PETIT STUDIO FLORENCE

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE

Sunday 22 November – Sunday 29 November 2026

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"Quant'è bella giovinezza, / che si fugge tuttavia! / Chi vuol esser lieto, sia: / di doman non c'è certezza."

"How beautiful is youth, that nonetheless flees! Let those who wish to be happy, be so: of tomorrow there is no certainty." — **Lorenzo de' Medici** ("Il Magnifico"), Canzona di Bacco

Welcome to Florence! Everything in this guide starts right where you're standing — **Piazza del Duomo.** Honestly, the single best thing to do here is simply walk: Florence's historic centre is one enormous open-air museum, and every facade, alley and bridge is part of the exhibit. Put these pages in your pocket and go get lost (on purpose).

The Week's Weather Outlook

SUN 22	MON 23	TUE 24	WED 25	THU 26	FRI 27	SAT 28	SUN 29
17°/10°	18°/6°	16°/10°	13°/10°	14°/7°	14°/6°	13°/5°	12°/5°
100%	8%	60%	90%	71%	14%	9%	76%

Florence starts the week in full diva mode — thunder, wind and an Orange Rain Warning, like the city itself wants a dramatic entrance. By midweek it calms down for a couple of crisp, walkable days, then can't resist one more rainy curtain call for the Marathon finale on Sunday. Pack a proper umbrella, not a cute one.

Official weather alerts (Tuscany, Servizio Meteorologico): Sunday 22 Nov — Orange Warning for Rain and Yellow Warning for Thunderstorms, both 07:00–19:00, plus a Yellow Warning for Wind running Sun 01:00 through Mon 13:00. Treat Sunday as an indoor day and keep an eye on local advisories if you're out and about.

Day by Day — Sunday to Wednesday

SUN 22 — **Storm-watching, stylishly indoors.** With an Orange Rain Warning and thunderstorms through the day, start under cover: from the Duomo, duck into the **Loggia del Porcellino** to rub the bronze boar's snout for good luck, then head to the covered **Mercato Centrale** (San Lorenzo, ~8 min walk) for lunch among the stalls. Afternoon: the **Uffizi Gallery** or **Palazzo Strozzi** ("Broken. The Power of the Fragment", to 24 Jan) keep you dry and inspired. Opera lovers: *Simon Boccanegra* at Teatro del Maggio, 15:30.

MON 23 — **The skies clear — go walk the museum.** Only 8% rain and a mild high of 18°: perfect for the classic loop from the Duomo to **Piazza della Signoria**, the Loggia dei Lanzi, across **Ponte Vecchio** and into the **Oltrarno**'s artisan streets. The citywide "Autunno Fiorentino" season, including the *L'Eredità delle Donne* festival, wraps up today across Florence's venues.

TUE 24 — **Rain returns — market day instead.** Note: **Casa Buonarroti is closed today** (every Tuesday). Head instead to **Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio** for a proper Florentine lunch under its roof (see our featured box on page 2), then shelter in **Santa Croce** basilica and cloister. This evening, *Simon Boccanegra* repeats at Teatro del Maggio, and *Santa Catastrofe*, a new work marking 60 years since the 1966 flood, tours Florence's public libraries through 27 Nov.

WED 25 — **The wettest day — stay close and cultured.** At 90% rain, make the most of being five minutes from the **Museo dell'Opificio delle Pietre Dure** (Via degli Alfani 78, Mon–Sat 8:15–14:00) — Florence's hidden gem of inlaid stone artistry. Round out the day at the **Uffizi** or back at **Mercato Centrale** for comfort food while the rain does its thing outside.

The Birth of the Renaissance — Three Symbols to Seek Out

Florence didn't just host the Renaissance, it invented it — and the proof is on public walls and ceilings you can see any day you like: the **Cappella Brancacci** (Masaccio & Masolino's frescoes, Santa Maria del Carmine), the **Cavalcata dei Magi** (Benozzo Gozzoli's jewel-box procession, Palazzo Medici Riccardi), and Masaccio's **Trinità** (Santa Maria Novella) — history's first true exercise in linear perspective. Three stops, one astonishing idea born right here.

Day by Day — Thursday to Sunday

THU 26 — **Easing up, but keep the brolly handy.** 71% rain, mild 14° high. Palazzo Strozzi stays open until 23:00 tonight, so an evening museum visit won't cost you daylight. Film buffs: **Giunti Odeon** screens a 4K restoration of *2001: A Space Odyssey* at 21:00, original language with Italian subtitles, in the historic Palazzo dello Strozzino cinema.

