Florence

Opening hours: Daily tours at 9:30am and 2:30pm

Phone: +39 055 239 8855

Tickets: Reservation required.

Internet:

www.italysegwaytours.com/florence-segway-tours.asp

Email: tours@italysegwaytours.com

DINING



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Florentine cuisine is known throughout the country for its combinations of fresh ingredients proceeding from its extended countryside. As in any other city of Italy, there are some local specialties that you cannot absolutely miss, like the ribollita (a sort of minestrone), pappa al pomodoro (tomato soup) and the famous bistecca fiorentina (Florentine t-bone steak). Tuscanian cuisine also has delicious starters, including crostini and bruschetta, toasted bread with various kind of toppings. Lastly, be sure not to miss cantucci with vin santo when you long for something sweet!

I' Trippaio di Firenze



If you want to experience the rustic taste of Florence, you must try lampredotto. It is a cured meat made by beef stomach, its taste is strong and does not leave space for grey zones: love it or hate it. This very typical product is usually eaten in big sandwiches sold in the street by trucks or wagon called "trippai". To try the most characteristic street food of Tuscany, visit Marco's truck "I' Trippaio", located in Via Gioberti.

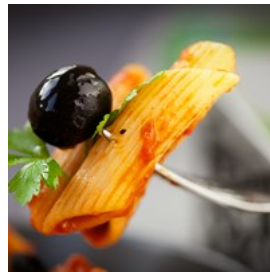
Photo: RossHelen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Gioberti 103, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12am-3pm

Phone: +39 335 821 6880

Trattoria Mario



Being in business since 1953, Trattoria Mario is an Italian restaurant from the old days. In this coloured and lively atmosphere, you can experience a true genuine Italian lunch with all that it entails.

The place has an easy-going mood, with nothing pretentious: the menu is written on a slate, the waiters speak very little English, but the food is incredible, and this is all that matters!

No reservations and no credit cards so do not forget to bring cash, and hurry up if you want to find a table!

Photo: mythja/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Rosina 2, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12am-3.30pm

Phone: +39 055 21 85 50

Internet: www.trattoria-mario.com
 Email: trattoriamario@libero.it
 More Info: Opened only for lunch.

Cacio Vino Trallallà



This little restaurant serves local, seasonal food. At Cacio Vino Trallallà you can feel the genuine atmosphere of Tuscany, even if it is well visited by tourists as well. The eatery has been conceived as a meeting point for curious palates, a place for "culinary experimentation". For this reason, it offers local excellence both in dishes and drinks - wines and craft beers are their crown jewels.

Photo: Natalia Van Doninck/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Borgo SS. Apostoli 29, Florence
 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6.30pm-11.30pm
 Phone: +39 055 215 558
 Internet: www.caciovino.it
 Email: trallalla@caciovino.it

Enoteca Pinchiorri



Led by the famous chef Annie Féolde, this exclusive restaurant with three Michelin stars has the perfect balance between classic and modern and represent Tuscan, Italian and international cuisine at the highest level. Delicious gourmet courses are served by the highly attentive and professional team in a luxurious atmosphere and their renowned wine list really deserves some attention. Be prepared for one of the greatest gastronomic experiences in the very centre of Florence.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Via Ghibellina 87, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7.30pm-10pm
 Phone: +39 055 242 757
 Internet: www.enotecapinchiorri.com
 Email: ristorante@enotecapinchiorri.com

Trattoria Bordino



Located in a small street in the heart of Florence, among the most famous attraction of the city, Trattoria Bordino can offer you the most typical local dishes. This cosy restaurant is particularly renowned for its Florentine steak cooked on the barbecue, but it has a wide menu which changes everyday according to the nature's natural rhythms. By night the candlelight enhances the atmosphere, making Trattoria Bordino the perfect restaurant for your unforgettable romantic dinner in Florence.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Via Stracciatella 9, Florence
 Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12am-2.30pm 7pm-10:30pm
 Phone: +39 055 213 048
 Internet: www.trattoriabordino.it
 Email: info@trattoriabordino.it

Ristorante Lo spaccio, in Fattoria di Maiano



In this country house, Fattoria di Maiano, just 5 km from Florence, you can enjoy warm-weather lunches in the shade of amazing olive trees at the on-site restaurant Lo Spaccio. A restaurant where you can enjoy the taste of typical Tuscanian dishes made exclusively with local organic products. This is also the perfect place for spending a day in the nature with family or friends.

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Address: Via Benedetto da Maiano, 11, Florence
Opening hours: Tue 9am-4pm; Wed-Sat 9am-4pm, 7pm-10pm;
Sun 9am-6pm.
Phone: +39 055 599 600
Internet: www.fattoriadimaiano.com
Email: maiano@contemiarifulcis.it

Trattoria Omero



At Trattoria Omero you can taste typical Tuscanian cuisine. Some of the recommended dishes are fiorentina, Cervella Fritte, grilled chicken, fagioli al fiasco and pappa al pomodoro. All this lovely food can be enjoyed with a good Chianti wine while admiring the beautiful view over the surrounding countryside.

Photo: Slawomir Fajer/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Pian dei Giullari 47, Florence
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12:15pm-2:30pm, 7:30pm-10:30pm.
Phone: +39 055 220 053
Internet: www.ristoranteomero.it
Email: omero@ristoranteomero.it

All' Antico Vinaio



This is the most famous local sandwich bar in Florence, so a break here is inescapable. The long queue could be a bit daunting but there is a reason why so many people are in line: abundant sandwiches filled with the finest local cured meats and lots of delicious veggie options. If you want to avoid the longest queues, make your visit in the afternoon.

Photo: Kent Wang/Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Via dei Neri 65, Florence
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-10pm
Phone: +39 055 238 2723
Internet: www.allanticovinaio.com/it

Email: tommy.allanticovinaio@gmail.com

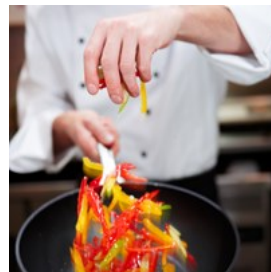
Enoteca Pitti Gola e Cantina



Run by three friends with great passion for wine and only top quality wines from small producers is carefully selected. They boast more than 3.000 supreme bottles in their cantine. To accompany these fine wines, the restaurant offers a menu consisting of traditional and modern Italian cuisine made from only the freshest raw materials.

