



Tuscany

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Home to Chianti wine, the Medicis and the Strozzi, Michael Angelo's David, Elba Island where Napoleon was exiled, and the legendary cities of Florence and Pisa, Tuscany is the fertile crescent of Italy where art, history and the pleasures of life shine on. Evergreen landscapes and breathtaking sights serves as cradle to the Italian culture and civilization to thrive, and it remains today as one of the most appreciated Italian regions - one where the visitor might need to pinch on their arm to know they are not dreaming.



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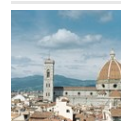
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THE REGION



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From its wine valleys and green hills to its coast spangled by the Tuscan archipelago islands, Tuscany feels ancient just as much as it feels alive and vibrant. Its towns and cities live on, never forgetting their brilliant past; their streets still filled of the murmurs of legendary rivalries between the Great Families that once inhabited them. This is the place where Italian Renaissance was born, where art took a new life and turned to the sun. Every stone and every hill, every rock and every paved street seem veiled by an eternal beauty.

DO & SEE



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If you are looking for a destination where you can have everything, you have found it! Tuscany has a lot to offer for those who are interested in history including the nature seeking traveller and if you love food, this is truly the food heaven! Medieval towns, never-ending vineyards, quiet

beaches, islands, castles, religious monuments, outdoor activities: everything is here! Whether you go for a city tour of Florence, Siena and all their neighbours or if you head to the countryside, you will not have a single empty spot in your holiday schedule. The only thing you can wish is that you will have enough time to see your top picks!

Florence Cathedral



The Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, located in Florence is the fourth largest cathedral in the world and was designed by Arnolfo di Cambio.

Almost two centuries were necessary for the construction of this Cathedral! Outside, take a few minutes to admire the mix of pink, white and green marble and the clock above the entrance. Inside, don't miss Giorgio Vasari's frescoes of the Last Judgment. Climbing up the cupola is also not to be missed.

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Address: Piazza Duomo, Florence

Public Transport: Stop Oriuolo

Opening hours: 10AM-5PM

Internet: www.ilgrandemuseodelduomo.it

Leaning Tower of Pisa



The Leaning Tower of Pisa, although one of Italy's (and the world) most famous sights, has not yet revealed all its secrets. Its architect,

responsible for the defect that led the intended straight tower to start leaning during construction, remains unknown - and we have no one to thank for this very entertaining wedding cake-like edifice!

Photo: Fedor Selivanov / Shutterstock.com

Address: Torre di Pisa, Pisa

Public Transport: Station Via C.Matilde 62

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 10AM-6PM

Phone: +39 050 835011

Internet: www.towerofpisa.org

The Basilica of San Miniato al Monte



The Basilica of San Miniato al Monte, standing at the highest point of Florence, offers an amazingly fine Romanesque architecture and incredible sights thanks to its position. Its history is just as impressive and its saint, Saint Minias, was the first Christian martyr and evangelist in Florence. Don't miss out on the crypt of the basilica.

Photo: vvoe / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Delle Porte Sante, 34, Florence

Public Transport: Station S.Miniato Al M. 01

Phone: +39 055 234 2731

Internet: www.san-miniato-al-monte.com

Siena



Remarkable for its medieval brick buildings, Siena deserves its spot on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Don't miss: the beautiful shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, the Torre del Mangia and its impressive views over the city, the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta and its breathtaking Duomo and intriguing crypt, the rich Piccolomini Library, and the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo.

Photo: Sebastien Burel / Shutterstock.com

Address: Siena

Val d'Orcia



Val d'Orcia's untouched and wild landscape, only inhabited by small picturesque towns and villages are one of the most charming sights in Tuscany. The UNESCO's World Heritage Sites list has welcomed its mellow hills and gorgeous vineyards (producing the renowned wines of Brunello). Must-see: Pienza the "Ideal City", the Abbey of Sant'Antimo and of course the vineyards and surrounding countryside.

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Address: Val d'Orcia, Tuscany

Piazza della Signoria



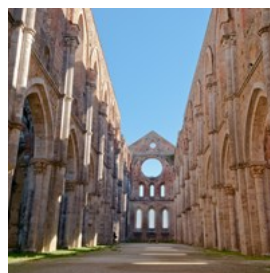
Florence's L-shaped square the perfect spot for the tired tourist: you can enjoy a relaxing cafe right in the middle of a postcard scenery, seating comfortably all the while enjoying plenty of sights such as the Palazzo della Signoria after which it's named or the Statua Equestre di Cosimo and the Fontana del Nettuno.

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Address: Piazza della Signoria, Florence

Public Transport: Station Condotta

Abbazia di San Galgano



This masterpiece of Italian Gothic architecture was left standing but roofless by centuries of legendary history. Built between 1182 and 1185, the Abbey has lost all of its past wealth and grandiosity but very little of its

beauty. If you are in the area, have a look at the Rotonda di Montesiepi nearby and look for the sword planted in the ground.

Photo: Marco Saracco / Shutterstock.com
Address: Località San Galgano, Chiusdino
Opening hours: 9AM-5:30PM
Phone: +39 0577 756738
Internet: www.sangalgano.info/index_en.html

Convent de "Eremo" Le Celle



Located just outside Cortona, the Convent de Le Celle is a Franciscan convent built in the 13th Century. Over the centuries, it has been

occupied by a large variety of religious orders and dedicated to different saints, the most famous probably being St Michael Archangel. The convent is a sight in itself but also benefits from great surroundings.

