

The background image shows a large white cruise ship, the Carnival Pride, docked at a tropical island. The ship has multiple decks, a red funnel, and various deck structures. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the island in the background features white sand beaches and green vegetation.

European Cruise 2022 - Carnival Pride

Italy, Turkey, and Greece
October 6 - 22, 2022

Itinerary at a Glance: Italy -> Cruise Embarkation

Day		Date	Itinerary
0	Thu	10/6	Depart JFK on American Airlines Flight 236 to Rome (FCO)
1	Fri	10/7	Rome -> Florence by Train, Explore the Duomo, Rooftop Dinner
2	Sat	10/8	Florence: Uffizi, Pitti Palace, Boboli Gardens, Accademia (Statue of David)
3	Sun	10/9	Florence -> Rome by Train, "Heart of Rome" Walk, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain
4	Mon	10/10	Rome: Colisseum, Roman Forum, St. Peter's Square
5	Tue	10/11	Rome -> Civitavecchia by Train, Embarkation & Cruise Departure
6,7	Wed/Thu	10/12,13	At Sea - Carnival Pride

Itinerary at a Glance: Carnival Pride Mediterranean

Day		Date	Itinerary
8	Fri	10/14	Mykonos
9	Sat	10/15	Kusadasi (Ephesus), Turkey
10	Sun	10/16	Santorini
11	Mon	10/17	Athens
12	Tue	10/18	Katakolon (Olympia)
13	Wed	10/19	Messina
14	Thu	10/20	Naples (Capri & Pompeii)

Itinerary at a Glance: Cruise Debarkation/Flight Home

Day	Date	Itinerary
15	Fri 10/14	Debarkation, Civitavecchia -> Rome by Train, Sleep at Airport Hilton
16	Sat 10/15	Depart FCO (Rome) on American Airlines Flight 235 to JFK

Day 0 - Thu 10/6 - Travel Day

Trans-Atlantic Flight to Rome

East Haven to JFK by Ground Transport (**unconfirmed**)

We take a private **Connecticut Limo** Sprinter Van from East Haven to JFK

The ride lasts between 2 - 2.5 hours depending on traffic

Round-trip transport costs **\$920 + \$180 tip (\$275 per couple total)**

JFK to Leonardo da Vinci (FCO) by Plane

American Airlines Flight 236 (check Flight Status)

Depart from JFK airport **6:52 PM**

The flight time is 8 hours 8 mins

Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci **9:00 AM next day** (Fri 10/7)

Day 1 - Fri 10/7 - Travel Day

Rome to Florence

✈ **9:00 AM:** Scheduled to land at Leonardo da Vinci airport

Airport to Rome

🚂 **10:30 AM (approximate):** Take a Train to Rome Termini Station

The Leonardo Express is a non-stop shuttle train running between the airport train station and Termini Station in Rome.

The ride lasts **32 minutes**, and the train departs every 15-30 minutes depending on the time of day.

Tickets are **€14** one-way, purchased individually, or **€40** total for 4 tickets when purchased at the "mini-group" fare.

Rome to Florence

🚂 **Noon (approximate):** Take a Train to Santa Maria Novella Train Station in Florence

A bullet train runs from Termini Station in Rome to Santa Maria Novella Train Station in Florence.

The ride lasts **1 hour 36 mins**, and the train departs every 15-30 minutes depending on the time of day.

Tickets are **€42** round trip



Day 1

- Walk from SMN Station to AirBnB (near Duomo)
- Explore Duomo, Markets, & Shops
- Rooftop Dinner

Day 2

- Uffizi Gallery, Palazzo Vecchio
- Ponte Vecchio
- Pitti Palace, Boboli Gardens
- Accademia (David)

Day 1 - Fri 10/7 - Florence

Arrival

AirBnB - Via Santa Elisabetta 5, Florence (Check-in Time: 3:00 PM)

🚶 2:30 (approximate): Walk from Train Station to AirBnB (11 minutes)



We'll head straight to our home in Florence, after 14 hours traveling by planes, trains and automobiles.

Day 1 - Fri 10/7 - Florence

Exploring The Duomo

Entry is free, so take some time this afternoon while we stay close to "home" to explore the beauty of the Duomo from the Piazza outside, and the Cathedral within.

