

## Review of 5 day break in Florence March 2018

Dear Gemma

Sorry for the late email regarding our 5 day break in Florence.

It was a good time of year to go, as it wasn't too crowded. The weather was wet for 2 days but still a few degrees warmer than the UK.

We visited the sites all within walking distance such as the Ponte Vecchio bridge with the jewellery shops galore, the Uffizi Museum and the Palazzo Vecchio. All three done on the first day!

The Duomo Cathedral de Santa Maria is an impressive building with a tower and museum. The tickets are valid for 48 hours, which we made use of. The shops go on forever and every one seemed to have a Sale on. The other time for shop sales is July.

A must to visit is the Lorenzo market. It has fresh produce and products downstairs with a street food bonanza upstairs that is open until midnight. A great buzzing atmosphere. During the day when we visited any way. There is also the market stalls outside selling all the leather goods to barter for.

Eating out was quite reasonable and a basic coffee in most places was €1.50. A 3 course meal was generally €25 including an alcoholic drink. It is possible to eat for less.

The food is amazing in the restaurants and we were given 10% off the restaurant just down the road from our Hotel Ambascatori, but I can't remember the name.

Be warned; make sure you wear very comfortable shoes, as the streets are not paved smoothly. There is a lot of walking to be done and climbing up Cathedral and tower steps! Make sure you have a bath in your bathroom to ease away the aching legs and feet at the end of the day.

It is not what you would call a relaxing holiday but very cultural and a beautiful city to explore. We would recommend it. We had a great time despite being knackered!

Thanks for your help in booking the trip for us.

Kind regards  
Mr and Mrs G