



Welcome to Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance and one enormous open-air museum. The best thing you can do here costs nothing: put on comfortable shoes and wander the historic streets, piazzas and alleyways. Every walk in this guide starts at **Piazza del Duomo**, and every time is on foot. Museums are wonderful, but the city itself is the masterpiece.

The week's weather

Sun Sep 20	Mon Sep 21	Tue Sep 22	Wed Sep 23	Thu Sep 24	Fri Sep 25	Sat Sep 26	Sun Sep 27
 30° 16° 5% rain	 30° 16° 10% rain	 28° 12° 5% rain	 27° 12° 0% rain	 27° 13° 45% rain	 26° 12° 15% rain	 27° 12° 0% rain	 28° 13° 5% rain

Outlook: the sun is on shift all week and takes Thursday off. Highs stay between 25 and 30 °C, lows drop to about 12 °C in the evenings. Pack sunglasses, a light layer, and an umbrella that will feel very smug on Thursday (45% chance of rain).

Weather alerts: no official alert for 20–27 September was found when this guide was prepared. The last bulletin found, a yellow thunderstorm alert, ended on 18 September at 20:00. Check regione.toscana.it/allertameteo for updates.

Day by day: Sunday to Wednesday

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Sunday
30° / 16°
5% rain

Sunny and hot

- **Open-air museum walk:** Duomo → Piazza della Signoria (~7 min) → Ponte Vecchio (~12 min). Touch the bronze boar's snout at the **Mercato del Porcellino** (~8 min from the Duomo) for good luck, and browse the leather stalls.
- **Event:** "Musei in Musica" at Forte Belvedere, 16:00 and 17:30: short tour plus concert (~30 min on foot from the Duomo, uphill). Booking required: info@musefirenze.it, +39 055 0541450.
- **Note:** Sant'Ambrogio Market is closed on Sundays.

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Monday
30° / 16°
10% rain

Sunny and hot

- **Morning, like a local:** **Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio** (~15 min from the Duomo, open 7:00–14:00): fresh produce, groceries and a market lunch. Full guide on page 2.
- **Midday:** Close to 30 °C: take a long lunch or a museum break (check closing days, some museums close on Mondays).
- **Sunset:** Piazzale Michelangelo: bus UP, walk DOWN (details on page 2).

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Tuesday
28° / 12°
5% rain

Sunny and mild

- **Oltrarno day:** Ponte Vecchio (~12 min) → Piazza Santo Spirito → Palazzo Pitti and the Boboli Gardens (~25 min in total).
- **On the way back:** Walk through Piazzale degli Uffizi and Piazza della Signoria (~7–9 min from the Duomo): Renaissance sculpture in the open air, no ticket needed.

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Wednesday
27° / 12°
0% rain

Clear skies, best day of the week

- **Outside the centre:** Medici Villa **La Petraia** (Castello, within the city limits): free UNESCO villa and terraced gardens with a view of Florence. Public transport details on page 2.
- **Golden hour:** Back in town, watch the Arno turn gold from Ponte Santa Trinita (~13 min from the Duomo).

Day by day: Thursday to Sunday

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Thursday

27° / 13°
45% rain

Rain possible: go indoors

- **Museums:** Accademia Gallery, home of Michelangelo's David (~6 min). Palazzo Medici Riccardi: "Oltre il Rinascimento. Tra Dürer e Parmigianino", open until 5 January (~5 min).
- **Covered markets:** Mercato Centrale, San Lorenzo (~6 min), or the covered hall of Sant'Ambrogio (open until 14:00).
- **Event:** Genius Loci begins at Santa Croce (24–26 Sept): music, talks and screenings, free with booking.

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Friday

26° / 12°
15% rain

Mostly sunny

- **New exhibition:** "Broken. Il potere del frammento" opens at **Palazzo Strozzi** (~10 min), running until 24 January 2027.
- **Walk:** Santa Croce square and the streets around it (~12 min), with Genius Loci events inside the complex.

