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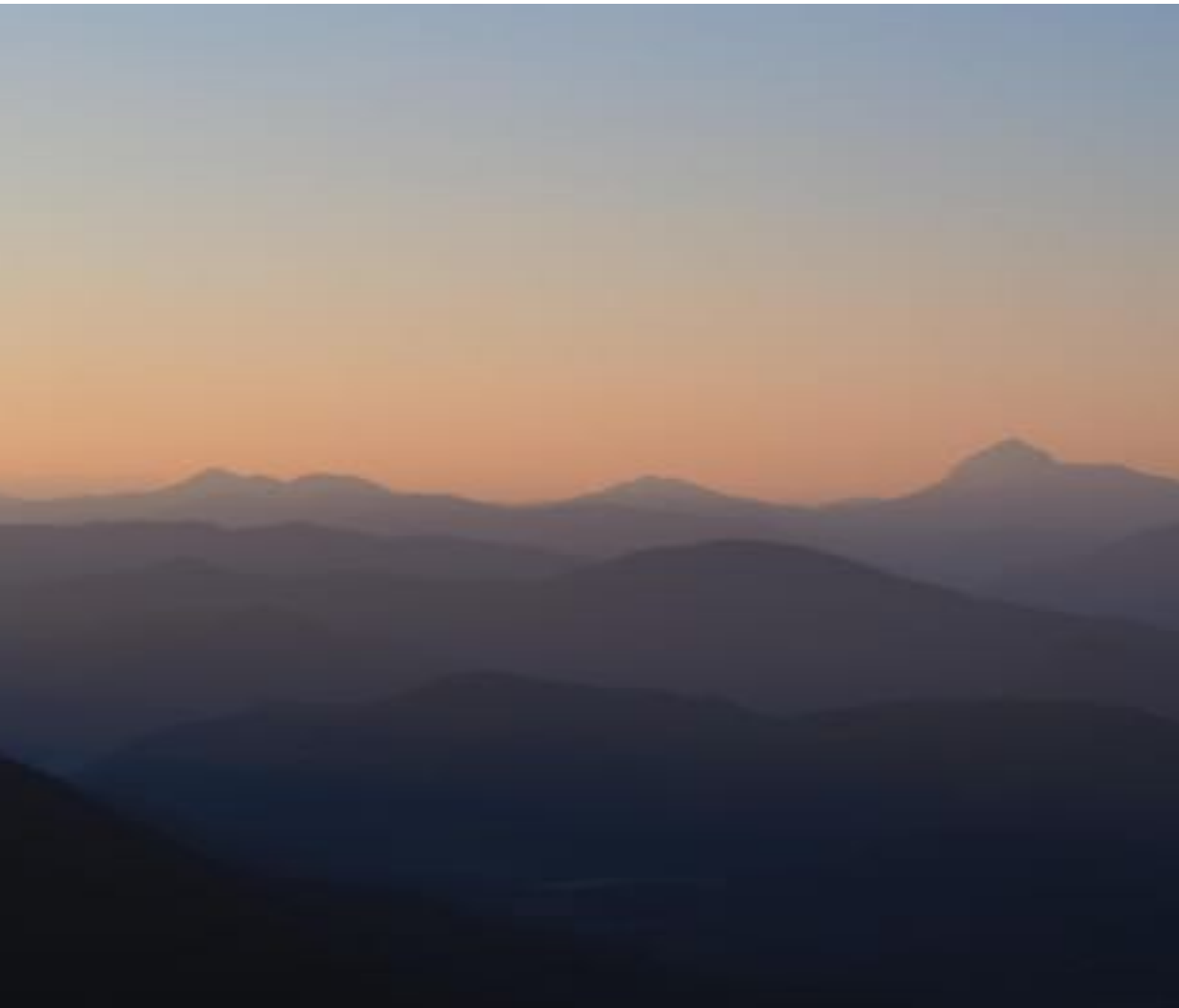
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FLORENCE