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Address: Piazza Pitti 16, Florence
Opening hours: Mon 1pm-11pm; Wed-Sun 1pm-11pm.
Phone: +39 055 212 704
Internet: www.pittigolaecantina.com
Email: info@pittigolaecantina.com

Il Desco



This small bistro is well-known for its warm and friendly atmosphere and its delicious Tuscan cuisine. Il Desco's dishes are composed by organic products and even if you have any kind of allergy or if you are looking for vegetarian food this is a perfect restaurant to visit.

Photo: Sergey Mironov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Cavour 27, Florence
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12am-10pm
Phone: +39 055 288 330
Internet: www.ildescofirenze.it
Email: info@ildescofirenze.it

Antica Trattoria da Tito



Antica Trattoria da Tito opened its doors of its lively and welcoming dining room for the first time in 1913. Here you will find a juicy and rare

Florentine steak for a reasonable price, but if you prefer not to eat meat, you can enjoy fresh homemade pasta with various kinds and local cheeses.

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Address: Via San Gallo 112, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12am-3pm, 7pm-11pm

Phone: +39 055 472 475

Internet: www.trattoriadatito.it

Email: info@trattoriadatito.it

IO Osteria Personale



A hidden gem located a bit outside the tourist area of Florence, but you can easily reach it by walking along the promenade on the river

Arno, which is also a peaceful and a romantic experience. The cuisine offered by this restaurant is traditional Italian and the menu changes regularly, all, to create that perfect dish with natural and fresh ingredients.

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Address: Borgo San Frediano 167, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7.30pm-10pm

Phone: +39 055 933 1341

Internet: www.io-osteriapersonale.it

Email: info@io-osteriapersonale.it

Dim Sum



You will never get tired of Italian food, but if you crave for some ethnic flavour, the Chinese restaurant Dim sum is a good option. Homemade

noodles, steamed dumplings and of course dim sum are some of the dishes served here by the attentive staff. Very popular restaurant so booking in advance is a good idea.

Photo: diamant24/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dei Neri 37, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12am-3pm, 7pm-11pm

Phone: +39 055 284 331

Internet: www.dimsumrestaurant.it

Email: info@dimsumrestaurant.it

The Diner



With a charming decor inspired by a typical American diner, this restaurant serves bagels, burgers, pancakes and salads. It also offers a

special vegetarian menu, so not to exclude anyone. It is mostly popular for its brunch but you can taste their specialties any time of the day.

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Address: Via dell'Acqua 2, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-11pm

Phone: +39 055 290 748

Internet: www.theflorencediner.com

Email: info@theflorencediner.com

Momoyama



The location is a perfect mix between Japanese style and Florentine architecture. The menu offers a wide range of choice, beyond the classical sushi and sashimi. Never underestimate the dish of the day, on the contrary this choice is highly recommended. For lunch, the restaurant turns into a noodle bar, perfect for a lunch break that is a bit out of the ordinary.

Photo: shutter_o/Shutterstock.com

Address: Borgo San Frediano 10, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12.30am-2.30pm, 7.30pm-11.30pm;
Sun 7.30pm-11.30

Phone: +39 055 291840

Internet: www.ristorantemomoyama.it

Email: momoyamafirenze@yahoo.it

CAFÉS



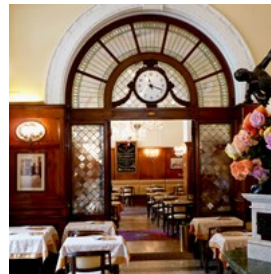
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In the bustling Florence, there is wide array of cafés to sit down and relax, and if you have a sweet-tooth this city will not leave you disappointed. Many of the national Italian sweet specialties was born in Florence, it is even claimed that the modern gelato, as we know it today, was invented by a Florentine architect called Bernardo Buontalenti who worked for the Medici family. So even today if you ask for 'crema Fiorentina' (with milk, honey, egg yolk

and citrus) the creation of Buontalenti, you will actually get ice cream made with his original recipe.

Eating ice cream is not only a favorite Italian pastime, but also drinking true Italian espresso while having a conversation with friends and family. So to escape the heat of the sun, just pop in to a café and enjoy some Italian desserts accompanied with a coffee.

Gilli



With an old world charm, Gilli is a historical café boasting Murano lamps, a frescoed ceiling and a beautiful arch. Pick delicious pastries or

chocolates, which are so visually displayed and head to the spacious terrace that overlooks Piazza della Repubblica to people watch. If you want to experience an elegant breakfast with a stunning view, this is the ideal place. Keep in mind; it is a bit pricy, but definitely worth going once at least.

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Address: Piazza della Repubblica 39, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7.30am-1.30am

Phone: +39 055 2138 96

Internet: www.gilli.it

Email: info@gilli.it

Caffè Giacosa-Cavalli



This historic café is owned by the famous stylist Roberto Cavalli. Indeed, it is located right near to the designer's boutique in Florence

centre. The furniture is unique and eye-catching as the fashion house that owes the café. Here,

you can choose from a wide selection of pastries and cakes for breakfast and teatime, but as any other trendy place, it gains its momentum at the aperitif time.

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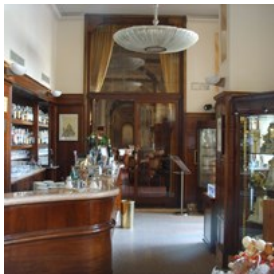
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7.30am-8.30pm

Phone: +39 055 277 6328

Internet: www.caffegiacosita.it

Email: info@caffegiacosita.it

Caffé Concerto Paszkowski



Founded in 1846, Paszkowski is a real institution in Florence. Since the beginning, this concert-café became famous all over Europe: in its rooms, all the greatest intellectuals have enjoyed its well-known piano concerts. This building had such an important role in Florentine history, so it was declared as a national monument in 1991. Today it maintains its elegant aura, so that you can enjoy a delicious breakfast or aperitif while reliving the golden era of Florentine literature.

