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1. Transportation; retail; restaurants

1.1 Airlines, airports and flights / Linee aeree, aeroporti e voli

1.1.1 Airline companies

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Telephone	Airline	Website
8488.84466	Air France (*) (**)	www.airfrance.it
800.900.966	Air Littoral (*)	
8488.65641/2/3	Alitalia (*) (**)	www.alitalia.it
06.65684018	Austrian Airlines (*)	www.austrianairlines.it
199.712266	British Airways (**)	www.ba.com
	EasyJet (**)	www.easyjet.com
848.800.858	Gandalf Airlines (**)	
848.826.236	Iberia (**)	
02.80663025	Lufthansa (*) (**)	www.lufthansa.com
199.111333	Meridiana (*) (**)	www.meridiana.it
055.282338	Olympic Airways	
050.503770	Ryanair (**)	www.ryanair.com
02.69682364	SN Brussels Airlines	
8488.68120	Swiss I'nal Airlines	www.swiss.com
(*)	offices also at Florence Airport.	
(**)	offices also at Pisa Airport.	

Florence Airport / Aeroporto Vespucci

www.safnet.it	
055.3061300	General telephone number (7h30-23h30)
055.3061700	Voli Nazionali / National flights
055.3061702	Voli Internazionali / International flights
055.3061300	Flight information
055.3061302 fax	Lost luggage (8 a.m 11 p.m.)

There are direct flights from Florence Airport to

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Italy	Bologna	Olbia
	Cagliari	Palermo
	Catania	Roma Fiumicino
	Milano Malpensa	Verona
	Torino	
Europe	Amsterdam	Madrid
	Barcelona	Munich
	Brussels	Oslo
	Bucharest	Paris CDG
	Copenhagen	Timisoara
	Frankfurt	Tirana
	Geneva	Vienna
	London Gatwick	

Pisa Airport / Aeroporto Galilei

www.pisa-airport.com		
050.849404	Flight information	
055.216073	Air terminal, Santa Maria Novella Station,	
	Florence	
050.849400	Lost luggage	

There are direct flights from Pisa Airport to

Italy	Alghero	Palermo
	Catania	Roma
	Milano Malpensa	Trapani
European/	Amsterdam	Köln
International	Barcelona	Liverpool
	Berlin	London Gatwick
	Brussels	London Heathrow
	Coventry	London Stansted
	Dublin	Madrid
	Eindhoven	Manchester
	Frankfurt	Munich
	Glasgow	New York
	Hamburg	Paris CDG
	Hannover	Paris Orly

Further information about flight schedules can be found in the Florence pages of 'La Repubblica' newspaper.

Some flights from Pisa airport to destinations in Northern Europe are added over the summer months. Check the airport's website for these.

1.1.3 Transport to the two airports

To Florence

····· There is a joint ATAF/SITA service leaving from the railway station on the east side, close to the number 7 terminus. Tickets cost €4.50. Buses leave every half hour and the trip takes approx. 25 minutes

www.ataf.net

To Pisa

- ···· by train from Pisa airport via Pisa Central, every half hour, approximately (journey time of about 1 hour 45 minutes), but only up to approx. 10 p.m.
- by an airport bus closely linked to RyanAir arrivals and departures (operated by the "Terravision" bus company; www.terravision.eu/). Buy tickets online or aboard the bus (cost approx. €8 each way).

1.2 Private motoring

General

The Zona Traffico Limitato (ZTL) is the ever-expanding traffic-free [theoretically speaking!] zone. The very centre of Florence, i.e. the Centro Storico, is off-limits to traffic from Mondays to Saturdays, 8:30 to 18:30. If you have foreign number plates, you can get into the centre for access to your hotel. But the best rule is to steer clear of the centre apart from evenings and Sundays. The central area south of the river is now also part of the ZTL.

Since February 2004, special digital permits (telepass) have been issued; these are registered by cameras situated at all the main entry points to the city centre. Any vehicle without the "telepass" is photographed, details of the plate (car, motorino) transmitted to the authorities and a fine (of about € 80) is issued to the offender.