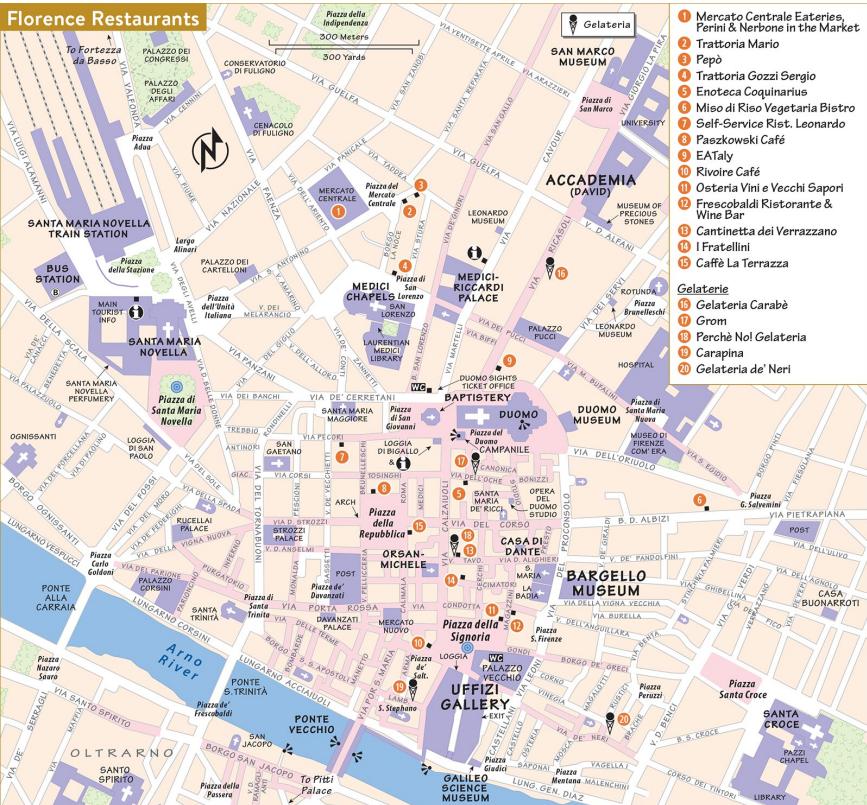


Day 1 - Fri 10/7 - Florence

Food & Shopping

If you're hungry, there are many options near the AirBnB including:

- **Caffeteria della Oblate**, a laid-back budget eatery a block from the Duomo within a library, known more for its outdoor terrace and a bright interior with views of the Duomo, than the food, which is basic but affordable.
- **Mercato Centrale** The better food vendor stalls downstairs close at 3PM, but upstairs there is a more touristy food court.
- **San Lorenzo Market** If you're itching to start shopping, step outside the Mercato Centrale and you'll find vendor stalls hawking all kinds of leather goods. Be sure to negotiate to get the best price!



We'll grab fresh food to bring back to the AirBnB for tomorrow's breakfast before our busy sightseeing day in Florence!

Day 1 - Fri 10/7 - Florence

Rooftop Dinner

Rather than pay for the privilege of climbing the 400+ winding steps to the rooftop of the Duomo, we'll take a leisurely "golden hour" dinner at one of Florence's rooftop restaurants

Angel Roofbar - Hotel Calimala (**unconfirmed**)

[website / dinner menu](#)



Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Renaissance Walk

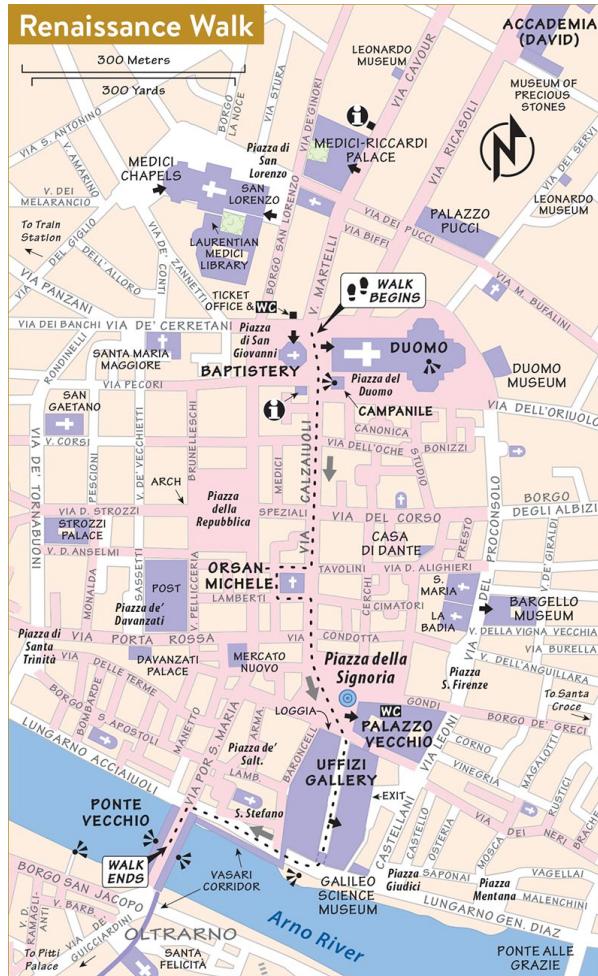
8:30 AM: Walk to Uffizi Gallery (10 mins)

This is the beginning of our whirlwind Florence sightseeing day. Fabulous examples of Renaissance architecture span the walk. If you miss one, don't worry, we'll follow the same route back.

Palazzo Vecchio



Walking down Via Calzaiuoli, we reach the Piazza della Signoria where the Palazzo Vecchio stands, once a Medici fortress, now the Town Hall and civic center of the city.



Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Uffizi Gallery

9:00 - 9:15 AM: Timed Entry into Uffizi Gallery

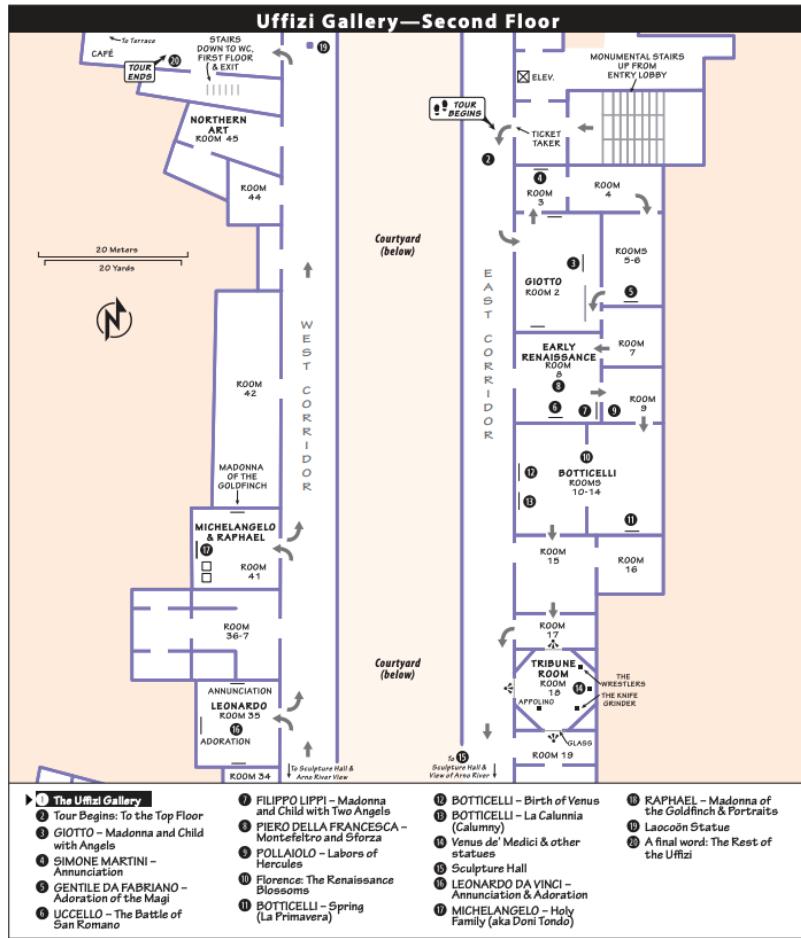
Allow 1.5 hours to tour

See the greatest collection of Italian Renaissance paintings in the world, including Botticelli's iconic "Birth of Venus".

listen to Rick Steves' Uffizi Gallery Audio Tour (MP3, 1:01:35)



Seeing priceless works of art makes you hungry, right?



The Uffizi Gallery

- ➊ Tour Begins: To the Top Floor
- ➋ GIOTTO - Madonna and Child with Angels
- ➌ SIMONE MARTINI - Annunciation
- ➍ GENTILE DA FABRIANO - Adoration of the Magi
- ➎ UCCELLO - The Battle of San Romano
- ➏ FILIPPO LIPPI - Madonna and Child with Two Angels
- ➐ PIERO DELLA FRANCESCA - Montefeltro and Sforza
- ➑ POLLAIOLO - Labors of Hercules
- ➒ Florence: The Renaissance Blossoms
- ➓ BOTTICELLI - Spring (La Primavera)
- ➔ BOTTICELLI - Birth of Venus
- ➕ BOTTICELLI - La Calunnia (Calumny)
- ➖ VENUS DE' MEDICI & other statues
- ➗ Sculpture Hall
- ➘ LEONARDO DA VINCI - Annunciation & Adoration
- ➙ MICHELANGELO - Holy Family (aka Doni Tondo)
- ➚ RAPHAEL - Madonna of the Goldfinch & Portraits
- ➛ Laocoön Statue
- ➜ A Final Word: The Rest of the Uffizi

Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Panini at All'antico Vinaio

Lunch Option #1 [Menu](#)

🚶 10:45 AM: Walk from Uffizi to All'Antico Vinaio
(5 mins, allow up to **one hour** to wait in line)

If you want the best panini in Florence, you need to be prepared to wait in line for it. This legendary sandwich shop opens at 10:30, but the line is likely to form in advance.

The wait may last as much as **an hour or more**, but nearly all who visit agree, its time well spent.

🚶 Between 11:15-12:00 PM: Walk to Pitti Palace
(11 mins)

Panini in hand, walk down to the river Arno towards the Ponte Vecchio



Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Ponte Vecchio

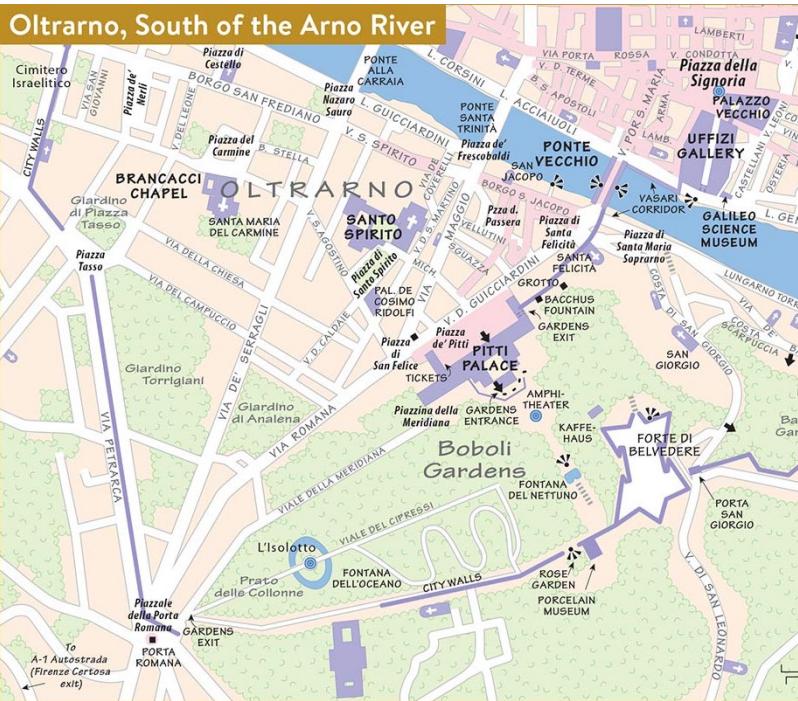
12:00 PM: Walk to Pitti Palace (10 mins)

We cross the romantic ancient bridge, built in 1345, whose shops were evicted of butchers and tanners by the Medici in the 1500's, to be replaced by goldsmiths that remain to this day.

Ponte Vecchio



Next, we'll cross into the Oltrarno, literally the "other side of the River Arno".



Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Pitti Palace

► click here for Lunch Option #2

12:30 PM: Entry into Pitti Palace

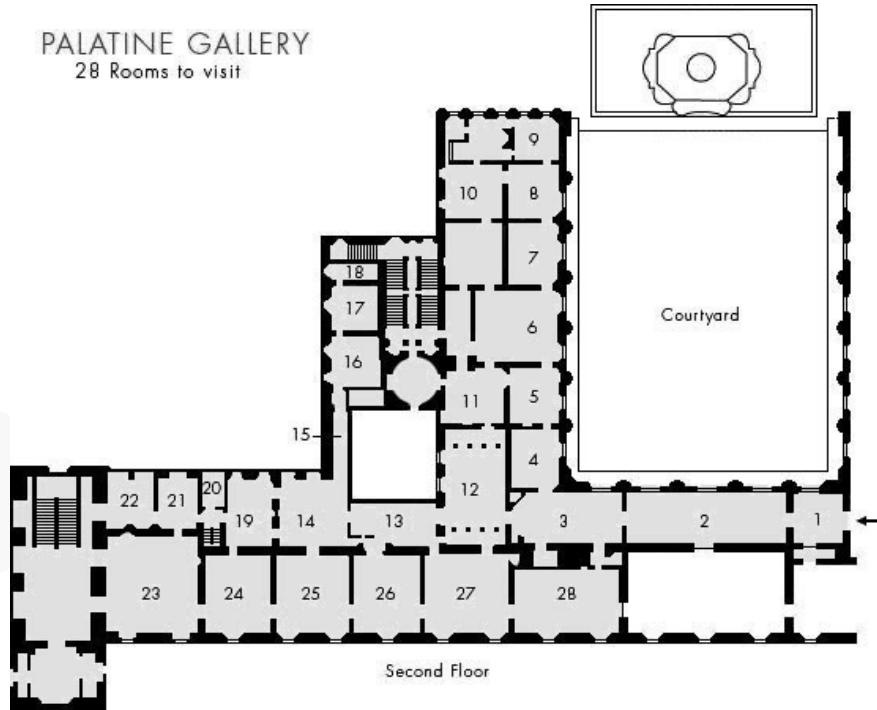
Allow 1.5 hours to tour

Palantine Gallery

Pitti Palace houses multiple museums and gardens. Here, we're going to focus on Palantine Gallery, which features works by Raphael, Titian, and Rembrandt.

[Detailed Room Descriptions \(with pictures\)](#)

PALATINE GALLERY
28 Rooms to visit



Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Boboli Gardens

The gardens are vast, with sloping hills leading up to spectacular views of Florence.

🚶 2:00 PM: Explore Boboli Gardens (approx 30 minutes)

We may spend up to an hour here, or skip it entirely for rain or to make up time, or split up if some want to head back.

suggested walking tour



Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Accademia

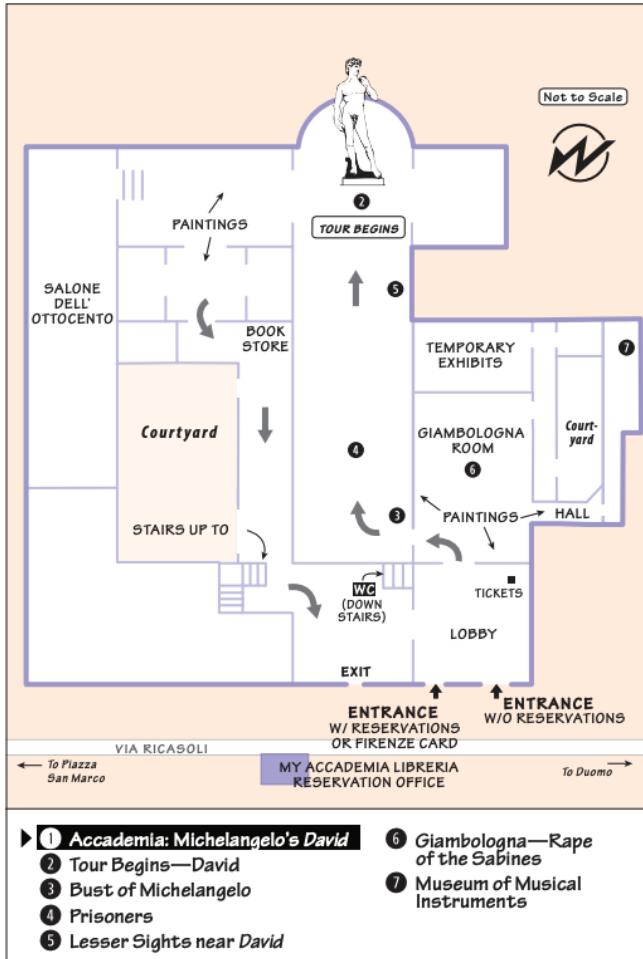
(Michelangelo's David)

4:30 - 4:45 PM: Timed Entry into
Galleria dell'Accademia Allow 1 hour to tour



This six-ton, 17-foot-tall symbol of divine victory represents the beginning of the Renaissance. The museum also includes some of Michelangelo's other works, and a couple of Botticellis.

listen to Rick Steves' Accademia & Michaelangelo's David Audio Tour (MP3, 25:11)



Day 2 - Sat 10/8 - Florence

Rooftop Dinner (unconfirmed)



The panoramic **B Roof** restaurant, formerly known as Terrazza Brunelleschi, is located on the fifth floor of the historic Grand Hotel Baglioni.