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Saturday

27° / 12°
0% rain

Sunny · €1 museums tonight

- **European Heritage Days:** State museums open late tonight at a symbolic €1: the Uffizi, Palazzo Pitti, the Archaeological Museum and the National Library are taking part. Check each museum's page for the exact evening hours.
- **Early birds:** 6:00 am dawn concert by Alberto Ferrari in the Second Cloister of Santa Croce (Genius Loci, free with booking).
- **Market lunch:** Saturday is a perfect day for **Sant'Ambrogio** and lunch at Trattoria Da Rocco (page 2).
- **Opening day:** Biennale Internazionale dell'Antiquariato at Palazzo Corsini sull'Arno (26 Sept–4 Oct, daily 10:30–19:30; ~13 min). Ticket €25, €10 for residents of the Florence Metropolitan City, free under 15.

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Sunday

28° / 13°
5% rain

Sunny and warm

- **European Heritage Days:** Last day of the weekend: museums and cultural sites across the city join with open days and guided visits. The Archivio di Stato (Viale Giovine Italia 6) is open 10:00–17:00 both Saturday and Sunday.
- **Big day in town: Corri la Vita** (24th edition): a non-competitive run/walk from the Cascine park to Piazza della Signoria, with routes of about 6 and 11 km. Expect crowds near the route and possible street closures.
- **Evening:** Premiere of "Wozzeck" by Alban Berg at the Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino.
- **Note:** Sant'Ambrogio Market is closed on Sundays.

Featured local experience: Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio

- **Where and when:** Piazza Lorenzo Ghiberti, ~15 min on foot from the Duomo. Open Monday to Saturday, 7:00–14:00; closed on Sundays and public holidays. A covered hall plus outdoor stalls in the morning.
- **Shop like a Florentine:** fruit and vegetables, butchers, cheesemongers, a fishmonger and the Panrocco bakery. Best moments: early morning, when stalls are just opening, or shortly before closing. Bring a tote bag for your apartment groceries.
- **Eat like one too: Trattoria Da Rocco** is inside the market: home-style Tuscan dishes such as ribollita, tripe and pappa al pomodoro (listed hours about 11:30–14:30, no reservations, so arrive early). For street food, try a lampredotto sandwich at the tripe stand, and cured meats from the butchers.

Scenic highlight: Piazzale Michelangelo

- **Bus UP:** take Autolinee Toscane bus 12 or 13, which climb the hill to the Piazzale and San Miniato. Line 13 runs via Santa Maria Novella station (~10–12 min on foot from the Duomo). Line 12 has had a diversion since 20 August, so check at-bus.it or the app first.
- **Walk DOWN:** take the terraced steps to the Arno, then the riverside to Ponte Vecchio and back to the Duomo (roughly 45 min). The view of the Duomo and the whole city opens up as you descend. Best at sunset (Mon 21 or Wed 23).

Medici villa (weather permitting): La Petraia

- **What:** UNESCO-listed villa with terraced gardens, in Castello (via della Petraia 40), inside the city limits. Free entry; garden Tue–Sun 8:30–18:30, last entry 17:30, closed Mondays. Best day: Wednesday 23 (0% rain).
- **Getting there:** from Santa Maria Novella, bus 2 or 28 towards Castello, or the local train to Firenze Castello (~5 min walk). Check the official museum page on the day: parts of the park have had temporary closures.

Event of the week and insider tip

- **Top pick:** European Heritage Days, Sat 26–Sun 27 Sept. State museums, including the Uffizi and Palazzo Pitti, open late Saturday for a symbolic €1 entry.
- **Also this week:** "Broken" opens at Palazzo Strozzi on Friday (until 24 January), and the Biennale dell'Antiquariato takes over Palazzo Corsini sull'Arno, normally closed to the public.
- **Insider tip:** the Estate Fiorentina programme runs until 30 September: feelflorence.it and cultura.comune.fi.it.