



The Heart of Florence

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



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

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.

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

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

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

Classic Photo The River Arno and the Ponte Vecchio.



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



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!

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