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 Wed - Dec 15 2021

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# INFLUENTIAL FLORENCE

## FINDING ENLIGHTENMENT IN THE CRADLE OF THE RENAISSANCE

The birthplace of the Renaissance, Florence continues to inspire with world-class museums and galleries, architectural wonders, and a passionate culinary scene that makes every meal a work of art. Celebrate beauty and creativity in this Travel + Leisure World's Best Award-winning city, where a love of culture has flourished for centuries.

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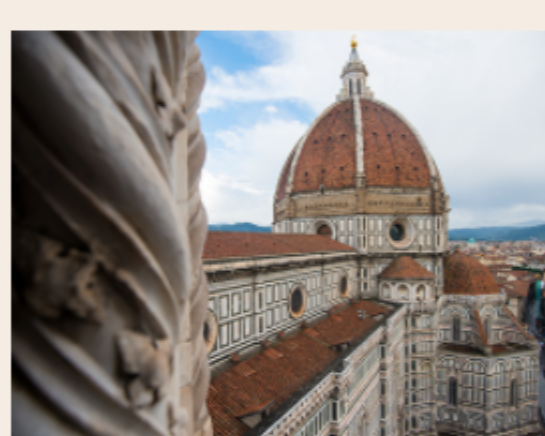
#### ACCOMMODATIONS

##### DAY 1

#### EDITOR'S TIP: SNAP A SELFIE WITH THE FLORENCE SKYLINE

Before you start exploring, take in a birds-eye view of the city at Piazzale Michelangelo. This famous overlook offers a breathtaking panoramic view of the Florence skyline. Keep an eye out for the Duomo, the domed cap of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and beloved architectural icon. If you're feeling energized, continue the ascent to San Miniato al Monte, a Romanesque basilica that marks one of the highest points in the city.

SIGHTSEEING HISTORIC SITES TOURS



#### EDITOR'S TIP: SAMPLE TUSCAN STREET FOOD AT MERCATO CENTRALE

San Lorenzo's artisan food court is the perfect introduction to Firenze's passion for food, tradition, and community. Each stall features its own Italian specialty, from baked goods and gelato to the famous bufala cheese and Chianti wine.

RESTAURANTS STREET FOOD

##### DAY 2

#### VISIT FLORENCE'S MOST FAMOUS SITES

Explore the city's most significant landmarks and popular attractions, sans the lines. Book a full day tour of Florence highlights for skip-the-line access and a private guide to famous sites and exhibits. Get an up-close view of Michelangelo's David, Italy's most celebrated sculpture, at the Accademia Gallery. Encounter Renaissance masterpieces like Botticelli's Birth of Venus at the Uffizi Gallery. Wander ancient streets and magnificent cathedrals, like the Piazza del Duomo.

SIGHTSEEING HISTORIC SITES TOURS ART



#### EDITOR'S TIP: TUCK IN TUSCAN-STYLE WITH A NINE-COURSE FEAST

Traditional Tuscan cuisine meets gourmet passion at La Leggenda dei Frati. This Michelin-starred eatery infuses classic recipes with innovative flavors and tantalizing textures, like Chicken Liver Terrine with dried figs and caramel creme. Try a little bit of everything with its nine-course tasting menu.

RESTAURANTS FINE DINING

##### DAY 3

#### DISCOVER THE TRADITION OF TUSCAN PASTA MAKING

Learn how to cook regional Italian recipes with a private Tuscan pasta making class. A local expert will guide you through preparing your choice of three handmade pastas or one pasta and a meat entree. Then, enjoy the fruits of your labor with a private dinner experience.

RESTAURANTS COOKING CLASSES

#### EDITOR'S TIP: STROLL ALONG THE ARNO RIVER

For a scenic walk around romantic riverside neighborhoods, cross the medieval Ponte Vecchio bridge, dotted with jewelry stores. A 10-minute walk down the shop-lined Borgo Street leads San Frediano's eclectic district of trattoria, bars, museums, parks, and artisan workshops. Explore the area for hidden gems and lesser-known attractions like the artisan market at Piazza Santo Spirito or the verdant oasis of Torrigiani Garden.

