

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW FLORENCE?

February 2013
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Santa Trinita and Palazzo Davanzati

Saturday, february 2

Time / 11:00am-1:00pm

Meeting point / entrance to the
Church

Walk & Visit ticket / 15 Euro
(+ 2 euro entrance ticket)

Take a trip back in time to see how people lived and worshiped with a visit to the often overlooked church of Santa Trinita and the fabulously intriguing Palazzo Davanzati. This visit has everything from tales of naughty wives to Renaissance portrayals of saintly miracles to the exquisite tomb of the richest man in 1400s Florence.

A special opening of the top two floors of the Davanzati will top off this exciting visit sure to surprise and delight you.



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Museum of the Opera del Duomo

Saturday, february 9

Time / 11:00am-1:00pm

Meeting point / entrance to the
Museum

Walk & Visit ticket / 20 Euro
(including entrance ticket)

Michelangelo, Donatello, Ghiberti and Luca della Robbia are the stars of this extraordinary, but often overlooked, museum. See the newly restored Gates of Paradise (partially financed by Friends of Florence), contemplate Michelangelo's Pietà, discover what a 'cantoria' is and see firsthand the kind of tools Brunelleschi used to construct the magnificent cupola.

As a special treat we will hear exceptional stories from one of the restorers that worked on the doors for a number of years. This spring the museum will close for renovations until 2015—see it now so you can say you remembered it when...



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Uffizi: Tribune and Niobe Room

Saturday, february 16

Time / 11:00am-1:00pm

Meeting point / Tribune of the Uffizi

Walk & Visit ticket / 15 Euro

(+ 6,50 euro entrance ticket)

Ever wonder exactly what Niobe did to merit the gods killing all 14 of her children? Keep meaning to pop in the Uffizi to enjoy the newly restored Tribune in all of its glory? Now is your chance to see the magnificent restorations of two of the Uffizi's most treasured rooms, both financed by Friends of Florence.

As a very special treat, one of the marble restorers will give us an inside look at the painstaking process of restoring some of humanity's most important ancient works.

* We will be doing several visits that spotlight the work of two of our partners, the **Friends of Florence** (www.friendsofflorence.org) and the **Advancing Women Artists Foundation** (www.advancingwomenartists.org), both on the frontlines of restoration and contemporary scholarship on Florentine art.



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Celebrating Florence's cultural heritage: A visit to Palazzo Vecchio

Monday, february 18

Time / 10am-Noon

Walk & Visit ticket / 15 euro

Meeting point / Steps of the Palazzo

All civic museums are free every year on February 18 in honor of the last Medici, Anna-Maria Luisa, whose Family Pact ensured that her family's treasures stayed in Florence for the enjoyment of Florentines and 'curious foreigners'.

Our special contribution to her memory will be a visit to the seat of the city's political power that includes an exclusive peek into some of the palace's secret corners.



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Chioostro di Sant'Antonino and the Convent of San Marco

Saturday, february 23

Time / 11:00am-1:00pm

Meeting point / entrance to the Church

Walk & Visit ticket / 15 Euro

(+ 4 euro entrance ticket)

Get to know Sant'Antonino—a 15th century archbishop of Florence and a person of great moral, religious and civic stature, largely responsible for the rebirth of the convent of San Marco in the 1430s. Some of Florence's most famous 17th c. painters were commissioned to paint a cycle of lunettes depicting scenes from the saint's life, now part of a major Friends of Florence restoration project.

As a special treat we will hear about the restoration first-hand from the two coolest restorers in town: Giacomo Dini and Bartolomeo Ciccone. These guys are part of a young generation of restoration experts that spend their days safeguarding Florence's most precious works of art. Their stories and enthusiasm are not to be missed!

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Uffizi—check. David at the Accademia—check. You've done Florence, right? Not so fast. Discover places, hear stories and meet contemporary Florentines that will surprise even the most seasoned resident. We've designed a series of visits in keeping with TF's philosophy that Florence is a historically charged and dynamic city with endless possibilities for discovery. Led by TF's editor-at-large and licensed guide, Alexandra Lawrence, each walk includes a bit of history, a bit of art and craftsmanship, and a lot of storytelling. This city is full of cool stuff that few people know about! Become one of the ones who know. **Join us as we discover Florence, one visit at a time**

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