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Florence Social Life



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Florence is very easy to reach, even if you're flying into another major Italian airport.

From Milan (Malpensa or Linate Airport)

Take the airport shuttle to Milano Centrale, then a high-speed train to Firenze Santa Maria Novella (SMN). The ride takes about 1h55, and trains run frequently.

Train tickets: <https://www.trenitalia.com> • <https://www.italotreno.it>

From Rome (Fiumicino Airport)

Take the Leonardo Express to Roma Termini, then a high-speed train to Florence (1h30). Total travel time approx. 2 hours.

From Bologna Airport

Take the Marconi Express to Bologna Centrale (10 minutes), then a 35-minute high-speed train to Florence. Very convenient.

From Pisa Airport

Take the PisaMover shuttle to Pisa Centrale, then a 50-minute regional train to Florence SMN.





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Car & Taxi

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Do You Need a Car?

If you're staying in the center of Florence, you absolutely do not need a car. The historic center is walkable, parking is expensive, and many streets are restricted (ZTL).

If you plan to explore Tuscany, you can rent a car here:
Rentalcars: <https://www.rentalcars.co>

Taxis in Florence

Florence has taxis, but very few, and they cannot be hailed on the street like in the US.
Uber works only with local taxis, so wait times can be long.

To get a taxi:

- Taxi App 4390 (iOS/Android)
- Call +39 055 4390 or +39 055 4242





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What to See in Florence

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Museums

Uffizi Gallery

The world's most important collection of Renaissance art — Botticelli, Leonardo, Michelangelo, and endless masterpieces.

Tickets: <https://www.uffizi.it>

Accademia Gallery

Home to Michelangelo's David, plus incredible Renaissance sculptures and musical instruments.

Tickets: <https://www.galleriaaccademiafirenze.it>

Palazzo Pitti & Boboli Gardens

A grand Medici palace filled with royal apartments and art galleries, with vast Renaissance gardens behind it.

Info: <https://www.uffizi.it/palazzo-pitti>

Museo Novecento

Modern Italian art in a beautiful piazza, perfect for a quicker cultural stop.

Info: <https://www.museonovecento.it>





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Florence Neighborhoods

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Piazzale Michelangelo

The best panoramic viewpoint in the city. Go at sunset: warm light, street musicians, and a postcard-perfect skyline. It's a short uphill walk or a quick taxi ride.

Oltrarno

Just across the river — creative, artisanal, full of local workshops, vintage boutiques, and cool bars. Less touristy, more authentic.

Santo Spirito (within Oltrarno)

Bohemian, lively, relaxed. The piazza fills with locals, artists, and students. Great for aperitivo, people-watching, and discovering small independent restaurants.

Sant'Ambrogio

A foodie district with markets, bakeries, cafés, and a very local vibe.

Santa Croce

Packed with restaurants, leather shops, and vibrant nightlife; a mix of historic charm and modern energy.





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Experiences to Book

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Perfume Workshop

Craft your own signature scent at a historic Florentine perfumery.

<https://www.aquaeflor.com/en/experiences/>

Florentine Paper Workshop

Learn marbling and bookbinding using centuries-old techniques.

<https://ilpapirofirenze.it/>

Cooking Class (Pasta + Gelato + Market Tour)

Make fresh pasta from scratch, visit a local market, and cook with Florentine chefs.

<https://www.cookingclassinflorence.com>

Truffle Hunting & Tuscan Lunch

A countryside experience searching for truffles with trained dogs, followed by a tasting.

<https://www.tuscanyexperience.net>

Arnolfo's Terracotta Workshop

A hands-on experience in a traditional artisan workshop creating pieces inspired by Della Robbia ceramics.

<https://www.arnolfo1927.com/laboratori>





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Wine Windows

Florence Wine Windows (“Buchette del Vino”)



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These tiny little windows in palace walls were used in the 1600s to sell wine directly from producers. Today, a few have reopened and serve wine (or gelato!) through the historic opening.

How to find them:

Look for small stone windows about the size of a letterbox.