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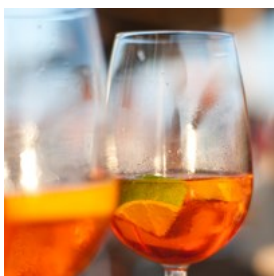
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7am-2am

Phone: +39 055 210 236

Internet: www.paszkowski.it

Email: info@paszkowski.it

Soul Kitchen



This bar/café/restaurant has different ambiance depending the time of the day, making it a place to pop in whenever you prefer. Its aperitif-buffet is well-known through the whole city for being

different every day. In addition, to accompany the several dishes available, you can choose a wine from its varied list or you can entrust Soul Kitchen's professional bartenders. After the aperitif, during weekends concerts and dj sets are organised.

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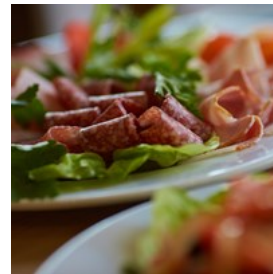
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-2am; Sat-Sun 8pm-2am.

Phone: +39 055 263 9772

Internet: www.soulkitchenfirenze.it

Email: info@soulkitchenfirenze.it

Oibò



Right in the heart of Florence, overlooking Piazza Santa Croce, Oibò is the Florentine lounge bar par excellence. This café and bar has an informal and lively atmosphere, which makes it the ideal place for an aperitif with friends and where to relax. Everyday, from 8.30 pm, an assorted buffet accompanied by delicious cocktails will wait for you at the Oibò. In addition, after the aperitif, the night wears on, not just with happy hour but a real happy evening.

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Address: Borgo de' Greci 1, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8am-2am

Phone: +39 0552 638611

Internet: www.oibofirenze.com

Email: info@oibo.net

JT Caffè



"Life begins after coffee."
As JT Caffè's motto says, there is no better way to start a day than with a coffee, and if it is a top quality one, even better!

In this elegant caffè you will taste the coffee blend developed by Mokaflor, daily fresh pastry by Pasticceria Maggini, artisanal ice-cream by Cambi, craft beers and cocktails made by the highly qualified bartenders. What else to say? A paradise for those who want to experience first-hand artisanal products made by Italian masters.

Photo: Pixabay/Pixabay.com

Address: Piazza Pitti 32, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7am-10pm

Phone: +39 055 281143

Internet: www.jtcaffe.it

Email: info@jtcaffe.com

Pane & Toscana



If you are visiting Florence you cannot miss to taste the typical dessert of the city: the schacciata. It is a soft cake, today available with several stuffing, which in origin Florentines used to eat during Mardi Gras.

The best place to taste this delicious gateau is at Pane & Toscana, a cosy bakery and deli located in the city centre. Here the quality of the products are assured by the experience of the staff, who will welcome you with lots of cordiality and smiles.

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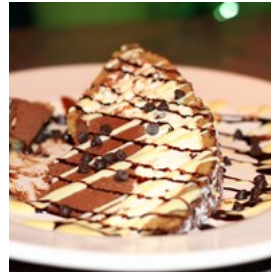
Address: Borgo degli Albizi 31, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-10pm

Phone: +39 345 123 5540

Email: paneetoscana@libero.it

Pasticceria Marisa



This patisserie has a solid reputation in Florence thanks to its 35 years of experience. Its selection includes both sweet and savoury specialties but

Pasticceria Marisa is particularly famous for its zuccotto, a semi-frozen dessert (brandy, cake and ice cream) with origins in Florence.

Definitely a place to visit when craving for an exquisite dessert.

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Address: Via Circondaria 24, Florence

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 6.30am-8.30pm

Phone: +39 055 366 566

Internet: www.pasticceriamarisafirenze.it

Email: pasticceriamarisa.firenze@gmail.com

Starbene



Starbene bakery thought about all those suffering from celiac disease.

Italian patisserie deserves to be experienced by everyone,

without exception!

Here you will find all kinds of desserts, pizza and bread, made with top quality raw materials. Perfect for all your breaks, from breakfast until late afternoon.

Photo: xamnesiacx/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Spartaco Lavagnini 2, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7.30am-2pm, 4pm-7.30pm; Sat

8am-1pm, 4pm-7.30pm.

Phone: +39 055 491884

Internet: www.starbenesenzaglutine.it

Email: starbene.senzaglutine2012@gmail.com

Marco Ottaviano Il Gelato Gourmet



Marco Ottaviano is a master and a lover of ice-cream, for this reason he decided to enshrine his philosophy in his open laboratory, located in the

city centre. Besides the attentive choice of top quality and seasonal raw materials, at the Gelato Gourmet everybody is welcome! Indeed, it offers plenty of products for diabetics, allergies and people who are sensitive to gluten.

Photo: Subbotina Anna/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Matteo Palmieri 34, Florence

Opening hours: Mon 11:30am-7:30 Wed-Fri 11:30am-7:30pm
Sat 11:30am-8pm.

Phone: +39 0552 341036

Internet: www.marcoottaviano.it

Email: info@marcoottaviano.it

Gelateria La Carraia



Gelateria La Carraia is located right in front of the namesake bridge crossing the Arno river. It offers daily fresh and top quality products, paying attention to the rhythm of nature and planning the production until the last detail.

This shop gained the reputation of best ice-cream parlour in Florence, enough to allow the owners to open a second shop on the other side of the river. So you have no excuses, La Carraia's ice-cream is an essential must of your Florentine holiday!

Photo: Alliance/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Nazario Sauro 25, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-12pm

Phone: +39 055 280695

Internet: www.lacarraigroup.eu

Email: info@lacarraigroup.eu

Carapina



Carapina is more than a simple ice-cream parlour. In this cosy shop located in the heart of Florence, the love for the art of making ice-cream is in

plain sight. The philosophy of Carapina is that ice-cream doesn't mean only a cone to enjoy during a walk or a simple dessert to conclude a meal. Here ice-cream is considered an encounter of different spheres: haute cuisine, art and craft. In other words, ice-cream is one of the pleasures of life. Impossible to resist this temptation!