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Address: Case Sparse, 73, Torreone, Cortona
Phone: +39 0575 603362

Elba Island



Biggest Island of the Tuscan Archipelago, Elba is also the most famous. This is the island where French Emperor Napoleon was exiled in

1814 after its defeats. Its history is much richer than this story only, and goes all the way back to the Etruscans and Romans. Now, the island is popular for its clear-blue waters, sandy beaches and amazing nature as well as the thermal baths.

Photo: StevanZZ / Shutterstock.com
Address: Tuscan Archipelago, Province of Livorno

Cappelle Medicee



The Medici Chapels are two structures at the Basilica San Lorenzo, and an important landmark of the history of Florence.

As hinted by its name, it celebrates the city's patrons and Grand Dukes family of the Medici, whose story is entangled to the history of Florence. The Sagrestia Nuova, dating from the 16th century was designed by Michelangelo.

Photo: PhysioDave / Shutterstock.com
Address: Piazza di Madonna degli Aldobrandini, 6, Florence
Public Transport: Station Cappelle Medicee
Opening hours: 8:15AM-4:20PM
Phone: +39 055 238 8602
Internet:
www.polomuseale.firenze.it/musei/?m=cappellemedicee

Strozzi Palace



After courting the Medici historical landmarks, don't forget to honour Florence's other major and rival family: the Strozzi. It was built in the

sole purpose of showing superiority to the Medici family and assert the political status of Filippo Strozzi the Elder and its descendants. The renaissance Palace once belonging to the family now hosts international art exhibitions.

Photo: Volker Rauch / Shutterstock.com
Address: Piazza degli Strozzi, Florence
Public Transport: Station Repubblica
Opening hours: Friday - Wednesday : 10AM-8PM, Thursday: 10AM-11PM
Phone: +39 055 264 5155
Internet: www.palazzostrozzi.org

Galleria dell'Accademia



Most famous for its Renaissance sculptures from Michael Angelo (including the world-famous David statue), the Galleria

dell'Accademia ("Accademia Gallery") also hosts other major Italian artists such as Sandro Botticelli, Domenico Ghirlandaio, Pontormo, Andrea del Sarto, Alessandro Allori and Orcagna. From masterpiece paintings to incredible music instruments, it is a museum like you can only find in Italy.

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Address: Via Ricasoli, 58/60, Florence

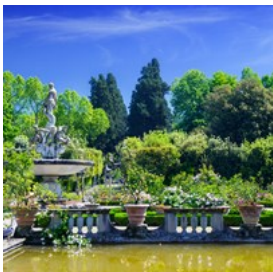
Public Transport: Station San Marco Rettorato

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 8:15AM-6:50PM

Phone: +39 055 238 8609

Internet: www.galleriaaccademiafirenze.beniculturali.it

The Boboli Gardens



The Boboli Gardens in Florence are not only the perfect spot when someone is in the mood for some green but also a great cultural outing.

Indeed, it hides between its trees a large collection of sculptures dated between the 16th and 18th centuries, or as old as the Roman antiquity. While you are there, you can also have a look at the Porta Romana.

Photo: gillmar / Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Pitti, 1, Florence

Opening hours: 8:15AM-6:30PM

Phone: +39 055 229 8732

Internet: www.uffizi.firenze.it/musei/?m=boboli

Riccardi Medici Palace



The Palazzo Medici, built for the patronymic family, was later renamed Palazzo Medici Riccardi when the latter family purchased and expanded it. It is yet another amazing and iconic remain of Renaissance architecture and is now home to an art museum.

Photo: salajejan / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Camillo Cavour, 3, Florence

Public Transport: Station Pucci

Opening hours: 8:30AM-7PM (Closed Wednesdays)

Phone: +39 055 276 0340

Internet: www.palazzo-medici.it

The Chianti Region



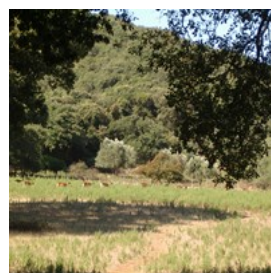
Worldly famous for the Chianti wine, the eponymous region is also gaining a growing reputation for its fabulous green landscapes, spread over the provinces of Siena and Florence, with no clear delimitation. Olive groves and old stoned houses and villages interrupt here and where the landscape is full of flourishing vineyards.

Photo: gkuna / Shutterstock.com

Address: Chianti, Tuscany

Email: www.chianti.com

Parco Regionale della Maremma



Parco Regionale della Maremma, established in 1975, was the first natural park in Tuscany. It remains out of the classic touristic paths despite being a great green area with a lot of

hikes and bicycle rides opportunity as well as a beautiful and natural beach. Come here to breath the fresh air of a barely touched coast.

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Address: Loc. Collecchio, Magliano

Phone: +39 0564 597146

Internet: www.parco-maremma.it

DINING



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No one could plan a trip to Italy and not think about all the delicious pasta, pizza, pecorino, and everything else the Italian gastronomy has to offer. In matters of quality products and marvellous tastes, Tuscany is at the forefront when it comes to the Italian gourmet scene! Thanks to its situation between land and sea, Tuscany offers great meat and fish dishes as well as fresh vegetables, oil, wine and other products coming from its generous soil. Tuscany is also home to wonderful trattorias that are scattered around the beautiful cities and villages where to have a lovely dinner with your loved ones.

Panini Toscani



stuffed paninis - most popular sandwiches of

Panini Toscani is strategically located in the centre of Florence, in Piazza Del Duomo. Try out some of the fresh and crispy melted-cheese

Italy - while starting a little chat with the very friendly staff. You can even try samples before making your choice!

