



FLAIAWAY

TRAVEL GUIDE · 2 DAYS

Florence in 2 days: essential Renaissance art from Uffizi to Bargello

This 48-hour route focuses on world-class Renaissance painting, sculpture, and architecture without rush. You will move between major galleries like Uffizi Gallery and quiet artistic quarter spots across the Arno river. Walking routes connect key masterpiece collections within compact central neighborhoods.

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DAY

1

Renaissance Sculpture and Sacred Art of the Historic Center

Focus on the historic city center to examine landmark sculptures and sacred treasures created by Renaissance masters. This day concentrates on Florence's premier indoor collections and monumental plazas that function as open-air galleries.

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Accademia Gallery

Examine Michelangelo's monumental statue of David alongside his unfinished Slaves, which reveal his sculpting process. It is better to book ahead to secure an entry time slot and skip the main entrance line.

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2

Medici Chapels

Explore the final resting place of the Medici family, designed with elaborate marble inlay and sculptures by Michelangelo. Look closely at the allegorical figures of Night and Day adorning the Medici tombs.

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Baptistery of St. John and Opera del Duomo Museum

Admire the Byzantine-style gold mosaics inside the baptistery and view the original bronze doors created by Lorenzo Ghiberti in the nearby museum. Spend time on the upper terrace of the museum for a close view of the cathedral's east end.

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Bargello National Museum

Discover essential Renaissance bronzes and marbles, including early works by Donatello and Michelangelo inside a medieval fortress. It is better to book ahead to guarantee admission during busy afternoon hours.

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Piazza della Signoria and Loggia dei Lanzi

Walk through this historic square to view famous public statues such as Cellini's Perseus under the open vaulted loggia. Take time to observe the fountain of Neptune and the civic architecture surrounding the square.

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2

Masterworks of Painting, Dynastic Palaces, and Artisan Craft

Cross the Arno River after discovering world-renowned painting collections to explore grand ducal palaces and traditional artisan quarters. This day connects major fine art galleries with classic Florentine craftsmanship.

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Uffizi Gallery

Walk through the upper halls to view masterpieces by Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, and Caravaggio arranged chronologically. It is better to book ahead to avoid waiting in line outside.

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2

Basilica of Santa Croce

Visit the burial places of famous historic figures including Michelangelo and Galileo, set amidst frescoes by Giotto. Walk into the quiet Pazzi Chapel located in the monastery cloister.

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3 Ponte Vecchio

Cross this ancient stone bridge that has housed goldsmiths and jewelers along its covered shopfronts since the Middle Ages. Look up to see the elevated Vasari Corridor passing above the shops.

4 Pitti Palace and Boboli Gardens

Inspect the Palatine Gallery's impressive collection of Raphael and Titian paintings displayed in lavishly decorated state rooms before strolling through the sculpted hillside gardens. Head to the Isolotto area inside the gardens for a quiet spot surrounded by lemon trees.

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5 Oltrarno District

Wander through narrow streets filled with woodworkers, leather crafters, and restoration workshops keeping traditional trades alive. Look into open workshop doors during the late afternoon to see craftsmen actively restoring antique art.

Tickets: indicative costs

Uffizi Gallery	25 €
Pitti Palace and Boboli Gardens	22 €
Accademia Gallery	16 €
Baptistry of St. John and Opera del Duomo Museum	15 €
Bargello National Museum	10 €
Medici Chapels	9 €
Basilica of Santa Croce	8 €

Indicative prices in euros. Always check the price on the partner's site before booking.

Where to stay

Centro Storico

First-time museum visitors

Staying near Piazza del Duomo puts top galleries and monuments within a ten-minute walk. The area is bustling day and night with pedestrian traffic.

Santa Maria Novella

Transit travelers and short stays

Positioned close to the main train station and local transit stops. Convenient for early departures while remaining close to central museums.

Oltrarno District

Art lovers wanting a neighborhood feel

Located south of the river Arno near Pitti Palace and Boboli Gardens. Filled with artisan workshops, quiet squares, and traditional dining spots.

What to eat



Bistecca alla fiorentina

A thick T-bone steak cut from Chianina beef, grilled over embers and seasoned simply with olive oil and salt. Traditionally served rare to share among diners.



Ribollita

A thick Tuscan bread and vegetable soup made with kale, white beans, and stale bread. Reboiled and served warm drizzled with extra virgin olive oil.

Pappardelle al cinghiale

Broad flat pasta ribbons served with a rich, slow-cooked wild boar ragù. Commonly eaten during autumn and winter.



Lampredotto

A traditional street food made from the fourth stomach of a cow, slow-cooked in broth and served in a crusty roll with green sauce.

Schiacciata alla fiorentina

A flat, sweet sponge cake flavored with orange zest and dusted with powdered sugar, traditionally made during Carnival season.

When to go

- Late autumn and winter bring significantly shorter lines at major art museums.
- Early spring offers good daylight hours for walking between central galleries and outdoor sculpture spots.

- Summer experiences heavy tourist density around central historic sights, requiring early morning gallery visits.

Getting there

- Amerigo Vespucci Airport connects directly to the city centre via a frequent tramway line.
- High-speed trains arrive at Firenze Santa Maria Novella railway station, located right next to the historic centre.
- Regional buses link smaller Tuscan towns directly to the central bus terminal near the main railway station.

Getting around

- The compact historic centre is best navigated entirely on foot.
- Small electric city buses cross narrow streets between major square areas.
- Local taxi ranks are positioned near primary squares and train stations.

Mistakes to avoid

- Trying to squeeze too many galleries into a single day, leading to museum fatigue.
- Forgetting to reserve entry slots in advance for Accademia Gallery and Uffizi Gallery.
- Sitting down at a café on major squares without checking service fees on the menu first.
- Taking a taxi inside the pedestrian zone where walking is significantly faster.
- Expecting quick dining service during peak lunch hours near main monuments.

Frequently asked questions

Is two days enough time to visit the main art collections in Firenze?

Two days allow you to see major highlight collections such as Uffizi Gallery, Accademia Gallery, and Bargello National Museum without rushing. Focus on two main museums per day and explore street architecture between visits.

Should museum tickets be booked in advance?

Yes, advance booking is essential for high-demand locations like Accademia Gallery and Brunelleschi's Dome - Florence Cathedral. Reserving timeslots avoids hours spent in ticket queues.

How do I get from the main train station to the Uffizi Gallery?

It is a straightforward 15-minute walk through the pedestrian historic centre. You pass Piazza della Repubblica and Piazza della Signoria along the way.

What is the best viewpoint over the city's historic rooftops?

Piazzale Michelangelo offers a sweeping view across the Arno river, bridges, and city skyline. San Miniato al Monte, located slightly higher, provides a similar view with fewer crowds.

Before you go

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