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Address: Via Lambertesca 18, Florence

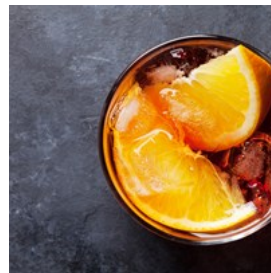
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12am-7.30pm

Phone: +39 055 676930

Internet: www.carapina.it

Email: info@carapina.it

Rivalta Cafe



This lively and coloured bar/café is located right on the Arno's shores. It is well-known in the city for its aperitif, for which several dishes from the

Florentine tradition have been revised to fit in light menus, perfect to accompany with a negroni, the most famous cocktail of Florence!

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Address: Lungarno Corsini 14, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-13am

Phone: +39 0552 89810

Internet: www.rivalentacafe.it

Email: info@rivalentacafe.it

Caffè Pasticceria Rivoire



This elegant café is part of a shop, annexed to one of the most renowned chocolaterie in Italy. Rivoire has been in business ever since 1872

and not only offers coffee and lovely chocolate but also serves delicious dishes when the hunger kicks in. Thanks to its central location in Piazza della Signoria both locals and tourists are frequent visitors of this place.

Photo: Di Gregorio Giulio / Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza della Signoria 5, Florence

Opening hours: Summer Tue-Sun 7:30am-12pm; Winter

Tue-Sun 7:30am-9pm

Phone: +39 05 5214 412

Internet: www.rivoire.it

Email: rivoire.firenze@rivoire.it

Pasticceria Marcello



Pasticceria Marcello is located in the Oltrarno part of Florence. Here, you find a wide range of pastries and desserts at any time of the day, but it

is also possible to have lunch and enjoy the aperitif with buffet during the afternoon. Its Schiacciata Fiorentina and yogurt cake with fruits are highly recommended.

Photo: Barbara Dudzinska/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Europa 169, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm; Sat 8am-9.30pm; Sun 8am-1.30pm.

Phone: +39 055 653 1510

Internet: www.pasticceriamarcello.com/

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Florence boasts a lively nightlife scene. Most bars have really generous happy hours, which actually last for many hours and are often accompanied by live music or dj set. Dance clubs typically open quite late in the evening and only begin to get crowded at about 1 or 2 in the morning. Insider tip: it is possible to find free passes to clubs around the city in order to avoid cover charges.

Dolce Vita



Situated on the Piazza del Carmine in front of the church, Dolce Vita is a trendy, vibrant bar that draws stylish and flirtatious crowd of locals

and tourists. In the summer time, the large terrace makes a great place to mingle while sipping a delicious cocktail. The venue also features small exhibitions where works by local and international artists are displayed.

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Address: Piazza del Carmine 5, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 7pm-1.30am; Thu-Sat 7pm-2am; Sun 7pm-1.30am.

Phone: +39 055 284 595

Internet: www.dolcevitaflorence.com

Email: info@dolcevitaflorence.com

Harry's Bar



Lose yourself in a pleasant conversation at this famous historical bar with a casual but yet elegant ambiance. In fact, it was here the Bellini became famous including their reinterpreted Martini cocktail, Negroni that was awarded as the "Best Cocktail in the World by the Martini Cocktail Review". The cocktails are still prepared with same traditional methods since 1953.

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Address: Lungarno A. Vespucci 22, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 12am-3pm, 6pm-11pm.

Phone: +39 055 2396 700

Internet: www.harrysbarfirenze.it

Email: info@harrysbarfirenze.it

La Cité



This café-library is a unique place in Florence. Here, you can wander among the bookshelves while enjoying a glass of wine. The events organised in this bar are always surprising and particular: from gypsy music, to African dances, through art exhibitions. If you like to get surprised, La Cité will not let you down!

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Address: Borgo San Frediano 20, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-2am; Sun 3pm-2am.

Phone: +39 055 210387

Internet: www.lacitelibreria.info

Email: alberto.lacite@gmail.com

Rex



Since the opening in the 90s, Rex has been drawing people due to its unique marina décor, the high-quality cocktails made by skillful bartenders and for its lively social atmosphere. This is for sure the ideal meeting point where to chat with friends while enjoying a good aperitif, but also a place where to show some dance moves and listen to live music.

Photo: Tristram Godfrey/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Fiesolana 25, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 6pm-3am

Phone: +39 055 2480331

Internet: www.rexfirenze.com

Email: info@refirenze.com

Mostodolce



If you want to taste a good home brew made in Italy, Mostodolce will fit you perfectly! It is the official dealer of the namesake brewery. Here, you can taste several artisanal beers of different kinds, both made by Mostodolce and other Italian brew houses.

Photo: Pixabay/Pexels.com

Address: Via Nazionale 114, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 11am-2am

Phone: +39 055 2302928

Internet: www.mostodolce.it

Email: info@mostodolce.it

Public House



Public House is a quirky and off-beat bar, a popular hangout among the locals, making it a great place where to mingle and maybe even get some new friends in Florence. The bar is conveniently located near the train station and offers great craft beers in a retro feel ambiance and tends to attract an eclectic group of people.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Palazzuolo 27, Florence

Opening hours: Mo- Sun 6pm-2am

Phone: +39 320 024 8729

Internet: www.publichouse27.com

Cafè 19.26



If you feel like to spend a nice and quiet evening with friends or with your best half, caffè 19.26 will offer you the right atmosphere with dim lights and soft cushions. It is a caffè/wine bar, perfect for your breaks at any time of the day. Here, you can enjoy a nice aperitif or simply taste a glass of Italian wine while listening to live music.

Photo: Anna Jurkowska/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giovan Battista Niccolini 30, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 7am-11pm; Thu-Sat 7am-1am.

Phone: +39 055 2346296

Internet: www.cafe1926firenze.com

Email: info@cafe1926firenze.com

Sei Divino!



Sei Divino wine & cocktail bar is a popular meeting point, attracting both locals and travellers due to its lively atmosphere and for serving quality wine including artisan beers and cocktails. It is open for lunch as well, but its strength is the abundant of aperi-dinner. After dinner, you can enjoy delicious cocktails made by knowledgeable bartenders.

