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1. Geographical location

Located in the autonomous region in Tuscany of Italy about 130 km northwest of Rome, Florence is one of the most famous and beautiful cities of ancient Rome. It shares its borders with four major Seas which are Tyrrhenian Sea, Adriatic Sea, Mediterranean Sea and the Ionian Sea. The majestic Chain of Apennine Mountains in the city have enthralled visitors for decades. The Arno river and among other rivers flow through the Arno valley.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

To The North-East Of Florence City At A Distance Of About 9km Lies The City Of Fiesole, Inhabited By A Large Number Of People. Moving Towards South We Have Bagno A Ripoli (approx 7.2kms From Florence). It Is Another Beautiful Neighbor Of Florence. The Two Other Major Cities Which Share Close Proximity To The Main City Are Scandicci And Sesto FioRentino Both Located At A Distance Of 8 Km And 13 Km From Florence Respectively.



Index**3. Significance**

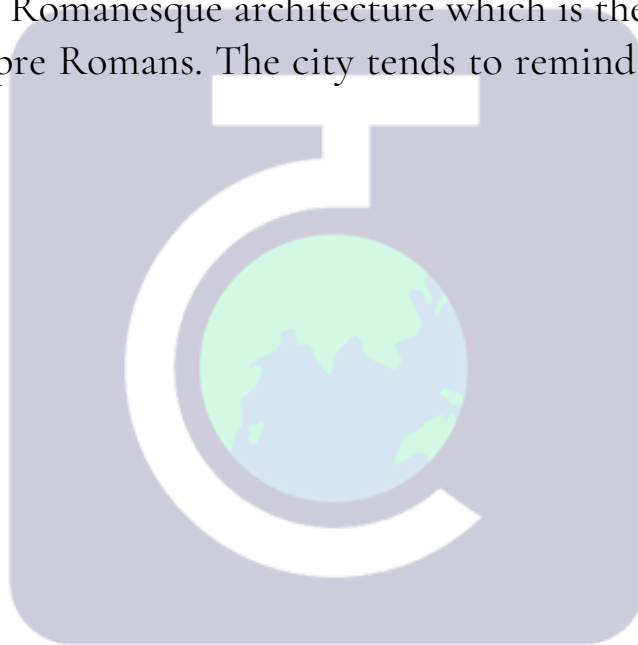
The great Renaissance movement originated in Florence, making it one of the few Cities in Italy which attracts visitors because of its historical significance. At the same time, the City is a hub of rich Art and Literature. Home to many renowned Authors and Artists, Florence has a rich culture. The monuments and buildings will leave one baffled because of the high class and precise architecture.



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4. History

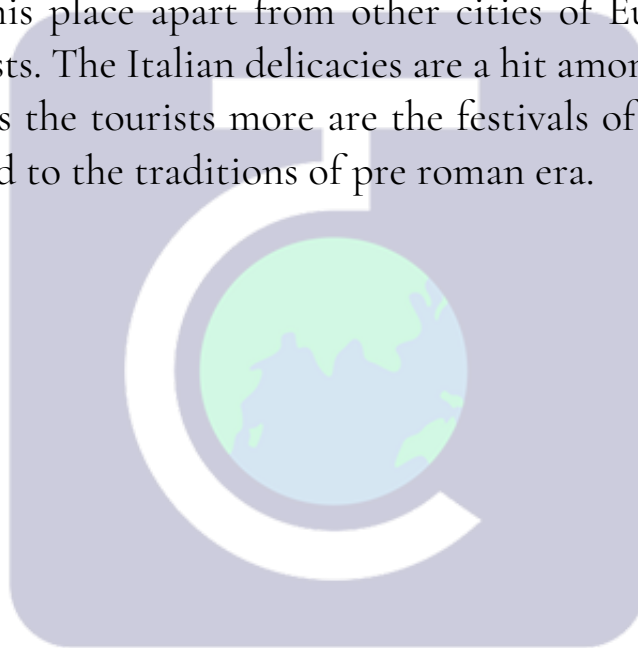
Florence is an ancient Roman City. It has emerged as one of the most powerful cities since then. Historically, Florence was one of the most famous cities of Europe from the fourteenth to sixteenth century. Many well-known writers and poets are a part of the history of Florence. Florence was an abode to the Medici, one of the finest families in European History, which shaped the architecture of this Italian City. The Romanesque architecture which is the signature of the city is inspired from the pre Romans. The city tends to remind its visitors about the Renaissance Era.



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5. Cultural identity

Florence has a rich cultural heritage in terms of language, its people, cuisine, music, sports, art and literature. The Roman Empire left its mark on this city which can be seen everywhere from the Italian dialect, the Italian food and many other things. The Renaissance as a movement reshaped the cultural identity of this place. The various Art galleries, museums, Romanesque baroques, churches and cathedrals set this place apart from other cities of Europe and it is a hot favorite among tourists. The Italian delicacies are a hit among locals as well as the visitors, what attracts the tourists more are the festivals of this place, which are very deeply connected to the traditions of pre roman era.



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6. Natural resources

Since the Roman age, Florence has been recognized as the trading hub amongst all European cities. The city has a variety of minerals, metals and non- metals. Coal, zinc, Marble, Potassium, pumice, mercury and Permite are found in abundance. Apart from this, Florence is also one of the largest suppliers of Natural gas and Crude oil in Italy.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Uffizi Gallery

An informative guide to the history of the Florence, Uffizi Gallery stores some of the most notable works and a huge collection of masterpieces. The innards of this largest and best-known art gallery in the world have exhilarating panoramas built solely on the great Renaissance architecture. The royal paintings and refined sculptures dating back to Italian Renaissance are definitely worth the visit.

Address : Piazzale degli Uffizi, 6, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7677856, 11.255310799999961

Contact : +39 05523885

Website : <http://www.uffizi.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ponte vecchio bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Children: €4 Admission free every first Sunday of the month

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 08:15hrs-18:50hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Galleria dell'Accademia

A very famous art museum in Florence, this art gallery houses the sculpture by the world famous Renaissance artist, Michelangelo called David, who is referred to as the hero in the holy bible. The grand marble structure is preserved in this museum, with people coming from all over the world to marvel at the works of the legendary Michelangelo. It also houses many other such pieces of art by the famous artist. When in Florence, do not forget to drop a visit to this gallery.

Address : Via Ricasoli, 58/60, 50121 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50121

Location : 43.7768103, 11.259087399999999

Contact : +39 0552388609

Website : <http://galleriaaccademiafirenze.beniculturali.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cavour Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: €8 Children: €4 Children under 18 years (children under the age of 12 must be accompanied): Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 08:15hrs-18:50hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. The Baptistery of St. John

The Baptistery of St. John (Battistero di San Giovanni) is one of the long-living buildings in the city having been built around the time the Roman Empire was in power. Built in the Florentine Romanesque style, the mosaic ceilings and huge sculpted doors which are also known as doors of paradise are the main attractions of this glorious white basilica.

