

# Florence (via Livorno), Tuscany, Italy

Home to the Uffizi, Michelangelo's David, and the Duomo's famous terracotta dome, Florence packs more Renaissance genius into one city than anywhere else on earth — though reaching it from your ship takes planning.

Docked (Port of Livorno) Typical call: 9-11 hrs Euro (€) Italian ~1.5 hrs by train or shuttle from Livorno to Florence

## MY DAY IN PORT

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| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Ships dock at the Port of Livorno — Florence is 90 km inland, reached by train, ship shuttle bus, or taxi.

**Best For:** Renaissance art (Uffizi, Accademia), the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, leather markets, and Tuscan food.

**Walk to Florence?:** No — Livorno itself is walkable, but Florence requires a 1.5-hr train or shuttle ride each way. Budget at least 6 hrs in the city.

**Don't Miss:** Pre-book the Uffizi and Accademia — walk-up queues can consume hours of your limited shore day.

Getting around: **Taxi** €110–140 one-way (up to 3 pax) · **Hop-on hop-off** Hop-on hop-off

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Florence City Highlights** — The classic shore-day loop: Piazza del Duomo and the terracotta dome (exterior free, interior ticketed), Piazza della Signoria with the replica...
- **Uffizi Gallery** — One of the world's great art museums — Botticelli's Birth of Venus and Primavera, Leonardo, Raphael, Caravaggio, and Michelangelo all under one roof.
- **Accademia Gallery — Michelangelo's David** — Michelangelo's original David stands 5.17 metres tall in the Galleria dell'Accademia.
- **Florentine Food & Market Tour** — Mercato Centrale, the 19th-century iron-and-glass market hall in San Lorenzo, is two floors of Tuscan produce, cheese, cured meats, truffles, and...
- **Chianti Wine Country Drive** — The rolling vineyards between Florence and Siena — cypress avenues, stone farmhouses, sangiovese vines — are exactly what Tuscany looks like in...

## BEST WALKS

- **Florence Historic Core: Duomo to Ponte Vecchio** 2.5 km · 1-2 hrs · Easy (cobblestones throughout) — Exit Firenze Santa Maria Novella station and walk east along Via de' Cerretani to Piazza del Duomo — the cathedral facade, Giotto's Campanile, and the octagonal...
- **Oltrarno & Piazzale Michelangelo Climb** 3 km · 1.5 hrs · Moderate (uphill) — Cross Ponte Vecchio into the quieter Oltrarno neighborhood — less touristy, better lunch spots.
- **Livorno Venetian Quarter (if staying in port)** 2 km · 45-60 min · Easy, flat — If you choose to stay in Livorno, the Venezia Nuova quarter is a 15-minute walk from the cruise terminal — narrow canals, painted buildings, and a local market atmosphere.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| 🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      | 🇮🇹 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY                                                                             |  |
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| Mon                              | High | Low | Rain | Apr 6:32AM–7:58PM · Jun 5:32AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:19AM–8:18PM · Sep 6:54AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:29AM–6:31PM |  |
| Apr                              | 66°  | 46° | 10d  | Euro (€)                                                                                          |  |
| Jun                              | 83°  | 62° | 8d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Aug                              | 88°  | 66° | 7d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Sep                              | 79°  | 60° | 9d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Oct                              | 70°  | 53° | 11d  |                                                                                                   |  |

