



3-Days in

FLORENCE

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Trip Overview

Duration: 3 days/ Weekend trip

Destination: Florence, Italy

Type: Couple's trip, Mid-range budget

Focus: Sightseeing, Culture, Food exploration

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Trip highlights



Ponte Vecchio



Duomo



Santa Maria Novella

Accommodation Picks

Hotel Pitti Palace al Ponte Vecchio

📍 Borgo San Iacopo, 3/R, 50125 Firenze

★ 4-star hotel

?? 116€ per night

Why we love it:

- Prime location right next to Ponte Vecchio
- Rooftop terrace with amazing city views
- Cozy, traditional rooms in a historic building
- Walking distance to the Oltrarno's artisan shops and local spots
- Romantic vibe, perfect for couples

Glance Hotel Florence

📍 Via Nazionale, 23, 50123 Firenze

★ 4-star boutique hotel

🏠 210€ per night

Why we love it:

- Central location near Mercato Centrale & train station
- Rooftop pool and terrace with panoramic city views
- Sleek, modern design with a boutique feel
- Surrounded by great food and local markets
- Great for couples who love a stylish, urban base

Food Picks



Gustapizza

- A must-visit for pizza lovers, located in the Oltrarno
- Small, no-frills spot known for outstanding pizza
- Perfectly chewy dough and super fresh ingredients
- Fun twist: heart-shaped pizzas
- Very affordable and popular with both locals and tourists
- Expect a bit of a wait—worth it for the quality



Osteria Santo Spirito

- Tucked into a cozy piazza in the Oltrarno
- Charming osteria with a warm, rustic atmosphere
- Serves comforting Tuscan classics with seasonal touches
- The truffle gnocchi is a standout favorite
- Friendly, welcoming staff enhance the experience
- Ideal for a laid-back dinner with house wine



Mercato Centrale

- Located near the train station (Santa Maria Novella)
- Lively indoor food market with a wide variety of options
- Great for lunch or a casual dinner
- Offers everything from handmade pasta and pizza to truffle burgers and fresh seafood
- Ideal for groups or indecisive eaters



Trattoria Sabatino

- A true local gem, family-run since the 1950s
- Serves classic, home-style Florentine dishes
- Menu highlights include ribollita, roast meats, and hearty pastas
- Affordable, old-school prices
- Unpretentious dining room with a local crowd
- Great spot for an authentic, no-frills meal

Gelato Picks



Gelateria La Carraia

- Famous for a reason
- Super creamy gelato with generous scoops
- Wide range of classic and creative flavors
- Convenient location near the river, perfect for a post-dinner stroll
- Must-tries: Pistachio and Ricotta & Pear



Venchi Cioccolato e Gelato

- Ultra-creamy, rich gelato with standout chocolate flavors
 - Famous for their in-store chocolate fountain wall
 - Top picks: Hazelnut, Dark Chocolate, Gianduja
 - Dipped cones available, coated in melted chocolate
 - Slightly more commercial, but consistently delicious and worth it
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Coffee Stops



Ditta Artigianale Riva d'Arno

- Long opening hours
- Specialty coffee
- Plenty of savory and sweet options for breakfast and lunch
- Convenient location near the river, right next to Gelateria La Carraia



Melaleuca

- Stylish bakery and brunch spot with a cozy, minimalist vibe
- Excellent specialty coffee
- Famous for fresh pastries—especially the legendary cinnamon rolls—and a rotating selection of cakes
- Friendly, relaxed vibe, high demand