Address : Piazza del Duomo, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.77311539999999, 11.255023199999982

Contact : +39 0552302885

Website : <https://operaduomo.firenze.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Santa Maria Maggiore Bus Station

Entry Fee : €15

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:15hrs-10:15hrs and 11:15hrs-19:30hrs Closed on 1st Tuesday of every month

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Giotto's Bell Tower

An expressive example of 14th-century Gothic architecture in Florence, Giotto's Bell Tower rises to a height of 84.7 meters and falls among the 4 most principal monuments on Piazza del Duomo. Attired in white, red and green marble, this awe-inspiring bell tower is considered to be the most alluring campanile in Italy. After a climb of more than 400 steps, you can access the large protruding terrace that gives an all-embracing view of the city.

Address : Piazza Duomo, 50122 Firenze, Italy
 Zipcode : 50122
 Location : 43.77280599999999, 11.2557051
 Contact : +39 0552302885
 Website : <https://www.ilgrandemuseodelduomo.it/>
 Nearest Public Transport : Olio Bus station
 Entry Fee : OPA Pass: €15
 Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:15hrs-18:50hrs
 Time Required : 0.5
 Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes
 Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Palazzo Vecchio

Palazzo Vecchio, known as the civic center of Florence, is a huge palace built between the 13th and 14th centuries. The entrance to this palace is galactic with 2 grand statues. Having 3 majestic courtyards, the second floor of this palace has various intriguing rooms like the Hercules Room, The Room of Jupiter, The Room of Cybele, The Ceres Room, and many more.

Address : Piazza della Signoria, 50122 Firenze, Italy
 Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7693012, 11.256150899999996

Contact : +39 055 276 8325

Website : <http://museicivici-fiorentini.comune.fi.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Porta Rossabus station

Entry Fee : Museum: Full: €10/ Reduced €8 Tower: €10/ €8 Museum + Tower:
 €14/ €12

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Bargello National Museum

A former prison now turned into an art museum is a palace of people and undoubtedly one of the most important museums in the city. An abode to some

of the greatest artistic paintings, this museum is a favorite amongst artists from all age groups and is synonymous to sculpture. The meandering shape of the structure makes it all the more interesting. The inner courtyard and stairs of the palace are very rough and intense, which people admire from outside.

Address : Via del Proconsolo, 4, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7703981, 11.258007799999973

Contact : +39 0552388606

Website : <http://www.polomuseale.firenze.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Condottabus station

Entry Fee : Full price: €8 Reduced price: €4

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 08:15hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Synagogue and Jewish Museum

This Great Synagogue built by the Jewish Community is said to be one of the largest synagogues in the whole of central Europe. Built in a quadrangular style, the dome of this synagogue is onion shaped with beautiful and enigmatic patterns. The entire structure is engraved with mosaic designs laced with colorful patterns on every inch. The green dome set against the beautiful skyline of Florence paints a majestic picture.

Address : Via Luigi Carlo Farini, 6, 50121 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50121

Location : 43.7728137, 11.266284100000007

Contact : +39 0552346654

Website : <http://www.jewishtuscany.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Colonna Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6.5 Children (6-14 years): €5 Reduced: €3 Family Ticket (1 to 2 adults, 1 to 3 children under 14 years, only in conjunction with educational activities): €13 Children up to 5 years, Disabled, Disabled carer: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : June to September: Sunday to Thursday: 10:00hrs-18:30hrs

Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs October to May: Sunday to Thursday: 10:00hrs-17:30hrs

Friday: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Palazzo Strozzi

Palazzo Strozzi is a good example of civil architecture with rusticated stone. The palace is inspired by the Renaissance art movement which can be seen in the structure of the squared building, surrounded by streets on all 4 sides. This palace is considered to be as one of the best artistic monuments in Florence giving in-depth knowledge about the art history to the visitors. The architecture and design make it stand out from the rest of Palazzo.

Address : Piazza degli Strozzi, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50123

Location : 43.771277, 11.251761

Contact : +39 0552645155

Website : <http://www.palazzostrozzi.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Vigna Nuova bus station

Entry Fee : Full: €13 Reduced: €10.50 Reduced boys: €5

Open & Close Timing : Friday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Cappella Brancacci

Situated inside the church of Santa Maria del Carmine, Cappella Brancacci houses the best Renaissance art dating back to the late 14th century. This alluring chapel is named after an old noble family of Florence called The Brancacci. You can admire 2 layers of frescoes inside the chapel that have an intense radiance.

Address : Piazza del Carmine, 14, 50124 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50124

Location : 43.76856449999999, 11.243520100000069

Contact : +39 055212331

Website : <https://www.visitFlorence.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ariosto Aleardibus station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6 18yrs-25yrs: €4.5

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Monday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Tuesdays closed

Sundays and religious holidays: 13:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on 1st Jan, 7th Jan, Easter, 1st May, 16th July, 15th August, 25th December

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Palatine Gallery

A gigantesque Renaissance Palace situated on the banks of the River Arno, Palatine Gallery was built in the mid-14th century and is the residence of the Florentine Baker, Luca Pitti. The palace houses some very beautiful paintings and artefacts from the Renaissance period. It has been divided into various sections like galleries and courtyards which hold immense historical value.

Address : Piazza de' Pitti, 1, Firenze, Italy-50125

Zipcode : 50125

Location : 43.76510030000001, 11.249990799999978

Contact : +39 055294883

Nearest Public Transport : Santo Spirito Bus station

Entry Fee : Full: 15.25 Reduced: 11 Children from 6-17 years: 6.75

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 08:15hrs-18:50hrs Mondays closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. The Boboli Gardens

The Boboli Gardens are one of the few attractions in Florence which have a different architecture in terms of style and design. These beautiful gardens are very forsooth and shaped into a clear-cut artistic manner striking a resemblance to the early time of Mannerism. It holds the two famous pieces, the Isolotto and the fountain of Neptune, which is a must see.

Address : Piazza Pitti, 1, 50125 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50125

Location : 43.76249719999999, 11.248399599999997

Contact : +39 0552298732

Website : <http://www.uffizi.firenze.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Romana Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: €13.75 Reduced: €10.25 Children from 6-17 years of age: €6.75

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:15hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Museo dell'Opera di S. Maria del Fiore

A colossal museum in the heart of Florence, the Museo Dell Opera Del Duomo is quite important to the history of Italy. The museum preserves world famous sculptures among which, “Gates of Paradise” is the most visited. The museum is huge with beautiful white marble structure in and out with a tinge of gold color making it more scenic and lustrous. Inside the museum, you can easily spot the sculptures and paintings from all the iconic artistic movements.

