

### Population

366,000

### Currency

Euro, €1 = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Shops are usually open from 09.00-13.00 and 15.30-19.30. Closed on Sundays and Mondays morning.

### Internet

[www.firenzeturismo.it](http://www.firenzeturismo.it)  
[www.comune.firenze.it](http://www.comune.firenze.it)

### Newspapers

La Nazione  
Il Giornale di Firenze  
La Repubblica  
Corriere della Sera  
La Stampa  
La Repubblica

### Emergency numbers

Carabinieri: 112  
Police: 113  
Local police: +39 055 328 3333  
Fire brigade: 115  
Medical Emergency Service: 118

### Tourist information

APT (Tourist Information Board)  
Address: Via Cavour 1r  
Tel. +39 055 290 832 / +39 055 290 833  
[www.firenzeturismo.it](http://www.firenzeturismo.it)  
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08.30-18.30 Sundays and holidays  
08.30-13.30

# FLORENCE

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Regional capital of Tuscany, and world tourist destination, Florence is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, a fact acknowledged by UNESCO which has designated the city as a treasure of humanity. The city hosts some of the most famous works of art on the planet and the whole of the city centre is packed with stunning palaces, churches and monuments. The surrounding countryside is well-known for its rolling hills and its wine—particularly the Chianti area between Siena and Florence.



## THE CITY

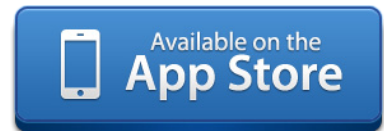


Florentia—florid city—was the name given by the Romans to this settlement founded in the I century AD along the Arno river at the foot of Fiesole, an Etruscan city whose ruins are visible on the hill which dominates the city. The flowering of Florence in art, culture and international trade began in the 13th century and reached its peak in the 15th century under the reign of the Medici family, who ruled over the city until the end of the 18th century. Everywhere you turn in Florence, you find extraordinary works of art and architecture, which attract some 8 million tourists a year—from the Palazzo Vecchio to the world-famous Uffizi gallery and 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 are the splendid Boboli gardens across the river. Florence is an international centre for food and for wine—with Chianti being its most famous local product and the celebrated Fiorentina steak on the bone.

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## DO & SEE



### **Cathedral S. Maria del Fiore**

A gothic cathedral with Brunelleschi's stupendous dome. To the right is Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery of S. Giovanni stands opposite the cathedral entrance.

Address: Piazza Duomo, 17  
Internet: [www.duomofirenze.it](http://www.duomofirenze.it)

### **S. Maria Novella**

Masterpieces by Masaccio, Giotto, Brunelleschi can be admired here.

Address: P.S.M.Novella, 18  
Internet: [www.smn.it](http://www.smn.it)

### **Basilica of Santa Croce**

Beautiful artworks, including Giotto's frescoes.



Address: P. Santa Croce  
Phone: +39 055 244 619

### **Basilica of S. Lorenzo**

A splendid, square-shaped Old Sacristy designed by Brunelleschi. The New Sacristy is by Michelangelo.

Address: P. Madonna degli Aldobrandini  
Phone: +39 055 214 042

### **Chapel Brancacci (S. Maria del Carmine)**

A chapel famous for its frescoes by Masaccio. The visit now includes an excellent interactive audio-visual tour.

Address: P. del Carmine

### **Uffizi Gallery**

One of the greatest museums of the world with masterpieces from the 13th to 19th century.

Address: P. degli Uffizi, 6  
Phone: +39 055 238 8651  
Internet: [www.uffizi.com](http://www.uffizi.com)

### **Gallery of the Accademia**

Hosts famous sculptures by Michelangelo, including the iconic "David."

Address: Via Ricasoli, 60  
Phone: +39 055 238 8609

### **Galleria dello Spedale Degli Innocenti**

This gallery contains fine paintings such as the "Adoration of the Magi" by Ghirlandaio.

Address: P. SS. Annunziata, 12

Phone: +39 055 203 7308

### **Palazzo Vecchio**

This was the home of the Priori delle Arti, of the Signoria and a ducal residence.

