

HIGH PRICED RESTAURANTS:**Alle Murate HIGH**

Via Ghibellina, 52/R

Tel. 055-240618

Closed Mondays.

Popular, innovative, chic restaurant with a terrific wine list. Interesting menu, excellent service and amazing desserts. Reservations a must.

Antico Fattore HIGH

Via Lambertesca 1-3, R

Tel. 055-288975

Closed Sundays.

Charming interior, very good service, nice owner. This restaurant offers rustic country cooking at its best, including Florentine favorites such as white-bean soup and ribollita.

Cibreo Ristorante HIGH

Risto: Via dei Macci 118/R

Tel. 055-2341100

Cibreo is a gastronomic oasis, combining an elegant restaurant with a trattoria at its back door that share the same kitchen, and an exciting bar across the street. Try the delicious potato sformato with ragu, the pureed yellow pepper soup and the polenta with herbs (no past dishes for first courses). Let the staff help you order. Reservations necessary.

Enoteca Pinchiori HIGH

Via Ghibellina, 87

Tel. 055-242777

Closed Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch.

Delicious but very expensive gourmet cooking. Extraordinary wine list. Special dishes: cannelloni with lobster and herbs, tagliata con cestino di parmigiano alle bietole, and Apple cake with crema di Procopio Coltelli. Reservations suggested.

La Giostra HIGH

Borgo Pinti, 12/r

Tel. 055-241341

MODERATE-HIGH PRICED RESTAURANTS:
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Beccofino MODERATE-HIGH

Piazza degli Scarlatti, 1/r (Lungarno Guicciardini)

Tel. 055-290076

Closed Mondays.

This restaurant and wine bar serves wonderful fish in a somewhat New York-ish setting. Located just south of the Arno river near Lungarno Guicciardini, it is owned and operated by the owner of Baldovino. Reservations necessary.

Boccanegra MODERATE-HIGH

Via Ghibellina, 124/r

Tel. 055-2001098

Closed Sundays.

An enchanting atmosphere offering beautifully presented dishes, but portions tend to be small. Fantastic wine list. Reservations necessary.

Cavolo Nero MODERATE-HIGH

Via D'Ardiglione, 22

Tel. 055-294744

Closed Sunday; open also for lunch.

Fantastic food in a fantastic setting with a fantastic wine list. The garden is open only in summer, but the interior is Italian done the right way as well. Nothing about this restaurant is pretentious or overstated, but "just right" – even down to the creative, but traditional menu selections.

Garga MODERATE-HIGH

Via del Moro 48/R

Tel. 055-2398898

Closed Mondays.

One of the most popular places with young Florentines. Funky interior, interesting menu and a good wine list. Their specialties include spaghetti with raw artichokes, spaghetti all imperatore made with orange rind, steamed octopus and marvelous salads. The cheesecake is the best in the city. Reserve!

Osteria de' Benci MODERATE-HIGH

Via de' Benci, 13/r

Tel. 055-2344923

Closed Sundays.

Serving not so typical Italianesque dishes, the Osteria de' Benci is a dependable nice restaurant. Some of more exciting dishes include pasta all'ubriacone (drunken pasta – cooked in wine) and bistecca alla fiorentina.

Osteria del Caffé Italiano MODERATE-HIGH

Via Isola delle Stinche, 11R

Tel 055-289080

Closed Mondays.

You can eat here at all hours of the day. Breakfast, lunch buffet, tea and afternoon snacks. Outdoor seating and its proximity to Florence's most famous ice cream shop, Vivoli, make this a favorite for the after-theatre crowd. The wine cellar is one of the best in town.

Sabatini MODERATE-HIGH

Via de' Panzani 41/43/R

Tel 055-282802 / 055-211559

Closed Mondays.

One of the oldest and best-known restaurants in Florence. Excellent service, elegant interior, a dress-up place. Special dishes include antipasto alla Sabatini, trippa alla fiorentina, semifreddo al croccantino. Reservations suggested.

Trattoria 13 Gobbi MODERATE-HIGH

Via del Porcellana, 9/r

Tel. 055-284015

Closed Mondays at lunch.