Address : Piazza del Duomo, 9, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.77319979999999, 11.258020200000033

Contact : +39 0552302885

Website : <https://operaduomo.firenze.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Olio Bus station

Entry Fee : €15

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Basilica di Santa Croce di Firenze

Labeled as the largest Franciscan church in the world, Basilica di Santa Croce di Firenze is a minor basilica of the Roman Catholic church. Though many visitors drop a visit here to see the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo, and Ghiberti that rest inside this church, it is famed for its 16 chapels by Giotto, which are laced with

frescoes. The facade of this church is neo-Gothic enhancing the varying shades of colored marble.

Address : Piazza di Santa Croce, 16, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7685683, 11.2622676999999

Contact : +39 055 246 6105

Website : <http://www.santacroceopera.it/en/default.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Magliabechi Bus Station

Entry Fee : Full price: €8 Reduced (Children from 11-17 years, groups with minimum 15 people): €6 Headsets rental: €1.50 Children below 11 years of age, disabled people and their assistants: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:30hrs-17:30hrs Sunday: 14:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. Medici Chapel

Occupying a large part of the alluring complex of the basilica of Saint Lorenzo, Medici Chapel forms a colossal set of atmospheres of exceptional historical and architectonic interest. "Sagrestia Nuova", the best-known work of architecture and sculpture of Italian Rinascimento and the atmosphere created by Michelangelo for including the ribs of Lorenzo and Giuliano dei Medici is a major highlight of this museum.

Address : Piazza di Madonna degli Aldobrandini, 6, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50123

Location : 43.7750913, 11.2533902999999

Contact : +39 055 238 8602

Website : <http://www.polomuseale.firenze.it/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Cappelle Medicee Bus Station

Entry Fee : Full: €8 Reduced: €4 Audio-guides: €6 for single unit, €10 for double unit

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:15hrs-14:00hrs The Museum is closed on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and opened the 1st, 3rd and 5th Closed the 1st, 3rd

and 5th Monday of each month, opened the 2nd and 4th.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.15. Basilica of Santa Maria Novella

One of the most important Gothic churches in Tuscany, Basilica of Santa Maria Novella is an architectural marvel which is sure to leave you spellbound. The imposing green and white marble facade dating back to 13th and 15th century provides a gorgeous look to this complex. The basilica is an abode to artistic masterpieces with attractive frescoes by Domenico Ghirlandaio, romantic church corridors, and frescoed chapel.

Address : Piazza di Santa Maria Novella, 18, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50123

Location : 43.7746346, 11.2493858999999

Contact : +39 055 219257

Website : <http://www.smn.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Stazione Scalette Bus Station

Entry Fee : Full: €5 Reduced (Senior citizens over 65, Students under 18): €3.50 Residents of Florence, Children up to 5 years of age, disabled visitors and their carers: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : April to September: Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs
October to March: Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:30hrs September to June:
Saturday and religious pre-holiday: 09:00hrs-17:30hrs Sunday and religious
holiday: 13:00hrs-17:30hrs July and August: Saturday and religious pre-holiday:
09:00hrs-18:30hrs Sunday and religious holiday: 12:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.16. Museo Galileo

Located along the river Arno, Museo Galileo is housed in Palazzo Castellani and exhibits one of the world's most outstanding collections of scientific instruments. A visit to this scientific museum unsnarls the astronomical and mathematical

enigma through the display of think telescopes, painted globes, barometers, watches, and more. Many hands-on exhibits permit the visitors to explore the working mechanism of historic instruments.

Address : Piazza dei Giudici, 1, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7677337, 11.2559032

Contact : +39 055 265311

Website : <http://www.museogalileo.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Galleria Degli Uffizi Bus Station

Entry Fee : Full: €9 6-18 years old, groups of minimum 15 people: €5.50 Children below 6 years: Free admission Family ticket (2 adults + maximum 2 children below 18 years of age): €22

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Monday: 09:30hrs-18:00hrs Tuesdays: 09:30hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.17. Giardino Bardini

An Italian Renaissance garden in Florence, Giardino Bardini is laced with picturesque areas which can be explored by aimlessly sauntering around the garden. You will spot a grotto, beautiful fountains, a small canal and an agricultural park here. A meandering path also leads you upwards to Villa Bardini, which is now an abode to a restaurant, cafeteria and bookshop.

Address : Costa S. Giorgio, 2, 50125 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50125

Location : 43.7635722, 11.2563086

Contact : +39 055 2006 6206

Website : <http://www.bardinipeyron.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Mozzi Bus Station

Entry Fee : Full: €7 Reduced (people between 18-25 years, members of the EEA): €3.50 Visitors below 18 years with ID, disabled, all visitors on the first Sunday of every month: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : November to February: 08:15hrs-18:30hrs March: Tuesday

to Sunday 08:15hrs-17:30hrs April, May, September, October: 08:15hrs-18:30hrs
June to August: 08:15hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore

The third largest church in Europe earmarked to Santa Maria, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore is 90 meters high and around 150 meters wide. The church has long window panels on the outside and stands as an important part of the Renaissance and Italian gothic architecture. The exterior is ornamented with polychrome marble panels depicting shades of green and pink along with an intricate 19th-century Gothic revival facade.

Address : Piazza del Duomo, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.77314499999999, 11.255960200000004

Contact : +39 0552302885

Website : <https://www.ilgrandemuseodelduomo.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Olivo Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Piazzale Michelangelo

Situated in the heart of the city, Piazzale Michelangelo is a large open area furnishing beautiful views of the city. Having been linked with the greatest and most famous artist from Italian history, this square is dedicated to Michelangelo, a legendary sculptor in the Renaissance period. The main highlights that lure tourists towards it are the sunset and the night view from this Florentine Piazza.

Address : Piazzale Michelangelo, 50125 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50125

Location : 43.7629314, 11.265056100000038

Website : <https://www.visitFlorence.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Il David bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 mins

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Piazza della Signoria

Known as the historical, political, and emotional heart of Florence, Piazza della Signoria is an L-shaped public square and a symbol of the Florentine republic. Named after Palazzo della Signorio, it is a famous political hub as well as a celebrated tourist spot. It has an important contribution to the city's history with the most eye-catching feature of the Town Hall.

Address : Piazza della Signoria, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7696855, 11.2556422000000011

Nearest Public Transport : Condotta bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Piazza del Duomo

When in Florence, don't forget to visit Piazza del Duomo! A huge cathedral square in the historic center of the city, it is one of the most visited places in Europe. You can find the Florence Cathedral, baptistry, Opera del Duomo Museum as well as Canonici's palace here. From the cathedral, you will witness a beautiful view of the surroundings which accentuate its resonance of Renaissance history and archaeology.

Address : Piazza del Duomo, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7734602, 11.255985000000001

Nearest Public Transport : Porta Rossa bus station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Abbazia di San Miniato al Monte

A huge white stone structure, this Basilica is located in the middle of Florence, erected on top of one of the highest altitudes in the city. It is often described as one of the finest and truest Romanesque structures in Tuscany and stands as an incredibly scenic cathedral in Italy. The essence of Italian art and history can be

seen in this iconic monument.