Also watch out for the smog/pollution warnings which appear on the illuminated overhead signs around the edge of town (on the Viali circonvallazioni, or inner ring-road). These will tell you whether the crucial monoxide and smog limits have been reached, in which case the following day all the towncentre, the Viali and many other roads besides will be closed to all traffic—with the exception of vehicles fitted with a catalytic converter and small motor-cycles. Restrictions have been applied allowing cars with odd-numbered plates to circulate one day and those with even-numbered plates another. Cars without catalytic converters have been banned almost completely. The area is quite extensive, covering virtually the whole municipality of Florence.

Petrol: Petrol stations (stazioni di servizio or benzinai) are usually open 07:00-12:30 and 15:00-19:30 with slight variations (summer/winter). Many are closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. There is always one open on the Via Senese and on the approach to the Firenze Nord Autostrada exit. Those on the autostrada are open all the time. Near the Crest Hotel Garage, Viale Europa 205, there is a self-service station open 24 hours a day. Also try the AGIP station at La Lastra (Via Bolognese) for 24-hour petrol. Most self-service petrol stations will charge less during regular daytime opening hours if you put the petrol in yourself.

Car repairs, spares and service: Main dealers for most makes of cars are in the yellow pages under "Automobili-vendita"; services or general repairs are done by the autofficine. Consult the local Sunday newspapers (e.g. La Nazione) to see which officina is open on Sundays. You will also find small repair shops specializing in certain types of repair work, of which the most common are:

Carburatori: carburettors, etc.

Elettrauto: electrical systems

Gommisti: tyres and wheel-balancing

Contachilometri: speedometers/other instruments

Carrozzieri: bodywork repairs

Locally, there are:

Paolo Trefoloni (mechanic, autofficina)

Via Boccaccio 84 (Le Cure) 055.588740

Luciano Somigli (mechanic - autofficina) 055.541010

mobile: 333.4288473

Il Giglio (body-repair shop) Via Pepe 49 (Le Cure)

055.578427

Carrozzeria Etrusca (body-repair shop)

Via del Bargellino 2 (Fiesole) 055.599962

Stadio Gomme (tyres) (Campo di Marte)

Via Cairoli 17 (discount for EUI members) 055.572475

and 055.5004304

And for Audi/VW owners:

body-repair shop

Autocarrozzeria Gi.Pi.Erre

Via del Lasca 13 055.571389

mechanic

Nuova Cavalcanti

Via Caracciolo 4/r 055.578853/575844

Scrap yards/autodemolitori

For cheap spares, try the following scrap yards

(in the outskirts of Florence):

Corti, Via A. del Cimento 50, 055,413185

Bazzi, Via della Cupola 251B, 055.315077

Fiorentina, Via di Scandicci 241 int., 055.712677

Paradiso, Via del Fornaccio 1 (Vallina - zona industriale), 055.696407 Disfacar, Via del Pantano 21, 055.755520

Parking / Parcheggi

Parking in or near the centre of town is restricted, frustrating and expensive. If you head for the central railway station carpark, the fee is approx. €1.50 per hour.

Access is from Via Nazionale.

There is also an underground car-park near Piazza Libertà, under the area known as Parterre. This is quite large, and fees are about the same.

Near or around the centre, suggested spots for leaving your car

are: Piazza Savonarola, Piazza della Libertà, Fortezza da Basso, Piazza Vittorio Veneto. Payment is by the hour and varies from park to park (approx. €1 to €1.50 per hour).

