

Florence Without a Car, without making every day a hike



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Walk-first city planning with targeted transport

Terra Routes

Walk the historic core. Add tram, bus or taxi only when hills, outer sights, luggage or mobility make the shortcut useful.

Before your visit

Before you go

The centre is compact; the difficult edges are not.

Separate central walking from the few trips where public transport or a taxi removes real strain.

Historic core

Most central sightseeing works as linked walking clusters.

Group nearby places instead of crossing the centre repeatedly.

Tram

Useful for the airport and cross-city edges.

It does not replace walking inside every old-city street.

Often the missing link for hills and outer venues.

Confirm the stop, direction and return before leaving.

Taxi

Best treated as a targeted shortcut.

Use it for bags, limited mobility or a late, tired arrival.

Official first

Check the network only for the legs you will actually use.

Visit Tuscany explains the city's transport mix. Autolinee Toscane provides the current journey planner, tickets and service alerts.

Practical details checked against current official tourism, bus, tram and Florence municipal sources.

Choose a movement pattern

Four ways to keep the day car-free.

Pick one default for the day; add another mode only when it solves a specific constraint.

Build one no-car day

Match the route shape to the transport decision.

These patterns keep central walking coherent and isolate the one leg that needs help.

Central art cluster

Choose one museum anchor, add nearby streets and stop before the route turns into a zigzag.

Oltrarno + hill

Walk across the river, explore locally, then assist either the climb or the return.

Outer sight

Book or time the sight first; build the bus leg around that fixed point.

Day trip by train

Keep a station buffer and leave the Florence evening deliberately light.

Route logic

Use fewer vehicles, not more effort.

A good no-car plan keeps central days compact and assigns transport to one difficult edge.

Works well

- Station or hotel → compact central cluster → local evening
- Central walk → Oltrarno → one assisted hill or return leg
- Florence base → station buffer → day trip → easy evening

Use caution

- Stone streets and heat can make short map distances feel longer.
- Check live alerts and the correct stop or direction before departure.
- Do not drive into the historic centre casually; check current ZTL rules.

Keep arrival mechanics separate

Use the airport and station guides for the arrival itself, then the first- and last-day routes for luggage-aware timing.

No-car planning logic

Let Florence stay walkable without turning it into a test.

Keep the centre on foot and spend transport only on the leg that protects time, energy or mobility.

Read the source

[Open mobility overview](#)

[Plan a bus journey](#)

[Official tram information](#)

[Official ZTL rules](#)