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Three Perfect Days in Florence - A Journey Connected Travel Guide

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The flowering of Florence in art, culture and international trade began in the 13th century and it reached its peak in the 15th century under the reign of the Medici family, who ruled over the city for more than three centuries.

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

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



Top Things to See and Do in Florence



Florence - Do & See

Visiting Florence during spring is an obvious option. It is one of the best times of the year to explore Tuscany's capital city due to warmer temperatures and all the beautiful flowers in bloom. In Florence, there is so much to see and do. The city attracts millions of tourists each year, and it has been ranked as one of the world's most visited destinations by Euromonitor International.





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Learn the foundations of two Italian favourites — gelato and pizza — at a picturesque Tuscan estate near Florence with this fun and memorable cooking class. Enjoy a hands-on cooking lesson with a professional Italian chef, which will culminate in a 3-course meal of appetizers, pizza, and gelato, accompanied by wine and beer. Plus, each participant receives a recipe booklet so you can practise your newfound skills back home.



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Florence Dining, Bars, and Nightlife



Florence - Dining

Florentine cuisine is known throughout the country for its combinations of fresh ingredients proceeding from its extended countryside. As in any other city of Italy, there are some local specialities that you simply cannot miss, like the ribollita (a sort of minestrone), pappa al pomodoro (tomato soup), and the famous bistecca Fiorentina (Florentine t-bone steak).

Tuscanian cuisine also has delicious starters, including crostini and bruschetta (toasted bread with various kinds of toppings). Lastly, be sure not to miss cantucci with vin santo (crunchy almond biscuits to be dunked in a sweet Italian dessert wine) when you long for something sweet!





I'Trippaio Fiorentino Via Vincenzo Gioberti, Florence +39 335 821 6880

If you want to experience the rustic taste of Florence, you must try lampredotto, a cured meat made from the fourth and final stomach of a cow. Its taste is strong and does not leave space for grey zones: love it or hate it. This very typical product is usually eaten in big sandwiches sold in the street by trucks or wagons called "trippai".



La Buchetta Food & Wine Restaurant

Via dei Benci 3, Florence +39 055 217833

Located next to the Vecchio bridge, La Buchetta, though a bit pricey, delivers one of the best dining experiences in Florence. There isn't anything you can't go wrong with on the menu here, but we highly recommend the tender Florentine steak and the melts-in-your-mouth angels and demons gnocchi, both to be accompanied by an excellent wine suggested by the friendly waiters.



Trattoria Mario

Via Rosina 2r, Florence +39 055 218550

Simple trattoria in business since 1953, where you can experience a true genuine Italian lunch with all that it entails. Trattoria Mario has an easy-going mood, with nothing pretentious: the menu is written on a slate, and the waiters speak very little English. Most importantly, the food is incredible and this is all that matters! The menu features Tuscan soups, pasta and meat dishes with regional wines. No reservations and no credit cards, so do not forget to bring cash, and hurry up if you want to find a table!



Osteria Cacio Vino Trallalà Borgo Santi Apostoli, 29 +39 055 215558

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



Enoteca Pinchiorri Via Ghibellina 87, Florence +39 055 242777

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



Trattoria Bordino

Via Stracciatella 9r, Florence +39 055 213048

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



Ristorante Lo Spaccio Via Cave di Maiano, 2 +39 055 59432

Enjoy typical Tuscanian dishes in the shade of olive trees at this charming restaurant situated in a country house just 5 km from Florence. This is also the perfect place for spending a day in nature with family or friends.



Trattoria Omero Via del Pian dei Giullari, 47 +39 055 220053

Experience the charm of this relaxed family-run institution, which boasts a rustic ambience and serves classic dishes crafted with seasonal ingredients. Dine on the recommended fiorentina, cervella fritte, grilled chicken, fagioli al fiasco, or pappa al pomodoro, all enhanced by a glass of good Chianti wine. As you savour your meal, take in the stunning view of the surrounding countryside.



All'Antico Vinaio Via dei Neri, 65r +39 055 238 2723

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



Enoteca Pitti Gola e Cantina

Piazza de' Pitti, 16 +39 055 212704

Run by three friends with a great passion for wine, Enoteca Pitti Gola e Cantina serves regional dishes to be paired with a Tuscan wine from its extensive wine cellar, which boasts more than 3,000 supreme bottles.



II Desco

Via Camillo Cavour 27, Florence +39 055 288330

Located in the heart of Florence, this Tuscan restaurant features organic cuisine made with ingredients and products sourced directly from their family farm. The seasonal menus also offer a range of vegetarian, vegan, and dairy-free options.