Roads and streets between Piazza Edison and the city centre (areas of 'Le Cure', 'Campo di Marte') are split into parking zones for residents and non-residents (the latter fee-paying, at €1 per hour). Residents may apply for a parking permit through the "Firenze Parcheggi" office. Bring an official ID document along, as well as the 'libretto di circolazione' of the vehicle that belongs to you. They will issue a "contrassegno domiciliato", valid for one year, against a payment of only €25. Firenze Parcheggi, c/o Parterre, Cubo 8, piazza della Libertà 12, 50129 Firenze, Mon-Fri, 8.30-13.00 and 14-16.30; 055.40401; e-mail centralino@serviziallastrada.it www.serviziallastrada.it

It is not normally necessary to pay after 20:00 h. or on Sundays, but this again varies from park to park. And in many car-parks, particularly on Sundays and after hours, watch out for unofficial parking attendants.

Street parking in the centre and outskirts without a parking permit is allowed generally after 20:00h. Remember to move your car the next morning by about 8:00 when the prohibited traffic has to be out of the ZTL.

If you park in the town centre during the day in a zone reserved for residents, and you don't have a parking permit for residents, your car may be towed away.

Just in case, the car pound (Depositeria Comunale) is in Via Olmatello (near Peretola/Florence Airport). Have your wallet ready as there is a big fine on top of the towing costs! 055.783882

Once-a-week street-cleaning / pulizia stradale settimanale If a blue sign is displayed in the street saying "Divieto di sosta 0-6 per Pulizia Stradale" and you leave your car parked after midnight, it will be towed away, but not necessarily to the pound. Check with the local police (vigili urbani) as to where it might be. Be prepared to pay a fine (again) and the towing costs.

Buying a motorino or a car

The common term in Italian for any small motor cycle, moped or scooter under 50cc is "motorino". A used motorino may cost anything from €250 to €1000 depending on age and condition, while a new, basic model will cost about €2000. They are very popular in Florence/Italy – they cut through the rush-hour traffic in no time, get you to places that other vehicles don't reach, but, beware, third party insurance is obligatory and no passengers may be taken on 50cc bikes.

The new owner of a motorino (new or old) also has to acquire personal number plates for it, which cost about €95. Normally, one would register for such plates with the local Ministry of Transport office (Ufficio della Motorizzazione) in 160/a, Via Lucchese, Osmannoro. However, this is quite a way to the west of Florence, and you may lose some time in arranging it with this office. We therefore advise you to go through one of the specialised agencies in Florence.

They cost a little more but it is more convenient. You will need a special substitute residence certificate which you may obtain from Academic Service (antonio.corretto@eui.eu) – supply your local Florence address.

Note: When buying a second-hand car or motorcycle, you should take into account the restrictions for traffic circulation applied in the city centre to non-catalytic vehicles.

Offices dealing with the purchase of vehicles, 'motorini' plates:

- 1. Automobile Club Italiano (ACI) main office, Viale G. Amendola 36, 055.24861
- Ufficio (ACI)
 Via Fogazzaro 54/56, 055.611461
 (Campo di Marte / Coverciano area)

These offices will deal with the MOT offices and get the plates or car documents for you.

1.3 Car-hire / Autonoleggio

See the yellow pages of the telephone directory under Autonoleggio. Hiring a car in Italy is expensive, much dearer than you would find in the States or the UK, for example. The best deals are for week-end hires, from Friday night to Monday morning, when hire-cars are not needed by businesses.

Alternatively, walk the stretch of road going from Piazza Ognissanti, along Borgo Ognissanti and turn right into Via Masiguerra. This area, sandwiched between the station and the river, has all the main hire firms (Hertz, Avis, Sixt, Budget, Maggiore, Thrifty, Program, Europear). Without too much effort, you can get three or four estimates in a few hundred metres. For the car-hire firms which have offices at the airports, see the telephone directory under Aeroporto Vespucci Firenze and Aeroporto Galilei, Pisa.

Bicycle and motor-cycle hire

Alinari

in Via Guelfa, 85r or Via de' Bardi 35, 055.280500

Has mopeds (motorini), scooters (Vespa, Peugeot), motorbikes (moto) and bicycles (including mountain-bikes) for hire. If you fear you'll get lost, you can also hire cellular phones from the same shop!