Address : Via delle Porte Sante, 34, 50125 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50125

Location : 43.7594184, 11.264979600000006

Contact : +39 0552342731

Website : <http://www.sanminiatoalmonte.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : San Miniato Al Monte bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 07:00hrs-21:00hrs Sunday closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Loggia dei Lanzi

Also known as Loggia della Signoria, this is a historical building in the province of Piazza Del Signoria attached to the famous Uffizi gallery. It is popular for its wide arches which resemble Gothic Italian architecture. The sculptures and paintings inside the monument are related to the great figures from the history of the Roman empire, depicting Gods and heroes from the Holy Bible.

Address : Piazza della Signoria, 50121 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50121

Location : 43.7691899, 11.255533399999999

Contact : +39 05523885

Website : <http://polomuseale.firenze.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ponte Vecchio bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Perseus Statue

The statue of Perseus holding the head of Medusa in his hand is a bronze sculpture erected in Loggia dei Lanzi in Piazza del Signoria. The sculpture portrays the story from the classical age of Perseus and Medusa, which is a crucial part of the Roman History. The tourists can get an overview of the story by just a

glimpse of the sculpture. The tall, dark, intense and substantial sculpture is beautiful enough to grasp every visitor's attention.

Address : Piazza della Signoria, 50121 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50121

Location : 43.7696855, 11.255642200000011

Contact : +39 05523885

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

Nearest Public Transport : Porta Rossa bus station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Orto San Michele

Built on the site of the monastery of San Michele which no longer exists, Orto San Michele is a beautiful and spacious church in the city of Florence. The church has very galvanizing interiors and dusty exteriors that are finely crafted on white marble giving it an exquisite look. Both tourists, as well as locals, attend the Friday mass prayers here.

Address : Via dell'Artedella Lana, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50123

Location : 43.7706834, 11.255004699999972

Contact : +39 0552388606

Website : <http://www.bargellomusei.beniculturali.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Porta Rossa bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Fountain of Neptune

Built in the 1560s, the Fountain of Neptune is located in Piazza Della Signoria along with other important historic pieces of art. The fountain is a bronze structure carved with minute details in a mannerist style. Neptune is a Sea God and thus the statue was meant to be an allusion to the dominion of the Florentines over the sea. There are many fountains of Neptune in the city, but this is the most famous one.

Address : Piazza della Signoria, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7695787, 11.256002800000033

Contact : +39 055 290832

Website : <https://www.firenze-online.com/visitare/informazioni-firenze.php?id=113>

Nearest Public Transport : Porta Rossa Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Piazza di Santa Croce

Piazza di Santa Croce derived its name from the Basilica of Santa Croce, which is situated on the adjacent side of the plaza. A spectacular marble sculpture lies in front of the piazza that depicts the great Italian artist, Dante. The distinguishing feature of this monument are the 16 chapels ornamented with paintings and various other art pieces.

Address : Piazza di Santa Croce, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50122

Location : 43.7687498, 11.261091800000031

Nearest Public Transport : Tintori bus station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Piazza di Santa Maria Novella

One of the main and beautiful squares in the city, Piazza di Santa Maria Novella is always packed with people and makes it to the list of top attractions in the city. The square houses many monuments of heritage and architectural marvels. The captivating beauty of the Dominican basilica of Santa Maria's Novella's Renaissance facade is sure to grab every visitor's attention.

Address : Piazza di Santa Maria Novella, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50123

Location : 43.77362989999999, 11.249848499999985

Nearest Public Transport : Canacci bus station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Piazza Santo Spirito

For those who wish to get acquainted with the most beautiful area of Florence, a visit to Piazza Santo Spirito is a must. Though it is crowded during the day with markets and tourists, it changes its tunes in the evening with 'movida' (nightlife) when restaurants, cafés, and nightclubs start to open. A major highlight of this square is the church that boasts of eminent Renaissance architecture with high arch domes and marble structure from outside.

Address : Piazza Santo Spirito, 50125 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50125

Location : 43.7665362, 11.24759610000001

Nearest Public Transport : Campuccio Bus station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Ponte Vecchio

One of the most-visited attractions of the city, Ponte Vecchio is a medieval stone-closed spandrel arch bridge over the Arno river still eminent for shops built along it. The present occupants include souvenir sellers, artefact dealers and jewelers, where butchers were initially located. The uniqueness of this place is the opportunity lovers get to affix padlocks at various places, especially on the railing, and throw the key into the river as a sign of eternal bonding.

Address : Ponte Vecchio, 50125 Firenze, Italy

Zipcode : 50125

Location : 43.767925, 11.25314349999999

Nearest Public Transport : Bardi Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Florence apart from its beautiful insight into the world famous art museums and cathedrals has other things to offer as well to its guests. As a tourist if you want to indulge in some rocky sports and adventure, then Florence is a nice place to be in. water based adventures like rafting, canoeing or rock climbing are very famous. Here are some adventures you can wish to take:

- **Canoeing -**

Address : River Arno, Florence, Italy-

Location : 43.680745,11.06986

Website : <http://www.turismo.intoscana.it/>

Entry Fees : 50-150 euros

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 15 mins

- **Lake Bilancino -**

Address : Lago di Bilancino, Florence, Italy

Location : 43.759519,11.161126

Website : <http://www.turismo.intoscana.it/>

Entry Fees : Depends on sport, Starting 50EUR

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 20 mins

- **Parco die Renai -**

Address : Via Giuseppe Santelli, 25, 50058 Signa FI, Italy

Location : 43.782557,11.101974

Contact No : +39 0558996431

Website : <http://www.parcorenai.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Roma 274 Bus station

Entry Fees : 50 euros

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 15 mins



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

If you want to attend sports events while vacationing, then Florence has a lot more surprises for you. The City is a huge fan of Football; in fact, the historical game of football called CalcioFiorentino originated in Italy and has a great influence on today's football. Apart from football, the other sport played the most is rugby. Florence hosts many sports events throughout the year for its local people.

- **Firenzi Marathon:**

Address : VialeManfredo Fanti, Firenze FI, Italy

Location : 43.780264,11.280454

Contact No : +39 0555522957

Website : <http://www.firenzemarathon.it/>

Open/Close time : 08:00hrs-14:00hrs

- **Stadio Artemio Franchi:**

Address : Viale Manfredo Fanti, 4, 50137 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.780827,11.282561

Contact No : +39 055503011

Website : <http://it.violachannel.tv/>

Open/Close time : 09:00hrs-21:00hrs

10. Spas and relaxation

One should always try to unwind and relax their mind, body and soul. Florence is the perfect place to calm one's mind by visiting some great spas for rejuvenating oneself. Apart from Art and History the city has to offer, the spas are spectacular as well. They will help you unwind after a long and stressful day with relaxing massages.