Antica Trattoria da Tito Via San Gallo 112r, Florence +39 055 472475

Antica Trattoria da Tito is an unfussy, long-running restaurant, which opened the doors of its lively and welcoming dining room for the first time in 1913. It offers all Florentine classics and some variations, plus daily specials and a great choice of Tuscan wines, all for reasonable prices and in a friendly atmosphere, with scrawled messages on the walls.



iO — Osteria Personale

Borgo San Frediano 167r, Florence +39 055 933 1341

Osteria Personale offers elevated and elegantly plated Italian cuisine in a cosy, rustic-chic atmosphere. A hidden gem in Florence located a bit outside the tourist area, but easily reachable by walking along the promenade on the river Arno, which is also a peaceful and romantic experience.



Dim Sum

Via Antonio Magliabechi, 9r +39 055 284331

You will never get tired of Italian food, but if you crave some ethnic flavour, the Chinese restaurant Dim sum is a great choice. Homemade noodles, steamed dumplings, plus, Tuscan-influenced, creative dim sum are some of the dishes served here. This is a very popular restaurant, so booking in advance is a good idea.



Momoyama

Borgo San Frediano 10r, Florence +39 055 291840

The menu of Momoyama features a wide range of options that goes beyond classical sushi and sashimi. Never underestimate the dish of the day; on the contrary, this choice is highly recommended. For lunch, the restaurant turns into a noodle bar, perfect for a lunch break that is a bit out of the ordinary.

Florence - Cafes

In bustling Florence, you will find a wide array of cafés to sit down and relax, and for those with a sweet tooth, this city will not leave you disappointed.

Many of the national Italian sweet specialities were born in Florence. It is even claimed that the modern gelato, as we know it today, was invented by a Florentine architect called Bernardo Buontalenti, who worked for the Medici family. So even today if you ask for 'crema Fiorentina' (with milk, honey, egg yolk, and citrus) the creation of Buontalenti, you will actually get ice cream made with his original recipe.

Eating ice cream is not the only Italian pastime. Enjoy drinking true Italian espresso while having a conversation with friends and family. So to escape the heat of the sun, just pop into a cafe and have some Italian desserts accompanied by a cup of coffee.





Caffè Gilli Via Roma 1r, Florence +39 055 213896

With an old-world charm, Gilli is a historical café boasting Murano lamps, a frescoed ceiling, and a beautiful arch. Pick delicious treats, such as biscotti and tiramisu, which are so visually displayed and head to the spacious terrace that overlooks Piazza della Repubblica to people-watch. If you want to experience an elegant breakfast with a stunning view, this is the ideal place. Keep in mind, it is a bit pricey but definitely worth going once at least.



Caffè Concerto Paszkowski

Piazza della Repubblica 6, Florence +39 055 210236

Founded in 1903, Paszkowski is a real institution in Florence. Since the beginning, this concert-cafè became famous all over Europe: in its rooms, all the greatest intellectuals have enjoyed its well-known piano concerts. This building had such an important role in Florentine history that it was declared a national monument in 1991. Today, it maintains its elegant aura, where you can enjoy a delicious breakfast or aperitif while reliving the golden era of Florentine literature.



Soul Kitchen

Via dei Benci 34r, Florence +39 055 263 9772

This bar, cafe and restaurant has a different ambience depending on the time of the day, making it a place to stop by whenever you prefer. Its aperitif buffet is well-known throughout the whole city for being different every day. In addition, you can choose a wine from its varied list, or you can entrust Soul Kitchen's professional bartenders. After the aperitif, during weekends concerts and DJ sets are organised.



Pasticceria Marisa Via Circondaria 24, Florence +39 055 366566

This patisserie has a solid reputation in Florence thanks to its 35 years of experience. Its selection includes both sweet and savoury specialities, but Pasticceria Marisa is particularly famous for its 'zuccotto', a semi-frozen dessert (brandy, cake, and ice cream) with origins in Florence. Definitely a place to visit when craving an exquisite dessert.



Gelateria La Carraia Piazza Nazario Sauro 25r, Florence +39 055 280695

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

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



Caffè Rivoire

Piazza della Signoria 5r, Florence +39 055 214412

This elegant café is part of a shop, annexed to one of the most renowned chocolateries in Italy. Rivoire has been in business since 1872, and not only offers coffee, fancy chocolates, and cakes but also serves delicious dishes when hunger kicks in. Thanks to its central location in Piazza della Signoria both locals and tourists are frequent visitors of this place.



