

Visit Florence

Florence, as a centre of medieval European trade and finance and one of the wealthiest cities of the time, is considered the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance.

The historic centre of Florence contains numerous elegant piazzas, Renaissance palaces, academies, parks, gardens, churches, monasteries, museums, art galleries and ateliers.

Florence is also close to attractive cities , such as Pisa and Siena.

For information on **museums in Florence** visit the web site *Firenze Musei*:

<http://www.firenzemusei.it/>

For information on **Florence public transport** follow the links:

<http://www.ataf.net/>

<http://www.trenitalia.com/>

For information on **Pisa** and **Siena** visit the web sites:

<http://www.pisaturismo.it/>

<http://www.terresiena.it/>

Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

Maggio Musicale Fiorentino is an annual opera festival, founded in April 1933, by conductor Vittorio Gui.

The aim of the festival is to present contemporary and forgotten operas in visually dramatic productions.

Performances take place in the Teatro Comunale and Teatro Piccolo, plus the historic Teatro della Pergola.

The present Artistic Director is Paolo Arcà and, since 1985, the principal conductor is Zubin Mehta.

For **programme** and **tickets** follow the link:

<http://www.maggiofiorentino.com/>

Restaurants in Florence

Trattoria Napoleone – Tuscan cuisine and Pizzas – average meal price 40€ - Piazza del Carmine, 24

Ristorante Filipepe – Mediterranean cuisine – average meal price 40€ - Via San Niccolò

A Casa Mia – Italian cuisine and Pizzas – average meal price 20€ - Piazza Sant'Ambrogio

Il Vegetariano – Vegetarian cuisine – average meal price 20-25€ - Via delle Ruote 30/r

Caffè Italiano – Restaurant and Pizzas – average meal price 15-30€ - Via della Condotta 12

Bars in Florence

Casa della Creatività – Vicolo Santa Maria Maggiore 1

Antico Caffè del Moro – Cafè des Artistes – Via del Moro 4/r

La Cité – Bookshop , bar and entertainment – Borgo San Frediano 20/r

Gran Caffè Ristorante Le Giubbe Rosse – Piazza della Repubblica 14/r

La Rinascente Food&Restaurant – Piazza della Repubblica

Markets in Florence

Mercato di San Lorenzo – from Piazza San Lorenzo to Via dell'Ariento

Sant'ambrogio – Piazza Ghiberti and Piazza Sant'Ambrogio

Mercato delle Pulci – Piazza dei Ciompi

*For any further information on Florence visit the
Municipality of Florence's official web site:*

<http://en.comune.fi.it/>