

## Sample Itinerary: 10 Days in Florence and Tuscany

## Here's the Plan:

DAY 1	*SLEEP: Bardi Apartment Rental- 4 nights
* late morning arrival	*GET AROUND: From the airport, use <u>Hire in Italy</u>
	*EAT: Lunch at Palazzo Tempi for gnocchi (next door to apt rental), dinner at Fuor D'aqua for seafood (great date night spot).
	*MUST SEE: Explore Oltrano neighborhood/eat lunch, take a short nap (to help with jet lag), then cross the river to explore the Duomo/Piazza della Signoria area.
DAY 2	<b>*EAT:</b> Breakfast at O Bar (close to apt rental), lunch at <u>J.K. Place</u> in Santa Maria Novella, and dinner at <u>Ara e Sud</u> in Santa Croce.
	<b>*MUST SEE:</b> Explore/shop Santa Maria Novella area before lunch, then head over to <u>Bardini Gardens</u> for views of the city (expect to climb a lot of stairs). At night, explore Santa Croce neighborhood before/after dinner.
DAY 3	*EAT: Breakfast at O Bar, pizza for lunch at <u>Yellow Bar</u> (near il Duomo), dinner at <u>La Giostra</u> . Dessert at <u>Gelato Neri</u> .
	*MUST SEE: <u>Secret Passage</u> tour in the morning (1 hour), walk around Piazza della Signoria, <u>Skywalk tour</u> in afternoon, explore Santa Croce area before dinner.
DAY 4	<b>*EAT:</b> Breakfast at apt, lunch at <u>J.K. Place</u> , and dinner at <u>Borgo San Jacapo</u> .
	* <b>MUST SEE:</b> Early morning exploring, <u>walking history tour with Alessia</u> (3 hours), explore San Niccolo area in the afternoon.
DAY 5	*SLEEP: Borgo Pignano- 6 nights (60-75 min away from Florence)
* transfer to Tuscany	*GET AROUND: From city to countryside, use <u>Hire in Italy</u>
	*EAT: Borgo Pignano for lunch and dinner
	*MUST SEE: Explore the grounds/unpack/relax.

DAY 6	<b>*EAT:</b> Breakfast and lunch at Borgo. Dinner at <u>Bistrot</u> (Volterra-20 min away)
	<b>*MUST SEE:</b> Morning hike along hotel grounds, relax by the pool, exploration of Volterra in the afternoon/dinner (rent a car through <u>Bellini Bruno</u> ).
DAY 7	<b>*EAT:</b> All meals at Borgo Pignano.
	*MUST SEE: Pool time in the morning, cooking class in the afternoon (on site).
DAY 8	*EAT: Breakfast and lunch at Borgo, dinner (pizza) at <u>Il Trovatore</u> (in San Gimignano- 45 min away).
	*MUST SEE: Pool time in the morning, explore San Gimignano in afternoon/dinner.
DAY 9	*EAT: Breakfast and lunch at Borgo. Dinner at <u>Enoteca Del Duca</u> (Volterra-20 min away).
	*MUST SEE: Pool time in the morning, spa treatment in afternoon.
<b>DAY 10</b>	*EAT: All meals at Borgo Pignano.
	<b>*MUST SEE:</b> Relax at the pool/hotel for last day. Pack!

## **Trip Highlights:**

- **Favorite tour:** Florencetown's Skywalk tour of Il Duomo
- Favorite restaurants: La Giostra, Fuor D'Aqua, Yellow Bar Pizza, Il Trovatore, Al Fresca (Borgo Pignano), Enoteca Dal Duca

**For more details, and maps**, visit: <u>compassroam.com/destination/florence-</u> <u>tuscany/</u>

## This itinerary is great for:

- A combo of city exploration and countryside R&R by the pool
- Those looking for a romantic vacation or a family friendly one
- Those that like to walk (Florence is a walking city)
- Those that are interested in learning a little history