FIOMUN tourist guide

Benarrivati a Firenze!

During your time here in Florence, you would be negligent if you did not take advantage of this exclusive opportunity to visit the many museums, monuments, galleries alike and especially eat delicious food. Check out a few of our favourite picks below and don't hold back to inquire for more recommendations and tips!

1. General travelling tips

We have put together a few tips and tricks to ensure you have the best time visiting Florence.

- Download the Google Maps app for a quick and easy way to get around.
- Taxis in Florence are expensive, instead, opt for public city bikes or scooters.
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- Everything is within walking distance.
- Book your museum visits ahead of time.
- Have cash on hand, always carry cash!
- Be vigilant about your belongings.

2. Must see attractions

Florence's city centre is home to some of the most important historical attractions and beautiful sites.

- Palazzo Strozzi: civil architecture with its rusticated stone.
- Piazzale Michelangelo: 19th century piazza with views over the city.
- David (Michelangelo): the world-famous Renaissance statute.
- **Uffizi Gallery:** art museum, home to Renaissance masterpieces.
- Boboli Gardens: historical park of Florence.
- Ponte Vecchio: medieval stone bridge completed in 1345.
- Palazzo Pitti: renaissance palace and art gallery complex.
- Palazzo Medici Riccardi: the first Medici palace and Renaissance house where many artists worked.
- Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, "The Duomo": the iconic red dome medieval cathedral.

3. Restaurants

Florence is known for its delicious cuisine, here are some of the most worth trying restaurants and cafes:

- **Vecchia Bettola**: A restaurant offering classic Tuscan food, known for its renowned 'Penne alla Bettola'
- La Loggia: a panoramic restaurant in Florence with one of its best view sights.
- Caffè Paszkowski: a historical caffè which offers excellent coffee and desserts.
- Ristorante "Il Latini": a fantastic restaurant for savouring the well-known Bistecca Fiorentina.
- Caffè Gilli: the most antique caffè in Florence opened in 1733 which not only offers traditional coffee and desserts but also delicious lunch options.
- **Trattoria Borgo Antico:** a restaurant which offers classic tuscan first plates and steaks. On the go food:
- L'Antico Vinaio: the most iconic world famous sandwich shop in Florence.
- **L'Antico Trippaio**: excellent place to savour one of the typical plates of Florence: lampredotto.
- **Gelateria Santa Trinita**: there is always time for ice cream, gelateria Santa Trinita is one of the most popular and famous ice cream shops that you cannot miss out on trying.
- **Sbrino:** A popular and delicious newly created ice cream shop with locations throughout the Florence city center

4. University Visits

Florence offers many universities of good quality, all of them provide excellent courses. -

- University of Florence (Università Firenze UniFi): Founded in 1321, it is an Italian institution offering a wide range of educational programs and research opportunities in the heart of Florence, Italy. Today it is one of the largest organisations for research and higher education in Italy, with 1,800 structured teachers and researchers, approximately 1,600 technicians and administrators, and over 1,600 doctoral students and research fellows.
- **Polimoda:** founded in 1986 in Florence, it is a private fashion school offering full-time courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels together with a variety of short courses.
- Academy of fine arts of Florence (Accademia di belle arti di Firenze): founded by Cosimo I de' Medici in 1564 in Florence, it is an instructional art academy.
- Lorenzo de' Medici Institute (Istituto Lorenzo de' Medici): founded in 1973 in Florence, it is a private institution of higher education. It provides studio art, fine arts, liberal arts and language studies in English, it is also possible to attend courses in Italian.
- **European School of Economics:** founded in 1994 in Florence, it is a private college of higher education accredited by the Accreditation Service for International Colleges (ASIC). The school offers a UK bachelor's degree, master's degree, MBA and specialized short programmes at its various centres all over Europe.
- **Accademia Italiana:** founded in 1984 in Florence, it is an international private university of fine arts offering fashion design, graphic design, interior and production design, jewelry design, photography and new media courses. Master's degrees, three-year bachelor's degree programs, professional certificates, short courses and study abroad programs are provided.
- The Italian University Line (Università telematica degli studi IUL): founded in 2005 in Florence, it is a private university which provides e-learning courses in centers throughout Italy