



## ITALY

# BEST OF FLORENCE (TOUR CODE: 11711)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Florence

### TRAVEL PERIODS

11 Nov 26 - 31 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

Cultural  
City Stays

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the essence of Florence with guided insight into Michelangelo's masterpieces, time to explore the city at your own pace, and optional excursions into Tuscany and beyond—perfect for a balanced, art-filled introduction to Italy's Renaissance capital.

## Highlights

- Visit the **Accademia Gallery** and admire the "David by Michelangelo", a sculpture of absolute beauty, icon of the Renaissance model
- Enjoy free time to wander Florence's historic streets, boutiques and cafés.
- Settle into your hotel and begin exploring the Renaissance capital at your own pace

Discover the timeless beauty of Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, on a journey that blends art, history and effortless exploration. Settle into your centrally located hotel before delving into the city's cultural heart, where Michelangelo's extraordinary David and other iconic masterpieces await at the Accademia Gallery. With time at leisure and the option to explore Tuscany's famed towns or the dramatic Ligurian coast, this itinerary offers the perfect balance of guided discovery and personal adventure in one of Italy's most inspiring cities.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Florence at 4\* Hotel Pitti Palace al Ponte Vecchio or similar
- Return transfers from/to Florence Station/Airport
- Daily Breakfast
- Small Group Walking Tour (4 hours) with skip-the-line tickets to Accademia Museum

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Florence

Welcome to Florence ! Transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Florence at **Hotel Pitti Palace al Ponte Vecchio** or similar.



### Day 2 Florence

After breakfast at the hotel. Make your own way to the corner between Via Ricasoli and Piazza San Marco, in front of the loggia of Accademia delle Belle Arti. An assistant waits for you wearing blue clothing with Gray Line logos, where you'll meet your guide and begin your experience.

Today's visit is a full immersion into Michelangelo's genius — and the discovery of his most celebrated masterpiece, the David, together with other important works such as the **Prigioni**, **San Matteo**, and the **Palestrina Pietà**. The young



Michelangelo sculpted the David from a single, enormous block of raw marble in just three years, shaping an extraordinary figure of absolute beauty. This magnificent nude, captured at the height of physical strength and vitality, became an icon of Renaissance perfection. The intense expression of power and courage reflected the spirit of the Florentine Republic at its peak, symbol of invincibility and faith.

At the end of the guided visit, you are welcome to remain inside the Gallery and continue exploring at your own pace.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Florence at **Hotel Pitti Palace al Ponte Vechhio** or similar.

Breakfast



DUOMO COMPLEX FLORENCE

Day 3

## Florence

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before setting off on a day entirely at your leisure.

Enhance your stay with an optional tour—perhaps a half-day visit to Pisa, a full-day journey through Siena, San Gimignano and Pisa, or a scenic adventure to Liguria's stunning Cinque Terre. Overnight stay.

Overnight in Florence at **Hotel Pitti Palace al Ponte Vechhio** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 4

## Florence

Breakfast at the hotel, departure transfer. End of services.

Breakfast



## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Day 3: Shared Pisa Tour Through the Tuscan Countryside

Discover Pisa, famous for the Leaning Tower and the stunning monuments of Piazza dei Miracoli: the Cathedral, Baptistery, and Monumental Cemetery.

On this guided tour, admire the remarkable Pisan Romanesque architecture of the Cathedral, the iconic Leaning Tower, and the beautiful

Baptistery with its arcades. Visit the "Camposanto" cemetery, a quadrangular cloister with a marble façade.

Learn about the Leaning Tower, one of the world's wonders, and enjoy free time for photos or to explore the historic quarter, including the Church of San Sisto and Piazza dei Cavalieri, home to the prestigious Scuola Normale university.

*\*Please note that the order of the visits may change.*

**Included:**

- Assistant at the meeting point
- Transport by air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi on board
- Licensed tour escort from Florence
- Local guide in Pisa
- Entrance tickets to the Cathedral (in case of inavailability, the entrance to the Cathedral will be replaced by the visit to Piazza dei Cavalieri)
- Earphones for groups of more than 4 pax for the guided visit in Miracoli Square

**Important note:** Access to the Cathedral is allowed only if equipped with suitable clothing. It is forbidden entry with shorts, bare shoulders, sandals, hats, and sunglasses.

6 hours

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

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## Day 3: Shared Tuscany Highlights: Pisa, Siena, Chianti & San Gimignano with Lunch and Wine Tasting

Enjoy the rich history and art of Tuscany's most iconic sights in a single unforgettable day, including lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant.

Depart to Pisa and reach the Field of Miracles, a vast green square dominated by the dazzling Cathedral, the Baptistery, and the world-famous Leaning Tower, a 56-meter (183 ft) masterpiece of Pisan Romanesque architecture. Enjoy one of the most iconic places in the world: take photos or stroll through the nearby streets.

