

# Weekend in *Florence*

This is the itinerary for people who want to discover Florence in two days.  
Here are some tips and info for you.

## DAY ONE

### MORNING

If you arrive at the main train station of **Santa Maria Novella (A)**, cross the street and head to Piazza Santa Maria Novella, then walk to the Duomo following Via dei Cerretani. **Piazza del Duomo in Florence (B)** can be considered the heart of the city. Piazza del Duomo is a complex that includes five places you can visit: the Church of Santa Maria del Fiore (the Duomo), the Baptistery, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Church of Santa Reparata and the **Museo dell'Opera (C)**. There is a single ticket to visit all the monuments of Piazza Duomo and it costs only 10 euro.

### AFTERNOON

Options for the lunch are truly endless, but if you want to try something really traditional you can choose a "vinaino" (wine bar) or a stall selling lampredotto and tripe. The less economical but still traditional alternative is to lunch in one of the historical cafés of Florence. The next stop in the historical centre of Florence is **Via dei Calzaiuoli (D)**, where there are numerous shops and a very beautiful church that is worth a visit, the **Church of Orsanmichele (E)** (free admission). Then head over to the **Loggia del Porcellino (F)** with many stalls and souvenir stands.

### EVENING

You are just a few steps from **Piazza della Signoria (G)**, the civic centre of the city. Palazzo della Signoria, also called Palazzo Vecchio, built between 1290-1300, dominates the square. Today it is home to the Florence City Council and much of it is visitable as a museum. You can also climb the Tower of Arnolfo (the tallest tower in the city of Florence at 94 meters)

### NIGHT

Have dinner in the city centre and stop at the Ponte Vecchio at night: **a wonder that will live long in your mind!**

## DAY TWO

### MORNING

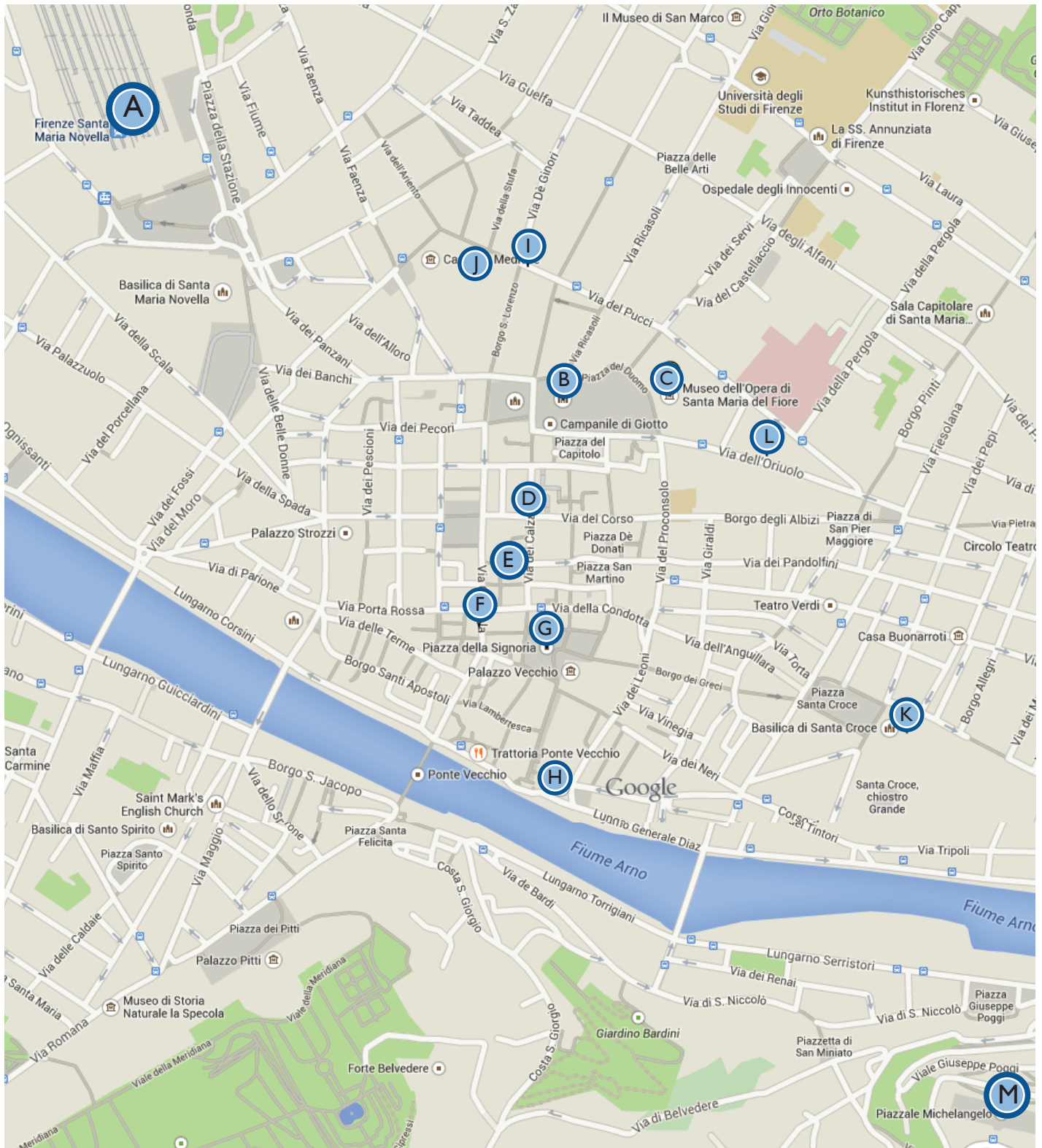
Start with a visit of the **Uffizi Gallery (H)**: it would be a shame to come to Florence and not see the place which contains some of the most important works of Italian Renaissance painting.

### AFTERNOON

After the visit to the Uffizi Gallery you might head in two directions: either return towards the Duomo area, continuing on to visit the colourful **market of San Lorenzo (I)**, with its stalls and leather goods (and also take the opportunity to see the brand new first floor of the San Lorenzo Market and visit the **Basilica of San Lorenzo (J)**, which was designed by Brunelleschi) or go across the river via Ponte Vecchio to explore the part of the town known as the Oltrarno. If you decide for the first option, plan to also visit the **Church of Santa Croce (K)** today, maybe stopping in at the **Oblate Public Library (L)**: from its café, there is one of the best views on the dome. Otherwise, if you choose the second option, follow this itinerary through the Oltrarno. This side of the river hosts some precious treasures: Palazzo Pitti, Boboli Garden, the fascinating **Piazzale Michelangelo (M)**.



# Weekend in Florence MAP



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