

HIKE STRAIGHT TO THE BEST BITS

THESE SPECTACULAR NARROW STREETS, AUTHENTIC NEIGHBOURHOODS AND UP-AND-COMING HOTSPOTS HAVE BEEN HANDPICKED FOR YOU TO DISCOVER THE CITY. ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS ABOUT WALKING IS THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS MAKING NEW DISCOVERIES AND STOPS.

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1 GELATERIA DE MEDICI VIA DELLO STATUTO, 3/5R

This unique place combines the ancient tradition of artisan ice cream with the most innovative and original creations. Trust us, you won't regret this guilty little pleasure.



6 LUISAVIAROMA VIA ROMA, 19/21

This is one of the most popular Italian fashion boutiques, a bright modern display space for famous designers and emerging fashion talents. At LUISAVIAROMA, fashion is about experience, not brands, so pop in and poke around.



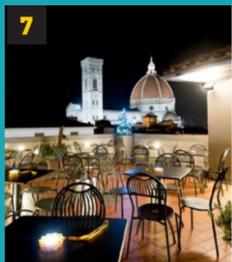
11 PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO

This is one of a few places where you can enjoy the whole gorgeous sweep of Florence in one go. It's an unforgettable panorama of one of the most beautiful skylines in Europe.



2 MERCATO CENTRALE MERCATO CENTRALE

Florence is famous for its leatherwork. If you overdid it on the gelato, buy a new belt from the great outdoor leather market. Now that you've got more wiggle room, roam the two-level food market inside for wine, fruit, meat, fish, cheese, oil, spices and more!



7 CAFFÉ LA TERRAZZA PIAZZA DELLA REPUBBLICA

Located on the rooftop of La Rinascente, Caffé La Terrazza is the ideal spot to relax after a wild shopping spree. Stop here to enjoy an aperitivo, coffee, a full meal... and, of course, a breathtaking panoramic view.



12 LE VOLPI E L'UVA PIAZZA DEI ROSSI, 1

This old-school, traditional wine bar dates is an excellent place to lose track of time. All wines are sourced locally from small Italian winemakers and can be paired with a delicious snack (or two).



3 LA MÉNAGÈRE VIA DE' GINORI, 8

Originally an ancient house wares shop, the space has been reborn as an unconventional concept store-restaurant, where high-end cuisine, design, flowers and home accessories are available for consumption or browsing pleasure.



8 YAB VIA DEI SASSETTI, 5

One of the hottest nightclubs in town, YAB has been constantly reinventing itself to stay ahead of the trends since 1979. Put on your dance shoes and hit the dance floor where Robert De Niro, Madonna, David Bowie and many other celebrities have also busted a move.



13 GIARDINI DI BOBOLI PIAZZA PITTÌ, 1

This stunning public park, located behind the Pitti Palace, offers majestic views at every turn. Feast your eyes on Renaissance and classical sculptures, Tuscan panoramas, or just lose yourself in one of the park's hidden grottos.



4 GALLERIA DELL'ACCADEMIA VIA RICASOLI, 58/60

This art gallery has the largest number of Michelangelo sculptures in the world (seven), including a nude guy named David. Wait in line and check out his infamous curves in person, he's worth it.



9 GALLERIA DEGLI UFFIZI PIAZZALE DEGLI UFFIZI, 6

If you only visit one museum in your life, it should probably be the Uffizi, home to the most important and dazzling collection of Renaissance art. Prepare to be wowed.



14 PIAZZA SANTO SPIRITO PIAZZA SANTO SPIRITO

This little square is the heart of Oltrarno, the most picturesque quarter of Florence. During the day it buzzes with activity, with daily market shoppers, tourists and students. At night, the square really comes to life, creating a communal, one-of-a-kind atmosphere.



5 CATTEDRALE DI SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE PIAZZA DEL DUOMO

The Cathedral, better known as Il Duomo di Firenze, is famous for its massive dome. If you don't mind 463 steps and some tight spaces, head up, up, up for a great view of the city. It's the highest point in central Florence!



10 CORRIDOIO VASARIANO & PONTE VECCHIO LUNGARNO DEGLI ARCHIBUSIERI, 2

This elevated enclosed passageway is also called "the prince's path". Grand Florentines used it to move freely and safely from the palace of the government, Palazzo Vecchio, to their residences in Palazzo Pitti.



15 OFFICINA PROFUMO-FARMACEUTICA DI SANTA MARIA NOVELLA VIA DELLA SCALA, 16

In addition to being masters of European Renaissance art, Florentines were also phenomenal herbalists! Treat your nose to a tour of one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe.

EXPLORE LIKE THE BEST

TIPS

Want an authentic taste of Florence? For real Italian flavor, check out our top 10 recommendations.

I If you aren't fed up with climbing steps, Giotto's Campanile (bell tower) offers another spectacular view and a great perspective on the Cathedral.

II If you're interested in learning more about the Medici family - but not all that interested in reading or studying about it - go and see the Medici Dynasty Show!

III Could your holiday soundtrack use some more cultural, spiritually uplifting music? Check out the program at the Opera di Firenze.

IV Explore the three-kilometers-long Parco delle Cascine along the bank of the Arno River: it will take you from the old town to the point of confluence with the Mugnone stream.

V You can't do without watching sport? Get a ticket to watch the city team Fiorentina play at the Artemio Franchi stadium!

VI Experience the best of Tuscan cuisine: try Ribollita, Panzanella, Tuscan bread and much more in a traditional osteria.

VII Have a walk through the Oltrarno's traditional botteghe: antique trade and quality crafts make the most original souvenirs!

VIII Treat yourself to a tasty sandwich (and wine!) at the Fratellini, the smallest panini bar you will ever see. It is literally a hole in the wall!

IX Make like the Renaissance-era royalty and escape the city to enjoy peace and quiet in the countryside at the Medici Villas, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

X Enjoy a slice of Tuscan country life at Villa Il Palmerino in the Fiesole hills: lectures, concerts, English gardens and a great restaurant await you.

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We want you to get the most out of your time at The Student Hotel Florence, which is why we have selected our favorite spots in town. Some of them just are right around the corner! Let us take you to explore the more authentic side of Florence, from arty treasures of Renaissance beauty that will take your breath away, to wine and foodie hotspots that epitomize the city's revered culinary tradition.



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