SIGHTSEEING SHOPPING



##### DAY 4

#### PRIVATE DAY TRIP TO THE CHIANTI WINE REGION

Immerse yourself in the history and celebration of Tuscan wine. Travel to the medieval cities of Siena and San Gimignano on a private tour of Tuscany's historic landmarks and local vineyards. Enhance your tour with lunch at a local organic farm or winery for a four-course meal and sampling of sangiovese wines.

DAY TRIPS WINERIES



#### EDITOR'S TIP: DINE LIKE FAMILY AT LA CARBONATA DEL PORRATI

Return to Florence for dinner at cozy La Carbonata del Porrati. This friendly restaurant proudly caters to every appetite, from Florentine steaks and wood-fired pizzas to specialties for gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options.

RESTAURANTS CASUAL DINING

##### DAY 5

#### EMBRACE HISTORY WITH A MEAL IN A MEDIEVAL CRYPT

Savor Tuscan home cooking and seasonal fare at Osteria Antica Mescita San Niccolò, a historic tavern and wine shop in Florence's charming San Niccolò district. Choose from rustic classics like pappa al pomodoro and rabbit with beans and potato. Dine al fresco on the patio or for a more eccentric dining experience, descend stone steps into the tavern's medieval church crypt.

RESTAURANTS CASUAL DINING

#### EDITOR'S TIP: CREATE YOUR OWN RENAISSANCE MASTERPIECE

Feeling inspired? Try your hand at the art of sculpting with the Sculpt Like Michelangelo experience, a two-hour workshop under the guidance of a master sculptor. Spend the afternoon learning techniques for sculpting and chiseling plaster.

ART CLASS HISTORIC SITES



##### DAY 6

#### VENTURE BEYOND THE LEANING TOWER

There's much more to Pisa than its eponymous tower. Discover the city's rich history and enchanting sights with a private guided tour of Pisa from Florence. Unlike the group bus tours that adhere to a fixed schedule, a private tour gives you the flexibility to go at your own pace and enjoy a more personalized experience. Tour UNESCO World Heritage monuments at Piazza del Duomo. Witness the majestic Pisa Cathedral. Admire gilded frescoes at the Baptistery of St. John. Explore medieval Kings Square. And of course, pay a visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

SIGHTSEEING HISTORIC SITES TOURS



#### EDITOR'S TIP: WINE AND DINE AT LA SPADA

After a full day of touring Pisa, reward yourself with a hearty meal at La Spada. Located in Florence's City Center, this historic restaurant is known for its spit-roasted and grilled meats. Pair your dinner with a glass of Italian wine from La Spada's own cellar.

RESTAURANTS FINE DINING

##### DAY 7

#### EDITOR'S TIP: SOUVENIR SHOPPING IN SAN FREDIANO

Save room in your suitcase and get your souvenir fix at Officina Creativa. This former convent-turned-artisans workshop houses over 20 bottegas showcasing the creativity and craftsmanship of local artisans. Browse high-quality and handcrafted products, some made right in front of you. Whether you're looking for jewelry, ceramics, coffee, fine art, or just a pair of Italian leather sandals, you'll find a little something for everyone here.

SHOPPING ART





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Elevate your Tuscan vacation with a stay at The St. Regis Florence. A former palace designed by renowned Florentine architect, Filippo Brunelleschi, this exquisite hotel has historical eminence and Renaissance-era decadence. Overlooking the Arno River, The St. Regis Florence offers a premier central location just minutes away from famous local attractions, including the Ponte Vecchio. Enjoy access to exclusive on-site amenities like the state-of-the-art 24-hour Fitness Center, Iridium Suites Spa, and La Cantinetta Wine Cellar. For guests traveling with children, Family Traditions at St. Regis provides tailored experiences and amenities for families and young guests, including babysitting services and a curated treasure hunt.

