Walking Tour: Heart of the City

Every visitor to Florence spends time navigating the cobbled medieval lanes that run between Via de’ Tornabuoni and Via del Proconsolo, but few explore them thoroughly.

**Start** Piazza della Repubblica  
**Distance** 2km  
**Duration** 2 hours

1 Start with a coffee at one of the historic cafes on the handsome 19th-century Piazza della Repubblica.

2 Walk one block south along Via Calimala and turn left onto Via Orsanmichele to Chiesa e Museo di Orsanmichele, a unique church with ornate statuary adorning its facade.

3 On the southern side of the 16th-century Mercato Nuovo is Il Porcellino, a bronze statue of a piglet – rub its snout to ensure your return to Florence!

4 Head past the market and along Via Porta Rossa to Palazzo Davanzati with its magnificent studded doors and fascinating museum.

5 Hidden behind the unassuming facade of Chiesa di Santa Trinita are some of the city’s finest 15th-century frescoes.

6 Wander down narrow Via del Parione to spy out old mansions and artisan workshops.

7 Round out the walk with a sun-downer and spectacular Ponte Vecchio views at La Terrazza Lounge Bar.

**Take a Break...** People-watch from the terrace of Caffè Rivoire.