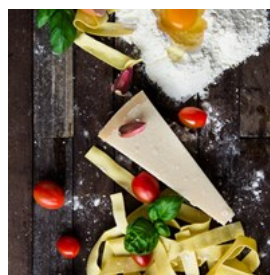
Photo: Mogens Petersen / Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Piazza Del Duomo 34/R, Florence

Opening hours: 10:30AM-6PM

Phone: +39 348 743 9969

All'Antico Vinaio



Walk in for a delicious typical sandwich lunch or a warm and yummy plate of pasta, right in the middle of Florence but just a little away from the crowd. This type of restaurants is really Italy at its best: fresh product and careful preparation for very decent prices.

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Address: Via de neri 65/R, Florence

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 10AM-10PM

Phone: +39 055 238 2723

Internet: www.allanticovinaio.com

Pizzeria Le Tre Forchette Pisa



This pizzeria offers the classic Italian dinner experience, even improved by really good wines and tasty cocktails. The portions are generous and so is the staff, and Le Tre Forchette is one of the rare restaurants in Pisa that does not apply a "tourist premium" on the prices.

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Address: Via Palestro, 39, Pisa

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 6.30PM-12AM

Phone: +39 388 155 1010

Internet: www.treforchette.it

Caffè/Ristorante Pitti



Caffè/Ristorante Pitti is located in the heart of Florence and is a cafe, a restaurant and a shop that sells local products! Their speciality is truffle

but the choice is really large and they serve classic Italian food. Expect relatively high prices because of the ideal location.

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Address: Piazza Pitti, 9r, Florence

Opening hours: 11AM-11:30PM

Phone: +39 055 239 9863

Internet: www.caffepitti.it

Ristorante Da Delfina



Near Carmignano in the heart of Tuscany you can find an old stone farmhouse where Da Delfina is set. Here you can relish all the typical

Tuscan cuisine in a comfortable and elegant ambiance and where the impressive terrace offers beautiful views over the surroundings.

Photo: Brent Hofacker / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via della Chiesa, 1, Artimino, Carmignano

Opening hours: Wednesday - Saturday: 12-3PM, 7:30-10:30PM, Sunday: 12-3PM, Tuesday: 7:30-10:30PM

Phone: +39 055 871 8074

Internet: www.dadelfina.it

Il canto del maggio



If you encounter Il Canto del Maggio by chance while strolling around the beautiful Tuscan countryside, you might think for a second that it

is a mirage. The settings are just too perfect: an

old farm renovated with taste, adjacent to a charming swimming pool surrounded by canopy beds which veils are softly animated by the wind, right in the middle of the vineyards. The cuisine, a melange of Arezzo's, Siena and Florence's specialties, is just as worthy.

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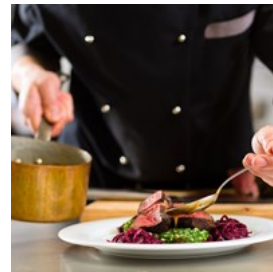
Address: Località Penna Alta, 30/d, Terranuova Bracciolini

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 7.30-10.30PM, Sunday: 12-2PM, 7.30-10.30PM

Phone: +39 055 970 5147

Internet: www.cantodelmaggio.com

Il Falconiere



This one Michelin star hotel and restaurant sitting in the Chiana valley has everything you would dream of: a beautiful terrace

overlooking the Chianti hilltops and a local cuisine made with invention - all the ingredients are local but the chef sure knows how to put his personal touch! Special mention for the Chianina beef battuta.

Photo: Kzenon / Shutterstock.com

Address: Località San Martino Bocena, 370, Cortona

Phone: +39 0575 612679

Internet: www.ilfalconiere.it

Ristorante Redaelli Walter



Standing in the middle of an olive grove, the Ristorante Redaelli Walter might be a bit isolated but is so famous you will definitely need to

book. This is perhaps one of the best restaurant around, with local and seasonal cuisine cooked with passion and ingredients coming from the restaurant's garden. Don't miss the cheese plate!

Photo: Hitdelight / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Via XXI Aprile, 26, Bettolle Sinalunga
 Opening hours: 12-2:30PM, 7:30-9:30PM
 Phone: +39 0577 623447
 Internet: www.ristoranteredaelli.it
 Email: info@relaislaleopoldina.it

Officina della Bistecca



Come to Officina della Bistecca for a meat extravaganza! Halfway between a butcher, a cooking show and a restaurant, a meal here is entertaining, reasonably priced and beyond delicious (that is, if you love meat). The tartar, carpaccio and bistecca fiorentina are the stars of the show! Remember to book.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Via XX Luglio, 11, Panzano In Chianti
 Opening hours: 1-3PM, 8-10:30PM
 Phone: +39 055 852176
 Internet: www.dariocecchini.com

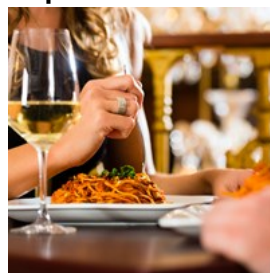
Trattoria Da Rosanna



One of the cheapest real quality eats of the region, Trattoria Da Rosanna seems a bit lost in its village usually forgotten by the tourists. Generous portions of homemade pasta with tasteful sauce, local wines and homemade desserts will wait for you here, at the edge of the Val d'Ombrone.

