

malaparadois - English version - Florence

Firenze or Florence... Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world! Charming, dynamic, historic, fantastic... Florence is a dream!

Walk through the gardens, admire Renaissance works, dream and travel the Ponte Vecchio on the Arno River, spend the day at the Palazzo Pitti... Everything I say about the beauty of Florence is just to express what this city has to offer.

And the Arno River? Ah! The wonderful Arno, was the stage of many talents Renaissance. Its slopes and stunning streams... Since the beginning of the century. Until the mid-fifteenth century. XVIII Florence was ruled by the Medici family, great patron of the arts, building churches and museums. Who was not in favor of the Medici political, but it is unquestionable dedication of this family by works of art.

The city is of great works of the Renaissance masters such as Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Giotto, among other scenario.

Florence has long been considered the fashion capital. It is considered the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance, became famous also for being the birthplace of Dante Alighieri, author of "The Divine Comedy", which is a landmark of world literature and where the modern Italian language has many influences.

In this poem he describes the city of Florence in many passages, as well as some of his contemporaries celebrated Florentines such as Guido Cavalcanti, a friend who was also a poet and active in the political life of the city . Also Florentine Cimabue, the last great Italian painter following the Byzantine tradition, and responsible for the "discovery" of Giotto. Florence, capital of Tuscany, beautiful, divine, wonderful... Do not have adjectives to express what this city has to offer the tourist. Go, have fun, get lost in the streets of Florence... Every corner, every alley, every wall... It reflects culture and history.

Marvel at the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore is the cathedral, or Duomo. Perfect in every detail - "The Duomo cathedral is the most beautiful I have ever beheld (Edi Marques)".

The majestic Cathedral, took to have the look we know today. It is the junction of a gothic mannered light colors whose exterior is impressive from any angle it is observed. Construction began in 1296, with completion only 140 years later. The present facade took even more - was completed in 1887. Its inner face is more discreet, but still reserves some precious instance of the ruins of the old church that existed there (in the crypt) and a fresco by Giorgio Vasari (dome) details. It houses the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, with works by Donatello and works with other artists.



Three details that can not go unnoticed is the monumental dome Bruneleschi - full of ingenious solutions to support the lantern and roof more than 50 feet tall, the bell tower designed by Giotto and painting Dante and the Divine Comedy by Domenico di Michelino.

But Florence has much to be seen:

PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA

The main square in Firenze, where are located the Palazzo Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery.

PONTE VECCHIO

Built in the first century BC, legend has it that during the 2nd war when the Germans had lost the war and destroyed everything they could, to see the beauty of this bridge does not have the heart to destroy it. Full of jewelers and goldsmiths is the most beautiful bridge over the Arno River, cross it is a privilege of the few , so do not forget to visit her.

PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO

The view you get of the city of Florence from the top of the square has no adjectives! The Piazzale Michelangelo is one of those places hardly visited when we have little time. But worth every minute, is the main viewpoint of the city of Florence, the look is something fantastic.

HOUSE OF DANTE ALIGHIERI

Dante was the greatest poet of all time, especially for the work "The Divine Comedy" - "particularly this work of Dante inspires me (Edi Marques)".

Many do not know but he was fiorentino. You can visit his home, which became the Museo Casa di Dante. The ticket costs 4 euros and you can admire various works of the poet, including some excerpts from the Divine Comedy.

PALAZZO PITTI

A few meters after you cross the River Arno by the Ponte Vecchio, lies the Palazzo Pitti, the largest residence of Florence and also the most "majestic". Composed of hundreds of rooms and halls, also hosts several museums, and wonderful Giardino di Boboli, true masterpiece which brings together its various gardens several sculptures and fountains in its more than 45,000 square meters. "In the Boboli Gardens, and I Flavinha hours we did not want to leave... And on top of it, we can still marvel at the Ceramics Museum - Edi Marques".

In the end, Firenze, Florence, Florence... No matter how you call it, go! And keep at least a week.





EDITOR'S NOTE

- I am passionate about travel and love Portugal, but Italy fascinates! Especially Florence. When I was in Florence felt the feeling was back to the sixteenth century and live all the fantastic history and culture of the time. Florence does that to you! Transports you to a bygone era as a touch of magic. I have traveled to several cities, but few have left me so eager to return!

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