MODERATELY PRICED RESTAURANTS:

Borgo Antico MODERATE

Piazza Santo Spirito, 6/r

Tel. 055-210437 or 055-214175

Open every day.

Borgo Antico is located in the Oltrarno and has become popular with the tourist set – but with good reason! The food is fantastic, the portions are humongous and the service is great. Don't be surprised if you're put at a table with strangers and for sure all the ceramic plates at the table won't match. Reservations suggested

Cantinetta dei Verrazzano MODERATE

Via dei Tavolini, 18

Tel. 055-268590

Closed Sundays

Cantinetta dei Verrazzano proves that fast food can be good food. They use an old oven that turns out good breads, foccaccia, and other treats. Alongside these you can choose cheeses, oil, salame, eggs, and vegetables. Chianti Classico and many other wines from the Castello di Verrazzano are available. This is an ideal place for tourists who want a bite of good food between museums.

Cibreo Caffè/Trattoria MODERATE

Cafe: Via Andrea del Verrocchio 5/R

Tel. 055-2345853

Also known as the sala dei poveri (the poor room) this trattoria serves a smaller selection of the same food, but without all the trimmings (no table clothes or stemmed glassware). Not bad for about 1/3 the price of the restaurant! No credit cards.

Il Latini MODERATE

Via dei Palchetti, 6

Tel. 055-210916

Closed Mondays.

The place to eat "bistecca alla Fiorentina". A wonderfully rustic interior crowded with tourists (7:00pm seating) and Florentines (9:30pm seating) alike. There is a "set menu" of 4 courses so speak-up early if you want something off the menu!

Reservations necessary.

Mamma Gina MODERATE

Borgo San Jacopo, 37/r

Tel. 055-396009

Closed Sundays.

A typical Tuscan trattoria.

Osteria de' Macci MODERATE

Via de' Macci, 77/r

Tel. 055-241226

Open every day for lunch and dinner (including holidays). Garden seating in summer.

Osteria del Porcellino MODERATE

Via di Lamona (at the corner with Via Porta Rossa)

Tel. 055-264148

Open every day for lunch and dinner.

A cosy candle-lit atmosphere in winter and outside seating in summer this restaurant serves creative Tuscan dishes. Some to try include the fried brie and the tagliata.

Osteria di Giovanni MODERATE

Via del Moro, 22

Tel. 055-284897

Closed Tuesdays.

Owned by the brother of Latini of Il Latini fame, this restaurant is touted by Florentines as being the best new restaurant of the year. Giovanni's restaurant boasts a more local crowd and a typically Tuscan menu.

Osteria Santo Spirito MODERATE

Piazza Santo Spirito, 16/r

Tel. 055-2382383

Paoli MODERATE

Via dei Tavolini, 12

Tel. 055-216215

Closed Tuesdays.

Warm, festive decor. Fantastic fresh salads, baked pasta and an amazing dessert cart.

Perseus MODERATE

Viale Don Minzoni, 10/R

Tel. 055-588226

Closed Sundays.

Great food in a great setting. Typically Italian the bistecca alla fiorentina and other roasted meats are fantastic.

Quattro Leoni MODERATE

Via dei Vellutini 1/R (Piazza Passarella)

Tel. 055-218562

Closed Wednesdays at lunch.

A quaint restaurant in the Oltrarno with a funky interior and an inventive menu – this is the place where chic Florentines dine. Dinner reservations suggested.

Trattoria Borgo Antico MODERATE

Piazza Santo Spirito, 6/r

Tel. 055-210437

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ZàZà MODERATE

Piazza Mercato Centrale, 26/r

Tel. 055-215411

Closed Sundays.

ZàZà is a large trattoria, popular with both locals and tourists, with ample indoor space and open air seating in nice weather. The extensive menu, available in English and Italian, includes *bistecca fiorentina* and many other cuts of meat, *ribollita*, several pasta choices and desserts. Good wine list, delicious large salads and an impressive seafood menu. Reservations are highly recommended for dinners, a must on weekends. Lunches are less crowded, but in fine weather you may have to wait for an outside table.

LOW-MODERATELY PRICED RESTAURANTS:

Acqua al Due LOW-MODERATE

Via Vigna Vecchia, 40/Ra

Tel. 055-284170

Open every night.