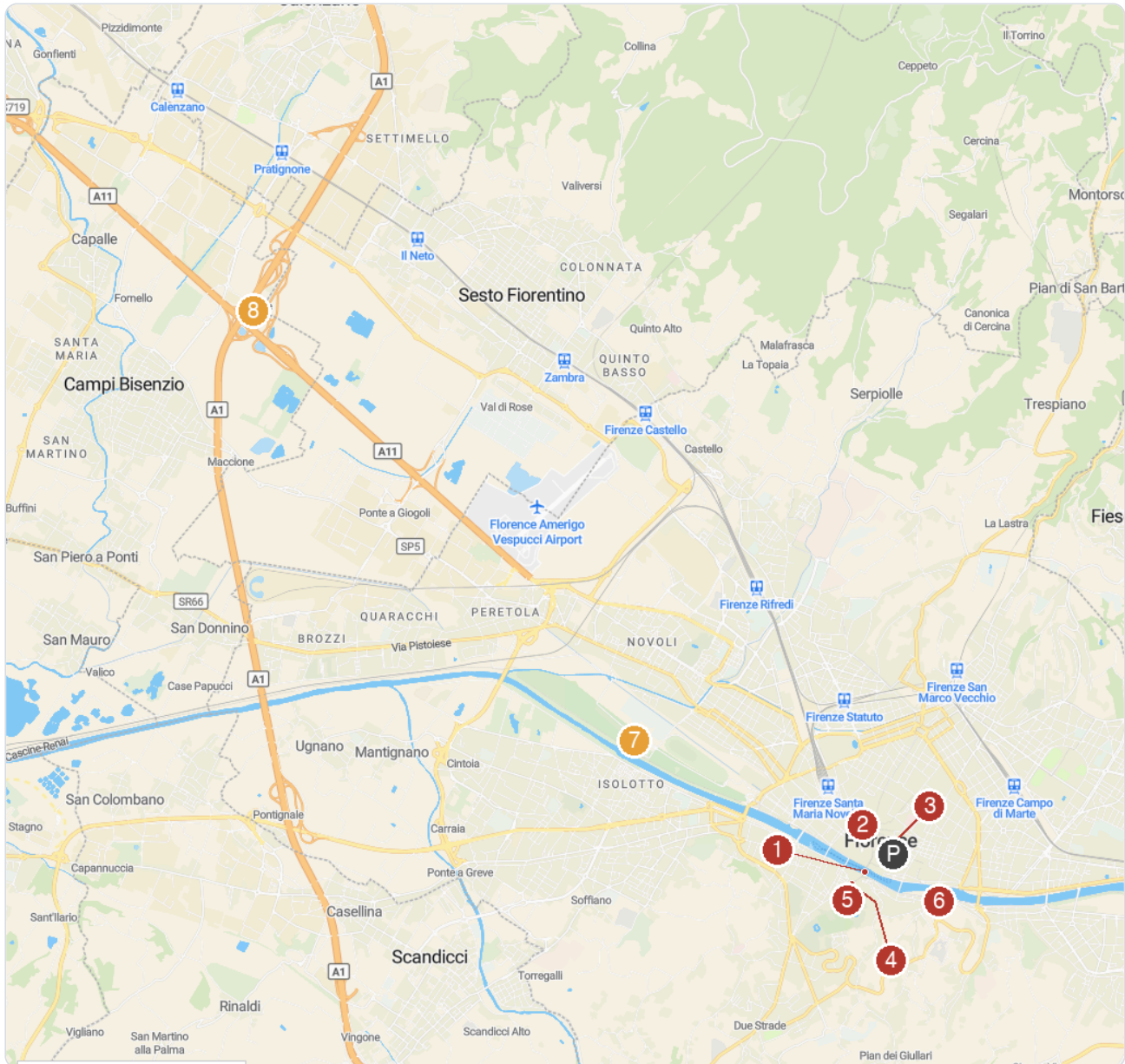
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pre-book everything: The Uffizi, Accademia (David), and Duomo Cupola all require advance timed tickets. On cruise days, walk-up availability is essentially zero. Book weeks ahead at uffizi.it, galleriaaccademia.it, and operaduomo.firenze.it.
- Give yourself buffer time: Trains can run late and ships don't wait. Build at least 2 hours between your last planned activity in Florence and your ship's all-aboard time. Missing the ship means a very expensive taxi to the next port.
- Trains are cheaper, shuttles are simpler: The ship shuttle bus is more expensive but stress-free. The train is roughly €10-14 each way and gives you more flexibility — but you navigate the Livorno station, buy tickets, and track schedules yourself.
- Florentine food worth knowing: Bistecca alla Fiorentina (T-bone, minimum 600g, cooked rare) is the signature dish. Lampredotto (braised tripe) is the street food classic. Both are best at Mercato Centrale's upstairs hall or neighborhood trattorias in Oltrarno.
- Wear serious walking shoes: Florence's historic center is entirely cobblestone.
- Cash still useful: Most Florence restaurants and shops accept cards, but small market stalls, some trattorias, and the Livorno taxi rank often prefer cash.

# Florence (via Livorno), Tuscany, Italy — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Ponte Vecchio          | Medieval bridge over Arno, lined with shops.                  | <b>2</b> Chiesa di Santa Maria Maggiore  | Ancient Romanesque church, one of Florence's oldest.              |
| <b>3</b> Hercules and Cacus     | Large marble sculpture by Bandinelli outside Palazzo Vecchio. | <b>4</b> Palazzo Guicciardini            | Historic palace, former home of historian Francesco Guicciardini. |
| <b>5</b> Fontana del Carciofo   | Ornate "Artichoke Fountain" in Pitti Palace's Boboli Gardens. | <b>6</b> Porta San Niccolò               | Medieval tower gate, part of Florence's old city walls.           |
| <b>7</b> Parco delle Cascine    | Florence's largest public park along the Arno River.          | <b>8</b> Chiesa di San Giovanni Battista | Florence Baptistery, famous for its bronze doors.                 |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal |                                                               |                                          |                                                                   |