Cooperativa Ulisse

Area S. Salvi (near Bar Ulisse) 055.6505295 Every week they sell used bikes for around €40-70 which are in pretty good shape. You should go there rather early. Sometimes they just have about 10 bikes and the good ones tend to go quickly. It is also advisable to call the Thursday before since they might not have enough bikes and postpone the sale by one week.

Motorent

Via San Zanobi 9/r 055.490113

Hogcity

Viale Belfiore 6a/b/c 055.321092

1.4 Public transport

1.4.1 ATAF buses

Information 800.424500
main office, Viale dei Mille 115, 055.56501
Information Office, Stazione (lato arrivi) 055.5650222
www.ataf.net/ (information in English and Italian)
segreteria@ataf.fi.it

Within the city public transport is managed by the ATAF bus company. Buses, despite being decorated with large colourful adverts, are basically orange, as distinct from the blue of the SITA / LAZZI buses. Bus maps can be found at the ATAF offices or in the Tutto Città guide (supplied by the telephone company Telecom to all telephone subscribers), while timetables are available at the ATAF office at the main railway station and on their Website.

Buy your bus ticket ("biglietto") before boarding the bus – right by the no 7 bus terminus, at the main railway station, there is an ATAF bus ticket kiosk (single tickets at €1.20 each, blocks of 4 for €4.50 or buy a "Carta Agile" pass for €10 or €20 for 10 or 21 rides, respectively). Once stamped in the machine aboard the bus, the ticket is valid for 70 minutes' travel in any direction, on any number of buses. Otherwise, tickets can be

purchased at tobacconists ("tabacchi") and at most café/bars (if they display the "Biglietti ATAF" sign on the door). They may also be bought directly from the bus driver but cost €2 and NB: the driver is not obliged to give you change. If you are caught without a ticket, you are fined on the spot - about €50.00, plus the cost of the ticket itself! The ticket inspectors are tough and not at all sympathetic to your stories of mislaid tickets, no change or whatever! They have recently swapped their ATAF uniforms for plain clothes and identify themselves with an ATAF identification pass. Standard monthly passes or abbonamenti (valid from the 1st of the month only) cost €34 (€23 for students under 26 years of age). To obtain a bus pass, go to the ATAF office at the central railway station or the office just by the main bus depot, in via Pacinotti 1/a (open Mon-Fri 10h30 - 13h00 and 14h30 - 17h00), taking with you an application form (download from the ATAF website), an ID card/passport, and, (if you are eligible for a student pass because you are under 26) proof of registration at the EUI. Yearly passes are also available. You update the monthly pass on the first of every month by attaching the monthly ticket available at most tobacconists. For other bus companies, see the next section Autolinee

Beware of pickpockets on all buses – in particular on the no. 7 service to Fiesole. Watch your bag/wallet/purse at all times!

(below) or in the yellow pages.

1.4.2 Out-of-town bus services / Autolinee

The following companies run bus services throughout Tuscany and to some places outside:

055.2398840 /	LAZZI	www.lazzi.it
363041	Terminal and office	Pzza Stazione 4r
	SITA	Viale dei
055.47821	Bookings	Cadorna 105
800-373760	Information	
	Pzza Stazione 4r	

Various Web-sites are available for national and international travel by coach, e.g. www.eurolines.co.uk

