



## Florida State University Florence Program

# Practical Guide



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The FSU Florence Program staff is always available to help students with any health problems that may arise while they are studying abroad. The center has a list of doctors in Florence that speak English and that have worked with our students in the past. If you need medical help, please speak with a member of the FSU Florence Program staff who can direct you to the correct doctor.

In the event of an emergency situation when you cannot get in touch with the FSU staff, the following are English speaking doctors in Florence recommended by the American Consulate:

General practitioners	
<u>Tourist Medical Service</u> Via Porta Rossa 1 phone 055 475411 cell. 335 8089492 - emergencies only  Walk-in: Mon-Sat: 1pm-3pm Cost: approx. € 40. Specialist visits by appointment only. <a href="http://www.medicalservice.firenze.it">www.medicalservice.firenze.it</a>	<u>Tourist Medical Service</u> Via Lorenzo il Magnifico 59 phone 055 475411 cell. 335 8089492 - emergencies only  Walk-in: Mon-Fri: 11:00am-12:00pm & 5:00pm-6:00pm Sat: 11:00am-12:00pm Cost: approx. € 40. Specialist visits by appointment only. <a href="http://www.medicalservice.firenze.it">www.medicalservice.firenze.it</a>
<u>Dr. Francesco Porro</u> Via Verdi 16 cell. 338 8203612  Mon-Fri: 10:00am-12:00pm by appointment	
Dentists	
<u>Dr.ssa Chiara Fanfani</u> Via Cavour 106 phone 055 577772  by appointment	<u>Dr. Francesco Farnararo</u> Piazza San Lorenzo 2 phone 055 216587  by appointment
<u>Dr.ssa Maria Leena Peltonen-Portman</u> Via Cherubini 20 (2nd floor) phone 055 218594  by appointment	
Gynecologists	
<u>Dr.ssa Barbara Brodbeck</u> Via dello Statuto 7 phone 461465, cell. 335 8353612  by appointment	<u>Dr.ssa Cristina Desii</u> Via Lorenzo il Magnifico 59 phone 055 475411  by appointment

## Pharmacies

Pharmacists in Italy are very helpful. If you are sick, you can stop in and they can recommend medicines. The following pharmacies are open 24 hours:

Piazza Duomo, 055 211343

Inside Santa Maria Novella train station, 055 21676

## Hospitals

Santa Maria Nuova, Piazza Santa Maria Nuova 1, 055 27581

Careggi, Viale Morgagni 85, 055 794111



The International Program fee includes insurance. Please note that in Florence students will be expected to pay for medical services immediately (usually in cash) and will then be reimbursed by the insurance company. Keep all your receipts and ask FSU staff for the reimbursement form, which you will have to mail in.

# Banking

## **Banks**

If you need to exchange money, it is better to do so at a bank as they have better exchange rates. When exchanging money or using an ATM, exercise the same caution you would at home.

### **Opening hours:**

Monday - Friday: 08:20am – 01:20pm, 02:45pm–03:45pm

Saturday - Sunday: Closed

## **Credit Cards**

Students should note that credit cards are not quite as widely used in Italy as they are in the US. Many smaller restaurants and shops accept cash only. In general, Visa and Mastercard, are more widely accepted than American Express.

## **Credit card emergency numbers**

AMEX emergency service 06 72900347

Diners Club emergency service (only in Italian) 800 864064

Mastercard emergency service 800 870866

Visa emergency service 800 819014

## **Western Union**

You can have money wired to you via Western Union which has several offices in Florence. Toll free: 800 464464 (only in Italian)

**Students should keep a list of their credit card and ATM card numbers separately in case their wallet gets lost or stolen.**

# Telephones

## Calling with a cellular phone

Students are strongly encouraged to have an Italian cell phone. If you have a three-band phone that works with a SIM card, you can purchase an Italian SIM card and use your American phone with an Italian number. If your phone is not three-band or does not use a SIM card (Sprint phones for example, do not normally use SIM cards) you can buy a relatively cheap phone here (approx. € 25,00).

