

Florence Packing List

A complete checklist for your trip — tick off before you leave and as you pack



BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- ☐ Passport valid for trip duration
EU recommends 3+ months beyond your departure date
- ☐ ETIAS / EES status checked
US citizens: no visa for Schengen stays up to 90 days; check the official EU travel advisory
- ☐ Uffizi + Accademia tickets booked
Timed entry — sells out in spring and summer
- ☐ Duomo dome climb + Campanile tickets booked
- ☐ Flights booked
- ☐ First nights' accommodation booked
- ☐ Travel insurance arranged
- ☐ Bank notified of travel dates
- ☐ Backup card from a separate bank
- ☐ Document copies saved to cloud
Passport, cards, insurance — Gmail or Dropbox

LUGGAGE

- ☐ Suitcase or backpack
Florence's cobblestones are tougher than Rome's
- ☐ Day bag / daypack
- ☐ RFID travel wallet
- ☐ Packing cubes
- ☐ Waterproof wash bag
- ☐ TSA luggage locks

HEALTH AND GROOMING

- ☐ Toiletries
Buy on arrival — farmacia (green cross) are well stocked
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
Free fontanelle fountains throughout the historic center
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Blister plasters
- ☐ Moisturizer
- ☐ Ear plugs
- ☐ Quick-dry travel towel

CLOTHING

- ☐ Well-cushioned, broken-in walking shoes
The single most important item you pack
- ☐ Scarf or sarong
Shoulders and knees covered for churches
- ☐ Lightweight summer clothing
Linen and cotton — the river valley traps heat
- ☐ Packable sun hat
- ☐ Light jacket for cool evenings
- ☐ Underwear and sunglasses

ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Type F and Type L plug adaptor
A universal adaptor covers both; check device is dual-voltage
- ☐ Cell phone
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Noise-cancelling headphones
- ☐ Camera + spare memory cards
- ☐ Kindle
Pack Brunelleschi's Dome by Ross King

DOCUMENTS AND ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Passport (+ cover with document pockets)
- ☐ Insurance documents
- ☐ Printed museum and dome-climb confirmations
- ☐ Cash — Euros
Trattorias and Oltrarno artisans often cash only; use Intesa Sanpaolo or UniCredit ATMs
- ☐ Italian phrasebook
- ☐ ZTL awareness
No driving into the historic center; ask your hotel about drop-off points
- ☐ Student / teacher card (if applicable)
ISIC card — discounts at state museums

ESSENTIAL FLORENCE TIPS

Book the dome early. Brunelleschi's dome climb and the Campanile require separate, timed-entry tickets that sell out.

Cover up for churches. The same shoulders-and-knees rule as Rome applies at the Duomo, Santa Croce, and Santa Maria Novella.

Mind the ZTL. Florence's historic center restricts private cars — confirm drop-off points with your hotel first.