- **Soul Space Spas:**

Address : Via Sant'Egidio, 12, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.772335,11.261163

Contact No : +39 0552001794

Website : <http://www.soulspace.it/>

- **Silathai Thai Massage Centre:**

Address : De Serragli, 63r-65r, Florence, Italy

Location : 43.766243,11.244900

Contact No : 055217559

Website : <http://www.silathaimassage.com/>

- **Florence Fish Kiss:**

Address : Via de Rondinelli 22 r, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy

Location : 43.773137,11.252063

Contact No : +39 055210899

Website : <http://www.Florencefishkiss.it/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Ephiphany

Celebrated as a traditional festival, Epiphany marks the arrival of Three kings in Bethlehm. The City is decorated in and everyone is in a festive mood with people donning costumes from the Renaissance period.

Carnivale

Biggest carnival in the city with many other foreign countries participating in it. The locals and the tourists dress up in special costumes The puppet dragon and the dance is the highlight of this festival.

Florentine New Year

March 25th marks the New year for the Florentines. People participate in prayers and attend festive meets galas making it a fun event.

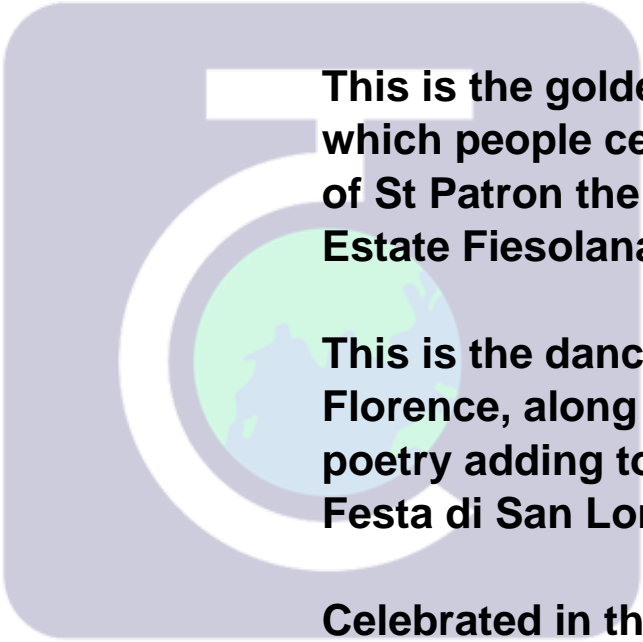
Scoppio del Carro

People decorate a huge cart which is driven by a white ox

with garlands around its neck.
The cart is finally exploded to
mark the beginning of this
festival.

Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

**Biggest Music Festival in the city
with many concerts and operas.
Patron Saint Feast Day**



**This is the golden month in
which people celebrate the birth
of St Patron the Baptist.
Estate Fiesolana**

**This is the dance festival of
Florence, along with music,
poetry adding to the festivities.
Festa di San Lorenzo**

**Celebrated in the memory of San
Lorenzo, people are served juicy
watermelons and cheesy
lasagne. A mass prayer is held in
the church to mark the beginning
of this event.**

La FestaDelleRificlone

**Also known as the festival of
paper lanterns, this event is
linked with Virgin Mary where the
natives carry lanterns in order to
spread the message of light and
peace in the city.**

Festa di santareparata

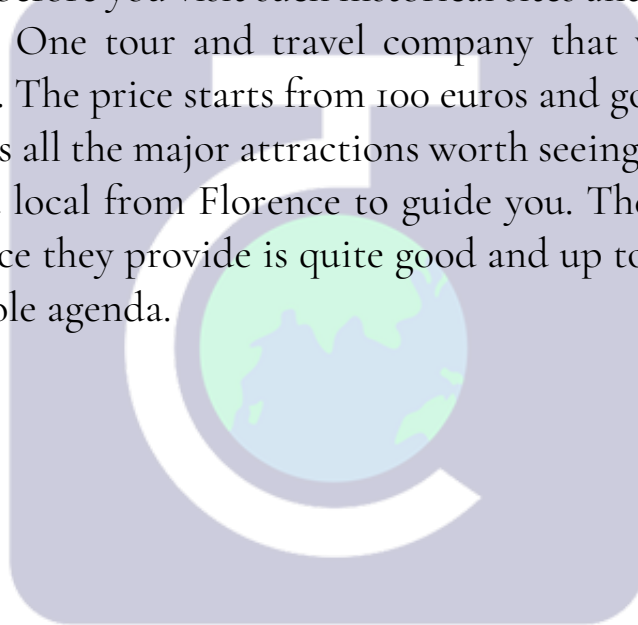
A historical festival. This festival marks the history and customs of the Florentines where people participate in singing and dancing.



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12. Key local guides and tours

You can find many guides and tours in Florence. The City which has a number of Churches and Museums, speaks about the History of Art and Renaissance in abundance. If you want a better understanding of this city and all the monuments and pieces of art, then it is suggested to hire a local guide who is very well versed in the Italian History or The period of Renaissance. It is also advised to read and make yourself aware before you visit such historical sites and places of interest for in depth knowledge. One tour and travel company that will give you a great experience is Artviva. The price starts from 100 euros and goes as high as 800-900 euros. The tour covers all the major attractions worth seeing in Florence. Another option is to engage a local from Florence to guide you. They are a little easy on the pocket. The service they provide is quite good and up to the mark. Customer satisfaction is their sole agenda.

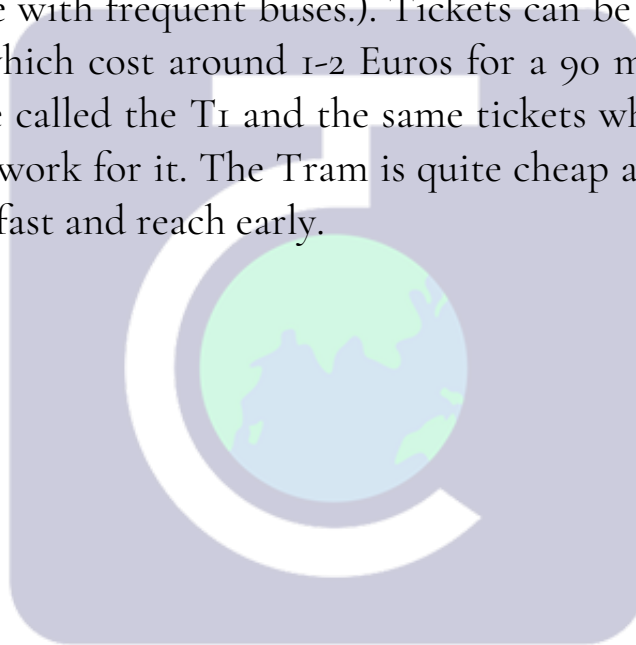


13. Transportation hubs

Florence Airport (43.808653, 11.201214) is the main airport of the City. Serving thousands of passengers on a daily basis, all the important flights to and from Florence operate from here. The airport is well built with inter connectivity to major airports in Italy and outside as well. There are many services available inside the airport such as health and medical facilities, a good cafeteria and duty free shops. The airport premises contain many buses which operate from here to the main center of the City. There are special buses for tourists which only operate for sightseeing places. The other major source of transportation in Florence is the Firenze Santa Maria Novella railway station (43.776507, 11.247905). Millions of people use this railway line to reach their respective destinations. Said to be one of the busiest railway stations in Italy, with more than 15 platforms. The ATAF and LINEA bus systems are the local bus transportation in Italy which caters to all major parts in city. The buses are easily accessible and the tickets too is not that costly. Frequency of the buses is really good and the drivers are usually on time.