## Calling with a Calling Card

For calls to the US from Florence, students may want to consider using calling cards bought in Italy (American toll free numbers are not free in Europe). There are several different Italian calling cards that can be used for free from both cell phones and land lines. However, using a cell phone with a calling card significantly reduces the number of calling minutes.

## Receiving Calls

FSU apartments have a telephone which may be used to receive calls:

Via Romana 61 room 101.....	(+39) 339 6879-964
“ room 102.....	(+39) 342 3639-896
“ room 103.....	(+39) 334 2455-322
“ room 201.....	(+39) 366 3368-221
“ room 202.....	(+39) 334 5035-565
“ room 203.....	(+39) 333 4409-139
“ room 204.....	(+39) 342 3650-993
“ room 205.....	(+39) 333 8049-441
“ room 301.....	(+39) 338 7124-814
“ room 303.....	(+39) 342 3638-712
“ room 304.....	(+39) 331 8462-073
“ room 305.....	(+39) 366 4578-100

## Country calling codes

<u>Calling from Italy</u>	→ to the USA	→ dial 001 + number
Calling from Italy	→ to an Italian number	→ dial area code + number
Calling from Italy	→ to European countries	→ dial country c. + area c. + nr.
<u>Calling from the USA</u>	→ to Italy	→ dial 011 + 39 + number
Calling from an European country	→ to Italy	→ dial 0039 + area code + number

Italy's country  
calling code is:  
**+39**

United States country  
calling code is:  
**+1**

# Mail

## Receiving Mail & Packages

Everyone loves getting mail & packages while in Italy but to make sure yours actually arrives, please remember:

All your mail and packages should be addressed to:

### Your Name

FSU Florence Program  
Borgo degli Albizi 15  
50122 Firenze  
Italy

**Do not** overestimate the value of goods for insurance purposes because import duty is based on the declared value of the package. All packages are subject to custom taxes which vary from 18% to 30% of the declared value. However, should the package be lost, you can only claim the amount of the declared value.

Clothing or other personal belongings should be indicated as **effetti personali usati** (used personal belongings) and you should enter **NVC** or **no commercial value** in the section of the customs slip reserved for the value of the goods.

FedEx, DHL and the US Post are generally more reliable than UPS.

Unfortunately, there is no way to know when packages sent from the US will arrive in Italy. Times given by carriers are always an estimate as the time needed for clearing customs depends on the carrier used, the size and weight of the package and other factors. All student mail will be sorted and distributed upon its arrival and will be placed in the student mailboxes in the library. The study center will notify students when they have a package and upon payment of any custom charges, students can pick up their packages at the study center's front desk.

## Sending Mail & Packages with the Italian Postal Service

### Letters & Postcards

Stamps (*francobolli*) are available at the post office. However, due to the long lines you usually find, it is easier to buy them at a *tabaccheria* (stores that sell cigarettes). You will need the following stamps for (standard) letters and postcards ≤ 20grams:

to USA: €1,60 (€3,30 for letters from 21gr to 50gr)  
to Europe: €0,75 (€2,40)  
within Italy: €0,60 (€1,40)

Simply attach the stamp to the envelope and place the letter in one of the many red mailboxes located around Florence.

# Mail

## Packages

By courier service (*Paccocelere Internazionale*): This service delivers packages within 3-4 days, however it is more expensive. For a 20 kilo package you can expect to pay about €170,00, whereas a 30 kilo package costs approximately €230,00.

For more information: [www.poste.it](http://www.poste.it)

The post office also offers regular airmail service for packages but it is more expensive than sending it through a courier service.

**Important:** You need to pack your belongings before you bring the box to the post office. Boxes (including packing tape) can be purchased directly there. You can also take your belongings to a *cartoleria* and have them pack the box according to post office specifications. One *cartoleria* which offers this service is **Scatolini**, Via dell'Anguillara 66/r (right off Piazza S. Firenze).