Photo: Jiri Hera / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Piazza Milazzo, 1, Casale di Pari
 Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 10AM-9PM
 Phone: +39 0564 908810

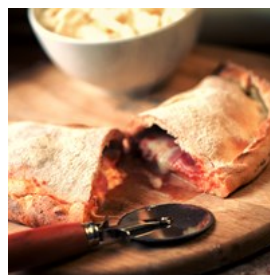
Dopolavoro La Foce



If you are looking for a budget eat, Dopolavoro La Foce is a good spot. It offers cheap sandwich-like snacks (such as foccacia's cousin "bico" and paninis) or slightly pricier but still very affordable warm dishes. All of which are served in a newly renovated restaurant with a terrace and great views. On Wednesdays or Weekends, go for a tour of the La Foce gardens!

Photo: Kzenon / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Strada provinciale 40 Amiata Chianciano, 90, Pienza
 Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 9AM-11PM
 Phone: +39 0578 754025
 Internet: www.dopolavorolafoce.it

Pizza Man de Amicis



Of all the pizzerias you can find in Florence, which might be difficult to pick. Well, hesitate no more and go for Pizza Man de Amicis: fresh and vegetarian friendly, the Pizzas here are often referred to as the best pizzas in the world! Keep in mind that this is not the place for a long sitting romantic dinner but rather a quick and cheap meal.

Photo: carpe89 / Shutterstock.com
 Address: Viale Edmondo de Amicis, 47/r, Florence
 Public Transport: Station De Amicis and Filaroca
 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 12-2:30PM, 6:30-10:30PM, Saturday - Sunday: 6:30-10:30PM
 Phone: +39 055 051 0049
 Internet: www.pizzaman.it

Tamata Ristorante



Tamata Ristorante, on Elba Island, reserves many surprises to its customers: the food and products are local and seasonal, but there is nothing traditional in the dishes you will savour! Inventiveness and finesse in the composition, true research in the tastes, passion in the pairing with the wines: this restaurant is simply perfect.

Photo: Kzenon / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Cesare Battisti, 3, Porto Azzurro

Opening hours: 7-10:30PM

Phone: +39 0565 940048

Internet: www.tamataristorante.it

CAFES



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The Italians have always been the kings of the perfectly brewed espresso and the cappuccino made just right. Although the cafe scene in Tuscany is getting more modern, influenced by international trends, quality remain predominant and there are so many great places where to have a good coffee and some pastries that we decided to help you by making a list of the places you really can't miss around the region.

Artigiani gelateria



If you came to Italy for the gelato (and who could blame you?), Artigiani gelateria is the one and only stop you need to make for artisanal and absolutely mind blowing Italian ice creams. You can also try ice cream cakes and they have more flavours than you could dream of.

Photo: Ilona / Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Via Petrarca 28, Campi Bisenzio

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 1PM-11PM, Saturday: 3PM-11PM, Sunday: 11AM-1PM

Caniparoli cioccolateria



Caniparoli cioccolateria is a tiny little shop that has already made some serious fans. The variety is wide (from classic chocolates to French

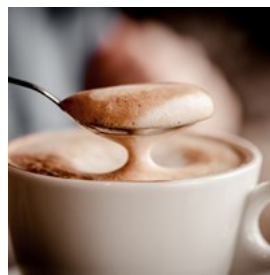
style chestnuts or cookies) but we guarantee you will be back to try everything! To complete this perfect place: the staff is just as sweet as what they sell!

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Address: San Paolino, 96, Lucca

Internet: www.caniparolicioccolateria.it

Ditta Artigianale



Ditta Artigianale is one of the cosiest cafes in Florence and was actually founded by a rewarded barista champion. The place is small but praised

for its quality coffee, nice lunches and sweets as well as the friendliness of the very knowledgeable staff.

Photo: Alexandra Lande / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dei Neri, 32R, Florence

Opening hours: Sunday - Thursday: 8AM-10PM, Friday:
8AM-12AM, Saturday: 9:30AM-12AM

Internet: www.dittaartigianale.it

Email: info@dittaartigianale.it

La Cité Libreriacafè



La Cité Libreriacafè is not only a coffee shop but also a bookshop with live concerts, a very 70's atmosphere, quality products (coffees but also a larger range of drinks). Tons of books crawling down the shelves will make you forget everything about your plans for the day.

Photo: Mutita Narkmuang / Shutterstock.com

Address: Borgo S. Frediano, 20, Florence

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 2PM-2AM, Sunday:
3PM-12AM

Phone: +39 055 210387

Internet: www.lacitelibreria.info

Dolce Pisa



Dolce Pisa is a genuine pastry shop just a bit South of the Tower of Pisa. Treat yourself a lunch, sandwiches, pastries, take away snacks and a lot more. The place is just kitsch enough to make you crave for pretty pastries and invites cosy conversations.

Photo: aliasemma / Shutterstock.com

Address: Santa Maria 83, Pisa

Opening hours: 7:30AM-4:30PM

Phone: +39 050 563181

Caffè Paszkowski



Don't be intimidated by the fancy allure of this artsy coffee shop, it is actually a typically Italian cafeteria with an old school style. The coffee is as top-notch as the service, assured by suited waiters, and you can also come in for a lunch or some drinks which you can sip on while enjoying a concert.

Photo: MaLija / Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza della Repubblica 35, Florence

Opening hours: 7AM-1AM

Phone: +39 055 210236

Internet: www.paszkowski.it

Tea Room - Siena



For a jazzy and atmospheric evening in Siena, come to Tea Room: arched ceiling, fireplace, live music create a soft ambiance, perfect to sip on really good and carefully chosen leafed tea. To complete this perfect picture, you can also nibble on homemade pies and cakes baked freshly daily.