This is one of the most popular, fashionable restaurants in the city these days. The food is good, it's fun and always packed. The service is fast and good but don't be surprised if the wait staff orders for you (she probably knows what's best anyway!). Try the asaggi dei Primi (tastings of first courses). Reservations necessary.

Angiolino Antica Trattoria LOW-MODERATE

Via Guelfa, 138/r

Tel. 055-475292

Closed Thursdays.

Traditional Florentine cuisine and a selection of Tuscan wines. Angiolino has a garden seating area. Located near the Fortezza da Basso and Palazzo dei Congressi.

Antica Mescita San Niccolò LOW-MODERATE

Via S. Niccolò, 60/r

Tel. 055-2342836

Closed Sundays.

This osteria offers family style, traditional Tuscan cooking. Open for lunch, and late in the evening. Located in the enchanting San Niccolò neighborhood.

Baldovino LOW-MODERATE

Via San Giuseppe, 22/R

Tel. 055-241773

Closed Mondays during winter.

Comfortable, laid back atmosphere in a very attractively designed restaurant. The pizzas are inventive (try the one with pesto and smoked cheese) and the rest of the menu is creatively Italian. The desserts are fantastic and homemade by the owner's wife.

Buca Mario LOW-MODERATE

Piazza Ottaviani, 16/r

Tel. 055-214179

Closed Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch.

Open since 1886, Buca Mario a very good restaurant for a traditional Tuscan meal.

Cinghiale Bianco LOW-MODERATE

Borgo San Jacopo, 43/R

Tel. 055-215706

Closed Wednesdays.

One of the best restaurants in town. Small, charming medieval interior. Cinghiale Bianco offers a good selection of Tuscan reds and an interesting menu featuring Florentine steaks and antipasto. Friendly service. Reservations suggested.

Coquinarius LOW-MODERATE

Via delle Oche, 15r

Tel. 055-2302153

Closed Sundays.

Just around the corner from the hotel Brunelleschi, this wine bar offers cold and hot dishes, soups, salads, and some of the best hot chocolate in town.

Da Benvenuto LOW-MODERATE

Via Mosca, 16 (corner of Via Dei Neri)

Tel. 055-214833

Closed Mondays.

This Florentine establishment has an informal setting, is very reasonably priced and serves traditional Florence fare such as *cimalino* with green sauce, tripe, boiled and grilled meats, fresh salads and great steak. Especially good white beans and tuna fish.

Enoteca Baldovino LOW-MODERATE

Via S. Giuseppe, 18r

Tel. 055-2347220

Reservations not possible.

Just opposite the restaurant of the same name is the wine bar/café where you can sample some of Italy's greatest wines accompanied by some fabulous Mediterranean dishes and creative salads.

Francescano LOW-MODERATE

Largo Bargellini, 16 (Piazza Santa Croce)

Tel. 055-241605

Open everyday.

Typical Tuscan trattoria. The gnocchi are fantastic!

Il Che C'e C'e LOW-MODERATE

Via dei Magalotti, 11/r

Tel. 055-290485

Closed Mondays.

The name of this restaurant translates into "whatever there is, there is" meaning that the day's menu is decided in the morning based on the price and availability of produce and meat. Good home-cooked dishes.

Il Micio di Surci Chiara LOW- MODERATE

Via Fra Bartolommeo, 52

Tel. 055-573257

Closed Saturdays at lunch and all day Sundays.

A trattoria near the Villa Rossa serving dependable Italian cuisine at both lunch and dinner.

Osteria Belle Donne LOW-MODERATE

Via Delle Belle Donne, 16r

Tel. 055-382609

Typical Tuscan food in the Santa Maria Novella area.

Osteria Il Gatto e La Volpe LOW-MODERATE

Via Ghibellina, 151/r

Tel. 055-289264

Typical osteria, small, cozy dining area. Try the house pizza “il Gatto e la Volpe.”

Pane e Vino LOW-MODERATE

Via San Niccolò, 70/r

Tel. 055-2476956

Popular among past students, this restaurant is across the river and serves typically Italian dishes. Reservations recommended.