Index**14. Transportation cost**

One can travel comfortably by foot in Florence but there is a very efficient network of public transport that can serve you. Tourists should avail the discounts given to them on public buses and trains for making their travel in and around the city much cheaper. Florence is well connected with almost all major buses and trains like ATAF and LINEA (which is the local bus service of the City, operating everywhere with frequent buses.). Tickets can be purchased from local booths and kiosks, which cost around 1-2 Euros for a 90 minutes' trip. The city has its own tram line called the T1 and the same tickets which you buy for your ATAF bus lines will work for it. The Tram is quite cheap and saves a lot of time if you want to travel fast and reach early.



15. Baggage allowance

You don't have to pay extra money for the luggage you wish to carry with you on public transport while travelling in Florence, but heavy luggage is to be avoided when travelling in peak hours as this causes inconvenience for other passengers.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

If you are in Florence, then you must give the local cuisine and below mentioned restaurants a try which serve famous Italian delicacies. Sandwichic, Panini Toscani, BufaloTripone and Alimentari Uffizi are must try foods. Cheese and pork arte the most consumed food in all of Florence and yes, wine goes without saying!



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Restaurants, cafes and clubs in Florence are unique in their design and food. Serving scrumptious meal of famous cuisines and a boastful of ambience. Below are some of the restaurants which are worth visiting Florence has some great sights to celebrate the nightlife of Florence. These places are opened during the entire night. What makes the nightlife of Florence worth living is its crowd, which is very friendly.

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- **Sostanze Restaurant:**

Address : Via del Porcellana, 25/R, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.772681,11.247092

Contact No : +39 055212691

Website : <http://www.sostanze.it/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday
12:30hrs-14:00hrs&19:30hrs-23:00hrs

- **Latini Restaurant:**

Address : Via deiPalchetti, 6R, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.771597,11.249367

Contact No : +39 055210916

Website : <http://www.latini.it/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 12:30hrs-14:30hrs&07:30hrs-22:30hrs

- **Trattoria Ruggero:**

Address : Via Senese, 89/R, 50124 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.771899,11.249195

Contact No : +39 055220542

Website : <http://www.trattoriaruggero.it/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday-Monday
12:30hrs-14:30hrs&07:30hrs-22:30hrs

- **The Red Garter Restaurant:**

Address : Via de' Benci, 33/r, 50122 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.768248,11.259806

Contact No : +39 055 248 0909

Website : <http://redgarteritaly.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 16:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Hard Rock Cafe:**

Address : Via dei Brunelleschi, 1, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.772063,11.253443

Contact No : +39 055 277841

Website : <http://www.hardrock.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **May Day Club:**

Address : Via Dante Alighieri, 16, 50122 Firenze, Italy
Location : 43.770937,11.256497
Contact No : +39 055 238 1290
Website : <http://www.maydayclub.it/>
Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 19:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Enoteca Pinchiorri:**

Address : Via Ghibellina, 87, 50122 Firenze, Italy
Location : 43.769954,11.262299
Contact No : +39 055242757
Website : <http://www.enotecapinchiorri.com/>
Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 19:30hrs-22:00hrs; Sunday, Monday Closed

- **Cibroe:**

Address : Via Andrea del Verrocchio, 8r, 50122 Firenze, Italy
Location : 43.771171,11.266463
Contact No : +39 055 234 1100
Website : <http://www.edizioniteatrodelalecibreofirenze.it/>
Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Sunday 12:50hrs-14:30hrs, 19:00hrs-23:15hrs; Monday Closed

- **Space Club Firenze:**

Address : Via Palazzuolo, 37, 50123 Firenze, Italy
Location : 43.773640,11.246235
Contact No : +39 3472993323
Website : <http://www.spaceclubfirenze.com/>
Open / Close Time : Daily 20:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Yab:**

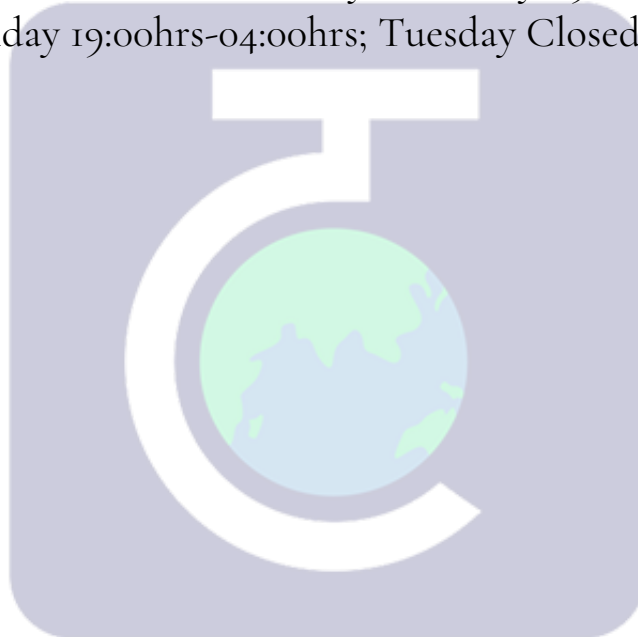
Address : Via de' Sassetti, 5/r, 50123 Firenze, Italy

Location : 43.770805,11.252700

Contact No : +39 055215160

Website : <http://www.yab.it/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday–Saturday 19:00hrs-04:00hrs; Sunday Closed; Monday 19:00hrs-04:00hrs; Tuesday Closed



Index**18. Average meal cost**

Filling meals and beer are not very costly in Florence. In a good restaurant, a good meal will cost you around 15-20 euros and if you wish to eat in a fancy restaurant or café then you can spend a little more. A can of beer will cost you around 3-4 euros whereas a soft drink will cost 1-2 euros.