4 Days

Citytrip



a travel guide

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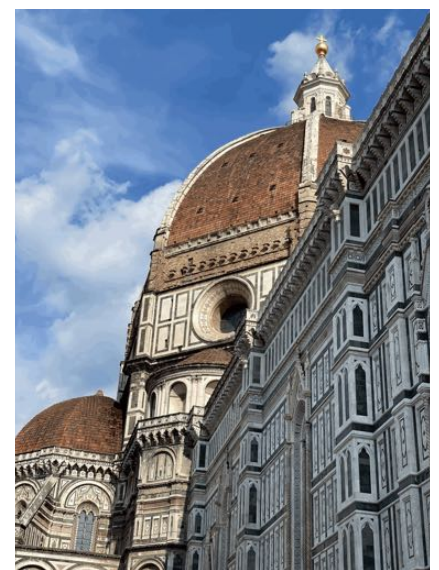
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INTRO

Florence—the capital of the Italian region of Tuscany, known for its cultural highlights and beautiful surroundings—is an ideal destination for a city break.

A long weekend (3–5 days) gives you plenty of time to experience Florence’s main attractions and get a good sense of the city.

The Italian city is served by several European airports and can also be reached as part of a road trip through Italy. From the airport, the T2 tram takes you quickly and easily to the city center in just 20 minutes.

Florence's sights are easily accessible on foot, but the tram and bus network is also well-developed.

A visit to Florence is often combined with trips to nearby cities, such as Siena or Lucca, as well as scenic regions like the Val d'Orcia.

A trip to Florence is especially recommended in the spring or fall; in the height of summer, it can get quite hot.

In addition to the classic sights, we particularly enjoyed the pleasant atmosphere, the beautiful scenery, the fine wine, and the delicious food.

HIGHLIGHTS



01.

Dome of Florence

The Florence Cathedral (Cattedrale Metropolitana di Santa Maria del Fiore) is undoubtedly the most famous landmark of the capital of Tuscany. One of the most impressive features of Europe's fourth-largest city is its massive dome, which is visible from a great distance.

The complex also includes the bell tower, located just a few meters away, and the underground crypt. It's best to purchase tickets online.



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Ponte Vecchio

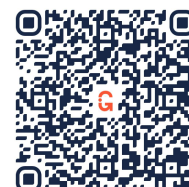
The Ponte Vecchio translates to "Old Bridge." The name truly lives up to its meaning, as it is the oldest bridge spanning the Arno River and is even considered one of the oldest bridges in Europe. The current stone bridge was built as early as the mid-14th century. What makes the Ponte Vecchio unique is that small shop houses line both sides of the bridge, selling jewelry and other items.



03.

Uffizi Gallery

The Uffizi Gallery reflects the city's cultural significance, as it is one of the most important art museums in the world. Here you can find a number of well-known paintings and sculptures by famous artists, including Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. Around two million visitors come to the Uffizi Gallery each year. The Uffizi building originally served as a government building.





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Palazzo Vecchio

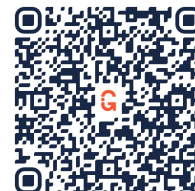
The former seat of the Medici government now serves as the city hall. You can either admire the building from the outside from the square in front of it or tour the interior and the Arnolfo Tower.



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Galleria d'Accademia

Another museum worth visiting is the Galleria dell'Accademia. The highlight of the exhibition is undoubtedly Michelangelo's 16-meter-tall statue of David.



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Santa Croce

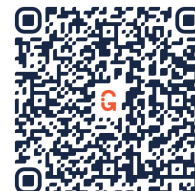
Also located in the center of Florence is the Church of Santa Croce. The church was built in a style similar to that of the cathedral, and inside you can find the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo Galilei, among others.



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Palazzo Pitti

The massive Palazzo Pitti, one of the former residences of the Medici family, is also worth a visit. This palace, too, houses a large and impressive art collection. A stroll through the surrounding Boboli Gardens is also well worth it.





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Fiesole

Basically, the small town of Fiesole is a separate city, but it's only a 20-minute bus ride from the city center, so it almost feels like a suburb. Up here, you can take a leisurely stroll through the narrow streets, enjoy the view down over the city, and have an ice cream.

09. Piazzale Michelangelo

You can also get a great, closer view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo. It gets crowded up here quickly, especially around sunset, and the view is truly fantastic. Not far from here stands the church of San Miniato al Monte.