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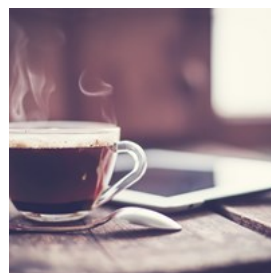
Address: Via Porta Giustizia, 11, Siena

Public Transport: Staion P.Zza Mercato

Opening hours: 5PM-2AM

Phone: +39 0577 222753

Buccellato Taddeucci



This old cafe/bakery, once owned by the Taddeucci family still offers their specialty: the buccellato, a traditional sweet cake. Of course, there is much

more here for a classic Italian coffee break: flavourful espressos, Tuscan panforte, biscotti and much more.

Photo: iravgustin / Shutterstock.com
Address: Piazza San Michele, 34, Lucca
Opening hours: 8AM-8PM
Phone: +39 0583 494933
Internet: www.buccellatotaddeucci.com

Gran Caffè Del Porto



When in Portoferraio, on Elba Island, a great spot for a break is the Grand Caffè Del Porto. The main reason to come here is the location: right in front of the dock, you can observe the harbour life, the loading and unloading of ship, all the while sipping on some coffee and having some food.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky / Shutterstock.com
Address: 57037, Calata Italia, 33, Portoferraio
Phone: +39 334 269 5056

ITIT II Sandwich Cafè - Firenze



With a modern twist on the traditional coffee house, the ITIT II Sandwich caffè finds a way to keep the quality of Italian coffee and

espresso while adopting an american style with several pastries and a wide variety of coffee based drinks. Special mentions to the hot chocolate and iced cappuccino.

Photo: Brent Hofacker / Shutterstock
Address: Via Camillo Benso Cavour, 45 R, Florence
Phone: +39 339 619 1544
Internet: www.facebook.com/loveITIT
Email: progettoitit@gmail.com

Shake Café



Vegetarian and vegan friendly, the Shake Café is halfway between a small restaurant (following the organic/healthy fast food concept) and a juice bar. This place is great for a seated meal or a coffee, but also offers all its products to take away if you are still in a walking mood.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: Via degli Avelli, 2/red, Florence
Opening hours: 7AM-8PM
Phone: +39 055 295310
Internet: www.shakecafe.bio
Email: info@shakecafe.it

Le Vespe Cafè



The Vespe Cafè in Florence is an international coffee shop with - of course - coffees but also snacks, food, breakfast. The influences are mainly British and American and it is one of the rare places that offers vegetarian, vegan and even gluten-free options!

Photo: AS Food studio / Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Ghibellina, 76, Florence
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9AM-3PM, Saturday - Sunday: 10AM-3PM
Phone: +39 055 388 0062
Internet: www.levespecafe.com

Coffee Bar MokaSirs



The MokaSirs Coffee Bar might be small and quaint but it has become legendary in Livorno, and for good reasons: the staff is just peach, and

the coffee and pastries great. All of that is also offered at a great price: 1€ per cup and per pastry. Unbeatable!

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Address: Via Grande, 127, Livorno

Phone: +39 0586 952859

Internet: www.mokasirs.com

Latte & Co.



Latte & Co. is the place to go for ice creams in Livorno. The scoops are big, the prices are good and the taste is just marvelous. To top all

that, the gelatos come in a wide variety of classic or original flavours and even dairy-free (for example the soy milk based chocolate ice cream).

Photo: Luboslav Tiles / Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza del Municipio, 32, Livorno

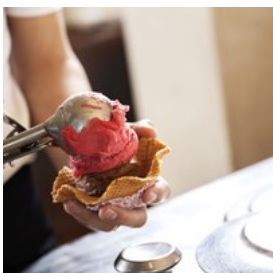
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 10AM-8:30PM, Saturday -

Sunday: 10AM-1PM, 3:30-8:30PM

Phone: +39 0586 891004

Internet: www.latteandco.it/gelateria-latteandco-livorno

La Vecchia Latteria



If you are looking for ice cream in Siena, this is the ultimate place to come to. The gelato is made

in-house with very high quality products, and you can taste the difference! Italy always has many

ice cream shops to offer, but don't miss out on

this one!

Photo: Tyler Olson / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via S. Pietro, 10, Siena

Opening hours: 12-11:30PM

Phone: +39 347 474 6448

Creperia Polo



Another nice spot for those with a sweet tooth, a place devoted to sweet crepes but also serves savoury crepes. When you enter you will notice the smell of chocolate and for sure they make crepes for all tastes. It all can be enjoyed while listening to electro music in the background.

Photo: aodaodaodaod / Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Giuseppe Garibaldi, 11, Capoliveri

Phone: +39 329 762 8574

Email: herosatzori@yahoo.it

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Tuscany may be overall a traditional and historical region of Italy, it still has everything you need in terms of nightlife. Whether you like to take your night wanderings to cities or like drinking cocktails with your feet in the sand, Tuscany offers so much you may have a hard time deciding where your next night out is going to take place.

Franklin'33



Franklin'33 is located right in the center of Lucca. It is a very friendly and laid-back bar with classic drinks as well as great cocktails. The

atmosphere is very special, close to an old-school American jazz club with its vintage decor and live music.

Photo: Ekaterina Iatcenko / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via San Giorgio,43, Lucca

Opening hours: Monday: 7:30AM-12:45PM, Tuesday -

Saturday: 7:30AM-12:45PM & 6PM-1AM, Sunday: 6PM-1AM

Phone: +39 328 467 7416

Mayday Club



Another great cocktail bar with a vintage feel, the Mayday Club is one of the most popular clubs in Tuscany. Located in the middle of Florence, -

offering a big range of delicious and truly imaginative cocktails - it is an excellent meeting place for locals and tourists.

