

First-Day Soft Landing



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Use this when you have just arrived in Florence and need a realistic first move before museums, hills or heavy sightseeing.

Florence

Arrival & Transport

1.5–4 hours

Low to medium

Free route

Before you start

Solve luggage first. This route is designed to make the first day easier, not fuller.

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Route steps

- SMN Station**
Start here if you arrived by train or tram.
- Santa Maria Novella**
A calm first landmark close to the station.
- Mercato Centrale**
A simple food stop when you need to reset.
- San Lorenzo Market**
A short market-side orientation without overdoing it.
- Duomo exterior**
Look, get your bearings, then stop before the day gets too full.

Choose your version

Version 1

Tired arrival

For the day when you arrived, but your body has not.

Version 2

Before check-in

For early arrivals and rooms that are not ready yet.

Version 3

Light bags

For a backpack or small carry-on and enough energy to walk.

Version 4

Late arrival

For evening arrivals. Protect the first night.

Decision flow

Arrival

Start from Florence Airport or SMN Station.

Bags

Drop them, store them, or choose the light-bags version.

One anchor

Choose Santa Maria Novella, Mercato Centrale, San Lorenzo or the Duomo exterior.

Short walk

Keep it central. Keep it reversible.

Stop

Go back to base, eat nearby, get gelato or save tomorrow's route.

Google Maps route

Open the live walking route on your phone after luggage and arrival logistics are already solved.

[Open in Google Maps](#)

Luggage logic

Heavy luggage

Storage or accommodation first.

Carry-on only

Short walk is fine. Avoid tight interiors.

Hotel can hold bags

Drop bags. Restart lighter.

Apartment gap

Have storage ready before arrival.

Route constraints

No major timed museums right after arrival.

Do not drag luggage through the centre.

Save Piazzale Michelangelo for another day.

Check official transport first.

Do not overfill the day because it looks short.

Useful links

[Arrival & Transport](#) — Airport, station and first-day logistics.

[SMN Station](#) — Use this for SMN arrival and station-side luggage.

[Florence Airport](#) — Use this for airport arrival and transfer choices.

[Gelato in Florence](#) — An easy reset when you need something simple.

[Lampredotto in Florence](#) — A Florentine food stop when you have free hands.

[GEST / Tramvia Firenze](#) — Official Florence tram source.

[My Trips](#) — Save this route to your trip.

Note

Treat this as a calm first-day framework. Check live hours, transport and luggage options before relying on it.

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Links may require internet connection. Check live hours, transport and ticket rules before relying on saved planning information.