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** Two 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 the Basilica di Santa Trinita are some of the city’s finest 15th-century frescoes.

6 Wander down the narrow Via del Parione to spy out old mansions and artisans’ workshops.

7 Finish with a sundowner and spectacular Ponte Vecchio views at Le Volpi e l’Uva, which is just over the Arno.

Take a break... People-watch from the terrace of the Caffè Rivoire (www.rivoire.it; 7am-midnight Tue-Sun summer, to 9pm winter).