

# Ponte Vecchio

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| <p>No visit to Florence is complete without at least some time spent dawdling on its medieval arch bridge, Ponte Vecchio, that spans the Arno river at its narrowest point. The bridge was first built in Roman times, but rebuilt in the 14th century after it was destroyed by a flood. During World War II it was the only bridge across the Arno that the fleeing Germans did not destroy.</p> <p>See more:<br/> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ponte_Vecchio">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ponte_Vecchio</a></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Country : ITALIA</li> <li>- Height : 42m</li> <li>- Length : 95m</li> <li>- Year Built : 2001</li> <li>- Number of visit per year : 455,477</li> </ul> | <p>Nearest Airport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Florence Airport (Amerigo Vespucci)</li> <li>- Pisa Airport (named Galileo Galilei)</li> </ul> <p>Nearest Bus station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Borgo San Iacopo Bus Station</li> <li>- Bardi Bus Station</li> </ul> |

Ponte Vecchio is the most special architectural bridge in the world. If viewed from afar, visitors will be confused that this is a miniature city by the river without thinking it is a bridge. By the Ponte Vecchio bridge, there is no bridge or means of transportation. Stepping on the bridge, you will feel like you are entering the miniature thermal center, full of trade stalls.

## History of Ponte Vecchio

The Ponte Vecchio Bridge was built of stone in Roman times. However, through two droughts in 1117 and 1333, the bridge was pretty much destroyed. After a while, the Ponte Vecchio was rebuilt, reshaped as before, and exists to this day. The bridge was created to serve many purposes such as trade, trade, pedestrian travel

From a distance, you will only see two rows of old houses lying on both sides of the bridge and floating horizontally along the Arno river. Because, on the Ponte Vecchio bridge, there are no poles and it is very quiet. The bridge is like a rectangular box with closed corners. You will feel like it is a small golden cave in the middle of the Arno river!

From a distance, you can hardly recognize that Ponte Vecchio is a real bridge because it has no bridge wall, no column cars running through, only 2 blocks of ancient houses crossing the Arno River.

Initially, the bridge was designed with wood. After a historic flood in 1333, the new bridge was rebuilt with stone, the stone arch of the oldest calendar bridge in Europe.

During World War II when the Nazis withdrew from Florence in 1944, Ponte Vecchio was the only bridge over the Arno River that was preserved in its original state. The new found ability to 'survive' the destruction of this particular bridge.

## Experience Sightseeing, Taking Photos at the Ponte Di Rialto

On the bridge, there are no carriages, instead, there is a system of lovely shops, catching up with different large and small merchants. Walking on the Ponte Vecchio bridge, visitors will feel like they are lost in a beautiful and interesting shopping street. Especially, female tourists love this. The two sides of the bridge are jewelry stores - the favorite place of women. You can buy rings, bracelets, necklaces and many other precious pieces of jewelry.

If you want to admire the romantic scenery on both sides of the Arno River, lovely houses, ancient and magnificent towers, visitors should stand in the long covered corridor right on the bridge.

## Map Location