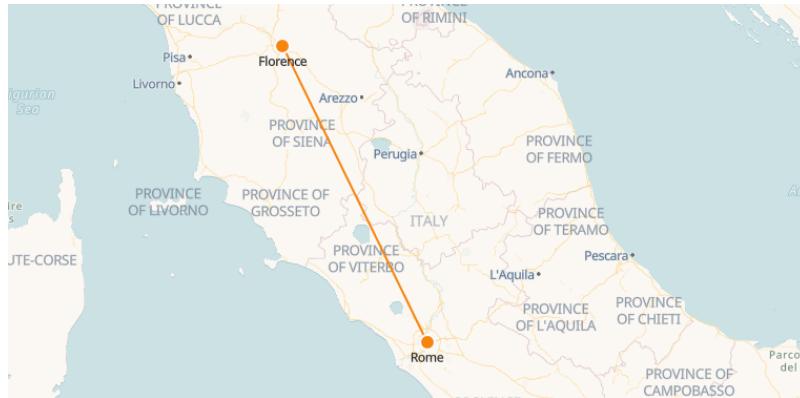
Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Travel Day

Florence to Rome

It's time to say goodbye to Florence. Check-out time is 11:00, but we're going to try to get an early start for the trip back to Rome.

🚶 9:30 (approximate): Walk from AirBnB to Train Station (11 minutes)

🚂 10:00 - 10:30 AM (approximate): Take a Train to Termini Train Station in Rome



A bullet train runs from **Santa Maria Novella** Train Station in Florence to **Termini** Station in Rome.

The ride lasts **1 hour 36 mins**, and the train departs every 15-30 minutes depending on the time of day.



Day 3

- Walk from Rome Termini Station to AirBnB
- Altar of the Fatherland
- "Heart of Rome" Walking Tour

Day 4

- St. Peter's Square
- Roman Forum
- Colisseum

Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Rome

Arrival

AirBnB - Via Merulana, 94 int 6, Rome (Check-in Time: 3:00 PM)

🚶 12:30 (approximate): Walk from Train Station to AirBnB (11 minutes)



(our apartment is on the third floor)

We'll drop off our luggage at our home in Rome, grab lunch near the Via Merulana, and then head out for the day's sightseeing.

Day 3/4 - Sun 10/9 & Mon 10/10 - Rome

COVID Testing Options

At this time, there are three scenarios, any of which may play out:

Proctored Self-test at AirBnB

Rapid Test at Pharmacy

No Test Required

Sunday Night:

We take self-administered tests, proctored virtually at the AirBnB, anytime after check-in

Monday Morning:

We take rapid antigen tests in a pharmacy across the street from our AirBnB on Monday morning, before we begin our day, and pick up the results sometime before we leave Rome on Tuesday morning

IF Greece relaxes restrictions requiring COVID testing to enter Greek ports, and the cruise line follows suit before we depart, we'll skip testing, but we need to plan ahead to test so we're not refused to board at port

Testing **is not available at the port** through Carnival, and those who arrive at port without a test result will be **denied** boarding.

If one person in a cabin tests positive, **both persons** occupying that cabin will be **denied** boarding, but the rest of our group can board if they test negative.

Day 3/4 - Sun 10/9 & Mon 10/10 - Rome

Proctored Self-test at AirBnB - eMed/Navica App

This is our preferred option.

Before We Leave Home

- We purchase eight tests in advance directly from eMed

Tests cost **\$150** for a six-pack, and **\$70** for a two-pack, plus **\$20** for standard overnight shipping, for a total of **\$240** for the group.

- We download the Navica app, which is preferred by Carnival at check-in, and upload our proof of vaccination **before we leave** for the trip

(download for iPhone or Android)

When We Test in Rome

- Video proctoring is available 24/7, via an internet connected device with a camera, microphone and speaker.
- Allow **3-10 mins** wait time to connect with a proctor, plus **30 mins** to take the test per person
- Results available immediately via Navica app, or within 15 minutes via email
- Our AirBnB host confirmed that the apartment has 100MB speed service, which should be fast enough to proctor the test

Day 3/4 - Sun 10/9 & Mon 10/10 - Rome

Rapid Test at Pharmacy

This is our backup option, in case anything goes wrong with the proctored self-test.

When we test in Rome

- We take rapid antigen tests in the Farmacia Amerula first thing on Monday morning. The pharmacy is directly across the street from our AirBnB.
- The pharmacy is closed on Sunday, open Monday & Tuesday from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
- Depending on how quickly they process the results, we can either:
 - wait for the results at the pharmacy immediately after we test
 - take the test and then find breakfast nearby and come back afterwards to pick up the results
 - come back later that day, before **6:00 PM** (unlikely, due to our timed entry at the Colosseum)
 - come back Tuesday morning at **8:00 AM**, before we check out of the airbnb to leave for Civitavecchia

I have not verified that the pharmacy is offering rapid tests, how much it costs, or how quickly the results are available. I sent an email to the pharmacy, but may not receive a response.

Now back to the tour!

Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Rome

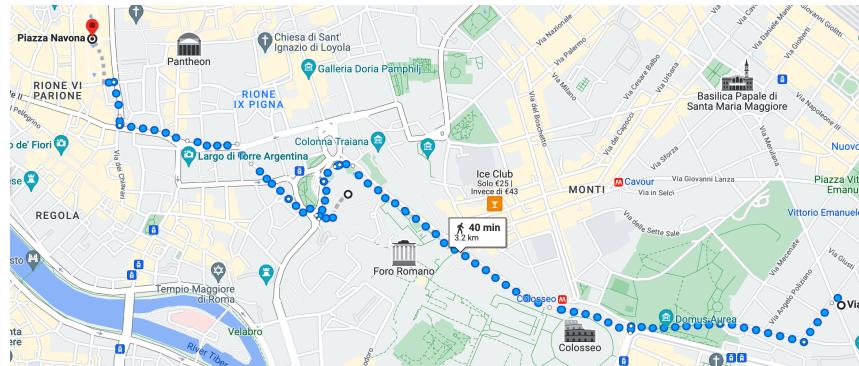
Altar of the Fatherland

We'll walk right past the Colosseum on our way to the **Altare della Patria** ("Altar of the Fatherland").