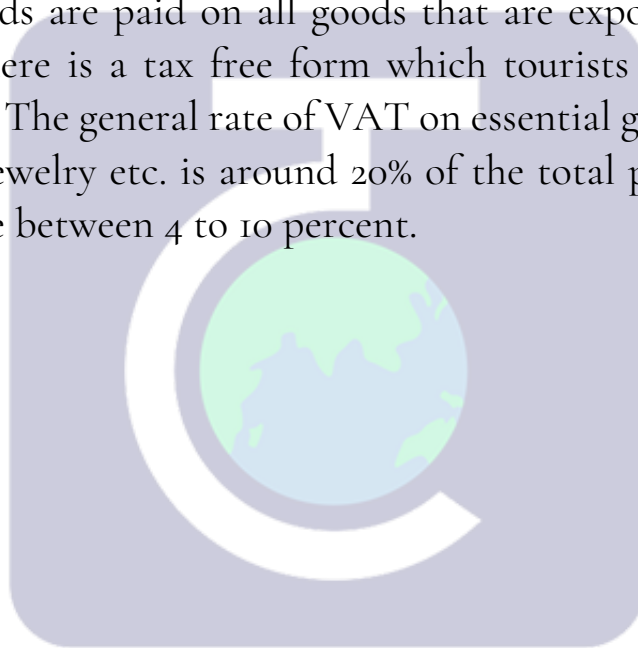
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19. Shopping

Shopping in Florence is very enjoyable. The city has various shopping malls that provide all commodities. You can shop for luxury clothing from boutiques which are perfect for anyone looking to buy designer clothes, shoes, bags, etc. Some good shopping areas or malls in downtown Florence are- Mercato Centrale: (43.776564, 11.253200) This shopping area inside a building represents the historical Renaissance art. You can shop for various items like the famous Italian cheese, wines, fruits and vegetables, etc. DavideCerasi Leather Boutique: (43.768907, 11.252357) If you are looking for that perfectly made or stitched leather clothing, then this is the best place. It is the oldest boutique in town, and it custom makes leather clothes on demand at a reasonable price. Goccia Shoes: A one stop shop for all kinds of footwear. They have mastered the art of shoe making. They have shoes ranging from low prices to high prices. The range starts from 75-100 euros for men and 100-125 euros for women. Pharmaci of Santa Maria Novelle: You can buy Italian herbs and traditional healing syrups for yourself from here. One of the oldest pharmacies in Italy, it was previously a church.

20. Tourist benefits

Florence levies a value added tax (VAT) on merchandise and freight. In Italy, the value added tax is known by the name Imposta sul Valore Aggiunto or IVA. The government of Italy is working towards making the city excise duty, services tax and VAT free. But till then the tax is normally included or charged into the value of majority of goods and services. The general rate of tax is about 16% to 20% of the sale price. Refunds are paid on all goods that are exported in the traveler's personal luggage. There is a tax free form which tourists can obtain from the customs department. The general rate of VAT on essential goods and services like clothing, footwear, jewelry etc. is around 20% of the total purchase and on food items it is somewhere between 4 to 10 percent.



21. Essential local apps

You can download many apps from Apple app store or Google play store to facilitate your stay in Florence. Most of the apps provide a detailed guide about the tourist attractions in the city. Information about history of the monument, travel to it, entry fee etc. Firenze App is the best local app to guide you through the city best. Informs about sightseeing places and other places of interest; this app is free to download on Apple and Google app store. Other similar apps are Firenze Walking app and Florence Heritage app.



22. Driving

Italian law in Florence needs the visitor to possess an International Driving Permit or license which is a translation of your license. Requirement of regular driver's license is needed too. For safety measures try avoiding renting a car as it too requires international driving license permit along with other important documents. Tourists with European driving license doesn't require any documents as they can easily drive a car in the city.



Index**23. Travel essentials**

In Florence, Voltage is 230V, 50 Hz (cycles). So, the power socket is type F or L. Since it is 240 volts, 50hz cycle in India, you can use most of the appliances that you own there since there is only a minor difference which is taken into consideration by the manufacturers. If you're from the US where the voltage is 130-170, you will need a voltage adapter. Make all these arrangements before you leave on your trip.



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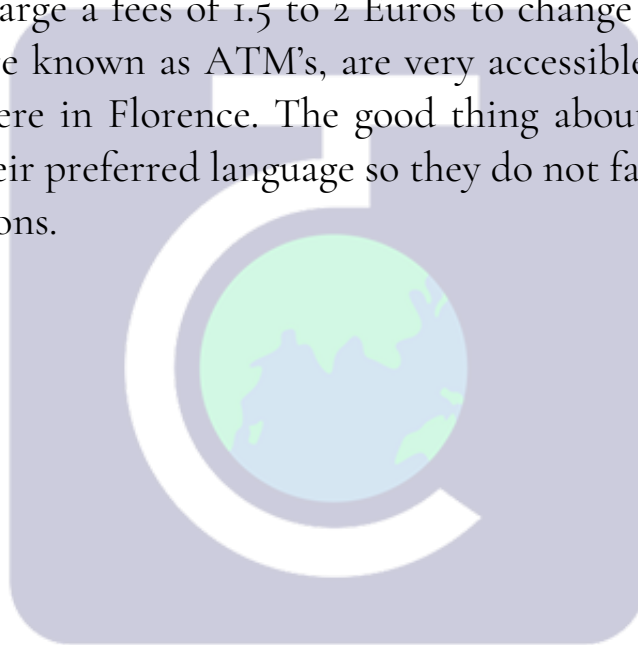
25. Local currency

The local currency of the City of Florence is Euro (EURO) 1.00 USD = 0.90 EURO



Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

It is recommended that while travelling to any part of European country, carry sufficient Euros with you. In Florence, exchange rates are quite expensive and it is likely to burn a hole in your pockets if you exchange your home currency into Euros over there. Banks only cater to their customers and tourists might face problems. Traveler's cheque is outdated and almost impossible to change. Vendors or banks charge a fees of 1.5 to 2 Euros to change 500 USD into Euros. Banco mats which are known as ATM's, are very accessible and easy to use and can be found anywhere in Florence. The good thing about these ATMs is that customers can use their preferred language so they do not face any problem while performing transactions.



27. Staying connected

You can easily buy a SIM card in Florence whether prepaid or postpaid, there is not much hassle involved. You can even ask your hotel staff to buy you a SIM card. Almost all the hotels and cafes provide WiFi. Even the public places provide Wi-Fi. New Florence Telephone company is the local telecom company in the city which provides great discounts and offers for its customers. Other international companies are Vodafone, Tre and Wind.



28. Time Zone

The city follows the Central European Time zone UTC +1:00



29. Languages

Florentine and Italian are the most spoken languages.



Index**30. Political Scenario**

Florence being a part of Italy has a multi-party system. The city has been a part of the democratic republic since the 1940's. As it comes under an autonomous region of Italy, the city has power to make its own laws and decisions. The regional council, the regional Junta and the President are the three working authorities holding legislative and executive powers respectively. Many political parties are active in Florence to help maintain a coalition government. The two major political parties which have a strong base in Florence are Democratic Party and the Nationalist Party.