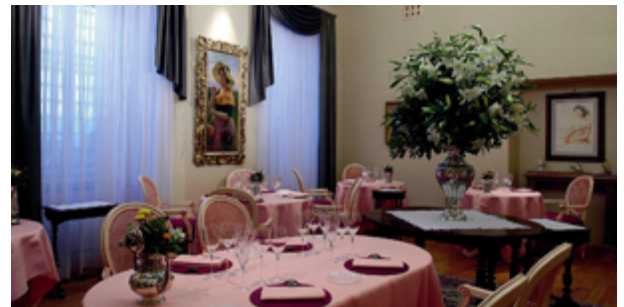
Address: P. Signoria  
Phone: +39 055 276 8325

### **Palazzo Pitti**

Another Medici family residence. The Boboli Gardens are laid out behind the Palazzo.

Address: Piazza Pitti

## **EATING**



Tuscan cuisine is known throughout the world for its combinations of fresh ingredients. Try the ribollita (a kind of minestrone), pappa al pomodoro (tomato soup) and bistecca alla fiorentina (Florentine T-Bone steak). Tuscan starters include crostini and bruschetta, toasted bread with various toppings. Don't miss cantucci with vin Santo.

### **Enoteca Pinchiorri**

An exclusive restaurant. Elegant atmosphere and refined menu. Wine list for connoisseurs.

Address: via Ghibellina, 87  
Phone: +39 055 242 757



Internet: [www.enotecapinchiorri.com](http://www.enotecapinchiorri.com)

### **Ristorante Il Cibreo**

Strong and sometimes spicy interpretation of Tuscan food. Don't come here if you're longing for pasta or Florentine T-bone because these dishes are not on the menu.

Address: via Andrea del Verrocchio, 8r  
Phone: +39 055 234 1100  
Internet: [www.cibreo.com](http://www.cibreo.com)

### **Trattoria Il Cibreo**

Next door to the famed Ristorante Cibreo, this lively trattoria features large tables shared by all and most of the same dishes as the Ristorante Cibreo (at lower prices).

Address: via dei Macci, 122r  
Phone: +39 055 234 1100  
Internet: [www.cibreo.com](http://www.cibreo.com)

### **Circo-lo Teatro del Sale**

Trendy dinner theatre where the meals are buffet-style. The large tables are shared by all.

Address: via dei Macci, 111r  
Phone: +39 055 200 1492  
Internet: [www.teatrodelsale.com](http://www.teatrodelsale.com)

### **Trattoria Omero**

Typical Tuscan cuisine. Recommended dishes: fiorentina, fried brains, grilled chicken, fagioli al fiasco, tomato soup.

Address: Pian de' Giullari  
Phone: +39 055 220 053  
Internet: [www.ristoranteomero.it](http://www.ristoranteomero.it)

### **Trattoria Bordino**

If you find yourself in town at lunch-time, Bordino offers you one the best lunches in the city. Candle lit-tables for dinner.

Address: via Stracciatella, 9r  
Phone: +39 055 213 048  
Internet: [www.trattoriabordino.it](http://www.trattoriabordino.it)

### **Restaurant Ciro & Sons**

An elegant place covered in beautiful frescos. Naples-style pizza and Mediterranean dishes.

Address: via del Giglio, 28r  
Phone: +39 055 289 694  
Internet: [www.ciroandsons.com](http://www.ciroandsons.com)

### **Zibibbo**

A nice restaurant on the hill just outside the city center, featuring original cuisine.

Address: via di Terzollina, 3r  
Phone: +39 055 433 383  
Internet: [www.trattoriazibibbo.it](http://www.trattoriazibibbo.it)

### **Fattoria le Cave di Maiano**

Country house where you can enjoy warm-weather lunches under the olive trees. Typical tuscan food.

Address: via Benedetto da Maiano, 11 – Maiano  
Phone: +39 055 599 600  
Internet: [www.fattoriadimaiano.com](http://www.fattoriadimaiano.com)  
More Info: 5 km from Florence



## CAFES



### **Caffè Pasticceria Rivoire**

Elegant café renowned for the best hot chocolate in Florence.

Address: Via Vacchereccia, 4r

### **Gilli**

A liberty style café boasting Murano lamps, a frescoed ceiling and arches. Good pastries and chocolates.

Address: Via Roma 1/R

Internet: [www.gilli.it](http://www.gilli.it)

### **Caffè Giacosa-Cavalli**

A historic café owned by the stylist Roberto Cavalli. Pastries and cakes at breakfast and teatime.

Address: via della Spada, 10r

Internet: [www.caffegiacosait](http://www.caffegiacosait)

### **Caffé Concerto Paszkowski**

With more than 150 years of history, this is one of the classiest cafes in the city. Good for cappuccino and croissant.