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Address: Via Borgo Ognissanti 42, Florence

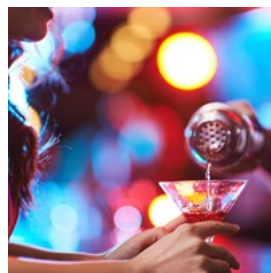
Opening hours: Mon 6pm-1am; Wed-Sun 6pm-1am.

Phone: +39 055 215794

Internet: www.seidivinofirenze.com

Email: firenze.seidivino@gmail.com

Slowly Bar



This is one of the see-and-to-be-seen Florentine hot spots. It is the perfect bar to start the night before going clubbing and dancing, but it can also be the ideal bar for an aperitif. Slowly Bar's motto is "drink slowly" because this bar is thought to be a place where to relax and have fun, so just take your time!

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Porta Rossa 63, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-The 12am-2am; Fri-Sat 12am-2.30am.

Phone: +39 055 0351335

Internet: www.slowlycafe.com

Email: info@slowlycafe.com

Nabucco Wine Bar



Described as a cultural meeting point, this fine wine bar is open all day long. In the late afternoon, it offers a delicious aperitif

accompanied by numerous wines from Tuncany. Thursday evenings are dedicated to live music, art exhibitions or encounters with new writers. Whereas by night, Nabucco turns into a lively and coloured bar, frequented by youngsters and students.

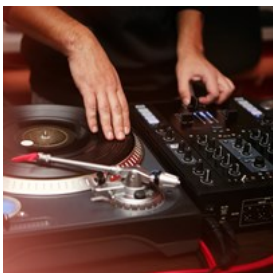
Photo: Skitterphoto/Pexels.com

Address: Via XXVII Aprile 28, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-12pm; Fri 7am-1am; Sat 7am-2.30am.

Phone: +39 055 475087

Moyo



Moyo is one of the most popular spots in Florence where to relish fine quality cocktails in a modern atmosphere. With a central location, in the

very heart of the city's party scene, this is the place where to start a memorable night out. Dj sets, bottle service and various events are also part of Moyo's offer.

Photo: urricanehank/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via de' Benci, 23, Florence

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8am-3am

Phone: +39 055 2479738

Internet: www.moyo.it

Email: info@moyo.it

Woodstock



Woodstock is located in Scandicci, almost 20 minutes by car from Florence city centre (it is also reachable by bus).

This club hosts big events, since it has at its disposal almost 500 mq, in which you will find a spacious bar and a large dance floor surrounding the stage. All this makes Woodstock perfect for live concerts, dj sets, and parties of any kind. So keep an eye on its Facebook page to be updated on the calendar!

Photo: dwphotos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via IV novembre 13, Scandicci

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10pm-4am

Phone: +39 338 154 5628

Internet: www.woodstockfirenze.it

Email: info@woodstockfirenze.it

YAB



Put on your finest, head over to this club and dance the night away with friends! YAB has a long history; the first live concert was in 1979.

Today it will welcome you in a cosmopolitan and modern ambience and by hosting different theme nights and presenting famous artists; you will for sure have an enjoyable evening. Check out the website to stay updated.

Photo: Marco Scisetti/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Sassetti 5, Florence

Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 7.30-onwards. Tue, Sun only for events.

Phone: +39 055 215160

Internet: www.yab.it

Email: yab.official@gmail.com

Otel Variete



Otel Variete is the ideal place to dance, eat and drink in an elegant ambience. Here you can have dinner while enjoying cabaret or other variety shows, but you can also dance to the rhythm of the most famous international DJs. For 12 years, the club has been offering quality nights in Florence and Tuscany, do not miss it!

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Generale Dalla Chiesa 9, Florence

Opening hours: Fri-Sat 8.30pm-4am; Sun 7.30pm-3am.

Phone: +39 055 650 791

Internet: www.otelvariete.com

Email: info@otelvariete.com

More Info: info@otelvariete.com

Tenax



Open since 1981, this is one of the best places in Florence to head for when it comes to good house music and international DJs. The music scenario has changed a lot since its opening, but Tenax adjusted perfectly with the time and today it hosts the most famous national and international DJ stars. If you are in the mood to have a party weekend, this place will not disappoint you.

Photo: lassedesignen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Pratese 46, Florence

Opening hours: Fri-Sat 10pm-4.30am

Phone: +39 335 5235922

Internet: www.tenax.org

Email: tenax999@hotmail.com

SHOPPING



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Florence's two central streets - via Tornabuoni and via della Vigna Nuova - are the best places to head for when it comes to the most exclusive boutiques, leather goods and stylish shoes. Here you can find the internationally known Italian fashion brands such as Roberto Cavalli, Gucci, Salvatore Ferragamo and Ermanno Scervino.

Besides shops, Florence is rich in open-air markets. If you want to buy leather goods or clothes, go to the market of San Lorenzo in the old town, or to the Market of the Porcellino, sheltered under the sixteenth-century Loggia del Porcellino.

Barberino Designer Outlet



Barberino Designer Outlet is the perfect shopping destination at just 30 minutes from Florence. Here you can find 200 of the most luxurious designer fashion brands up to 70% less. With cafés, restaurants and tax free shopping available. Here there is everything a discerning shopper could ever desire.

Address: Via Meucci snc, Barberino di Mugello

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-8pm

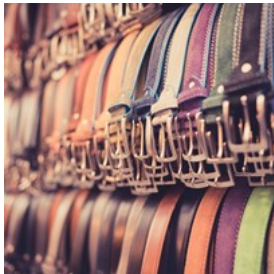
Phone: +39 055 842161

Internet: www.mcarthurglen.it/barberino

Email: info.barberino@mcarthurglen.com

More Info: Reachable also by shuttle from Florence city centre, and by train.

Leather shops



Leather, leather, leather!
It is almost a guarantee to leave Florence with a beautiful bag or a lovely pair of shoes when visiting the city. There is also plenty of lovely home and furniture lines.

Florence has a long history of working hides, skins and leather, that is why you can find real high-quality works of art made according to tradition.