Index**31. Economic Scenario**

Italy is the third largest economy in the Eurozone, and a founding member of the European Union. It is the 12th largest economy by GDP. Florence has always a rich economy. It was the center of trade and art from Renaissance period. It is popularly referred to as the golden capital city of Tuscany as it displayed tremendous economic growth. Even today, it is the most visited place by tourists from all over the globe owing to its rich art and History.



Index**32. Religious belief**

98 per cent of the population of Florence follows Christianity. And this is the sole reason you can find a plethora of Church and Cathedrals in the province. Roman Catholics are predominant. All the festivals are mostly related to Saints and Virgin Mary. The other 2% of the people belong to religious minorities of Islam, Buddhism and Judaism.



Index**33. Visa requirements**

If you are planning to travel to Florence or any other Italian region, then keep in mind that you will require a Schengen Visa before entry. A Schengen visa is mandatory to travel to the 26 countries which fall under the Schengen Areas or zones; Florence in Italy is one amongst them. A standard Schengen visa is valid for 90 days and allows the tourists unlimited travel within the entire Schengen zone. One should apply for this visa in their respective home countries as it is not renewable within Italy. Residents of European countries do not need this visa to enter Florence, all they need is valid identification, the passport will do. For more information, visit this link: <https://it.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/florence/files/visa.html>



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

You must make sure that you are up to date with the vaccines. It is recommended that you can vaccinated for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis polio, flu shot and some other necessary vaccines like measles, mumps and rubella.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

The city is safe to travel in and cases of theft and robbery are rarely heard of. The city has around the clock security everywhere. One is safe and content while travelling in and around the city in public transport. But one should always be careful and aware during vacations.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Embassies in Florence are easy to access with friendly and polite staff. Tourists can seek the help from their respective embassies if they face any issues. Refer to <http://embassy.goabroad.com> for all major foreign embassies in Florence



Index**37. Accessibility**

All the places of attractions and key sightseeing places are equipped with modern technologies which are wheelchair friendly. Almost every museum has changing rooms and washrooms which can be easily accessed by the disabled people. Even the public transport in Florence takes special care of its disabled tourists or locals so that they don't find any hardships while travelling.



Index**38. Emergencies**

Excellent Medical facilities are available in Florence. Consultation costs and doctor fees can be a bit pricey, but medication for minor illnesses, can be purchased even without a doctor's prescription. Some pharmacists can guide you very well. Florentinian government pays for the tourist's medical expenses in case of emergencies. Hospital Santa Maria Nuova is one of the famous hospital in Florence. (43.773542, 11.260455) SOS Numbers: Medical emergency/ Ambulance- 118 Police – 112 Fire department- 115



Index**39. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's: • read a lot about the Renaissance period • take your camera along with you • try to visit all the museums • visit the beautiful Cathedrals • buy a Firenze card for all the monuments • try to learn some Italian phrases Don'ts: • Don't spend too much on travelling • Don't rely solely on guides • Don't litter anywhere near places • Don't touch sculptures and paintings



40.Tipping basics

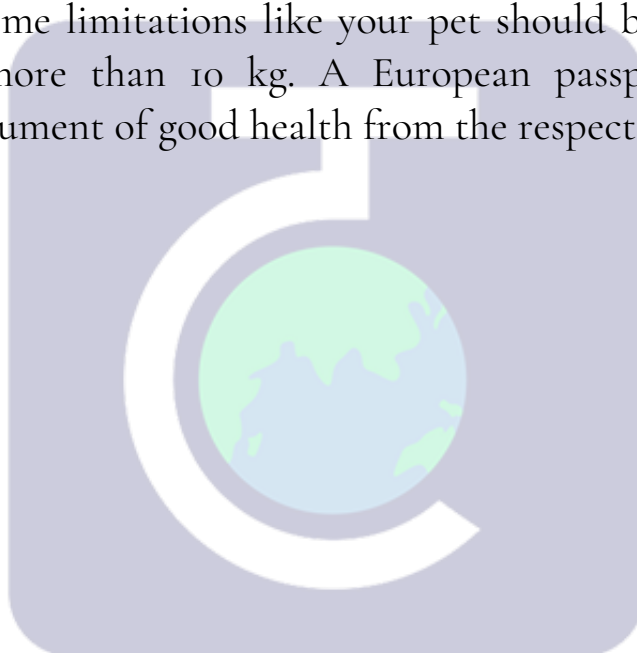
Tipping etiquette solely depends on the individual. One is never compelled to tip waiters, cab drivers or anyone who provides you with comfortable services. Waiters and cab drivers can be tipped well in Florence as they are very polite. 10 Euro in cash is the maximum amount that can be given if the staff has provided you with excellent services like helping with luggage, etc.



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41.Pet info

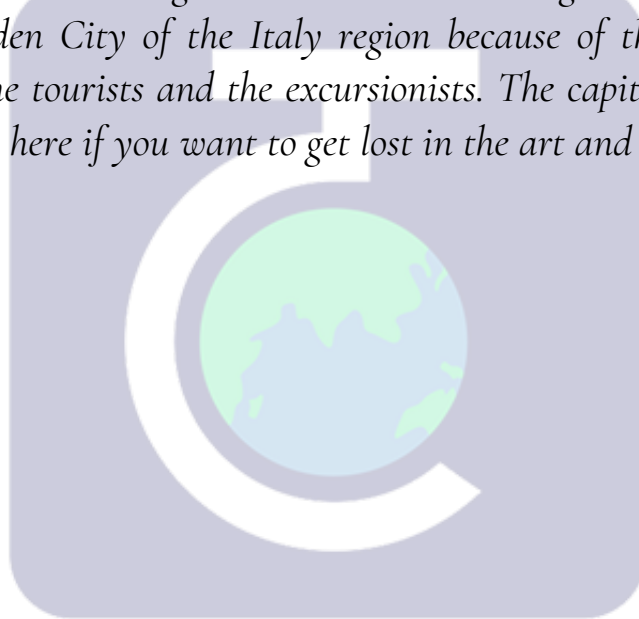
Your pets are the most important part of your family or. They shouldn't be deprived of the fun during vacations, so in order to include them in your vacations go through all the process of the pet information, that is, which all airlines allow you to travel along with your pet, the vaccination certificates required, etc. some flights like Meridiana and Alitalia allows you to travel with your pet but with some limitations like your pet should be of a small size and should not weigh more than 10 kg. A European passport for your pet is mandatory and a document of good health from the respected veterinary.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Visiting Florence should be on your bucket list if you are an ardent lover of Art and History. The City is every Literature lover's favorite place! This historic city is home to many well-known artists, painters, authors and sculptors like Dante, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli and others from the Renaissance period and early Middle age. The City is one of the wealthiest cities in Europe. The Arno river is the most beautiful river where you can take an evening stroll or take a ride along the boat. The city is rightly referred to as the Golden City of the Italy region because of the wonders of Art and Adventure it has for the tourists and the excursionists. The capital City of Tuscany has too much for you, come here if you want to get lost in the art and History of the past.



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