FRI 27 — **The week's best walking day.** Just 14% rain and a gentle 14°: take the **bus up to Piazzale Michelangelo** and walk back down through San Niccolò for the postcard view over the Duomo (see Scenic Highlights below) — or ride out to **Fiesole** instead, weather permitting. In the evening, Lucio Corsi opens his arena tour at the Mandela Forum, and the Florence Marathon Expo opens at Stazione Leopolda.

SAT 28 — **Driest day of the week — market morning!** Only 9% rain: this is the day to go to **Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio** first thing for fresh produce and a Florentine lunch (see our feature below), then spend the afternoon wandering the Boboli & Rose Gardens or finishing off Piazzale Michelangelo / Fiesole if you missed it Friday. Marathon Expo continues at Stazione Leopolda.

SUN 29 — **Marathon morning — plan around the Duomo.** The **Firenze Marathon** starts at 08:30 right from Piazza del Duomo, so expect road closures around your own front door through the morning (see Event of the Week below). With 76% rain forecast too, a slow coffee watching the runners go by, followed by indoor time at Mercato Centrale or the Uffizi once the roads reopen, is the smart move.

Featured Local Experience — Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio

Skip the postcard stalls for a morning and shop like an actual Florentine at **Piazza Lorenzo Ghiberti**'s historic market: fresh produce, cheese, bread and the day's catch, all at local prices. For lunch inside the market, join the queue at **Trattoria da Rocco** for no-frills Tuscan classics, or try **Terrazza Menoni**, the RistoMacelleria inside the market run by the historic Macelleria Luca Menoni (since 1921) — open for lunch only, Mon–Sat 12:00–14:00 (closed Sunday).

Scenic Highlights

Piazzale Michelangelo: take Autolinee Toscane bus 12 or 13 *up* to the viewpoint, then walk back *down* on foot through San Niccolò — the classic panorama over the Duomo and the whole historic centre, best on Mon, Fri or Sat this week.

Fiesole (weather permitting): bus 7 from Piazza San Marco up to the hill town — the Roman Theatre and Fiesole's own Duomo, with Florence laid out below. A lovely half-day on a dry, mild spell like Friday or Saturday.

Not to Miss, Near the Duomo

Museo degli Innocenti — "Artemisia Gentileschi in Florence", 20 Oct 2026–4 Apr 2027, daily 9:30–19:00, tickets from €12.
Palazzo Strozzi — "Broken. The Power of the Fragment", to 24 Jan 2027, 10:00–20:00 (Thu to 23:00); check palazzostrozzi.org for current ticket tiers.
Opificio delle Pietre Dure (Via degli Alfani 78) — Mon–Sat 8:15–14:00, closed Sunday.
Palazzo Pitti — "Magnifico 1492" opens 3 December (not yet open this week).

Giunti Odeon — Cinema & Historic Bookshop

Inside the 1457 Palazzo dello Strozzino, this cinema-turned-bookshop (reopened 2023) screens films in original language with Italian subtitles, 21:00 nightly. This week: *Wild Horse Nine* (Sun), *Mustang* (Mon–Tue), *Primetime* (Wed), *2001: A Space Odyssey* 4K (Thu), *You Can See Everything* (Fri–Sun, €15 special event).

Day Trips by Train — Gite Fuori Porta

All from Firenze S.M. Novella:

To	Approx. time
Pisa	~50 min
Arezzo	~1h
Lucca	~1h10
Siena	~1h25

A rainy day (Wed is the obvious one) is a fine excuse for a day away — Pisa's covered Duomo and Baptistery, or Siena's museums, both work well whatever the sky is doing.

Special Visit — Casa Buonarroti

Via Ghibellina 70, near Santa Croce. Open daily **10:00–16:30, closed Tuesdays** (so skip Tue 24 Nov) — €8/€5. This is *not* Michelangelo's birthplace (that's near Arezzo) but the family home he bought in 1508, now a museum of his earliest works, including the *Madonna della Scala* and *Battle of the Centaurs*.

Christmas Market, Piazza Santa Croce

Running **14 November – 20 December 2026**, free entry. Over fifty wooden chalets right in front of the Basilica, with crafts and food from across Europe, mulled wine, festive decorations and a programme of events for kids. Hours: Mon–Thu 10:00–22:00, Fri–Sun 10:00–23:00. A lovely way to end a walk from the Duomo through Santa Croce.

Event of the Week & Insider Tip

Firenze Marathon — Sunday 29 November, starting 08:30 right from **Piazza del Duomo**. It's a genuinely spectacular sight (and sound) from your own doorstep, but do expect road closures around the centre that morning — build in extra time if you're heading out early, or simply watch the start from a window with a coffee.

*Insider tip: at the **Loggia del Porcellino**, rub the bronze boar's nose for a promised return to Florence — then drop a coin from its mouth into the grate below; if it falls through, that's good luck too. Two chances for the price of one.*