The three main post offices in Florence are:

### Location

Via Pietrapiana 53  
(in front of the supermarket "Billa" near the school)

Via Pellicceria 3  
(Piazza della Repubblica under the arches)

Via Alamanni 18-20/ r  
(near the train station)

### Opening hours

Mon-Fri: 08:15am–07:00pm  
Sat: 08:15am–12:30pm

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Sat: 08:15am–12:30pm

## Mail Boxes Etc.

You can also mail packages using Mail Boxes Etc. It is rather expensive for small packages but more reasonable for larger packages. For 20 kilos, you can expect to spend approximately €100,00; for 30 kilos €135,00, for 40 kilos €165,00. If you know someone shipping his/her belongings to the same town as you, you can save some money by sending them together. The only restriction is that you must send everything to the same address. Mailboxes also offers a storage service for € 10,00/week.

Mail Boxes Etc., Corso dei Tintori 39r, +39 055 2466660



## Transportation in Florence

### Bus System

Florence's city bus line, ATAF ([www.ataf.net](http://www.ataf.net)), can get you just about anywhere in Florence and its suburbs. While there may be a bit of a wait for the buses, this is definitely the cheapest way to get around the city.

### Bus tickets/passes

There are various types of tickets available that are valid from 90 minutes to one month. You can purchase tickets at tabacchi shops (Look for a big T sign), news stands and some bars. A single ticket costs €1,20 (€2,00 if purchased on board) and lasts 90 minutes from the time it is validated. You have to stamp all tickets immediately upon getting on the bus in one of the 2 machines which are usually located in the front and back of the bus.

If you plan on taking the bus often, the best solution might be to get a monthly student pass for € 23,00/month.

### Bus schedules and routes

Most buses run from early morning (about 6:00am) to midnight. There are also buses that run all night, but they follow very general routes.

### Taxi

Keep in mind that taking a taxi in Florence can be expensive. However, it's always safer to take a taxi home late at night.

You can call a taxi (055 4242, 055 4390—all are radio-dispatched) or you can walk to the nearest taxi stand. It is impossible to hail a cab on the street. There are extra charges at night, on Sundays, and for each piece of baggage. If you take a taxi outside the city limits for any distance always ask first what it will cost.

## Traveling outside Florence

### By Bus

Traveling by bus is convenient and reliable, especially between the small towns in Tuscany. Three bus companies have routes that travel outside of the Florence city limits. All three have bus terminals near the train station. You can purchase tickets at the station before leaving:

Sita ([www.sitabus.it](http://www.sitabus.it)) is located in Via Santa Caterina Da Siena and have buses that depart for Siena, San Gimignano, the Chianti wine country, etc.

Lazzi ([www.lazzi.it](http://www.lazzi.it)) is located in Via Valfonda and has routes going to Lucca, Viareggio, etc.

Cap ([www.capautolinee.it](http://www.capautolinee.it)) is located in Largo Alinari and has routes going to the Mugello area, Prato and the fairly large shopping mall / *Gigli*.

### By Train

The main train station in Florence is called Santa Maria Novella (SMN). For information on train schedules, tariffs, special offers and reservations, call 892 021 (not from cell phones) or visit [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)

Eurostar (ES) & Alta Velocità (AV) trains: these trains are more expensive than the intercity trains, but Rome to Florence only takes about 1 hour 35 minutes and costs about €80 roundtrip. ES & AV tickets include seat booking and are valid only for the booked day and train. If you can, you should reserve at least a day in advance to guarantee your seat. If this is not possible, you can make a same-day reservation as long as seats are still available.

There are many possibilities for reduced fares on trains in Italy. Consult [www.eurail.com](http://www.eurail.com) for detailed information.

Important: You must validate your ticket before getting on the train! Yellow boxes are set up right by each track especially for this purpose. If you forget to do so, you will be fined €40!