Photo: Oliver Huitson/Shutterstock.com

Address: City centre of Florence

Mercato Centrale



Mercato Centrale Firenze is the indoor part of San Lorenzo Market. The two-floor building is mostly dedicated to food.

Here, authentic Italian dishes can be bought, and the very best specialities that Florence and Italy have to offer can be found. On the second floor there is a food court where you can relish high quality meals while soaking in the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the market.

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Address: Piazza del Mercato Centrale, Florence

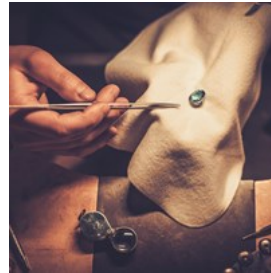
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 10am-12pm

Phone: +39 055 2399798

Internet: www.mercatocentrale.it

Email: info@mercatocentrale.it

Ponte Vecchio



Jewellery in Florence is a real art, made with traditional methods in combinations with technical perfection and creativity. If you are interested in original gold or silver jewellery, head for Ponte Vecchio and its tiny "botteghe orafe" (craftwork shops). Here, you can find the most renowned and ancient goldsmiths of the city. You will for sure not leave empty-handed.

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Address: Via Ponte Vecchio, Florence

San Lorenzo market



San Lorenzo market is the largest street market in Florence, with hundreds of stalls selling clothes, souvenirs and leather goods. Located just around the corner from the central square Piazza della Signoria, here you will find whatever you are looking for.

The market is divided in two parts. The first, indoor, is mainly dedicated to food (Mercato Centrale). Whereas the second part, outdoor, develops among the ancient streets of the city centre around the central market building.

Photo: cjorgens/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza del Mercato Centrale, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-2pm; Sat 7am-5pm.

Email: info@mercatoslorenzo.com

Mercato del Porcellino



The Mercato del Porcellino (literally Market of the Little Pig) is located in the ancient loggia in Piazza del Mercato Nuovo. It owns

its name to the Piglet Fountain that is actually a "wild boar" in bronze, a 17th-century copy of a work from the Roman era now stored in the Uffizi Gallery. The lodge was built during the 16th century and it was originally intended to sell silk and precious objects. Today you will find leather and hide objects.

Photo: Olgysa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza del Mercato Nuovo, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-6.30pm

Internet: www.mercatodelporcellino.it

Bartolucci



Impossible not to notice this toy store when walking in Florence city centre. The old-time atmosphere of this shop fascinates children of all

ages since 1936. Bartolucci sells wooden toys of any kind and size, all hand-made by expert woodworkers. But the real star attraction in this shop is Pinocchio, the famous puppy created by the Tucanian writer Collodi. Be ready to feel like a child again and take your time to choose your artisanal wooden souvenir from Florence.

Photo: Gustavo Frazao/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Condotta 12, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9.30am-7.30pm

Phone: +39 055 211773

Internet: www.bartolucci.com

Email: info@bartolucci.com

UB



UB is a store specialised in vintage, housed in an ancient wallpaper laboratory in the city centre. This shop has a mystical atmosphere,

created by an impressive amount of antique objects ideal to decorate a modern house, but also stocks second-hand clothes in perfect condition. Let yourself be captivated by the charm of the beautiful items and by their stories.

Photo: Stokkete/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dei Conti 4, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7.30pm

Phone: +39 055 214884

Internet: www.ubfirenze.it

Email: info@ubfirenze.it

Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella



Is the cologne a French invention? No, it is Italian. More precisely, it was invented in Tuscany and only later Caterina de Medici exported it in

France. Hence, you cannot miss a visit to one of the age-old perfumeries of Florence.

Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella is the most ancient perfumery/pharmacy shop of Italy. Most of the products are made after ancient receipts inherited by the monastic tradition. Here, you will find perfumes, cosmetic, candles and liqueurs.

Photo: Liv friis-larsen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via della Scala 16, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9am-8pm

Phone: +39 055 4368315

Internet: www.smnovella.it

Email: socialnetworks@smnovella.com

Roberto Cavalli



Roberto Cavalli was born in Florence that is why in 2002 he opened one of his boutique in the heart of the city. Cavalli is famous for his animal prints and for enhancing the female forms with his designs. You will find his shop near to his bar.

For all those who love fashion and Cavalli's creations but have budget restrictions, there is an outlet where you can find past collections at a discounted price. The shop is located at The Mall in Leccio Reggello.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via de' Tornabuoni 83, Florence
Phone: +39 055 2396226
Internet: www.robertocavalli.com
Email: boutique.firenze@robertocavalli.com

Via Dè Tornabuoni



This is the ideal street for fashion-victims and haute-couture lovers. A luxurious avenue in the city centre where you will find the most famous Italian (and international) boutiques, as Cavalli, Bulgari, Prada and Gucci, but also super-deluxe artefacts of various kinds. If you are looking for a place where to do high-quality shopping, this street will not let you down!

Photo: Andrea Izzotti/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via de' Tornabuoni, Florence

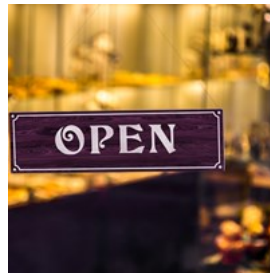
Diesel Store



Edgy, cool and filled with attitude. Diesel is one of those stores of which you feel the personality as soon as you enter in. Have a look at their signature jeans, the popular fragrances or some of the cool accessories. Perfect store if jeans is your favourite clothes.

Photo: mongione/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via dei Lamberti 13, Florence
Opening hours: Mon- Sun 11am-7.30pm
Phone: +39 055 239 9963
Internet: www.diesel.com

Signum



If you are looking for an original souvenir to bring back home from your holiday in Florence, Signum is the right place! Here you will find any kind of souvenir representing the city, from postcards to scale models of the artworks of Florence, but also marionettes and dollies including home decor, stationary and handmade notebooks. They do offer pretty unique and cool items here.

Photo: photodonato/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lungarno Archibusieri 14, Florence
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9.30am-7.30pm; Sun 9am-7pm.
Phone: +39 055 289393
Internet: www.signumfirenze.it
Email: contraddizioni@gmail.com

La Rinascente



The Italian department store with the best in fashion, not only for clothes and accessories, but also for interior design, jewels and

cosmetic.