Address: piazza della Repubblica, 6r

## **Pasticceria Marcello**

Wide range of pastries and desserts. Try the schiacciata fiorentina and the yoghurt cake with fruits. Light lunch available.

Address: Piazza Gualfredotto, 14/r

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Florence boasts a lively nightlife scene. Most bars have some sort of happy hour, which usually lasts for many hours and is often accompanied by substantial snacks. Dance clubs typically don't open until very late in the evening and don't get crowded until 01.00 or 02.00 in the morning. Cover charges are steep, but it's fairly easy to find free passes around the city.

### **Harry's Bar**

A swanky place with trademark Bellinis and fine martinis.

Address: Lungarno A. Vespucci, 22/r

Internet: [www.harrysbarfirenze.it](http://www.harrysbarfirenze.it)

### **Dolce Vita**

A classy bar with a large veranda and cosy inner rooms that recall the high-life of Fellini films. Cocktail service all day. Small exhibitions and mini-concerts.

Address: Piazza del Carmine, 6r

Internet: [www.dolcevitaflorence.com](http://www.dolcevitaflorence.com)



### **Negroni**

Negroni teems with well-dressed young Florentines. Dj music.

Address: Via dei Renai, 17/r  
Internet: [www.negronibar.com](http://www.negronibar.com)

### **Noir**

Noir (Ex Capocaccia) is a very chic and trendy place to drink cocktails. The interior is all black therefor the name "Noir". They also serve lunch if you are feeling hungry.

Address: Lungarno Corsini 12-14

### **Slowly Bar**

Another see-and-be-seen Florentine hot spot. Classic cocktails and aperitifs to drink with Tuscan-style snacks.

Address: via Porta Rossa, 63

### **Meccanò**

Another well-known disco where you can dance until the wee hours of the morning.

Address: Viale degli Olmi - Parco delle Cascine

### **Tenax**

One of the best places in the city for listening to good music. Live concerts and various events.

Address: Via Pratese, 46  
Internet: [www.tenax.org](http://www.tenax.org)

### **Otel Ristotheatre**

Here you can have dinner or eat a pizza and at the same time listen to live or dj music, cabaret and other variety shows.

Address: via Generale Dalla Chiesa, 9  
Internet: [www.otelvariete.com](http://www.otelvariete.com)

### **Universale**

A nice place just to drink or listen to music, chill out, watch a show or have dinner. Modern design.

Address: Via Pisana 77/r  
Internet: [www.universalefirenze.it](http://www.universalefirenze.it)

### **Club Central Park**

Central Park is a popular club especially in the summer time when they have an open-air disco with dance floor. There are up to three Djs that plays different genres of music like hip-hop, commercial and house. This is the place where the young and trendy Florentines hang out to dance and drink good cocktails.

Address: Via del Fosso Macinante, 2  
Internet: [www.centralfirenze.it](http://www.centralfirenze.it)

## **SHOPPING**



Florence's two central streets, via Tornabuoni and via della Vigna Nuova, are the best places for the most exclusive boutiques, leather goods and stylish shoes. Here you can find most of the internationally known Florentine fashion brands such as Roberto Cavalli, Gucci, Salvatore Ferragamo and Ermanno Scervino. The fashion addicted should



definitely go to The mall (Via Europa 8 - Leccio Reggello), 30 minutes drive from Florence, where they will find discounted clothes, shoes, bags and accessories from the top stylists' past collections. If you are interested in original gold or silver jewellery, head for the Ponte Vecchio and its tiny botteghe orafe (craftwork shops). One of the most renowned is Gioielleria Carlo Piccini (via Ponte vecchio, 31r - tel: 039 055 210891). Besides shops, Florence is rich in open-air markets. If you want to buy leather goods or clothes, go to the market of San Lorenzo, which is located in the centre of the city, or to the Market of the Porcellino, which is sheltered under the sixteenth-century Loggia del Porcellino.

## SLEEPING



### Grand Hotel

This former 18th century palace is one of the most elegant of the city. Splendid rooms with antique furniture.

Address: piazza Ognissanti 1  
Phone: +39 055 271 61  
Internet: [www.starwood.com/grandflorence](http://www.starwood.com/grandflorence)

### Hotel Lungarno

Superb location overlooking the Arno. Sophisticated rooms and valuable modern art collection. It belongs to the Ferragamo group.

Address: borgo San Jacopo, 14  
Phone: +39 055 2726 4000  
Internet: [www.lungarnohotels.com](http://www.lungarnohotels.com)

### Hotel Galileo

A 19th century building located in the heart of the centre. Refined Tuscan style rooms.