For international routes

055.357110	Eurolines Italia	Via Mercadante
357397		2/b

Destinations

Destinations	
Belgium	Rome (Florence)/Venice, Milan, Brussels,
	Antwerp.
Czech Rep.	Milan, Bolzano, Prague, Brno;
	Rimini, Udine, Brno, Prague; Rome
	(Florence), Venice, Brno, Prague.
France	Rome, Florence, Nice, Perpignan;
	Rome (Florence)/Ancona, Milan, Paris;
	Venice, Milan, Nice, Perpignan; Venice,
	Milan, Paris.
G.B.	Rome (Florence)/Ancona, Milan, London;
	Venice, Milan, London.
Greece	Perugia, Trieste (Florence), Athens; Turin,
	Ancona, Athens; Pisa (Florence),
	Naples, Athens.
Hungary	Rome (Florence), Bologna, Budapest;
	Turin, Milan, Venice, Budapest.
Marocco	Turin, Milan, Casablanca, Marrakech.
Netherlands	Rome, Milan, Rotterdam, Amsterdam;
	Venice, Milan, Rotterdam, Amsterdam.
Poland	Rome (Florence), Venice, Warsaw.
Slovakia	Milan, Venice, Bratislava, Kosice.
Spain	Rome, Florence, Barcelona, Alicante;
	Rome, Florence, Barcelona, Madrid;
	Venice, Milan, Barcelona, Alicante;
	Venice, Milan, Barcelona, Madrid.
Turkey	Milan, Venice, Istanbul.

1.4.3 Trains / Trenitalia

www.trenitalia.com

892021	Information:
199.166.177	Phone booking office

Tickets may also be bought in advance at most travel agencies and online.

Thomas Cook's International Timetable may be consulted in the reference section of the EUI Library. Complete timetables for Italy and the main international routes are available at most newsagents at a cost of about €8.00.

Travelling by train in Italy is relatively cheap, especially when compared to other West European countries. A return ticket to Rome or Milan by Intercity train will cost about €40 (2nd class). Remember that tickets have to be date-stamped in the machines on the platform before boarding the train.

1.4.4 Taxis / taxi

055.59204	Fiesole: Piazza Mino
055.4390/4499	Taxi Radio
055.4242/4798	Socota

For full details of tariffs go to Socota's web page at www.socota.it or the municipality's web page: www.comune.firenze.it/tariffe/taxi.htm

Also to be noted: women travelling alone at night, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., are entitled to a 10% discount.

1.5 Travel agencies / Agenzie di viaggio

A complete list of travel agencies may be found in the telephone directory or Yellow pages under the heading 'Agenzie viaggi e turismo'. The address and telephone numbers are marked below ‡.

The Institute already has contacts with an agency in the city (Universalturismo), which has an office located at the Badia Fiesolana in the 'Bank corridor' (under the responsibility of the Logistics Service). Opening hours are 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., daily. Ext. 2265

055.50391	‡ Universalturismo	Via Cavour 180r
055.5039211 fax		

Rail travel

Most agencies will procure rail tickets for Italy and abroad, and, N.B., if you are under 26, the 'Transalpino' international student train tickets (and couchettes if necessary).

055.217936	Intertravel
	Via Lamberti 39/41r
055.294329	Biemme Viaggi e Crociere
	Via delle Belle Donne 4r
055.2343805/	Marzocco,
2345500	Borgo Croce 7
055.284183/	(*) S.T.S., Via Zannetti 18/r
2396661	
055.289721/	(*) C.T.S., Via dei Ginori 25r
289570	(Centro Turistico Studentesco)
055.216800	(*) C.T.U. Viaggi,
	Via San Gallo 7/r,
055.322011	Newtours,
	Via G. Monaco 20 ^a
055.287118	Lazzi Express,
	Piazza Stazione 47r
055.295251	Arno Viaggi,
	Piazza Ottaviani, 7r

^(*) If you need an International Student Identity Card, you can get a special discounted rate through the C.T.S. (see above).

Otherwise at:

STS (Servizio Turistico Sociale) as above

CTU (Centro Turistico Universitario) as above

NB. Don't forget your photo, the Institute card or certificate stating you're a student – the latter you can get from the Academic Service.