### Storage

You can store your luggage in any central train station throughout Italy, for a time period up to two weeks. Price for storage is €3,00 for the first 12 hours and €2,00 for every 12 hours after.

Mail Boxes Etc., Corso dei Tintori 39r or Mail Boxes Etc., Via della Scala 13r  
Price for storage is €10,00 a week per bag

Air France	848 884 466	<a href="http://www.airfrance.com">www.airfrance.com</a>
Alitalia	06 2222	<a href="http://www.alitalia.com">www.alitalia.com</a>
American Airlines	02 69682464 or 06 66053169	<a href="http://www.aa.com">www.aa.com</a>
British Airways	199 712 266	<a href="http://www.britishairways.com">www.britishairways.com</a>
Delta Air Lines	06 42010340 or 800 241441	<a href="http://www.delta.com">www.delta.com</a>
Lufthansa	199 400044	<a href="http://www.lufthansa.com">www.lufthansa.com</a>
Meridiana	199 111 333	<a href="http://www.meridiana.it">www.meridiana.it</a>
Royal Dutch Airlines	199 414 199	<a href="http://www.klm.com">www.klm.com</a>

## Low Cost airline companies to travel around Italy and Europe:

Air One	<a href="http://www.flyairone.it">www.flyairone.it</a>
Easy Jet	<a href="http://www.easyjet.com">www.easyjet.com</a>
Hapag-Lloyd Express	<a href="http://www.tuifly.com">www.tuifly.com</a>
Eastern Europe Airlines	<a href="http://www.wizzair.com">www.wizzair.com</a>
Royal Dutch Airlines	<a href="http://www.klm.com">www.klm.com</a>
Ryanair	<a href="http://www.ryanair.com">www.ryanair.com</a>
Transavia (Netherlands)	<a href="http://www.transavia.com">www.transavia.com</a>
Vueling (Spain)	<a href="http://www.vueling.com">www.vueling.com</a>

## By Plane

### How to reach the different airports

**Florence**, Amerigo Vespucci Airport: The Volainbus airport shuttle runs to and from the airport to the central train station. Tickets are available on board. ([www.aeroporto.firenze.it/](http://www.aeroporto.firenze.it/))

**Pisa**, Galileo Galilei Airport: Direct railway lines connect the airport to Florence and other Italian cities. The railway terminal is located just outside the departures hall. You can buy your railway ticket at the information office. ([www.pisa-airport.com](http://www.pisa-airport.com)). Terravision airport shuttle runs to and from Pisa airport to Florence central train station. ([www.terravision.eu](http://www.terravision.eu))

**Bologna**, Guglielmo Marconi Airport: The airport shuttle bus runs to and from the airport to the Bologna Centrale train station. ([www.bologna-airport.it](http://www.bologna-airport.it))

**Rome**, Fiumicino Airport: The direct train Leonardo Express connects the airport and the central train station (Roma Termini). The city of Rome has established fixed rates for taxi rides from and to the airport. If your trip is to or from the city center (for example to/from Roma Termini), the cost is €40,00 (including luggage fees) for a maximum of 4 passengers. ([www.adr.it](http://www.adr.it))

**Milan**, Malpensa Airport: An airport shuttle runs to and from the airport to the Milano Centrale train station. You can also take the Malpensa Express train which connects the airport to the Milano Cadorna train station. ([www.sea-aeroportoimilano.it](http://www.sea-aeroportoimilano.it))

**If you will be traveling on a non-US or non-EU passport, check your travel plans with the consulate of the countries that you plan to visit before you depart. You may need to apply for supplementary travel documents, such as tourist or transit visas. You can contact most embassies and consulates at [www.embassy.org](http://www.embassy.org).**