Semi Di Vino LOW-MODERATE

Via S. Gallo 22/R

Tel. 055-4620016

Open every day.

This is a fairly new restaurant and wine bar. Their menu includes both modern Italian creative dishes as well as ancient tuscon recipies. A great lunch option!

Trattoria da Tito LOW-MODERATE

Via San Gallo, 112/r

Tel. 055-472475

Closed Sundays

Specializing in typical Tuscan cuisine, Da Tito offers a fresh fish menu on Fridays.

Open since 1913!

LOW PRICED RESTAURANTS:

Antica Pizzeria Nuti LOW

Borgo San Lorenzo, 39

Tel. 055-210410

A great centrally located pizzeria and more! Located right near the San Lorenzo market, it may look like a tourist trap, but it really is great value for the money.

Danny Rock LOW

Via Pandolfini, 13/r

Tel. 055-2340307

Danny Rock offers a nice mix of Italian and American dishes. Hamburgers with french fries, baked potatoes, and big salads are available as well as good pizza and *primi*, and, at night, made to order dessert crepes. Popular with both Italians and American tourists, Danny Rock is often packed and very loud at night. Reservations recommended for dinner, especially on the weekend.

Da Pepe LOW

Via A. Pacinotti, 5/R

Tel. 055-574392

Closed Mondays.

A typical trattoria near the school with excellent pizza! Open late, too.

Edi House LOW

Piazza Savonarola, 9/r

Tel. 055-588886

Open every night 19:00 to 1:30am; no lunch hours. Reservations recommended.

A great pizzeria offering typical Tuscan cuisine – right in our very own piazza! A great option after long hours in the studio.

Il Pizzaiuolo LOW

Via de' Macci, 113/ R

Tel. 055-241171

Closed Mondays.

This is one of the oldest and best pizzerie in town, known for their pizzaman from Naples. Reservations a must!

Il Vegetariano di Ambrosini LOW

Via Ruote, 30/r

Tel. 055-475030

Closed Mondays.

The original vegetarian restaurant in Florence, Il Vegetariano functions more like a self-service cafeteria than a sit-down restaurant.

Le Campane LOW

Borgo La Croce, 85/87/r

Tel. 055-2341101

Open everyday.

A large restaurant and pizzeria, Le Campane has a great selection of pizzas, and they also make an extra-large pizza for large groups. Take away orders possible.

Le Scuderie LOW

Via Maffia, 31/r

Tel. 055-287198

Closed Mondays.

Near the Teatro Comunale, Le Scuderie is open until 1:00am for after theater dining.

Typical cuisine and pizza. Can accommodate large groups.

Pane e Olio LOW

Via Faentina, 2/r

Tel. 055-470101

The menu changes daily based on availability of produce, so whatever the table next to you is eating (or the waitress suggests) is what you should have! They usually serve a well coordinated 3-4 course meal (including dessert) for a very reasonable price.

Pantera Viola LOW

Via A. Pacinotti, 10/R

Tel. 055-588846

A great Pizzeria near the school with memorabilia of the Florentine soccer team.

Forza Pizza e Forza Viola!

Pizzeria del Caffè Italiano LOW

Via Isola delle Stinche, 13R

Tel. 055-289368

(no reservations accepted)

Closed Mondays.

The pizzeria is run by Enzo from Naples and while there are no menus and only three choices (the Napoli, the Margherita and the Marinara), this is by far the best pizza in town and worth any wait necessary!

Trattoria Il Giova LOW

Borgo La Croce, 73/r

Tel. 055-2480639

Closed Sundays.

Home cooked Italian specialties in a romantic but small setting. As there are only about eight tables, reservations are recommended.

Trattoria Pallottino LOW

Via Isola delle Stinche, 1/r

Tel. 055-289573

This is a family style restaurant with very reasonable prices. Lunch: first course, second course dessert plus wine or water for 5,50 Euros in a checkered table-cloth setting. Next door to the famous Vivoli ice cream parlor.

Yellow Bar LOW

Via Proconsolo, 39 (across from the Bargello)

Tel. 055-211766

Great place for a good pizza or just a plate of pasta. Yellow Bar is fast and informal, with picnic-style tables suitable for larger parties.