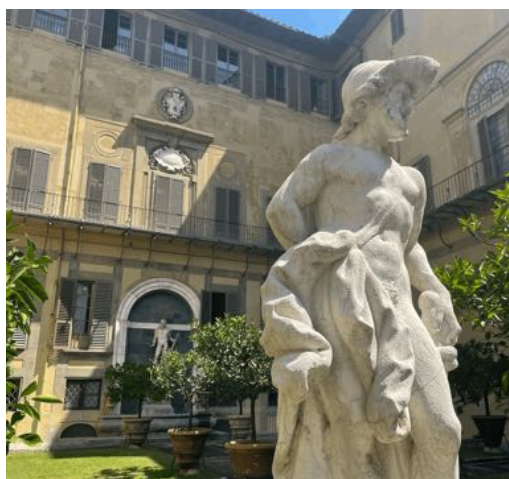


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Florence and Tuscany in general offer excellent wines and delicious food. From classic Italian dishes like pasta, pizza, and gelato to local specialties featuring game or truffles. You can also find traditional flatbread sandwiches here, known as schiacciata.





DAY TO DAY

Day 1 - We visited Florence as part of our road trip through Italy and arrived from Pisa on our first day. After we arrived, we headed straight to the city center, where we first visited the cathedral.

Afterward, we took a short stroll through the city's streets in the evening and had dinner at Il Ricettario—definitely the best ragù I've ever had. After watching the sunset over the Arno with a view of the Ponte Vecchio, we treated ourselves to a glass of wine on our hotel's terrace to round off the first day.

Day 2 - We spent the whole of Day 2 exploring the city's highlights. After a delicious breakfast in town, we strolled down into the city center. We only saw the Palazzo Vecchio from the outside, but we had bought tickets for the Uffizi Gallery and the Galleria dell'Accademia. For lunch, we picked up a delicious schiacciata at All'antico Vinaio and then had ice cream at Gelateria dei Neri. In the afternoon, we took a leisurely stroll through the Boboli Gardens, had dinner at Gusta Pizza, and enjoyed the sunset at Piazzale Michelangelo.

Day 3 - On day 3, we took a short road trip to the nearby Val d'Orcia, enjoyed lunch in Siena, and had ice cream in San Gimignano. We had made a reservation for dinner at Ristoro di Lamole in Lamole.

Day 4 - After breakfast at the hotel, we spent most of the day in the city again, starting with the Church of San Miniato al Monte and the rose garden, and then we drove back to Fiesole. After lunch at Il Nutino, we continued on toward Rome, stopping at Crete Senesi along the way.

WHERE TO EAT

Restaurants:

★ **Il Ricettario**

tuscan restaurant, best ragú
Via Lambertesca, 22 R, 50122 Firenze

● **Gustapizza**

Best Pizza in the city
V. Maggio, 46r, 50125 Firenze FI, Italien

● **Il Nutino**

Traditional authentic restaurant
Borgo S. Lorenzo, 39R, 50123 Firenze



● **All'antico Vinaio**

Delicious sandwiches - Schiacciatas
Via dei Neri, 65, 50122 Firenze FI, Italien

● **Ristoro di Lamole**

Great restaurant outside the city
Via Lamole, 6, 50022 Greve in Chianti FI



Cafés & Ice Cream:

★ **Gelateria dei Neri**

Best ice & Slush of Florence
Via dei Neri, 9/11R, 50122 Firenze FI, Italien

● **Gelateria**

Ice world champion, San Gimignano
Piazza Della Cisterna, 4, 53037 San Gimi.

● **Ditta Artigianale**

Nice café with croissants & more
Via dei Neri, 32 R, 50122 Firenze FI, Italien

● **Rivarno Café**

Small coffee shop with nice snacks
Lungarno delle Grazie, 12R, 50122 Firenze FI

● **Caffè Gilli**

Traditional, authentic café
Via Roma, 1 r, 50123 Firenze FI, Italien

● **Wild Buns**

Amazing cinnamon buns & more
V. Giuseppe Giusti, 2/r, 50121 Firenze FI

WHERE TO SLEEP

There are plenty of good hotels and Airbnbs in Florence. We chose a hotel that was located just outside the city, but it had beautiful grounds, a huge garden, a great terrace overlooking the olive trees, and a fantastic breakfast buffet.

It also offered a free shuttle service to downtown.

Art Hotel Villa Agape.



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