Located in the very heart of the city, among the most prestigious boutiques of Florence, here you will be able to find whatever you need in a three-floor building.

Photo: freestocks/Pexels.com

Address: Piazza della Repubblica, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am-8.30pm; Sat 9am-9pm; Sun 10.30am-8.30pm.

Phone: +39 055 219113

Internet: www.rinascente.it

Email: Contact form available on the webpage.

The mall



The fashion addicted should definitely go to The Mall. It is a fashion outlet located only 30 minutes from Florence, where all fashionistas will

find discounted clothes, shoes, bags and accessories from the top designers past collections. Brands such as Gucci, Valentino, Fendi, Tom Ford, Armani Jeans and Lanvin are housed here.

Photo: Tom Wang/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Europa 8, Leccio Reggello

Public Transport: From the city centre it is possible to reach the outlet by bus, shuttle or train.

Opening hours: Mon- Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +39 055 8657 775

Internet: www.themall.it

Email: info@themall.it

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Amerigo Vespucci Airport



Florence's airport (FLR) is around 4 km from the city centre, located on the north-west outskirts of Florence. The city centre can be reached in about

15 minutes by taxi, and about 20 minutes with bus.

A special bus called "Vola in bus" gets you to the city centre, to S. Maria Novella railway station (SMN) in 20-25 minutes. The bus runs daily, including Sunday and holidays. The bus departures from the airport at every 30 minutes between 5.30am to 8.30pm after that it runs every hour until 11.45pm. The last bus is at 1am. Tickets can be bought directly when boarding the bus, but be aware only one-way tickets are available from the driver. Round trip tickets must be purchased before boarding the bus from ATAF and Li-nea resellers or from newsagents.

To take a taxi from the airport to central Florence takes about 15 minutes and you will find the taxi stand in front of the terminal. When taking a taxi, make sure to read the display with price information inside the vehicle so that you

pay the correct price.

Car rentals are situated at "Palagio degli Spini" and is connected to the airport by a free shuttle bus. The shuttle bus runs every 20 minutes. AVIS, Europcar, Sixt, Budget are some of the car rental companies here.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Via del Termine 11, Florence

Public Transport: Bus stop in Florence: via Santa Caterina da Siena,17. Time-table available on the website.

Phone: +39 055 315874

Internet: www.aeroporto.firenze.it

Email: Contact form available on the webpage.

Public Transport



The best way to get around Florence is on foot. The city centre is not very large and is full of monuments and amazing things to see.

The local transport companies are ATAF and LI-NEA. A ticket can be bought in newsstandstobacconists or any shop with an "ATAF" sticker in the window, and it is valid for 90 minutes. Always remember to validate your ticket by stamping it when boarding the bus.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Railway Station Santa Maria Novella

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-8pm

Phone: +39 800 424500 (Toll free number)

Internet: www.ataf.net

Taxi



In Italy, taxis are not usually flagged down as they pass you along the street, you should instead call a taxi or head over to one of the taxi stands.

You will find taxi stands in most of the major squares.

The main taxi companies in Florence are:

CO.TA.FI.

+39 055 4390

www.4390.it

SO.CO.TA.

+39 055 4242

www.socota.it

Post



Stamps can be bought from authorised tobacconists, or directly at the post office. You can send letters and postcards using the mailboxes scattered all around the city.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Via Alamanni 20, Florence

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 08.15am-7pm; Sat 8.15am-12.30am.

Phone: +39 055 267491

Internet: www.poste.it

Email: Contact form available on the webpage.

Pharmacy



Pharmacies in Italy generally do not stay open during lunch time, and they are closed on Sundays. In rotation, pharmacies of each town/city/area provides Sunday and night services. Details are displayed at the pharmacies or on the websites of the town.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Opening hours: Generally Mon-Sat 9am-1pm 4pm-8pm.

Phone: 118 for 24 hour emergency advice

Internet: firenze.virgilio.it/pubblicautilita/FARMACIE.html

Telephone and WiFi



Country code: +39 There is no area code but in Florence all phone numbers start with 055. Do not omit the zero. WiFi offered by Florence

Council allows to surf for a maximum of 500 MB/day.

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 V. Power outlet: two or three holes.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

383,083

Currency

1 Euro (€) = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops are usually open from 09.00-13.00 and 15.30-19.30. Closed on Mondays morning.

