



Florence is one of Europe's most intriguing destinations, and senior visitors can find endless attractions and activities there. The beautiful Renaissance city certainly deserves to be called Firenze, La Città Bella.

**Get There:** Most cruise lines visit the port of Livorno, an hour's bus ride from Florence. A popular stop along the way is Pisa, so passengers can admire the famed Leaning Tower. Major airlines serving Florence include Lufthansa, Air France, Alitalia and Delta..

**Must See:** Piazza della Signoria, home of the Palazzo Vecchio, is a great place to start your city tour. It's the historic 14th Century center, surrounded by magnificent Renaissance sculpture, including a copy of Michelangelo's David. A popular site by the Piazza is the Duomo atop the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, erected in the 11th Century. Go inside to experience the huge marble corridors and shrine to John the Baptist.

Nearby is the majestic Campanile, a soaring bell tower designed by the artist Giotto. Buy an inexpensive ticket to climb the 414 steps to the top for an unobstructed view and photo record of the sparkling city. Be sure to visit the Galleria dell' Accademia, where works by Michelangelo, Giotto, Cellini and other Renaissance painters and sculptors are on display.

Stroll across the Ponte Vecchio, the city's ancient bridge over the Arno River, built in the 14th

Century. Walking along the span, you'll encounter many interesting art and jewelry shops,

Florence is one of the most popular travel cities in Italy and holds many attractions. A Renaissance city in the heart of Tuscany, it has some of Italy's prime museums, cathedrals and churches.