## Meal ticket restaurants

Antico Noe' Sandwich Shop	Arco di S. Pierino	055 2340838	} Lunch: Sandwich and soda <u>or</u> water; Dinner: You may use meal vouchers for dinner entrees at the restaurant next door.
Gustapanino	Piazza S. Spirito	333 9202673	
Gustapizza	Via Maggio 46r	055 285068	} You can order whatever you like from the menu and pay with your meal vouchers
Gustaosteria	Via de' Michelozzi 13/r (corner Piazza S. Spirito)		
La Loggia	Borgo degli Albizi 99/r	055 2479574	
Trattoria Anita	Via del Parlascio 2/r	055 218698	
Natalino	Borgo degli Albizi 22r	055 289404	} One ticket for take away menu (salads, first course, pizza)
Golden View	Via de' Bardi 58r	055 214502	

## Cheap eats

Eby's Latin cuisine	Arco di S. Pierino		Wraps, quesedilla's etc.
I Fratellini	Via dei Cimatori 38/r	055 2396096	A little hole in the wall that makes great sandwiches
Oleum Oil Shoppe	Via S. Egidio		Great Sandwiches but often a bit of a wait!
Sabatino	Via Pisana 2r	055 225955	Very Tuscan, very quick service and economical.
Da Rocco	Inside the market of S.Ambrogio		Very casual but good and very economical. Open from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

## Reasonably priced restaurants

Baldovino	Via S. Giuseppe 22/r	055 241773	Great salads at lunch and nice atmosphere in the evening.
Coquinarius	Via delle Oche 15/r	055 2302153	Good appetizers, pastas and deserts. Make a reservation because it gets crowded!
I'ché c'è, c'è	Via Magalotti 11/r	055 216589	Wood tables inside characteristic atmosphere and cuisine.
Il Bordino	Via Stracciatella 9/r	055 213048	Very small but with a special charm. (Lunch very reasonable while dinner can be quite expensive).
Palle d'Oro	Via S. Antonino 43-45/r	055 288383	In the S. Lorenzo area. You can eat a first course standing up for very little.
Quattro Leoni	Via de Vellutini 1r	055 218562	On a side street near Pitti Palace
Zà Zà	P.zza Mercato C.le 26r	055 215411	In S. Lorenzo market area

A lot of additional information on the city and on florentine restaurants can be found in the guide "Firenze Spettacolo" every month at newspaper stands and in bookstores

## Restaurants for foodies/€25-40 per person

Acqua al 2	Via della Vigna Vecchia 40/r	055 284170	Pasta & meat tasting with up to six different choices.
I Latini	Via Palchetti 6/r	055 210916	Excellent Tuscan food, known for its long wait to get in, fun waiters & generous portions. Great first courses & one of the best Bistecca Fiorentina.
Natalino	Borgo Albizi 17r	055 289404	Very friendly atmosphere & good Florentine cuisine. Book in advance.
La Giostra	Borgo Pinti 10/r	055 241341	
Trattoria Il Cibreo	Via de' Macci 118/r	055 2341100	Traditional Tuscan cuisine, with a bit of originality. Unusual but very good. There is also a more expensive version around the corner, by the S. Ambrogio market.
Il Santo Bevitore	Via di Santo Spirito 66/r	055 211264	

## Pasta & Pizza

Caffè Italiano	Via Isole delle Stinche 11-13/r	055 289368	A little pizzeria that makes only 3 kinds of pizzas, get there early or be prepared to wait (also a restaurant).
Danny Rock	Via Pandolfini corner Via Palmieri	055 2340307	Very special crepes, good pizza, first courses, salads & great hamburgers
I Tarocchi	Via de' Renai 12/r	055 2343912	One of the least expensive pizzerias.
Il Pizzaiuolo	Via de' Macci 113/r	055 241171	S. Ambrogio market area. Very crowded so you need to book in advance or go early.
Open Bar	Via dei Bardi 58/r	055 214502	Good pizzas, pastas & second courses with nice views of the Arno. Live jazz.
PizzaTaxi		055 434343	Pizza delivery to your apartment, You can check the menu on internet <a href="http://www.pizzataxi.it">www.pizzataxi.it</a>