🚶 2:00: Walk from AirBnB to the Altar of the Fatherland (30 minutes)

This massive monument, designed by architect Giuseppe Sacconi in 1885, honors Vittorio Emanuele II, Italy's first king, seated on horseback in bronze.

Take the elevator to the roof (€7) and be rewarded by a commanding view of Ancient Rome.



🚶 3:00: Walk from the Altar of the Fatherland to the Piazza Navona(15 minutes)

The expansive Piazza Navona marks the starting point of our walk through the heart of Rome

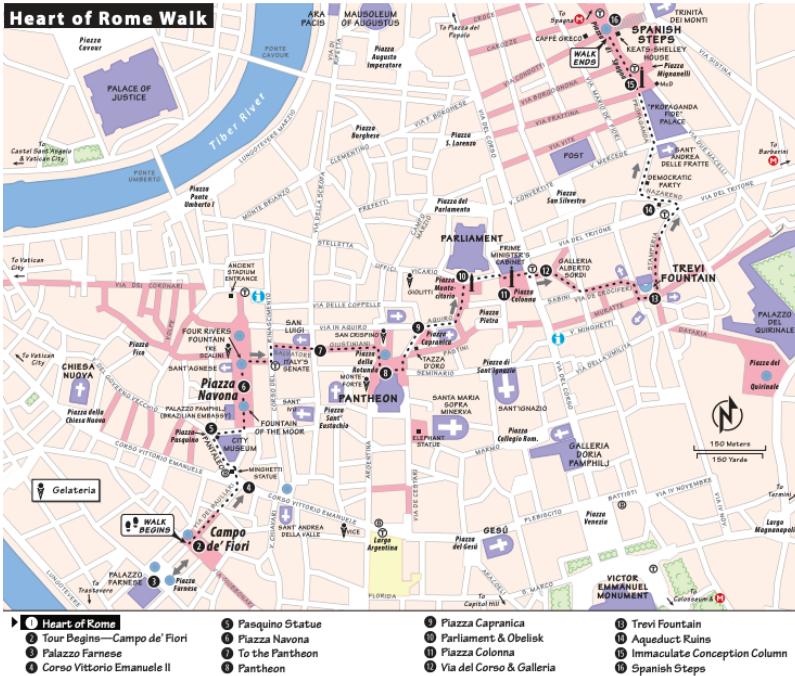
Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Rome

"Heart of Rome" Walk

🚶 3:30: Walk from the Piazza Navona to Spanish Steps (30 minutes walk, plus stops)

This 1.5 mile walk takes roughly two to three hours, depending on how long we spend at each stop. It winds through the heart of Ancient Rome, ending up in North Rome, with sights including:

- Piazza Navona
 - The Pantheon
 - Parliament
 - Piazza Colonna/Via del Corso
 - Trevi Fountain
 - Spanish Steps



[listen to Rick Steves' Heart of Rome Audio Tour \(MP3, 1:08:07\)](#)

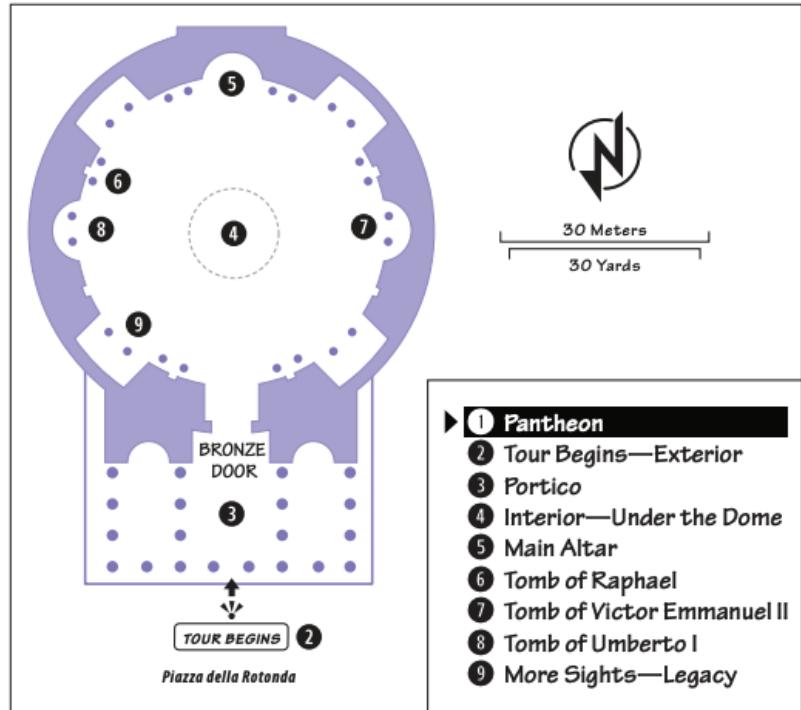
Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Rome

Pantheon



The most magnificent building surviving from ancient Rome, The Pantheon began as a temple to the many gods worshipped by the early Romans. The building, originally built by the emperor Hadrian in 126 AD endured several partial and complete renovations over the centuries. Pope Boniface IV converted the temple into a Catholic Church in 609 AD.

(open until 6:00 PM)



listen to Rick Steves' Pantheon Audio Tour (MP3, 23:20)

Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Rome

Piazza di Montecitorio, Parliament, Piazza Colonna



Walking from the Pantheon towards the Trevi Fountain, we'll pass through the Piazza di Montecitorio, home to the Italian Parliament, marked by an Egyptian obelisk from the 6th century BC, brought home by Emperor Augustus as a trophy of his victory over Mark Anthony and Cleopatra.

