

2-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

2 Day Florence Itinerary: Duomo, Pitti Palace, & Uffizi

A 2 day Florence itinerary covering the cathedral, Piazza della Repubblica, Ponte Vecchio and the Uffizi on day one, then Palazzo Pitti, the Boboli Gardens and Piazzale Michelangelo...



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Day One: The Historic Centre

Today we're walking from San Lorenzo through the historic centre. We start at Massimo Leather, then head for the cathedral and Ponte Vecchio. The Uffizi fills the afternoon, and we finish with dinner at Osteria Pastella. It's a full day, so wear good shoes.



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Train to Florence

We took the train from Venice to Florence, but it should be similar wherever you're coming from! Italo train runs across all major cities of Italy with multiple departures a day so you can...

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Massimo Leather

A leather jacket was one of our big bucket list items in Florence, and this family-run shop in the San Lorenzo leather quarter is where we found ours. The selection was HUGEE, and Andre helped us patiently the whole time...



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Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore

Full disclaimer: we never made it inside - the line was four hours long the day we went. But the outside alone still made this one of my favorite cathedrals of our...

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Piazza della Repubblica

We found this square just by wandering around Florence, and it was the liveliest stop of our afternoon. There were live buskers performing and a cute little merry-go-round turning in the middle...

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All'Antico Vinaio

This is probably the most famous sandwich spot in all of Europe, and it's born right here in Florence. I'd heard this place was overhyped, but I HAD to try the staple! And I'm so glad I ignored those haters because I loved...



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Ponte Vecchio

You're crossing a bridge from 1345 that's still lined end to end with goldsmiths' shops, which is why people call it the most precious bridge in the world. Look up and you'll spot the Vasari Corridor,...

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Uffizi Gallery

Botticelli's Birth of Venus is the one you're going for, and it hangs in Room A9 - tempera on canvas, painted around 1485. Many of the art pieces you see at the Gallery were actually commissioned...

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Osteria Pastella

Best meal we had in Florence, HANDS DOWN! The signature truffle tagliatelle gets flambéed inside a whole wheel of Grana Padano Cheese right at your table. They scrape out the melted cheese, toss the pasta through it, then...

SANTA CROCE · OLTRARNO · PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO

Day Two: Across the River

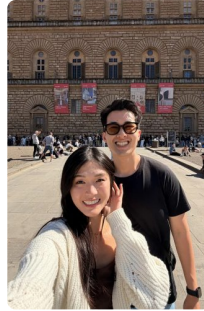
Today we're starting with paninis for breakfast at Pino's, then crossing the Arno for Palazzo Pitti and the Boboli Gardens. We stop at Babae's wine window in the evening, then take the bus up to Piazzale Michelangelo for a lovely sunset view .



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Pino's Sandwiches - Salumeria Verdi

Florence is Panini capital, and a friend sent us to this family-run salumeria near Santa Croce. It's been making its own schiacciata since 1991 and builds more than thirty sandwiches to order. Plenty o...



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Palazzo Pitti (Galleria Palatina)

One ticket here gets you five separate collections, so it's really a stack of museums folded into a single palace. The art is stunning, and rooms of completely...

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Boboli Gardens

The Boboli Gardens is basically the backyard of the Medici's residence, Pitti Palace. Its basically like an open aire museum with Buontalenti's grotto sitting along the path, renaissance sculptures placed between the hedges,...

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Gelateria La Carraia

Gelateria La Carraia sits right at the Oltrarno end of Ponte alla Carraia, the second-oldest bridge in Florence, so you eat your cone with the river in front of you. It's been scooping since 1990, and the counter runs to...



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Babae Wine Window

When in Florence, you have to experience one of these iconic wine windows! Florence's wine windows go back to the 1600s, when wine was sold straight through a small arched window with no contact between buyer and seller. In...



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Piazzale Michelangelo

Honestly, a 10 out of 10 viewpoint . You can see the Duomo and its dome, Palazzo Vecchio with the Arnolfo tower, and the Arno running under Ponte Vecchio. You really can see ALL of Florence from up there, and those red...

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