Newspapers

La Nazione
Il Giornale di Firenze
Il Corriere Fiorentino

Emergency numbers

Carabinieri: 112
Police: 113
Fire brigade: 115
Medical Emergency Service: 118

Tourist information

APT (Tourist Information Board)
E-mail: infoturismo@cittametropolitana.fi.it

Via Cavour 1r
+39 055 290 832 / +39 055 290 833

Piazza Stazione 4
+39 055 212 245 / +39 055 272 8208

Bigallo, piazza San Giovanni 1 (Duomo)
+39 055 288 496

Airport A. Vespucci
+39 055 315 874

Opening hours: Monday-Friday 9am-1pm; Saturday, Sunday and holidays closed





		Via Alfonso Lamarmora	B2 C1	Via del Ghirlandaio	D3 D4
Borgo Allegri	C3	Via Andrea del Castagno	D1 D2	Via del Porcellana	A3
Borgo degli Albizi	B3	Via Antonio Giacomini	C1	Via della Cernaia	A1 B1
Borgo dei Greci	B3	Via Antonio Pacinotti	D1	Via della Colonna	B2 C2
Borgo la Croce	C3 D3	Via Antonio Scialoia	D2 D3	Via della Fortezza	A2
Borgo Pinti	C2 C3	Via Arnolfo	D4	Via della Pergola	B3 C3
Borgo S Croce	B3 B4	Via B Cennini	A2	Via della Piazzola	D1
Borgo S Jacopo	A4	Via Benedetto Varchi	D2	Via della Scala	A3
Borgo Tegolaio	A4	Via Bonifacio Lupi	B1	Via delle Cinque Giornate	A1
Corso d Tintori	B4	Via Brunetto	D1	Via delle Forbici	D1
Costa di San Giorgio	B4	Via C Battisti	B2	Via delle Ruote	B1 B2
Lungarno Acciaiuoli	A3	Via C Botta	D3	Via delle Vigna Nuova	A3
Lungarno Archibusien	A3 B4	Via C Landino	B1	Via dello Statuto	A1
Lungarno Benv Cellini	C4 D4	Via C Marsuppini	D4	Via dell'Agnolo	C3
Lungarno Corsini	A3	Via Calimala	B3	Via dell'Orinolo	B3
Lungarno d Grazie	B4	Via Capo di Mondo	D3	Via de'Bardi	A4 B4
Lungarno d Tempio	D4	Via Cavour	B2	Via de'Fossi	A3
Lungarno d Zecca Vecchia	C4	Via Cimabue	D3	Via de'Macci	C3
Lungarno Francesco Ferrucci	D4	Via Ciro Menotti	D2 D3	Via de'Pecori	A3
Lungarno Gen Diaz	B4	Via Coluccio	D4	Via de'Pepi	C3
Lungarno Guicciardini	A3	Via d Anguillera	B3	Via de'Tornabuoni	A3
Lungarno Serristori	B4 C4	Via d Arazzieri	A1 B2	Via di Barbano	A1 A2
Lungarno Torrigiani	B4	Via d Banchi	A3	Via di Belvedere	B4
Piazza Campanile	B3	Via d Benci	B3 B4	Via di Miniato	B4
Piazza Cesare Beccaria	D3	Via d Casine	C3 C4	Via E Poggi	A1 B1
Piazza d Merc Centr	A2	Via d Castelani	B3 B4	Via F Valori	C1
Piazza d Signoria	B3	Via d Cerretani	A3 B3	Via Faentina	C1
Piazza de Pitti	A4	Via d Guicciardini	A4	Via Faenza	A2
Piazza della Liberta	B1 C1	Via d Leoni	B3	Via Fiume	A2
Piazza F G Savonarola	C1	Via d Malcontenti	C4	Via Fra Buonvicini	C1 D1
Piazza G Poggi	C4	Via d Monte alle Croci	B4 C4	Via Francesco Guerrazzi	D2
Piazza G Salvemini	B3 C3	Via d Pescioni	A3	Via Francesco Puccinotti	B1
Piazza Massiomo D'Azeglio	C2	Via d Proconsolo	B3	Via Frá Giovanni Angelico	D3 D4
Piazza San Marco	B2	Via d S Giuseppe	C3 C4	Via G B Niccolini	C3
Piazza Santa Croce	B3 C3	Via d Strozzi	A3	Via G Battista Vico	D2 D3
Piazza Santa Maria Novella	A3	Via de Calzaiuoli	B3	Via G Benivieni	C1 C2
Piazzale Michelangiolo	C4	Via de Corso	B3	Via G Carducci	C3
Ponte a Grazie	B4	Via de Martelli	B2 B3	Via G Dolfi	A1
Ponte alla Carraia	A3	Via degli Alfani	B2 C3	Via G Modena	C1 C2
Ponte Rosso	C1	Via degli Artisti	C2	Via Ghibellina	B3 C3
Ponte S Niccolò	D4	Via dei Bastioni	C4	Via Giambologna	C2 D2
San Miniato al Monte	C4 D4	Via dei Castollaccio	B2 B3	Via Giampaolo	D4
V d B le Donne	A3	Via dei Della Robbia	D2	Via Gino Capponi	C2
V d G P Mirandola	C1	Via dei Ginori	B2	Via Giorgio la Piera	B2
V d Markellate	B1	Via dei Pandolfini	B3	Via Giotto	D3
V d Tosinghi	A3 B3	Via dei Renai	B4	Via Gius Verdi	B3 C3
V Duca d'Aosta	B1	Via dei Servi	B2 B3	Via Giuseppe Giuste	C2
V G Berchet	C1	Via dei Vecchietti	A3	Via Giuseppe La Farina	D2
V G Pascoli	C1	Via del Campo d'Arrigo	D1 D2	Via Guelfa	A2 B2

Via Guglielmo	D1	Via Pier Ant Micheli	B2 C2	Via V Alfieri	C2
Via Guido	D1	Via Pier Capponi	C1	Via Valfonda	A2
Via Guido Spadolini	A1	Via Pietrapiana	C3	Via Venezia	C2
Via Jacopo Nardi	D2	Via Pietro Colletta	D3	Via Venti Settembre	B1
Via L C Farini	C3	Via Pietro Thouar	C3 C4	Via Vincenzo Gioberti	D3
Via Leonardo da Vinci	C1	Via Por Santa Maria	A3 B3	Viale Alessandro	D1
Via Leone X	A1 B1	Via Porta Rossa	A3	Viale Antonio Gramsci	C2 D3
Via Lorenzo il Magnifico	B1	Via Ricasoli	B2	Viale dei Cadorna	A1
Via Luigi Alamanni	A2	Via Rosolino Pilo	D1 D2	Viale dei Mille	C1 D1
Via M di Savoia	C1	Via S Antonino	A2	Viale Don Giov Minzoni	C1
Via M Ficino	C1 C2	Via S Boticelli	C1	Viale Filippo Strozzi	A1 A2
Via Maffia	A3 A4	Via S Spirito	A3	Viale G Amendola	D3 D4
Via Maggio	A4	Via San Gallo	B2	Viale Giacomo Matteotti	C1 C2
Via Magliabechi	B4 C3	Via San Zanobi	B2	Viale Giovanni Milton	B1
Via Masaccio	C1 D2	Via Santa Caterina d'Aless	B1 B2	Viale Giovine Italia	C4 D3
Via Nazionale	A2	Via Santa Reparata	B2	Viale Giuseppe	C4
Via Orcagna	D3	Via Scipione Ammirato	D3	Viale Giuseppe Mazzini	D2
Via P Giordani	C2 D3	Via Telesio	D3	Viale Md Tosse	C1
Via Palmieri	B3	Via Timoteo Bertelli	D1	Viale Michelangiolo	D4
Via Panzani	A2 A3	Via Tripoli	C4	Viale Spartaco Lavagnini	A1 B1