One block further brings us to the Piazza Colonna, home to a massive column, 12 feet across and almost 100 feet tall, that has stood since the 2nd century AD. This column tells the story of Emperor Marcus Aurelius fighting the Barbarians around 170 AD.

Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Rome

Trevi Fountain

 **6:00 (approximate):** Arrive at the Trevi Fountain

Trevi Fountain, designed by architect Nicola Salvi in 1762, cleverly incorporates the palace behind the fountain into the scene as a backdrop.

We'll see the Trevi Fountain twice today. Once during the "golden hour", illuminated by the setting sun, and a second time after dark, lit up with lights, on our way back to the AirBnB after dinner.

If you want to skip the previous parts of this walk, and do something else for the afternoon, **6:00 PM** is the time we should all meet up, before we head on to the Spanish Steps.



Day 3 - Sun 10/9 - Rome

Spanish Steps

Day 4 - Mon 10/10 - Rome

St Peter's Square

Day 4 - Mon 10/10 - Rome

The Forum

Day 4 - Mon 10/10 - Rome

Palatine Hill

Day 4 - Mon 10/10 - Rome

Colosseum

listen to Rick Steves' Colosseum Audio Tour (MP3, 41:05)

Day 5 - Tue 10/11 - Travel Day

Rome to Civitavecchia

Day 5 - Tue 10/11 - Travel Day

Civitavecchia Train Station to Transit Center

Day 5 - Tue 10/11 - Cruise Day 1

Transit Center to Port, Embarkation and Cruise Departure

Day 6 and 7 - Tue 10/12, Wed 10/13 - Cruise Days 2 and 3

Days at Sea

Day 8 - Fri 10/14 - Cruise Day 4

Mykonos

 9:00: Arrive at port

Shore Excursions

 9:30

- W&R - Sailing Trip Around Mykonos' Famous
Beaches (5 hours)

 6:00: Depart port

Day 9 - Sat 10/15 - Cruise Day 5

Ephesus (Anchor at Kusadasi, Turkey)

🚢 7:00: Arrive at port

Shore Excursions

🏯 8:00

- W&R, D&D - Terrace House & Ancient Ephesus
(4.25 hours)

🚢 5:00: Depart port



Day 10 - Sun 10/16 - Cruise Day 6

Santorini

🚢 8:00: Arrive at port

Shore Excursions

🏰 8:15

- W&R - Catamaran, Sail and Swim and BBQ (6 hours)
- D&D - Oia & Thira (4.5 hours)

🏰 8:30

- T&K, J&J - Volcano, the Caldera, and Hot Springs (2.75 hours)

🚢 5:00: Depart port



Day 11 - Mon 10/17 - Cruise Day 7

Athens

🚢 6:00: Arrive at port

Shore Excursions

🏰 7:15

- D&D, T&K, J&J - Top 10 Best of Athens (8 hours)



🏰 7:00

- W&R - Mycenae & Ancient Corinth (8 hours)

🚢 5:00: Depart port



Day 12 - Tue 10/18 - Cruise Day 8

Olympia (Anchor at Katakolon)

🚢 8:00: Arrive at port

Shore Excursions

⛴ 8:00

- W&R, T&K, J&J - Olympia & Magna Grecia (5 hours)

🚢 5:00: Depart port

🍴 6:30: D&D - Steakhouse Dinner Reservation for 2



Day 13 - Wed 10/19 - Cruise Day 9

Sicily (Anchor at Messina)

🚢 9:00: Arrive at port

Shore Excursions

🏰 9:15

- W&R - Taormina & Mount Etna (8 hours)



🏰 10:15

- D&D, T&K, J&J - Taormina on your own (6.5 hours)

🚢 6:00: Depart port



Day 14 - Thu 10/20 - Cruise Day 10

Naples (Amalfi Coast)

🚢 7:00: Arrive at port

Shore Excursions

🏰 9:00

- All - Best of the Amalfi Coast (9.5 hours)