Map: <https://buchettedelvino.org/>





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Where to Eat

Where to Eat — Top 20 Restaurants



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1. Cibrèo Trattoria – Tuscan comfort dishes; iconic. <https://www.cibreo.com>
2. Il Santo Bevitore – Contemporary Tuscan, candlelit and stylish. <https://www.ilsantobevitore.com>
3. La Giostra – Romantic and cozy, beloved by locals and visitors. <https://www.ristorantelagiostra.com>
4. Regina Bistecca – The best Florentine steak experience. <https://www.reginabistecca.com>
5. Cibrèo Caffè – Elegant Tuscan and Mediterranean flavors.
6. Trattoria Sostanza – Tiny, legendary; the butter chicken is a must.
7. Osteria All'Antico Ristoro di Cambi – Traditional Florentine meats.
8. Cibrèo del Teatro – Refined, chic Tuscan dining.
9. Il Palagio (Four Seasons) – Michelin-starred luxury. <https://www.fourseasons.com/florence>
10. Buca dell'Orafo – Classic family-run trattoria.
11. Coquinarius – Wine bar + delicious fresh pasta. <https://www.coquinarius.it>
12. Gurdulù – Creative, refined dishes, elegant setting.
13. Trattoria Mario – Bustling lunchtime spot; very traditional.
14. Da Ruggero – Simple, authentic home-style dishes.
15. La Ménagère – Concept restaurant + café + flower shop. <https://www.lamenagere.it>
16. Citrarium – A modern tasting menu with a panoramic view. <https://www.citrarium.com>
17. Cammillo Trattoria – Classic Florentine in a chic vintage space.
18. Simbiosi – Organic pizza & pasta. <https://www.simbiosifirenze.com>
19. Fuor d'Acqua – The best seafood in Florence. <http://www.fuordacqua.it>
20. Golden View – Beautiful riverside dining with Ponte Vecchio views. <https://goldenview.it>





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Cocktail Bars

Cocktail Bars – Coolest Spots for Drinks (Top 10)



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1. Locale Firenze – Spectacular interiors, exceptional cocktails. <https://www.localefirenze.it>
2. Il Santino – Tiny wine bar with amazing charcuterie. <https://www.ilsantinowinebar.com>
3. Manifattura – Only Italian spirits; cool vintage vibe.
4. Rasputin – Secret speakeasy; ring the bell and descend into candlelit mystery.
5. Ditta Artigianale – Espresso + cocktails; hip and lively. <https://www.dittaartigianale.it>
6. Mad – Souls & Spirits – Experimental, fun, very Florentine.
7. Gucci Giardino 25 – Chic, fashion-forward cocktail bar. <https://giardino25.gucci.com>
8. LoveCraft – Fantasy-themed mixology.
9. Floreal – Botanical cocktails in a stylish space.
10. Bistrot Santa Rosa – Green, relaxed, beautiful outdoor drinks. <https://www.santarosabistrot.com>





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Rooftops

Rooftops — Best Views in Florence (Top 7)



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1. La Terrazza, Hotel Continentale
Atmosfera chic, vista sul fiume Arno, perfetto per un drink glamour.
<https://www.lungarnocollection.com>
2. SE·STO on Arno, The Westin Excelsior
Elegante, panoramico, ideale per un cocktail al tramonto.
3. Divina Terrazza, Grand Hotel Cavour
Vista mozzafiato sul Duomo, ambiente raffinato.
<https://divinaterrazza.com>
4. Angel Roofbar, Hotel Calimala
Moderno, vibrazione internazionale, ottimi cocktail e ottimo cibo.
<https://hotelcalimala.com>
5. Empireo, Plaza Hotel Lucchesi
Rooftop con piscina, atmosfera estiva e vista sul fiume.
6. La Rinascente Rooftop Café
Vista diretta sul Duomo, perfetto per un caffè o un aperitivo veloce.
7. Terrazza del B-Roof, Grand Hotel Baglioni
Storico, elegante, con uno dei panorami più iconici di Firenze su cupole e tetti rossi.
<https://www.hotelbaglioni.it/b-roof>





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About All'Antico Vinaio

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The most famous sandwich shop in Florence — huge schiacciata sandwiches, bold flavors, very local.
Expect long lines — go early or mid-afternoon.
Website: <https://www.allanticovinaio.com>





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