Marcello La Pasticceria Viale Europa 169, Florence +39 055 653 1510

Pasticceria Marcello is the perfect place to satisfy your sweet tooth with a wide selection of pastries and desserts available throughout the day. In addition to sweet treats, the shop also offers lunch options and an afternoon aperitif buffet. Don't miss out on the highly recommended Schiacciata Fiorentina and yoghurt cake with fruit.

Florence - Bars & Nightlife

Florence boasts a lively nightlife scene. Most bars have really generous happy hours, which actually last for many hours and are often accompanied by live music or DJ sets.

Dance clubs typically open quite late in the evening and only begin to get crowded at about 1 or 2 in the morning. Insider's tip: it is possible to find free passes to clubs around the city in order to avoid cover charges.





Harry's Bar Lungarno Amerigo Vespucci, 22 +39 055 239 6700

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



La Cité

Borgo San Frediano 20r, Florence +39 349 901 1105

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



Rex Cafè

Via Fiesolana 25r, Florence +39 055 248 0331

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



Mostodolce Via Nazionale 114r, Florence +39 055 230 2928

If you want to taste good homebrew made in Italy, Mostodolce will fit you perfectly! It is the official dealer of the namesake brewery. Here, you can taste several artisanal beers of different kinds, both made by Mostodolce and other Italian brewhouses, plus charcuterie plates, pizza and burgers.



Public House 27

Via Palazzuolo 27, Florence +39 320 024 8729

Public House 27 is a quirky, off-beat bar and a popular hangout among the locals, making it a great place to mingle and maybe even make some new friends in Florence. The bar is conveniently located near the train station and offers great craft beers in a retro ambience and tends to attract an eclectic group of people.



Bistrot Cafè 19.26 Via Giovan Battista Niccolini 30r, Florence +39 055 234 6296

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



Nab Firenze

Via Ventisette Aprile, 28 +39 055 475087

Described as a cultural meeting point, this fine wine bar is open all day long. In the late afternoon, it offers a delicious aperitif accompanied by numerous wines from Tuscany. Thursday evenings are dedicated to live music, art exhibitions, or encounters with new writers. Whereas by night, Nab turns into a lively and coloured bar frequented by youngsters and students.



Моуо

Via dei Benci, 23r +39 055 247 9738

Moyo is one of the most popular spots in Florence where to relish fine quality cocktails in a modern atmosphere. With a central location, in the very heart of the city's party scene, this is the place where to start a memorable night out. DJ sets, bottle service, and various events are also part of Moyo's offer.



YAB

Via Sassetti 5r, Florence +39 055 215160

Put on your finest, head over to this club and dance the night away with your friends! YAB has a long history. The first live concert held here was in 1979. Today, it will welcome you in a cosmopolitan and modern ambience, and by hosting different theme nights and presenting famous artists, you will for sure have an enjoyable evening. Check out their website to stay updated.



Otel Variete

Via Generale C. A. dalla Chiesa, 9 +39 055 650 3131

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



Tenax Via Pratese 46, Florence +39 393 920 4279

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

Florence Tourist Resources



Florence - Tourist Information





Florence's international airport Peretola, formally Amerigo Vespucci Airport, is around 4 km from the city centre, located on the northwest outskirts of Florence. The city centre can be reached in about 15 minutes by taxi, and about 20 minutes by bus.

A special bus called "Vola in bus" gets you to the city centre, to S. Maria Novella railway station (SMN) in 20-25 minutes. The bus runs daily, including Sundays and holidays. The bus departs from the airport every 30 minutes between 5:30am to 8:30pm after that it runs every hour until 11:45pm. The last bus is at 1am. Tickets can be bought directly when boarding the bus, but be aware only one-way tickets are available from the driver. Round-trip tickets must be purchased before boarding the bus from ATAF and Li-nea resellers or from newsagents.

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

Car rental companies are situated at "Palagio degli Spini" and are connected to the airport by a free shuttle bus. The shuttle bus runs every 20 minutes.



Public Transport

The best way to get around Florence is on foot. The city centre is not very large and is full of monuments and amazing things to see. The local transport companies are ATAF and LI-NEA. A ticket can be bought at newsstands, tobacconists, or any shop with an "ATAF" sticker in the window, and it is valid for 90 minutes. Always remember to validate your ticket by stamping it when boarding the bus.



Taxi +39 055 4242

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

The main taxi companies in Florence are Taxi 4242 and Taxi 4390.



Post

Via Luigi Alamanni, 20 +39 055 267 4931

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



Pharmacy 118 for 24 hour emergency advice

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



Country code: +39

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



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