Photo: David Ortega / Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Via Dante Alighieri 16/r, Florence

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 7PM-2AM

Phone: +39 055 238 1290

Internet: www.maydayclub.it

La Casa del Rum



This beach bar located on the Tuscan coast just in front of Elba Island is an amazing bar for the summer. The drinks are as fabulous as the

environment and you can try all kinds of rums, most of which you probably don't know yet. The

bar also manages to stay more authentic than usual beach bars.

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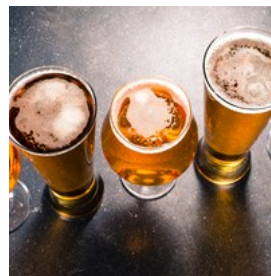
Address: Viale Italia, 49, Follonica

Opening hours: 7PM-3AM

Phone: +39 333 474 3211

Internet: www.lacasadelrum.it

Beer House Club



Located in Florence, Beer House Club is notable for its big range of beer, in particular what is probably the best craft beer in the region - and

some of it is Italian! Beer House Club is a heart warming pub with mouth watering food and an overall friendly atmosphere.

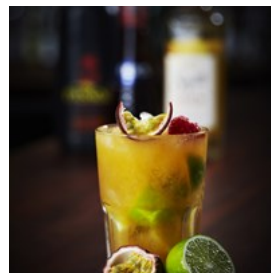
Photo: Leszek Czerwonka / Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso dei Tintori 34/R, Florence

Opening hours: 12PM-2AM

Phone: +39 055 247 6763

El Curandero



Located on the island of Elba, El Curandero is an original bar, a few steps away from the beach, where you can relax and enjoy good cocktails with

fun names and made with fresh fruits. The super friendly staff creates a nice atmosphere, making it a bar that is easy to like.

Photo: sanneberg / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Bettino Ricasoli, 24, Porto Azzurro, Elba

Phone: +39 0565 95588

Bar Impero



All day long and into the night, locals and visitors of Siena go to the Bar Impero for a coffee, some sweets or a drink. Just join them and enter this

modern and trendy bar and see what all the fuss is about. The Bar Impero is perfect for a quick night cap or post-dinner desert.

Photo: PK.Inspiration / Shutterstock.com

Address: 12, Viale Vittorio Emanuele II, 10, Siena

Opening hours: 6AM-1AM

Phone: +39 0577 41058

Internet: www.barimperosiena.it

La Diana



If you feared the chances of finding great beer in Tuscany - prominent wine region - rest assured: there are actually good craft beers around, and

one awesome spot to taste some is La Diana in Siena. Accompany your local draft ale with a yummy burger and enjoy!

Photo: NatashaPhoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Stufasecca, 1, Siena

Opening hours: 2PM-2AM

Phone: +39 0577 222241

Internet: www.birraladiana.it

Email: info@birraladiana.it

Archea Brewery



Archea Brewery is just what it sounds like: a great place for beers, specially crafts. A mix of locals and tourists visit the place regularly, and

despite an outside that does not attract at the

first sight, this place is very popular and that should tell you something.

Photo: BlueSkyImage / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dei Serragli, 44, Florence

Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday: 6PM-1AM, Friday -

Saturday: 6PM-2AM

Phone: +39 347 711 0239

Internet: www.archeabrewery.com

Email: archea.brewery@gmail.com

Aigrum Vini E Delizie Di Murgia Serena



Owned by a very nice married couple, Vini e Delizie is great for wine lovers. There you can try a large range of Italian wines, Prosecco and

other Tuscan wines and specialties.

Complimentary nibbles are also brought to the table, which is always a much appreciated plus.

Photo: Besjunior / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Dei Banchi 55/57, Florence

Phone: +39 055 215686

Barkollo winepub



In Porto Azzuro, on the beautiful Elba Island, one bar did the unthinkable: mixing the wine bar and pub concept! And Barkollo did it well,

inventing by the same occasion the concept of "Wine Pub". Available: wine and beer of course, but also meals, tasting plates and paninis for example.

Photo: Christian Draghici / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Felice Cavallotti, 13, Porto Azzurro

Opening hours: 5:30PM-1:30AM, Closed Wednesdays

Phone: +39 329 294 7304

Internet: www.barkollowinepub.com

Red Garter



THE place to be for an extraordinary fun night in Florence, the Red Garter features the unavoidable things you would expect in an American bar:

burgers, chicken wings, and other steak house basics. The main attraction, though, has nothing to do with the food and drinks but everything to do with the clientele, one word: karaoke!

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via de' Benci, 33/r, Florence

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 4PM-4AM, Sunday: 11:30AM-4AM

Phone: +39 055 248 0909

Internet: www.redgarteritaly.com

Tenax



With brand new and exciting events every week, Tenax is the main and most popular club in Florence. True heart of the Tuscan nightlife it

plays techno music in an underground atmosphere and keep its door open to dancers until really late in the night.

Photo: Pressmaster / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Pratese, 46, Florence

Opening hours: Friday: 10PM-4AM, Saturday: 10:30PM-4:30AM

Phone: +39 3920 4279

Internet: www.tenax.org

Beach Club Versilia



What could possibly be better than a Beach Club for a hot summer in Tuscany? Well, not much really, we agree. Beach Club Versilia is a bit

pricey, but the settings explain that easily. Good news, it is also opened in the winter, and serves coffees, drinks and food all day until early morning (or late night, depending how you look at it).