Address: via Nazionale, 22/A  
Phone: +39 055 496 645  
Internet: [www.galileohotel.it](http://www.galileohotel.it)

### Hotel Morandi Alla Crocetta

A quiet and comfortable hotel in the former convent of the Crocetta.

Address: via Laura, 50  
Phone: +39 055 234 4747  
Internet: [www.hotelmorandi.it](http://www.hotelmorandi.it)

### Hotel Giada

A small hotel located in San Lorenzo district, known for its lively market.

Address: Canto de' Nelli, 2  
Phone: +39 055 215 317 or +39 055 217 980  
Internet: [www.hotelgiada.it](http://www.hotelgiada.it)

### Locanda de' Ciampi

A cosy bed and breakfast, situated in Santa Croce, one of the oldest quarters in Florence, with a wonderful view of the Loggiato del Pesce which houses an old antiques market.

Address: Via Pietrapiana, 28  
Phone: +39 055 263 8034  
Internet: [www.locandadeciampi.it](http://www.locandadeciampi.it)



## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



### Airport

Florence's airport Amerigo Vespucci, is around 5 km from the centre. A special bus called "Vola in bus" gets you into the city centre (S. Maria Novella railway station) in 20-25 min. for € 4.50 (from 06.00 to 23.30, every 30 minutes). Taxis from the airport to central Florence cost around € 15-20.

Internet: [www.aeroporto.firenze.it](http://www.aeroporto.firenze.it)

### Public Transport

The best way to get around the city is on foot. The city centre is not very large and is full of monuments and things to see. The local transport company is Ataf. The ticket costs € 1.20 (€ 2 on board) and is valid for 70 minutes. You can also get a 24-hour travel card (€ 5).

Phone: +39 055 565 01

Internet: [www.ataf.net](http://www.ataf.net)

### Taxi

The main taxi companies are

CO.TA.FI

Phone: +39 055 4390 / +39 055 4499

### Taxi

and SO.CO.TA

Phone: +39 055 4242 / +39 055 4798

### Post

Florence's main post office is in via Pellicceria, 3

Opening hours: Mondays-Saturdays 08.15-19.00

Phone: +39 055 273 6481

### Pharmacy

Florence's chemists are open from Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 13.00 and from 15.30 to 20.00. Addresses of chemists open during weekends and evenings are posted on the pharmacies.

### Pharmacy

Medical and Dental 24-hour service, Pronto soccorso, is found at Santa Maria Nuova Hospital.

Address: p. Santa Maria Nuova, 1

Phone: +39 055 275 81

### Pharmacy

24-hour medical service especially for tourists (fee paying service staffed by multilingual doctors)