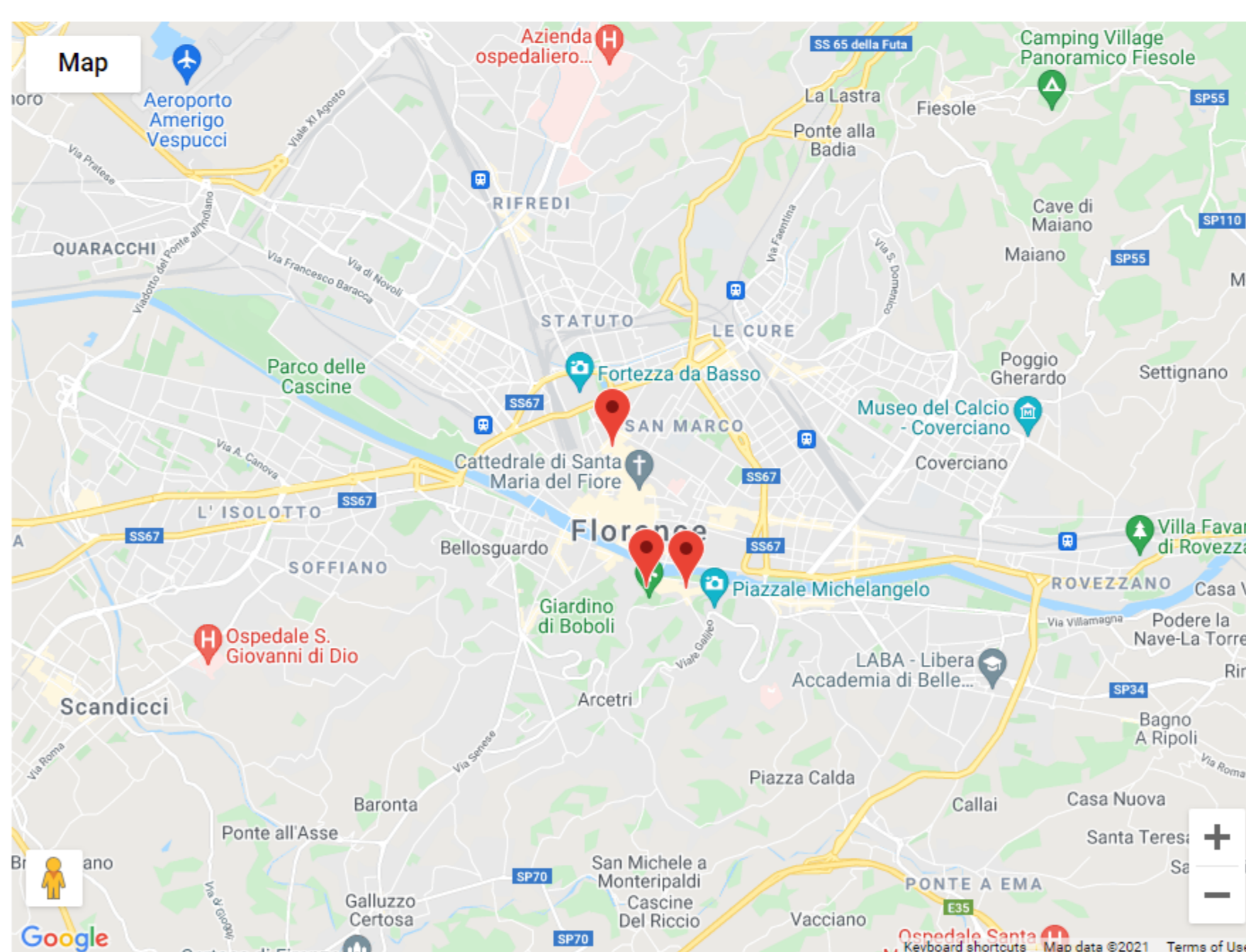
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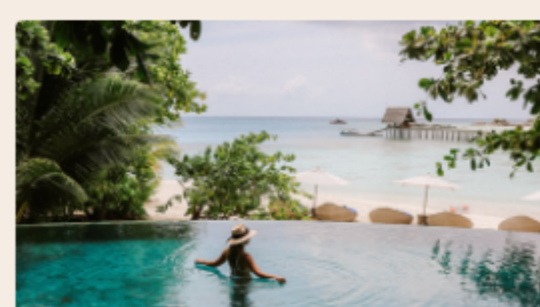
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