From Pisa, continue through hilltop hamlets and scenic countryside to San Gimignano, where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan lunch with a tasting of four wines. After lunch, discover this stunning medieval village, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its perfectly preserved town layout. Enjoy free time to explore its center, artisan shops, cobbled streets, and small squares.

The final stop is Siena, reached by crossing the beautiful Chianti region. Siena is a remarkable hilltop town filled with art, traditions, famous monuments, and picturesque views, featuring one of the world's most beautiful Cathedrals. Upon arrival, a local guide will lead you through medieval streets and squares, past the world's oldest bank and Piazza del Campo—home of the historic 600-year-old Palio horse race—to the spectacular Cathedral. Enjoy free time before concluding your perfect day in Tuscany.

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**Includes:**

- Assistance at the meeting point
- Transport by air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi on board
- Tour escort
- Siena local guide
- Traditional Tuscan lunch with wine tasting

12 hours

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## Day 3: Shared Best of Cinque Terre Day from Florence with Typical Lunch

Manarola, Monterosso, Vernazza and Riomaggiore. Walking from village to village admiring the cultivated terraces and the pastel coloured villages hovering between the sky and the sea: this is the best and only way to experience the unique magic of the Cinque Terre.



On this tour you will walk through the villages of the Cinque Terre in one day, admiring and exploring these picturesque small towns. The Cinque Terre is a beautiful stretch of rugged coast and the only unspoilt part left of the lovely Italian Riviera. It takes its name from the five picturesque fishing villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso. Cinque Terre have been inaccessible from the land for centuries, isolated by steep mountains and valleys on one side and by the sea itself on the other. Thanks to its isolation, the unspoilt charm of the Cinque Terre is a protected World Heritage Site and a National Park. Led by our knowledgeable tour guide, you will discover the spectacular coastline.

We visit, with short rides by train, the Cinque Terre villages of Vernazza, Manarola, Riomaggiore and with a lovely boat journey (weather permitting) we reach Monterosso, which is renowned for its beautiful beach and small craftsmen's shops. Vernazza is one of the prettiest of all, where we will have free time to sit in one of the cheerful bars and cafés. In Riomaggiore you will have the chance of shopping into some of the picturesque shops. In Monterosso a delicious local lunch is served in a typical restaurant where the hills declining down to the rocky coves. From Monterosso a train ride takes us back to our Bus, concluding our Cinque Terre visit.

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**Includes:**

- Assistance at the meeting point
- Transport by air-conditioned coach Wi-Fi on board
- Licensed tour escort
- Train tickets
- Boat (weather permitting)
- Typical lunch

12 hours

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## Day 3: Private Half Day Pisa

Meet our driver at the lobby of your hotel in Florence and departure to Pisa. City that boasts a millenary history (the name of the city dates back even to the Etruscan era and would allude to the nearby "mouth" of the Arno) and that reached its peak at the time of the Maritime Republics, a period that made it possible to make the city center one casket of artistic treasures, in which Romanesque and Gothic churches stand out.

Our walking tour begins with an entry through medieval walls through the ancient gate of Porta Santa Maria. Moving on into the city, you will view the gorgeous panorama of the Piazza dei Miracoli - the neatly trimmed green lawn and white marble architecture creating an arresting view. Your guide will accompany you throughout the Piazza, and take you through the Cathedral, which dominates it.

Next, after visiting the Cathedral of Pisa, you'll explore externally the Baptistery, and the famous Monumental Graveyard as well. After that, possibility to at your expenses the world-famous Leaning Tower itself.

At the end of the tour, return back to your hotel in Florence.

**Includes:**

- Transport
- Local guide in Pisa for 2 hours

4-5 hours

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## Day 3: Private Full Day Siena and Chianti Tour

Departing from Florence, our tour will start in the beautiful Siena, where our local guide will show you the Cathedral (interior), Palazzo Comunale (Municipal Building) and Piazza del Campo where the Palio race takes place every year. At the end of guided tour, depart for a wine cellar in Chianti countryside to enjoy a wine tasting and a light lunch. Travelling along the panoramic hills of Chianti, a brief stop in Castellina in Chianti to visit the ancient town center and to shop in shops of local products. At the end return to Florence.

**Includes:**

- Full day car at disposal for maximum of 8 hours
- Half day local guide in Siena for maximum 2.5 hours
- Entrance tickets with reservation for Siena Cathedral
- Wines tasting & lunch in a typical winery in Chianti area

8 hours

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## ACCOMMODATION

### Hotel Pitti Palace al Ponte Vecchio

**Florence**

Set just steps from Florence's Ponte Vecchio, this charming 4-star hotel occupies the historic 13th-century Torre dei Rossi and offers an authentic blend of tradition and Tuscan hospitality. Guests can enjoy two panoramic terraces, a bar, meeting spaces, and cosy lounges, while elegant, well-equipped rooms provide a peaceful retreat in the heart of the city.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- A night supplement will be added for arrival or departure transfers if clients arrive or leave between 8:00 pm and 7:00 am.
- The order of the visits could change for operational reasons

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package