

FLORENCE

2017

TOUR DESCRIPTION	DAYS OF OPERATION	DURATION	PRICE
<p>HEART OF FLORENCE WALKING TOUR</p> <p>The appointment with your guide is in the heart of the historic centre, the splendid gothic Loggia del Bigallo overlooking Piazza Duomo. From here begins your discovery of the amazing complex of monuments that characterise the religious centre of Florence: the Cathedral with its incredible Brunelleschi dome, the Baptistery of San Giovanni with the Porta del Paradiso (Gates of Paradise) and the elegant Giotto bell tower, the loveliest in all of Italy. The walk continues along lively Via Calzaioli in the heart of the city, where you can admire the imposing and singular Orsanmichele Church, a masterpiece of Florentine gothic art, decorated with shrines with statues of the patron saints of the powerful medieval trade guilds. Then we reach the bustling Mercato della Paglia (Straw Market): don't forget to rub the nose of the famous porcellino & quot; (pig) and toss a coin into the fountain to bring you good luck! Continuing on, you can admire the romantic, picturesque Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence, with its renowned jewellery shops. Finally we arrive in Piazza Signoria, one of the most beautiful squares in the world and the political centre of the city. In this true "outdoor museum", you'll be amazed as you admire the beautiful Fountain of Neptune with the marvellous and imposing marble statue by Ammannati and then, looking around, the sculptural masterpieces of the Loggia dei Lanzi, including the Cellini's Perseus and the Gianbologna's Rape of the Sabines. Dominating all this is the majestic Palazzo Vecchio with its crenellated Arnolfo tower, one of the most famous symbols of Florence that you will be able to admire in all its magnificence.</p>	Daily except Mondays	1hr.30min	€21.25
<p>AFTERNOON CITY TOUR & UFFIZI GALLERY</p> <p>From Florence we cruise along the tree-lined roads to reach the beautiful Etruscan-Roman village of FIESOLE, with stunning views of Florence and the Arno Valley. Heading back to the city we drive along the famous Lungarno (the banks of the Arno river) to reach the Basilica of SANTA CROCE and its historic Square. After admiring the palaces we walk up to Piazza Signoria, the unique heart of the city's social life, to admire the architecture of Palazzo Vecchio and the famous statues of Loggia de' Lanzi. The tour finishes inside the UFFIZI GALLERY, where you can admire the unique Renaissance masterpieces by Italy's greatest artists: Leonardo da Vinci, Giotto, Michelangelo, Botticelli and Raphael, to name a few. You can stay inside the museum for as long as you please even after the guided tour is finished.</p>	Daily except Mondays	3hr.30min	€51.25



<p>TOUR HALF DAY TO PISA- (Morning)</p> <p>When in Florence, why not consider a trip to PISA? Upon arrival, we start our excursion with a walk alongside the medieval walls up to the old city gate, Porta Santa Maria. From here an extraordinary view will take your breath away: stand in awe before the unique panorama of Piazza dei Miracoli with its marble architecture and neat grass lawns. Your guide will accompany you on your visit to the precious interiors of the Cathedral, an unchallenged masterpiece of Romanesque art. Once outside admire the Baptistery, the Monumental Graveyard and, finally, the world-famous LEANING TOWER, discovering all its secrets. Before heading back to Florence you will have free time for an ice-cream and for the inevitable photo-memories.</p> <p>**Please note that the Cathedral of Pisa is now free and in the most crowded days it could not be possible to visit its interior due to a long queue. Tour of Piazza Cavalieri will be offered as an alternative.**</p>	<p>Daily</p>	<p>5hr.30min</p>	<p>€42.50</p>
<p>TOUR HALF DAY CHIANTI COLOURS AND FLAVOURS</p> <p>Don't miss the chance to explore the marvellous Chianti wine region and its rolling hills. Escape the noise and crowds of the city and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the world-famous Tuscan countryside. Tuscany is renowned for its nature, small villages, vineyards and gentle hills. Your tour starts with a visit to a rustic WINE ESTATE, surrounded by vineyards, where you will be greeted by the owners and offered an appetizing snack based on "crostini toscani", home-produced olive oil and a tasting of a delicate "Vino Chianti". Visit the cellar and learn the secrets of wine processing. Then we move on to GREVE IN CHIANTI which is without doubt one of the most famous and best known towns in the Chianti area. Here you will have time to explore the characteristic alleyways and the central square with its numerous Medieval buildings and its picturesque artisan shops. Our day is not over yet: in the heart of olive trees, gentle hills and vineyards you will be offered another rich wine tasting accompanied by typical regional products while the owners of the wine estate will teach you some easy steps to become a perfect sommelier!</p>	<p>Daily</p>	<p>5 hours</p>	<p>€44.00</p>



<p>MORNING CITY TOUR & ACADEMY GALLERY</p> <p>This discovery tour begins from one of the most beautiful and romantic spots in the world: PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO, where you can take in the sights and historic panorama of Florence unfolding before you. Then plunge into the city itself: first stop, the ACCADEMIA GALLERY, famous for its David by Michelangelo, the unfinished works of art Prigioni, San Matteo, la Pietà di Palestrina and other masterpieces by the great artist. The tour ends with a stroll through the historic streets of the city to arrive at the PIAZZA DUOMO. Here you will learn the secrets of Giotto's Bell Tower, and discover the beauty of the Baptistery with its golden, bronze doors (including the famous Porta del Paradiso). Last but not least, there is the breathtaking Cathedral itself.</p>	<p>Daily except Mondays</p>	<p>3hr.15min</p>	<p>€1.25</p>
<p>TUSCAN WINE TRAIL</p> <p>The Tuscany Wine Trail was created to give travellers the opportunity to enjoy the greater wine-growing area of Tuscany called "Chianti", and in particular the "Chianti Classico" region, with a selection of special wineries and the knowledge of a sommelier on board that will lead the way in the world of Chianti Wines. Chianti Classico is one of the most recognized wines in the world, with its unmistakable logo of the Black Rooster guaranteeing the authentic origins of Tuscan wines; enjoy a full-day small-group wine tour travelling in comfort with our professional English-speaking driver and luxurious minivan. The area explored is outstanding; with its olive trees, cypresses and vineyards produce some of the best wines in the world with a blend of Sangiovese, Canaiolo and other varieties of red grapes blended differently by the producers. During the day learn the different characteristics of wine, get to know how distinguish the acidity and taste, and how to pair flavours with food. This glorious trail will give you the chance to get acquainted with the history of wine and the secret of how to keep long lasting traditions alive. This full-day experience includes visits of two wineries, the cellars that also include wine and olive oil tasting, a typical Tuscan meal, many photo opportunities and the friendly environment of a small and intimate group of wine lovers. Get to know the great wines of the area, get to know Tuscany, join the perfect experience for wine lovers! The tour is very enjoyable for everyone at any age, but please note that Italy's law doesn't permit selling alcoholic beverage to teens under 16 years of age; participants under age will be served non-alcoholic beverages.</p>	<p>Daily</p>	<p>6hour</p>	<p>€136</p>

Please note that minimum number of passengers might apply for certain tours. Children rates on request. Thompsons standard terms & conditions apply.

