

Apartment Palatine

Region: Florence **Sleeps: 8 - 10**

Overview

Destined for the most sophisticated jet setters seeking a charismatic city break, the Palatine is a 3rd-floor apartment in a historic building dating back to the 17th century. The Renaissance landmark is nestled in the city of Florence in central Italy's Tuscany region.

Located on the left bank of the meandering Arno river, the local neighbourhood is the perfect spot to discover Florence's winding streets, atmospheric restaurants, wine bars with hidden terraces, and many notable landmarks and Renaissance architecture.

Tastefully decorated and furnished with great care, the opulent interiors mix old with the new. The grey colour palette blends in with well-preserved historic walls, ornate frescoes and original columns dating back to the 17th century when the building was originally constructed as a local theatre. Four well-proportioned bedrooms are designed with the matching colour scheme in mind, three of them boasting an en-suite bathroom for maximum comfort.

Stepping into the living room feels like travelling back in time. The huge windows let plenty of light in and offer a front-row seat to some of Florence's most beautiful Renaissance buildings, such as the Pitti Palace, which used to be the home of the Medici family.



Aspiring mixologists and wine enthusiasts can tend to one of the two bars with a choice of liquors to hand and create refreshing aperitifs before sitting down for a home-cooked dinner. Thankfully, there's enough space around the large dining table for the entire family and guests. Spend the evening relaxing in the huge bathtub and getting some well-deserved pampering time in the infra-red sauna.

The Palatine is a fabulous base for exploring the authentic romantic charm of this Italian city. There are many restaurants just outside your front door, while the supermarket is also within a 5-minute walk away if you need to stock up on essentials. On weekend mornings, you can stroll to the bohemian neighbourhood of San Spirito to witness a bustling market with clothing and fresh local produce before enjoying a cup of authentic Italian coffee in the Piazza Santo Spirito – or add a scoop of ice cream and turn it into a refreshing affogato. Explore Florence's art museums, majestic churches and ancient bridges that look straight out of Monets' Waterlily painting before ending your day with a glass of wine from the famous Chianti region.

On hot summer days, you might want to head northwest to reach the closest beach on the Tuscan coastline, Versilia. Located in the Lucca region, it's only over an hour's drive away and boasts a long sandy coastline stretching for as far as the eye can see – ideal for lazing around under the umbrella, catching a tan, and splashing in the waves.

Another fantastic option for a day trip is Livorno – a port city with a modern harbour where you can admire majestic cruise ships from a checkerboard-paved promenade. Here you can also find delicious seafood restaurants, a pretty old town, and more beach spots to relax in.

Facilities

City Homes & Apartments • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Satellite TV • Lift • Sauna/Steam • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Apartment Interior (185m2)

- Open plan kitchen and dining area with a fridge, freezer, hob, oven, microwave, kettle, toaster, coffee machine
- Open plan living room with sofas, two bar areas for preparing hot and cold beverages, pillars and a table with chairs
- Master suite with two single beds that can be joined into a double, two single sofa beds and en-suite bathroom with a walk-in shower and WC
- Double bedroom with two single beds that can be joined into a double bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- Bedroom with a four-posted double bed with an en-suite bathroom with a walk-in shower and WC
- Bedroom with a queen size bed
- Family bathroom with a bathtub and WC
- Infra-red sauna room

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heater
- Fireplace
- TV
- Hairdryer
- Infra-red sauna
- Safe
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Hairdryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Vacuum cleaner



Location & Local Information

Such a superb location in Florence's historic centre, just a stone's throw away from the grand Pitti Palace, turns The Palatine into a front-row seat to the city's historical landmarks and notable architectural and art institutions.

Walk across the ancient Ponte Vecchio bridge and visit the Basilica of Santa Croce before heading to Il Duomo and the Giotto bell tower, while leaving the famous Michelangelo's David statue as a cherry on top. All these majestic places can be seen in one day – but be sure to leave some space in between for caffeine-fuelled stops in the many charismatic cafés before ending the day with a large glass of Aperol Spritz while watching the sun slip behind the horizon.

The Tuscan coastline is varied and unique, with a landscape characterised by fine sandy beaches the further south you go while also being a short distance from the Apuan Alps. The close position to the marble mountains and the sea means switching between lazy tanning days and hiking trips is completely effortless. In the closest resort town Versilia, you can find pine forests, Liberty-style architecture and bustling nightlife, as well as typical Italian beaches lined with rainbow-hued parasols.

For more unique experiences, head to the prestigious Cinque Terre, located just over one hour's drive away. Consisting of five coastal villages connected by a scenic pathway, the area forms part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can take pictures of colourful houses and hilltop vineyards that cling to steep terraces and watch the sea lap at the rugged shores. Stay for the local specialities such as seafood and the Liguria region's famous pesto sauce.

The world-renowned leaning tower of Pisa can be reached in only 40 minutes by car– so get ready to create memorable holiday photographs while ticking another Italian city off your bucket list.

Wine connoisseurs and enthusiasts can arrange one of the many wine-tasting trips and experiences to the surrounding Chianti vineyards. Here you can walk through the sun-kissed slopes and learn more about the local wine production before enjoying a fresh lunch accompanied by wine produced in the very same location.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Florence (10km)
Nearest Airport 2	Pisa (80km)



Nearest Train Station	Santa Maria Novella (2km by foot)
Nearest Supermarket	(Within walking distance)
Nearest Restaurant	(Within walking distance)
Nearest Golf	Circolo Golf dell'Ugolino (16km)
Nearest Beach	Versilia (105km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(Within walking distance)

What we love

- Spend the evening relaxing in the huge bathtub and getting some well-deserved pampering time in the infra-red sauna
- Featuring well-preserved historic features such as frescoed walls, ornate columns and characterful furniture, the Palatine is sure to be loved by all
- Thanks to being nestled in the very beating heart of Florence, all the imposing buildings and centuries-old architecture are virtually at your doorstep
- The hospitable property managers can arrange wine-tasting experiences in the neighbouring Chianti region upon request

What you should know...

- Please note that the smallest bedroom has a queen-size bed, best suited for two children or one adult.
- This apartment comfortably sleeps 8 guests in 4 bedrooms, whilst two extra guests can be accommodated on sofa beds. Please see the 'Features' tab for full details.

Terms & Conditions

- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. (Late arrivals are possible at an extra charge of €30 between 8.00 p.m. – 10.30 p.m., and €50 after 10.30 p.m.)
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes (for rentals up to 30 days).
- Heating costs included?: Yes (for rentals up to 30 days).
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Minimum stay: 3 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. An additional cleaning fee may be applied.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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