

Florence Awaits

TEMP	SUNRISE	SUNSET	CONDITIONS
14–20°C	7:39 AM	6:08 PM	Warm & sunny

WHAT TO WEAR

Walking shoes — your most important decision today

Florence is cobblestone everywhere. You will walk 8–12 km today. Blisters at the Uffizi are not the memory you want. Wear your most comfortable shoes, tested ahead of time.

Layers — but skip the heavy jacket

It will reach 20°C midday in the sun. A light cardigan or shirt jacket you can tie around your waist is perfect. Museums are cool inside — don't go in sweating.

Cash — Florentine markets are cash-only

The San Lorenzo leather market and street vendors won't take cards. Carry €60–80 for shopping, lunch, gelato, and small purchases. ATMs are everywhere but have queues.

PACK YOUR BAG

Uffizi Gallery tickets (QR on your phone)

Small daypack or crossbody bag

Refillable water bottle

Sunscreen + lip balm

Power bank (charged)

Gel insoles (if you have them)

INSIDER TIPS

01
Piazzale Michelangelo first

Go up while the light is still morning-soft. The panorama of Florence from up there — the Duomo, the Arno, the hills — is the best view in the city. It's free. It's uncrowded before 10 AM.

02
The Uffizi: less is more

The museum has 45 rooms. You'll experience burnout by room 20. Pick your top 5 works ahead of time — Botticelli's Birth of Venus, Leonardo's Annunciation, Caravaggio's Medusa. See those first, then wander. Leave energy for Oltrarno.

03
Cross to Oltrarno for lunch

The south side of the Arno is where Florentines actually eat. Trattoria Sostanza (since 1869), Buca Mario, or any small place with a chalkboard menu on Via Maggio. Cross the Ponte Vecchio and turn left.

04
The San Lorenzo leather negotiation

The asking price is not the real price. On leather goods, a polite counter-offer of 20–30% below sticker is normal and expected. Say "posso avere un prezzo migliore?" (Can I get a better price?). Cash helps.

05
Gelato rule: no pictures of gelato

Avoid places where gelato is piled in colourful mountains — it's for tourists. Go to Gelateria dei Neri or Gelateria Sbrino. Real gelato is stored flat in metal containers with lids. Trust the plain-looking shop.

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