- Stops with free time in:
 - Amalfi Town
 - Positano
 - Sorrento

🚢 7:00: Depart port



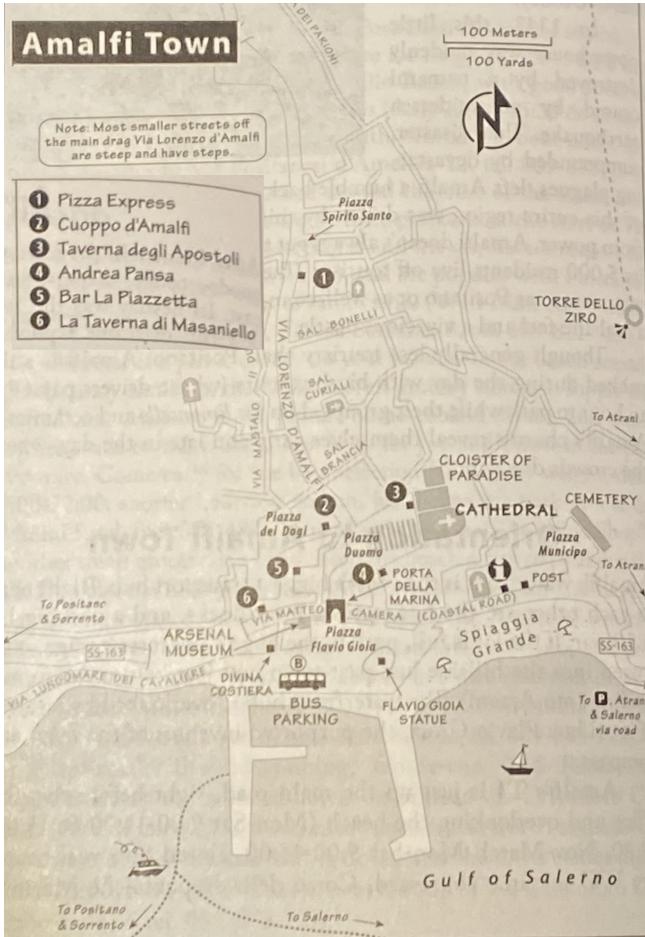
Day 14 - Thu 10/20 - Cruise Day 10

Amalfi Coast Tour: Amalfi Town

Our excursion starts by coach from the Port of Naples to the coastal city of Amalfi, where we'll spend an hour of free time. A short walk uphill from the Via Matteo Camera (the one main road in town) leads to the Piazza Duomo, and the **Amalfi Cathedral**.

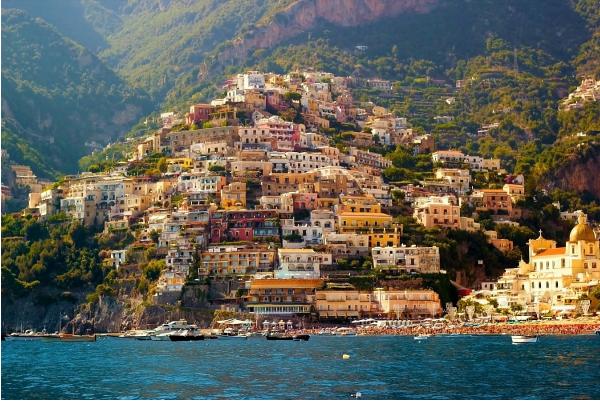


A little further past the Cathedral, you'll find **Cuoppo d'Amalfi**, a fried fish shop that fills cardboard cones with all manner of deep-sea life



Day 14 - Thu 10/20 - Cruise Day 10

Amalfi Coast Tour: Positano



Next, we'll board a private motor launch for a 40-minute voyage to Positano, seeing the Amalfi coast by sea. There, we'll spend another hour of free time. The **Church of Santa Maria Assunta** was given a baroque makeover in the 18th century.

Thirsty? Walk up to **Enoteca Cuomo** and sample local red wines with homemade salami and sundried tomatoes.



Day 14 - Thu 10/20 - Cruise Day 10

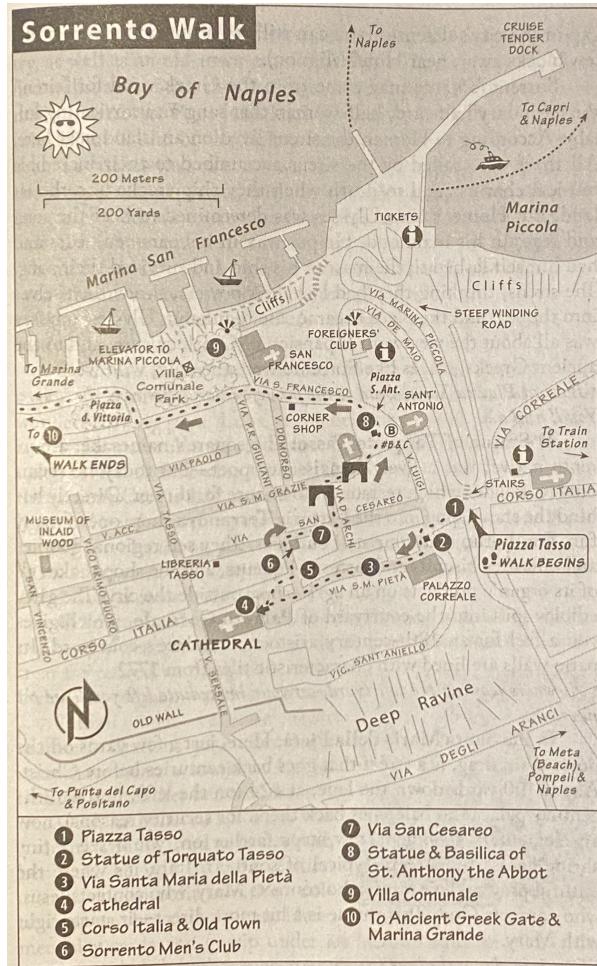
Amalfi Coast Tour: Sorrento

Next, we'll board a shuttle bus to rejoin our coach. The coach brings us to **Sorrento**, our final stop. We'll have more free time to explore, have lunch in a local restaurant, and finally board the coach to return to the Port of Naples and the ship.

The **Piazza Tasso** is Sorrento's living room. Just behind the **Statue of Torquato Tasso** you'll find **Fattoria Terranova**, a family-run boutique offering free biscuits and tastes of liquers.

A short walk brings you to the **Cathedral**, with its impressive inlaid-wood interior doors.

Continue on to the **Via San Cesareo**, where you can sample Limoncello and other lemon products, famous to the Amalfi region.



Day 15 - Fri 10/21 - Cruise Day 11

Civitavecchia (Debarkation)

Day 15 - Fri 10/21 - Travel Day

Port to Civitavecchia Train Station

Day 15 - Fri 10/21 - Travel Day

Civitavecchia to Rome

Day 15 - Fri 10/21 - Rome

Last Day in Rome

If time allows, see Vicus Caprarius, the underground system of ancient pools that feed the Trevi Fountain. €4, no reservation required
on Fridays

Day 15 - Fri 10/21 - Travel Day

Rome to Airport

Day 16 - Sat 10/22 - Travel Day

Trans-Atlantic Flight to New York