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale IV Novembre, 18, Cinquale di Montignoso

Opening hours: 7AM-4AM

Phone: +39 0585 807876

Internet: www.beachclubversilia.it

Email: prenotazioni@beachclubversilia.it

SHOPPING



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When it comes to shopping, Tuscany is Italy at its finest. Boutiques overflowing with crystalware, jewels and gold pieces of art, leather or high quality Italian fabrics : the streets and towns of Tuscany would not be the same without their floating sense of exclusivity and luxury. But the region is also a constant celebration of traditional houseware, ceramics and terracotta plates, where the handmade is king. And if your heart has a stronger tilt for the pleasures of the palate, exploring the region's

cities and countryside is always the occasion for wine tasting (one word: Chianti), trying some traditional pastry or marvel in the local olive oil and other natural products.

La Taverna Del Pecorino



You can find the best Italian cheese, salami and a really good selection of Wines in La Taverna Del Pecorino. The owner of this shop provides

samples so you can try the products and make sure you are making the right choice, but just so you know: there are no wrong choices here!

Photo: Dan / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Via Condotti 1, Pienza

Opening hours: 10AM-12:30PM, 3:30-6:30PM

Phone: +39 0578 749412

Internet: www.tavernadelpecorino.it

The Mall Luxury Outlet



This popular luxury outlet centre gathers famous names such as Dior, Gucci, Roberto Cavalli - and a lot more. Located just half an hour from

Florence and open everyday, it is perfect for a one-stop intensive shopping day if you want to fill up on Italian and international brands.

Photo: Stefano Costantini / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Via Europa 8, Leccio Reggello

Public Transport: Station Leccio The Mall

Opening hours: 10AM-7PM

Phone: +39 055 8657 775

Internet: www.themall.it

The Barberino Designer Outlet



Located in the Mugello Valley, just 30km out of Florence, this outlet has more than 100 shops to offer. It is organised like a small village with the

shops in little lodges side by side. You can book a tour for the mall which includes transportation and a special shopping card giving right to a 10% discount.

Photo: sailko / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Via Meucci, Barberino di Mugello

Public Transport: Station Outlet

Opening hours: 10AM-8PM

Phone: +39 055 842161

Internet:

www.mcarthurglen.com/it/barberino-designer-outlet/it

Email: info.barberino@mcarthurglen.com

Ponte Vecchio



The Pont Vecchio is a medieval stone bridge in Florence, built over the Arno River. Its location, closed-spandrel segmental arch shape

and its colourful facade make it a great sight in the city, but it is also a good spot for shopping since it is also home to several jewellery shops. This type of construction, once common, is now rare and offers graceful shopping.

Photo: Joaquin Aranoa / Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Ponte Vecchio, Florence

Public Transport: Station Ponte Vecchio

Phone: +39 055 294290

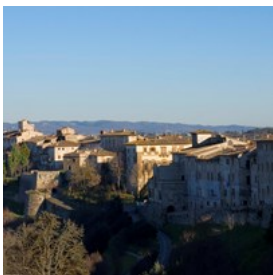
Ceramiche Gambone



Although his stoneware artworks are now famous and in display in museums around the world, Bruno Gambone - undisputed ceramic master in all Tuscany - has kept his generous character and authenticity. You can visit his studio in Florence, only on appointment, and purchase his pieces on location - the classic are available at a very good price.

Photo: Lubos Houska / Pixabay (image cropped)
 Address: Via Benedetto Marcello, 9, Florence
 Phone: +39 335 612 8845
 Internet: www.brunogambone.it
 Email: brunogamboneitaly@gmail.com

Crystal and Glassware at Colle di Val d'Elsa



In the Province of Siena, you can find the medieval town of Colle di Val d'Elsa. It has been producing crystalware and glassware since the 14th century and is still nowadays the source of 90% of the Italian crystal production. You can therefore do some oriented shopping while visiting this gorgeous town.

Photo: Vignaccia76 / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)
 Address: Colle di Val d'Elsa, Tuscany

Luzzi Leonardo



This tiny shop on the side of a countryside road might not impress from the outside, but it is a true gem when it comes to housewares. Mrs. Franca Bartolomei now runs the place, where they produce all kind of furniture (chairs, lamp

holders, a crazy variety of baskets etc.), all of it handmade and using quality products and traditional technics.

Photo: Anja / Pixabay (image cropped)
 Address: Località Viaio, 49, Provincia di Arezzo
 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 9AM-5PM
 Phone: +39 0575 789266
 Internet:
www.mestieridellarte.it/en/valtiberina/luzzi-leonardo

Antico Setificio Fiorentino



In a style really different to the expected heavy and over-the-top Florentine Dynasty fashion, Antico Setificio Fiorentino designs and produces delicate, impressive and colourful silk creations. The showroom is a great part of the tour and will certainly put you in the mood for a Chantilly looking Ermisino silk purchase.

Photo: hakebudel / Pixabay (image cropped)
 Address: Via Lorenzo Bartolini, 4, Florence
 Public Transport: Station S.Rosa Sn
 Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 10AM-6PM
 Phone: +39 055 213861
 Internet: anticosetificiofiorentino.com

La bottega di Settignano



Leonardo Bugelli might be young, but he masters the art of custom tailoring -and take it really seriously. If you order a shirt you will have to come several times for fitting and wait about 6 months to actually receive the piece, but its finesse, perfect cut, hand-stitching and quality of its fabrics (all of Italian origin) are well worth the wait.