2. Retail

2.1 Bookshops / Librerie

055.294575	BM Bookshop,
	Borgo Ognissanti 4/re-mail:
	bmbookshop@dada.it
	(American/British books)
055.2381693	Cooperativa Libraria Universitaria
	Via San Gallo 21/r
055.213110	Edison,
	27/r Piazza della Repubblica
055.240384/	Libreria delle Donne,
2347810	Via Fiesolana 2b
055.219524/	Feltrinelli (International),
292196	Via Cavour 12/20r
055.2382652	ditto, general bookshop, Via Cerretani 30/r
055.284967	Giorni Libreria Antiquaria,
	Via Martelli 35r (books, prints, music)
055.212659	Librairie Française de Florence
	Piazza Ognissanti 1r
055.293460	Paperback Exchange,
	Via delle Oche, 4r
	(American/British second-hand books)
	e-mail: papex@papex.it
	www.papex.it
055.2382456	McRae Books, (American/British books)
	Via de' Neri 32r,
	shop@mcraebooks.com
	www.mcraebooks.com/shop

2.2 Chemists / Farmacie

See the Yellow Pages or TuttoCittà under heading Pronto Soccorso bearing in mind that the following chemists marked * are open at night, while those marked ** are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (or phone free number 800.420707 to find out which chemists are open at any particular time): The opening hours of all the main chemists can also be found in local newspapers such as La Nazione and La Repubblica (Florence section).

055.210849		Codeca, Via Ginori 50
055.710293	*	Comunali No. 5, Pzza dell'Isolotto 5
055.600945	*	Comunali No. 6, Viale Calatafimi 6/r
055.415546	*	Comunali No. 8, Viale Guidoni 89/r
	**	Comunali No. 13, Interno Stazione S.M.
		Novella
055.216761		Main Railway Station
055.6811616	*	Cortesi, Via Orsini 107/r
055.2049217	*	Del Galluzzo, Via Senese 206/208/r
055.588887	*	Della Nave, Pzza delle Cure 2/r
055.4220422/		
413196	*	Di Rifredi, Pzza Dalmazia 24/r
055.215472/		
289490	**	Molteni, Via Calzaiuoli 7/r
055.6812145	*	Morelli, Via G.P. Orsini 27/r
055.7398595/		
714440	*	Mungai, Via Stagnina 35/r
055.215612	*	Paglicci, Via della Scala 61
055.211343	**	All'Insegna del Moro,
		Pzza San Giovanni 20/r
		Fiesole:
055.59214		Farmacia Perna, Piazza Mino, 15
055.599262		Farmacia S. Bernardino, Via Colzi, 8b

Lists of local doctors and specialists, and surgery times, are posted in most chemists.

2.3 Food markets, shops, shopping and supermarkets/negozi alimentari e supermercati

Department stores/Grandi magazzini.

The main chain stores locally are:

Upim	V. dello Statuto 27; V. Gioberti/corner of
	Via Cimabue; V.le Talenti 20
La Rinascente	Pzza Repubblica 1
Coin	Via Calzaiuoli 56r
Oviesse	V. Gioberti; Viale dei Mille - Via Pacinotti

The goods sold in these stores are of variable quality; generally household goods are better quality than clothes, but you can find some bargains.

For electrical and household goods (lamps, radios & Hi-Fi, fridges, cookers, mobile phones, toasters, PCs, laptops etc.), nearby you will find:

CDS Euronics	Viale dei Mille (next to Oviesse)
Ganzaroli	Via Lanza 5 and 17
Imperial	Via Mannelli 119a

To the west of Florence, in and around Sesto Fiorentino/ Osmannoro, there are shopping malls, hypermarkets and warehouses: "I Gigli" is the large shopping mall at via San Quirico, 165, Campi Bisenzio, while Ikea is at Osmannoro in Via Francesco Redi, 1 (www.ikea.com/it/).

Shopping hours

these are subject to variations, but as a rough guide:

Winter:

food shops 08.00-13.00 and 17.00-19.30; closed on Wednesday afternoons. Other shops 09.00-13.00 and 15.30-19.30; closed on Monday mornings.