## Ethnic Restaurants

Chinatown	Via Vecchietti 6/r	055 294470	Chinese
India	Via Gramsci 43/a, Fiesole	055 599900	Indian
Eito	Via dei Neri 72/r	055 210940	Japanese
Roses	Via del Parione 26/r	055 287090	Japanese
Ruth's	Via Farini 2/a	055 2480888	Kosher & Vegetarian
Tijuana	Via Ghibellina 156 r	055 23411330	Mexican
Darvish Café	Via Ghibellina 76/r	055 3900742	Middle Eastern
Finisterrae	Piazza S. Croce 20	055 2638675	Middle Eastern
Salamanca	Via Ghibellina 80/r	055 2345452	Spanish

## Aperitivo

Chiaroscuro	Via del Corso 36/r	055 214247
Slowly	Via Porta Rossa 63/r	055 2645354

In Florence, addresses can be rather confusing, because there are both red and black numbers. Traditionally, the black numbers were meant for residences, while red numbers marked commercial premises such as shops or other businesses. The latter are also painted in red, and in writing their address numbers are followed by the letter "r" (short for "rosso"). You should be very careful because the two sets of numbers do not necessarily go together, and for instance a 35/r (red) will not necessarily be anywhere near the ordinary (black) 35.

# Eating In

## Supermarkets

Billa	Via Pietrapiana 42/44 (near the school) 055 234 7856	Mon-Sat: 08:00am-09:00pm Sun: 09:00am-09:00pm
Il Centro	Borgo Albizi 57/59r (near the school) 055 2639633	Mon-Sat: 09:00am-20:45pm Sun: 10:00am-20:00pm
Il Centro	Via Romana 113/r 055 223 641	Mon-Sat: 08:00am-08:00pm Sun: 09:00am-07:00pm
Conad "Sapori & Dintorni"	Via de' Bardi 45/47	

## Food Markets

There are outdoor markets all over Florence that are open in the morning until about 1 p.m. The two biggest are in Piazza San Lorenzo (called *Mercato Centrale*) and Piazza Sant'Ambrogio. The *Mercato Centrale* consists of hundreds of individual stands where you can buy meats, cheese, bread, pasta, wine, oil, fruit and vegetables. The markets offer fresh items at reasonable prices and are alive with Italians scurrying about searching for the best buys of the day.

## Grocery Stores

If you want to get a real taste of the Italian way of life, try shopping at some of the smaller food stores called *alimentari*. They can be found all around the city. A *forno* has fresh bread and baked goods, a *macelleria* is a butcher shop, a *pasticceria* is a pastry shop, in a *latteria* you can find dairy products, an *ortofrutta* or a *fruttivendolo* sells fruit and vegetables, and a *pizzicheria* or *gastronomia* is a deli.

# Shopping & Services

## Art Supplies

Bati	Via Verdi 67/r
Rigacci	Via dei Servi 71/r
Salvini	Via degli Alfani 127/r
Zecchi	Via dello Studio 19/r

Lots of great art supplies & they give a student discount.

## Bikes

Motofficina S. Casini	Via dell'Anguillara 43/r
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## Bookstores

Edison	Piazza della Repubblica
Feltrinelli International	Via Cavour 12/20
Libreria Martelli	Via Martelli 22/r
Paperback Exchange	Via delle Oche 4/r

Sells English language books

## Camera Supplies

Bongi	Via Por San Maria 82/84/r
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Supplies for all cameras as well as sunglasses, glasses & contact lenses