Photo: zhu difeng / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Frà Bartolommeo, 21r, Florence
Phone: +39 055 577600

Dolci Trame



This boutique crammed with hats, scarfs, bags, apparels of all kinds is the cradle of the emerging designers and the luxury fashion of

tomorrow in Italy. The shop also sells international names but its masterpieces - such as silk scarves and stilettos - are local.

Photo: ldutko / Shutterstock.com
Address: Via del Moro, 4, Siena
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10AM-1PM & 2PM-7PM
Phone: +39 0577 46168
Internet: www.dolcitrameshop.com

Officina Profumo Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella



This pharmacy/herbalist looks more like a museum! Located in a former chapel dated of the 14th century, it is grandiose and beautiful.

You can walk from room to room, all specialised in a particular type of product: pomades, infusions, perfumes, skin care products, and many more.

Photo: Roving-Aye! / Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Via della Scala, 16, Florence
Opening hours: 9AM-8PM
Phone: +39 055 216276
Internet: www.smnovella.com

Stefano Bemer



If you want to treat yourself with Italian shoes of serious quality, enter the boutique of shoemaker Stefano Bemer. He uses a variety of 180 different leathers to create flawless shoes for men and women - and attention is paid to every single detail, up to the laces! These shoes are built to last 15 years.

Photo: Robert Przybysz / Shutterstock.com
Address: Via di S. Niccolò, 2, Florence
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10AM-7PM
Phone: +39 055 046 0476
Internet: www.stefanobemer.com

Enoteca Falorni



Enoteca Falorni is a must when it comes to Italian wine tasting. Come here armed with your curiosity and your palate to try a very large choice of Chianti wines and other local vino, and leave with a box of your favourites. The setting is incredible, and you can accompany your wine tasting with some local food as well.

Photo: Ilona / Pixabay (image cropped)
Address: Piazza delle Cantine, 6, Greve-in-Chianti
Opening hours: 10:30AM-8PM
Phone: +39 055 854 6404
Internet: www.enotecafalorni.it

Olio & Convivium



With 250 Tuscan Wines and 60 different local olive oils carefully stored in charming frescoed Palazzo Capponi, Oil & Convivium is king of the

gourmet scene in Florence and Tuscany. This is a restaurant (and a good one) as well as a boutique so why not have a lunch here before making your purchase! Oil tasting available on appointment.

Photo: Steve Buissinne / Pixabay (image cropped)

Address: Via di Santo Spirito, 4, Florence

Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 10AM-2:30PM & 5:30-10:30PM, Monday: 10AM-2:30PM

Phone: +39 055 265 8198

Internet: www.conviviumfirenze.it

Email: info@conviviumfirenze.it

Bini



The ultimate stop for Tuscan pastries is in Siena and its name is Bini. Watch the pastrycooks in action through the front

glass-window to open your appetite and then make your choice between the piles of appetizing pastries such as ricciarelli, cavallucci and the best panforte of the area.

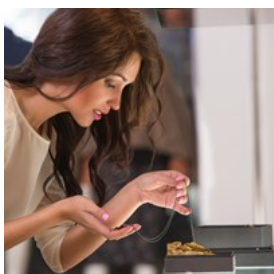
Photo: Ellen Forsyth / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: via, Via Stalloreghi, 91/93, Siena

Public Transport: Station Due Porte (V. Scuola Saffi)

Phone: +39 0577 280207

Vennari Gioielli



This fine jewellery brand is the inheritance of a family of goldsmiths of long history and tradition. With each descendant, the brand has been

renewed and modernized but had lost nothing of its prestige or quality and still projects an image of luxury and exclusivity. Probably the best place to find a very special piece!

Photo: Milles Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via de' Tornabuoni, 1, Florence

Phone: +39 055 291832

Internet: www.vennarigioidelli.com

Email: contact@vennarigioidelli.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport



Florence's airport Peretola is an international airport and around 5 km from the centre. This is the second-busiest Tuscan airport when it comes to passengers after Pisa International Airport.

A special bus called "Vola in bus" gets you into the city centre (S. Maria Novella railway station) from Peretolain within 20-25 min. and it runs from 06.00 to 23.30, every 30 minutes. Taxis from the airport to central Florence takes about 15 minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Via del Termine, 11, Florence

Phone: +39 055 30615

Internet: www.aeroporto.firenze.it

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 things to see. The local

transport companies are ATAF and LI-NEA. Tickets are bought at tobacconists or any shop with an "ATAF" sticker in the window and are valid for 90 minutes. Always remember to validate your ticket in the buses.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Internet: www.ataf.net

Taxi



The main taxi companies in Florence are:
Posteggio Taxi Piazzale Donatello +39 055 4242
www.4242.it CO.TA.FI.
+39 055

4390
www.4390.it

SO.CO.TA.
+39 055 4242
www.socota.it

Address: Posteggio Taxi Piazzale Donatello, Piazzale Donatello, Florence
Phone: +39 055 4242
Internet: www.4242.it

Post



Stamps can be bought from authorized tobacconists. One of Florence's main post offices is located:

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Via Pellicceria 3, Florence
Opening hours: 8.15AM-7PM
Phone: +39 055 273 6481
Internet: www.poste.it

Pharmacy



Florence's pharmacies are open from Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 13.00 and from 15.30 to 20.00 (like other parts in Tuscany). Addresses of pharmacies open during weekends and evenings are posted on the doors of the pharmacies.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



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

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



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Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population
3.750.511

Currency
Euro, €1 = 100 Cents

Opening hours
Most shops, museums, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes

close around noon and reopen around 4:00pm

Banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Internet

<http://www.discovertuscany.com/>

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