Summer:

(mid-June until mid-Sept): food shops 08.00-13.00, and 17.30-20.00; closed on Saturday afternoons. Fishmongers (pescivendolo), butchers (macelleria) and poultry (polleria) are open in the mornings only. Other shops 09.00-13.00 and 16.00-20.00; closed on Saturday afternoons and Monday mornings.

All shops are closed on Italian national holidays

1 January	New Year's Day
6 January	Epiphany
Easter Monday	
25 April	Liberation
1 May	May Day
2 June	Festa della Repubblica
15 August	Ferragosto
1 November	All Saints
8 December	Immaculate Conception
25 & 26 December	Christmas and Boxing Day

In Florence (but not Fiesole), virtually all shops are closed on 24 June – Festa di San Giovanni Battista (St John the Baptist), the city's patron saint. Banks will close for the afternoon. In Fiesole (but not Florence), the shops are closed on 6 July for the Festa di S. Romolo, its patron saint. Both events are marked by fireworks displays starting at approx. 22:00 hrs.

Supermarkets (supermercati)

The main super	market chains in Florence:
Esselunga,	Viale de' Amicis, Via Milanesi,
branches at:	Via Galliano, Via del Gignoro,
	Via Masaccio, Via di Novoli, Via Pisana,
	Via Argin Grosso, Via Ferraris, Via Canova.

Most branches have car parks.

(Sunday openings are usually on the last Sunday of each month – if this is not an official Italian holiday).

Co-op Via Carlo del Prete, Via Gioberti, **Via S**.
branches at: **Cristiani** (Coverciano), **Via Madonna della Ouerce** (Cure), **Via Gramsci**, Fiesole.

(those nearest to the Institute are in **bold** type).

Food markets (mercati) usually open in the morning Mercato Centrale (San Lorenzo area), Mercato di Sant'Ambrogio, Mercato di Piazza L. Ghiberti, Piazza Santa Spirito, **Piazza delle Cure**, Piazza Muratti, Piazza Dalmazia There is a large market on Tuesday mornings at the Cascine (the park by the river) – go early for the best deals!

3. Restaurants, bars, ice-cream shops

Good restaurants and trattorie abound in Florence and practically everyone has a different opinion as to which are the best. We have supplied a list of many reasonably-priced trattorie, pizzerie and restaurants to set you off on the right foot, though you might be tempted to go and hunt out those little places which might suit your taste better – searching them out, after all, is all part of the fun. Remember to ask for the bill when you leave a trattoria or restaurant, as the management and you are obliged by law to have a ricevuta fiscale (an official bill with tax number) for the meal just served.

If you are really stuck for a cheap evening meal, and willing to make the sacrifice of queuing for half an hour, the Florence University mensa might be considered, in Via San Gallo. Foreign students usually have to pay more than Italian students − if you show your Institute or International Student ID Card, you should spend about €5.

'Buon appetito!'

3.1 Restaurants and Trattorie

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Legend	**	More expensive
	*	Cheap or reasonably priced
		address / observations:
055.284170	*	Acqua al 2
		Via della Vigna Vecchia 40/r
		open all evenings 19:00-1:00
055.2398976	**	Trattoria Angiolino
		Via S Spirito 36/r
		closed Mon
055.5978498	**	Artegaia
		Via Faentina, 1 (Ponte alla Badia), Fiesole
		closed Mon
055.218898	*	Cantinone del Gallo Nero
		Via S Spirito 6/r
055.218624	*	Casalinga
		Via dei Michelozzi 9/r
		Popular with locals and students,
		excellent prices. Go early.
055.599504/	**	Cave di Maiano
59133		Via Cave di Maiano, 16, Fiesole
		closed Thu and Sun
055.2341100*/	/**	Cibreo
		Via de' Macci 118/r
		(in two sections, one dearer, one cheaper)
055.287178	**	Trattoria Coco Lezzone
		Via del Parioncino 26/r
		closed Sunday
055.548932	*	Da Dino all'Olmo
		Via Faentina 329, Olmo
055.294848	**	Ristorante Da Pennello
		Via Alighieri 4/r
		closed Sunday