## Contact lenses

Bongi	Via Por San Maria 82/84/r
Fotolocchi	Via del Corso 21/r

They also have camera supplies  
They develop both digital & regular film

## Dry cleaning

Lavanderia Elensec	Via Dei Neri, 46/R
Lavanderia Licia	Via Dell' Agnolo, 80/82/R

## Film developing

Fotolocchi	Via del Corso 21/r
MB Photo	Via Ghibellina 131/r

They develop digital & regular film & sell sunglasses & contact lenses

## Free Wi-fi access

Moyo	Via dei Benci 23/r
The Lions Fountain	Borgo degli Albizi 34/r

These bars, cafes & restaurants offer free wireless internet access for patrons

## General Stores

Coin	Via Dei Calzaiuoli, 56/r
Oviesse	Via Panzani 31/r
	Via Nazionale 29
Rinascente	Piazza della Repubblica
Upim	Via Gioberti 70

In these stores you can find clothing, health & beauty supplies, kitchen & bath supplies, towels & sheets, stationary & school supplies & small appliances (alarm clocks, hairdryers, etc.)

## Glasses & Sunglasses

Bongi	Via Por San Maria 82/84/r
Fotolocchi	Via del Corso 21/r
Natali	Via de' Cerchi 10/r

Supplies for all cameras  
They develop also digital & regular film

## Gyms

Budokan	Borgo Pinti 5
Klab Conti	Via de' Conti 7
Palestra Ricciardi	Borgo Pinti 75
Swan	Via dei Pepi 28

[www.budokanfirenze.net](http://www.budokanfirenze.net)

[www.klab.it](http://www.klab.it)

[www.palestraricciardi.it](http://www.palestraricciardi.it)

## Hairdressers

Aveda	Via dei Neri 49/r
Hairforce	Via Ghibellina 74/r

This is a good place for guys to get their hair cut, they also speak English

## Movie Theatre

Odeon CineHall Piazza Strozzi

Also shows films in English (original sound)

## Museum Reservations

Firenze Musei

[www.firenzemusei.it](http://www.firenzemusei.it)

## Passport pictures

Fotolocchi Via del Corso 21/r

They develop also digital & regular film & sell sunglasses & contact lenses

## School Supplies

99 Cent Store Via Pietrapiana 86/r  
Cartoleria Marzotto Borgo degli Albizi 86/r  
La Tartaruga Borgo degli Albizi 60/r  
Scatolini Via dell' Anguillara 66/r

They have notebooks, pencils & pens

Lots of notebooks, pencils, pens etc

Here you can find nice (but more expensive) notebooks, agendas & cards  
School & shipping supplies

## Shipping supplies

Scatolini Via dell' Anguillara 66/r

## Sport facilities

Cascine Park

free, bus #17C – Florence's "Central Park"; this park is a great place to take walks or jog, rollerblade, play soccer etc. in the day time (not advisable at night).

## Swimming pools

Piscina Bellariva Lungarno Moro Aldo 6  
Piscina Costoli Viale Pasquale Paoli  
Piscina Le Pavoniere Parco delle Cascine (Via della Catena 2)

Open daily during the summer from 10am to 6pm (bus # 17C)

## Tanning, Waxing etc.

Istituto Vivoli Via Panzani 13  
New Esthetic Piazza San Giovanni 7  
Oasi Via Alfani 53/r  
Tropical Via Cavour 19

waxing, facials, massage, manicure, tanning bed

solarium, waxing, tattoos

tanning beds

## Tickets

Box Office Via Alamanni 39  
International Studio Chiasso de' Soldanieri 8/r

Tickets & listings of nearly all concerts, plays, operas, ballets, etc

## Travel agencies

Albizi Viaggi e Congressi Via Palmieri 35/37 r  
Baiana Agenzia di Viaggi Borgo Degli Albizi, 53/55/r  
Intertravel Via Dei Lamberti 39/r



# Hotels

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Check out [www.venere.com](http://www.venere.com) for booking hotels, apartments and B&B's in Europe and the US. The following are hotels in Florence that we recommend:

B&B Novecento  
Via Ricasoli 10  
+39 055 214138  
[www.bbnovecentofirenze.it](http://www.bbnovecentofirenze.it)

