



## FIRENZE

Florence is one of the most famous Italian cities for his architectural stunning majesty. Florence was first settled by the Romans in 59 BC. The area was in central Italy, a perfect stop-off between Rome and the north.

The large river nearby, the Arno, also made it perfect for travel and trade. In fact, the name Florence comes from the Latin 'Florentia' meaning flourishing. Its architectural style is a mix of the different eras in the history of Florence: Medieval, Gothic, Renaissance and Romanesque.

Most of the buildings, bridges, churches, convents, monasteries and cloisters that we admire today come from this period.

Often the work was started in one century in Florence's history and finished over the course of hundreds of years.

The merchants eventually formed guilds to represent their groups and gained administrative power.

It was the wool guild who asked Michelangelo, in 1499, to make a sculpture of the mythological hero, David. [The statue of David](#) represented their freedom, and the power that the workers had gained.

Today you can marvel at this outstanding example of high Renaissance sculpture at the [Accademia Gallery](#) in Florence.

You can also see a reproduction of the statue of David in Piazza Signoria - on the spot where the original Statue of David stood.



Medici was a wealthy noble family which ruled the city for a couple of centuries; they were great patrons of the art, which they used to show their power and strength, just to give an idea, here's a short list of some of the people who the Medici were patrons to in the years 1400 - 1600 in Florence history:

- Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, Amerigo Vespucci, Galileo Galilei.

What you can't miss in Florence ?

Palazzo Vecchio, Palazzo Pitti, Piazza Signoria, Giotto bell Tower, The Duomo, The Brunelleschi Cupola and of course the Uffizi, the Innocenti Hospital and Fountain of Neptune, Ponte Vecchio ( the Old Bridge); as to get the best from your visit in Florence you must be ready to walk because this is the best way to enjoy and admire this city; moreover mostly of the monuments in Florence are close each other and you can discover them even if you decide just to stroll around without map or itinerary You'll be surprised by the majesty of the city itself ! Remember in Florence entrance to the churches is NOT free as in Rome so you have to buy tickets to see the inner part, and in many cases it's worth.

As for the Dome the Uffizi and The Giotto Tower Bell it's better to book the tickets in advance,

To see the Uffizi takes about at least three hours so that it's better to plan in advance what to do and see.

Let us know what are your needs we'll be glad to plan your day with you As soon as we receive your booking you'll receive an updated map of the city and a guide, upon request also an itinerary;

Pick up will be at your accommodation / hotel or b&b in Rome from 7.30 a.m to 9 a.m consider it takes about 4 hours to get there.

Our driver and vehicle must be back in Rome maximum at 10 pm

Pick up and drop off in Florence is in Piazza Santa Maria Novella,



Ostia Vecchia



Ciampino



Fiumicino

Meals and tickets to attractions are not included ;

Suggesting restaurants is not our priority we do it only upon request and the places that we mention are only those where we've been there as a customer not as a tour operator; getting commissions is not our policy.

This one day tour includes if you agree a stop at The Mall an outlet where you can relax and go shopping where you can find some of the most famous brands in Italy i.e. Prada Gucci Burberry, just along your way back to Rome, we added this stop because many clients asked for shopping and this is one of the best outlets in Italy.

For any further information or you wish to personalize your Florence tour do not hesitate to contact us!