

Italy 8-Day Trip: Florence, Tuscany, Rome

October 5: Leave Tampa

- Lufthansa, Tampa to Frankfurt to Rome

October 6: Land in Rome and drive to Florence

- 3 hour drive to Florence
- Dinner at hotel

October 7: Wine Tour in Chianti meet up at 9:00am

- Taste of Chianti: Tuscan Cheese, Wine, and Lunch from Florence with WalkAbout Florence (10-hour tour):
<https://www.viator.com/tours/Florence/Taste-of-Chianti-Tuscan-Cheese-Wine-and-Lunch-from-Florence/d519-5070CHIANTISAFARI>
- Dinner in Florence at a cafe along the river

October 8: Explore Florence

<https://passionpassport.com/24-hours-in-florence-italy/>

Walk to Central Market of Florence (Mercato Centrale)--explore various foods, market culture, and buy souvenirs (parm cheese, olive oil)

Walk to the cathedral

Get gelato at Gelateria Edoardo (artisanal gelato shop with recipes over 100 years ago, organic) and sit down and watch crowds at the cathedral

Walk to Basilica of Santa Croce (michelangelo and Galileo resting place), pay to get in and walk around inside

Lunch: Il Pizzaiuolo for pizza

Gelato at Rivareno Gelato

Walk to bridge with the shops, Ponte Vecchio

Walk to Piazza Signoria (Uffizi Gallery)

Walk to boar statue

Walk to All Antico Vinaio for an authentic sandwich and grab a glass of wine to pair --get pork sandwich for dinner

Where to get gelato in Florence:

Grom

Riverano

Edorado

Le Botteghe di Leonardo

Della Passera

October 9: Leave in the morning from Florence to Rome and stop in San Gimignano and Siena, arrive to Rome late that evening

- Pick up a snack and gelato (Gelateria Dondoli) while strolling San Gimignano
- Lunch in Siena at Te Ke Voi?

October 10: Explore Rome

- Visit Boccione Bakery for breakfast (a Jewish Bakery that's very famous in the Jewish Ghetto)
- Food tour at 10:30am with Raphael Tours and Events:
<https://www.viator.com/tours/Rome/Rome-Street-Food-Tour-with-local-guide/d511-20455P43>
- Walk to Piazza Navona & Largo Argentina, fountain four rivers, Church St. Agnes
- Buy ticket for Hop on Hop Off Bus, take full tour
- Use Hop on Hop Off Bus to visit Trevi fountain, Spanish Steps
- Visit Trastevere District and eat dinner: Ditta Trinchetti (eat outside if you can)

October 11: Explore Rome

- Colosseum Tour 9am (buy tickets ahead of time through the official Colosseum website)
- Lunch: pizza and beer at Roscioli Antico Forno
- Sant Eustachio Cafe--claim to make best coffee in Rome
- Vatican Tour at 2:30pm (3 hours long guided tour) with City Wonders:
<https://www.viator.com/tours/Rome/Skip-the-Line-Vatican-Museums-Tickets/d511-3731SKIP>
- Get gelato at Giolitti
- Walk to Pathenon
- Dinner: Osteria da Fortunata (best pasta)

Extra Ideas:

Mercato Testaccio (best food market!) Food Box stall for the balls, Mordi and Vai
Casa Manco (3rd best pizza in Rome)

Vini for wine

La Mani in Pasta (pasta)

October 12: Depart Rome for Frankfurt at 2:50pm

- Arrive in Frankfurt in the late afternoon/evening
- Stay the Hilton at the airport
- Dinner: Downtown Frankfurt
- Spend night in Frankfurt (20 hour layover)

October 13: Depart Frankfurt for Tampa