\* Locanda Orchidea  
Borgo degli Abizi 11  
+39 055 2480346

\* Hotel Ferdinando II de' Medici  
Via del Presto 2  
+39 055 210947  
[www.ferdinandodemedici.com](http://www.ferdinandodemedici.com)

\*\* Albergo Firenze  
Piazza Donati 4  
+39 055 268301  
[www.hotelfirenze-fi.it](http://www.hotelfirenze-fi.it)

\*\* Hotel Boboli  
Via Romana 63  
+39 055 2298645  
[www.hotelboboli.com](http://www.hotelboboli.com)

\*\* Hotel Casci  
Via Cavour 13  
+39 055 211686  
[www.hotelcasci.com](http://www.hotelcasci.com)

\*\*\* Hotel Annalena  
Via Romana 34  
+39 055 222402  
[www.annalenahotel.com](http://www.annalenahotel.com)

\*\*\* Hotel Balestri  
Piazza Mentana 7  
+39 055 214743  
[www.hotelbalestriflorence.com](http://www.hotelbalestriflorence.com)

\*\*\* Hotel Dante  
Via S. Cristofano 2  
+39 055 240316  
[www.hotel-dante.it](http://www.hotel-dante.it)

\*\*\* Hotel Pendini  
Piazza Strozzi 2  
+39 055 211170  
[www.florenceitaly.net](http://www.florenceitaly.net)

\*\*\* Hotel Villa Liana (with parking)  
Via Alfieri 18  
+39 055 245303  
[www.hotelliana.it](http://www.hotelliana.it)

\*\*\*\* Hotel Monna Lisa  
Borgo Pinti 27  
+39 055 2479751  
[www.monnalisa.it](http://www.monnalisa.it)

\*\*\*\* Hotel Plaza Lucchesi  
Lungarno della Zecca Vecchia 38  
+39 055 26236  
[www.plazalucchesi.it](http://www.plazalucchesi.it)

## FSU Study Center

Borgo degli Albizi 15, 50122 Firenze	055 2340-604
Fax	055 2476-938
Library	055 2347-595

## FSU Apartments

Via Romana 61 - room 101	339 6879-964
" - room 102	342 3639-896
" - room 103	334 2455-322
" - room 201	366 3368-221
" - room 202	334 5035-565
" - room 203	333 4409-139
" - room 204	342 3650-993
" - room 205	333 8049-441
" - room 301	338 7124-814
" - room 303	342 3638-712
" - room 304	331 8462-073
" - room 305	366 4578-100

## Program Assistants

Melissa Civil	338 3466-681
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## Emergency #s

Sue Capitani (Administrative Director)	347 5942-492
Ilaria Mugnaini (Housing Coordinator)	340 1576-407
Caroline Elo (Program Coordinator)	335 6817-632
Ambulance/First Aid	118
Carabinieri Emergency	112
Fire Station	115
Night Medical Service (24 hrs)	055 212-222
Police Emergency	113
Tourist Medical Center	055 475-411

## Other numbers

Florence International Airport (24 hrs)	055 3061-702
Railway Information	892021
Taxi	055 4242 or 055 4390
	055 290832 or 800
Tourist Info. Center, Via Cavour 7/r	295 433

## U.S. Consulate

Lungarno Vespucci 38	055 266-951
US Citizen Service	055 215550 fax
Monday through Friday 09:00am-12:30pm	

## Other Consulates

Brasil, Piazza Pitti 5	055 222-336
Cile, Via Poggio Magherini 4, Fiesole	055 597-216
Colombia, Via Santo Spirito 11	055 289-468
Costa Rica, Via Giambologna 10	055 573-603
Ecuador, Via Trieste 67	055 473-151
Messico, Via Arte Lana 4	055 217-831
Panama, Via E. Mayer 19	055 473-904
Paraguay, Via dell'Erta Canina 66	055 2345-020
Peru, Via Fra' Bartolommeo 16	055 5047-099
Venezuela, Via Giambologna 10	055 588-082