Address: via Lorenzo il Magnifico, 59

Phone: +39 055 475 411

### Telephone

Country code: +39

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





## Electricity

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Borgo Allegri	C3	Via Bonifacio Lupi	B1	Via de'Fossi	A3
Borgo degli Albizi	B3	Via Brunetto	D1	Via de'Macci	C3
Borgo dei Greci	B3	Via C Battisti	B2	Via de'Pecori	A3
Borgo la Croce	C3 D3	Via C Botta	D3	Via de'Pepi	C3
Borgo Pinti	C2 C3	Via C Landino	B1	Via de'Tornabuoni	A3
Borgo S Croce	B3 B4	Via C Marsuppini	D4	Via di Barbano	A1 A2
Borgo S Jacopo	A4	Via Calimala	B3	Via di Belvedere	B4
Borgo Tegolaio	A4	Via Capo di Mondo	D3	Via di Miniato	B4
Corso d Tintori	B4	Via Cavour	B2	Via E Poggi	A1 B1
Costa di San Giorgio	B4	Via Cimabue	D3	Via F Valori	C1
Lungarno Acciaiuoli	A3	Via Ciro Menotti	D2 D3	Via Faentina	C1
Lungarno Archibusien	A3 B4	Via Coluccio	D4	Via Faenza	A2
Lungarno Benv Cellini	C4 D4	Via d Anguillera	B3	Via Fiume	A2
Lungarno Corsini	A3	Via d Arazzieri	A1 B2	Via Fra Buonvicini	C1 D1
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Lungarno d Tempio	D4	Via d Benci	B3 B4	Via Francesco Puccinotti	B1
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Lungarno Gen Diaz	B4	Via d Cerretani	A3 B3	Via G Battista Vico	D2 D3
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Piazza Campanile	B3	Via d Monte alle Croci	B4 C4	Via G Modena	C1 C2
Piazza Cesare Beccaria	D3	Via d Pescioni	A3	Via Ghibellina	B3 C3
Piazza d Merc Centr	A2	Via d Proconsolo	B3	Via Giambologna	C2 D2
Piazza d Signoria	B3	Via d S Giuseppe	C3 C4	Via Giampaolo	D4
Piazza de Pitti	A4	Via d Strozzi	A3	Via Gino Capponi	C2
Piazza della Liberta	B1 C1	Via de Calzaiuoli	B3	Via Giorgio la Piera	B2
Piazza F G Savonarola	C1	Via de Corso	B3	Via Giotto	D3
Piazza G Poggi	C4	Via de Martelli	B2 B3	Via Gius Verdi	B3 C3
Piazza G Salvemini	B3 C3	Via degli Alfani	B2 C3	Via Giuseppe Giuste	C2
Piazza Massimo D'Azeglio	C2	Via degli Artisti	C2	Via Giuseppe La Farina	D2
Piazza San Marco	B2	Via dei Bastioni	C4	Via Guelfa	A2 B2
Piazza Santa Croce	B3 C3	Via dei Castollaccio	B2 B3	Via Guglielmo	D1
Piazza Santa Maria Novella	A3	Via dei Della Robbia	D2	Via Guido	D1
Piazzale Michelangiolo	C4	Via dei Ginori	B2	Via Guido Spadolini	A1
Ponte a Grazie	B4	Via dei Pandolfini	B3	Via Jacopo Nardi	D2
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V d G P Mirandola	C1	Via del Porcellana	A3	Via M di Savoia	C1
V d Markellate	B1	Via della Cernaia	A1 B1	Via M Ficino	C1 C2
V d Tosinghi	A3 B3	Via della Colonna	B2 C2	Via Maffia	A3 A4
V Duca d'Aosta	B1	Via della Fortezza	A2	Via Maggio	A4
V G Berchet	C1	Via della Pergola	B3 C3	Via Magliabechi	B4 C3
V G Pascoli	C1	Via della Piazzola	D1	Via Masaccio	C1 D2
Via Alfonso Lamarmora	B2 C1	Via della Scala	A3	Via Nazionale	A2
Via Andrea del Castagno	D1 D2	Via delle Cinque Giornate	A1	Via Orcagna	D3
Via Antonio Giacomini	C1	Via delle Forbici	D1	Via P Giordani	C2 D3
Via Antonio Pacinotti	D1	Via delle Ruote	B1 B2	Via Palmieri	B3
Via Antonio Scialoia	D2 D3	Via delle Vigna Nuova	A3	Via Panzani	A2 A3
Via Arnolfo	D4	Via dello Statuto	A1	Via Pier Ant Micheli	B2 C2
Via B Cennini	A2	Via dell'Agnolo	C3	Via Pier Capponi	C1
Via Benedetto Varchi	D2	Via dell'Orinolo	B3	Via Pietrapiana	C3
		Via de'Bardi	A4 B4	Via Pietro Colletta	D3



Via Pietro Thouar	C3 C4	Via Scipione Ammirato	D3	Viale dei Mille	C1 D1
Via Por Santa Maria	A3 B3	Via Telesio	D3	Viale Don Giov Minzoni	C1
Via Porta Rossa	A3	Via Timoteo Bertelli	D1	Viale Filippo Strozzi	A1 A2
Via Ricasoli	B2	Via Tripoli	C4	Viale G Amendola	D3 D4
Via Rosolino Pilo	D1 D2	Via V Alfieri	C2	Viale Giacomo Matteotti	C1 C2
Via S Antonino	A2	Via Valfonda	A2	Viale Giovanni Milton	B1
Via S Boticelli	C1	Via Venezia	C2	Viale Giovine Italia	C4 D3
Via S Spirito	A3	Via Venti Settembre	B1	Viale Giuseppe	C4
Via San Gallo	B2	Via Vincenzo Gioberti	D3	Viale Giuseppe Mazzini	D2
Via San Zanobi	B2	Viale Alessandro	D1	Viale Md Tosse	C1
Via Santa Caterina d'Aless	B1 B2	Viale Antonio Gramsci	C2 D3	Viale Michelangiolo	D4
Via Santa Reparata	B2	Viale dei Cadorna	A1	Viale Spartaco Lavagnini	A1 B1