

4-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

4 Day Florence Itinerary: Duomo, David & Chianti

A balanced 4 day Florence itinerary with the Duomo and historic centre, Palazzo Pitti and the Boboli Gardens, the Uffizi and Accademia, then a relaxed wine-tasting day in Chianti.



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DUOMO • PIAZZA DELLA REPUBBLICA

Day One: The Classic Centre

Today we're in the streets around the Duomo. We're heading for the cathedral, where the green, pink and white marble is unlike anything else, then the 463 steps up the dome. After that it's the buskers in Piazza della Repubblica, a schiacciata at All'Antico Vinaio, and we end on Ponte Vecchio.



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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 HUGE, 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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Climb of Brunelleschi's Dome

Climb the iconic Brunelleschi's Dome! After walking up 463 steps, you finish at the lantern terrace, the highest point over the historic center that's open to th...

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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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OLTRARNO · SAN FREDIANO · PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO

Day Two: Gardens, Wine, and Sunset

Today we're heading south of the Arno. We start in the Palatine Gallery at Palazzo Pitti, then climb into the Boboli Gardens, so wear real shoes for that one. Gelato by the river at La Carraia, a glass at Babae's wine window, then the bus up to Piazzale Michelangelo to end the day above the whole city .



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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. It's basically like an open air 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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SANTA CROCE · PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA · SAN MARCO

Day Three: David & Art Museums

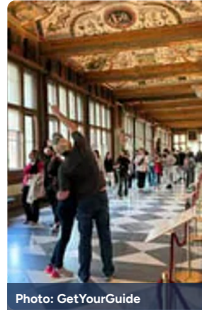
Today is for Florence's essential art and Michelangelo. We start with an affogato at Vivoli, then heading to the famous Uffizi gallery museum before touring the state rooms of Palazzo Vecchio. After a panino at Pino's and the tombs and frescoes at Santa Croce, we finish with David at the Accademia.



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Vivoli Affogato and Gelato

Vivoli is known for their famous affogatos. The line was long when we went but moved fairly fast, took maybe 25 minutes. Perfect for those who love both coffee and ice cream. My favorite was the pistachio for its nutty flavor,...



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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 or collected by the Medici...

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Palazzo Vecchio & Arnolfo Tower

Palazzo Vecchio is still Florence's working town hall, and the museum inside takes you through the state rooms the Medici governed from, right on Piazza della...

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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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Basilica di Santa Croce

This Basilica is where Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli all lie, among close to 300 tombs and memorials to Florentine figures. This is literally the true Florentine Hall of Fame, to put it in other words! I recommend a...

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Accademia Gallery

The Accademia is a compact Florence museum with the largest collection of Michelangelo's sculptures in the world. Its rooms move from Michelangelo's unfinished Prisoners to early Florentine paintings, Giambologna's full-scale...

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CHIANTI WINE COUNTRY

Day Four: A Day in Chianti

Today we're leaving Florence for the hills of Chianti. This is the slower, hands-on day of the trip: vineyard scenery, two winery visits, local producers, and guided tastings before returning to the city.



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Chianti Wineries Tuscany Day Trip

A Chianti wineries day trip takes you from Florence into Tuscany's vineyard-covered hills for guided tastings at two estates. Local producers walk you...

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