Day 1 - Florence on Foot

Iconic sights, local streets, and a taste of Florence

Santa Maria Novella	Start your day with the beautiful Renaissance façade of this historic church. Inside, you'll find frescoes by Ghirlandaio and a peaceful cloister — a quiet intro to the city.
Piazza del Duomo	The heart of Florence. Visit the Duomo , admire Giotto's Bell Tower , and the Baptistry of San Giovanni . Climb the dome or tower for breathtaking city views (book ahead).
Via dei Calzaiuoli	A lively pedestrian street filled with shops, cafes, and street musicians — perfect for people-watching on your way toward Piazza della Signoria.
Piazza della Signoria	Florence's open-air sculpture museum. See <i>David</i> (replica), <i>Perseus</i> , and Neptune's Fountain. Step inside Palazzo Vecchio's courtyard for a quick (free) look at civic grandeur.
Ponte Vecchio	Walk across the iconic 14th-century bridge lined with goldsmiths and jewelers. The views over the Arno are picture-perfect.
Piazza Santo Spirito	Cross the river for a coffee break or aperitivo in this charming, local-feeling square. A great spot to rest before continuing.
Basilica di Santo Spirito	A quiet, beautiful church with a local vibe and a wooden crucifix carved by a young Michelangelo. A peaceful, cultural pause before lunch or free time.
Ponte Santa Trinita	Cross the river and enjoy one of the best views of Ponte Vecchio. Take a lovely stroll along the north side of the river from Ponte Santa Trinita to Santa Croce , soaking in the riverside charm.
Santa Croce	Final stop of the day — burial site of Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli. The square outside is a lively spot at golden hour.

Evening Stroll <i>(optional)</i>	After a day of sightseeing, take a relaxed walk around Ponte Vecchio . The bridge and nearby streets come alive with street musicians and a lively atmosphere—perfect for soaking in Florence’s charm and ending your day on a high note.
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Day 2 - Museums & Art Treasures	
<i>A full day of Renaissance masterpieces</i>	
Uffizi Gallery	<p>Start your day at one of the most important art museums in the world. Arrive early with pre-booked tickets to avoid crowds.</p> <p>Allow plenty of time (up to 3 hours) to explore masterpieces by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Botticelli – <i>The Birth of Venus, Primavera</i>• Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Raphael• Don’t miss the corridor views of the Arno River and Ponte Vecchio
Galleria dell’Accademia	<p>Walk north to see Michelangelo’s David, the most iconic sculpture in Florence. This museum is smaller and more focused — about 45-60 minutes is enough for most visitors.</p>
Museo dell’Opera del Duomo	<p>Return toward the cathedral to visit this beautifully curated museum. Learn the story behind the Duomo’s construction and see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The original bronze Baptistery doors• Donatello’s sculptures, including <i>Mary Magdalene</i>• Scale models of Brunelleschi’s dome and architectural plans
Piazza della Repubblica	<p>End the day with a stroll through this elegant square. Originally the Roman forum, it’s now home to Florence’s most historic cafés, street musicians, and a classic carousel — a charming contrast to the day’s deep dive into art history.</p>

Day 3 - Palaces, Gardens And Views

Slower pace, scenic views, and a final taste of Florence

Pitti Palace	Step into Medici luxury. Explore the Palatine Gallery, Royal Apartments , and temporary exhibits. Rich interiors, dramatic art, and a look into noble life.
Boboli Gardens	Wander the expansive Renaissance gardens behind the palace — sculptures, fountains, hidden grottos, and panoramic spots over Florence's rooftops.
Artisan Streets	Stroll Via Maggio, Via dei Serragli , and surrounding side streets. These are filled with artisan workshops, vintage shops, and handmade goods — great for browsing or small souvenirs.
Piazzale Michelangelo <i>(late afternoon / early evening)</i>	<p>End your trip with Florence's most iconic view. Walk up if you're feeling active, or grab a quick taxi or bus. The terrace offers sweeping views over the Duomo, Arno River, and Tuscan hills. Stay for golden hour or sunset if possible — it's unforgettable.</p> <p>📌 <i>Tip: Bring a drink or snack, or just find a spot on the steps and take it all in. Great final photos!</i></p>
Forte di Belvedere (Forte San Miniato)	Just a short walk from Piazzale Michelangelo, this peaceful fortress offers stunning views without the crowds — a great place to slow down and take it all in.



Getting Around Florence

From the Airport to the City

- **Tram T2:** Direct to Santa Maria Novella station in ~20 min (€1.50)
- **Taxi:** ~€22–25 flat fare, 15–20 min to the center

Getting Around Town

- **Walking:** The historic center is small—perfect to explore on foot.
- **Taxis:** Use taxi stands or ask a restaurant/hotel to call one
- **Public Transport:** Trams & buses available, but rarely needed in the center

📌 *Tip: Streets are cobbled—bring comfy shoes!*

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