055.574392	*	Da Pepe
		Via A. Pacinotti 5/r
		closed Monday
055.8409928	*	Feriolo
		Via Faentina 32 (ss. km. 16),
		dir. Borgo S. Lorenzo
		closed Tuesdays
055.59272	*	Le Terrazze (Pizzeria & restaurant)
		Via Gramsci 19, Fiesole
		closed Tuesday
055.599963	*	Da Graziella
		Via Cave di Maiano, 20, Fiesole
055.214756	*	Marione
		Via della Spada 27/r
		closed Sunday
055,210145	*	Pizzeria Nuti
		Borgo S Lorenzo 39/r
055.220053	**	Omero
		Via Pian dei Giullari 11/r
		closed Tuesday
055.548830	*	Trattoria Torre di Buiano
		La Casa del Prosciutto, Via dei Bosconi 58
		Fiesole
055.213204	**	13 Gobbi
		Via della Porcellana 9/r
		closed Monday
055.225657	**	Trattoria Vittoria
		Via della Fonderia 52/r
		closed Wednesday
055,215411	*	Zà-Zà
		P.zza Mercato Centrale 26/r
		closed Sunday

Many restaurants and trattorie have fixed-price tourist menus which are for full meals at a good price. Ask for the menu turistico – at a reasonable trattoria, it should cost about €13 - 16.

3.2 Non-Italian food

In the yellow pages, under "ristoranti", you will also find several non-Italian restaurants.

There are some 20 Chinese restaurants, some of which double as Thai restaurants and do take-aways and deliveries if you spend more than €10.

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)55.572215	Fu Qui - via G. Marconi 11/r,
ndian restaurants	:
)55.599900,	India - via Gramsci 43a, Fiesole,
559258	
)55.355695	Haveli - Viale Fratelli Rosselli, 31/33r;
	Firenze
559258	Haveli - Viale Fratelli Rosselli, 31/331

Indian rosticcerias (take-aways):

055.240999	Ram Raj- via Ghibellina,
055.5048958	Ganga - Via Boccaccio, 42r
055.2654053	Indian Fast Food - Via Ginori 60r

Japanese restaurants:

055.210940	Eito - via dei Neri 72/r,
055.222404	Totoya - Via del Campuccio 12/r,
	(does take-aways and home deliveries),
055.287779	Wabi Sabi - Viale dei Mille 53/r

Mexican restaurants:

055.211427	Café Caracol - via de' Ginori 10r,

055.210298	Maracaná - via Faenza 4, Doubles as a night club with a cabaret and disco.		
Cuban restauran	its:		
055.217882	La Bodeguita - via San Gallo 16r,		
	Becomes a bar later in the evening.		
Spanish restaura	unts:		
055 00 45 450	g 1		
055.2345452	Salamanca - via Ghibellina 80/r,		
Greek restauran	, ·		
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Egyptian restaurants:		
055.295054	Ramses, in Borgo Tegolaio 17/21R	

You get a discount if you visit the synagogue next door

Vegetarian and macrobiotic restaurants

055.2340616	Gauguin - Via Alfani, 24r		
	(French/Arabic/vegetarian)		
	(closed Sunday and Monday lunch)		
055.475030	Il Vegetariano - Via delle Ruote 30r		

3.3 Ice-cream parlours / gelaterie

Florence:

055.578682	Badiani, Viale dei Mille 20r	
	(closed Tuesdays)	
055.587489	Cavini, Pzza delle Cure 22	
	(closed Mondays)	
055.2343370	Gelateria Veneta, Pzza Beccaria 7/r	
055.2398969	Perché no, Via Tavolini 19/r	
055.292334	Vivoli, Via Isola delle Stinche 7	
	(closed Mondays)	

Fiesole and San Domenico:

055.599716	Villani, Via San Domenico 8
055.59594	Il Tucano, Via Gramsci 8
055.598976	Heredia, Via Cave di Maiano 3/r

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