



## Tour Name

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Artisans of the Oltrarno

## Tour City

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Florence

## Tour Snapshot

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Explore the Oltrarno district with your Florence guide as you get to see the workshops of artisans up close. See shoes, jewellery and etchings painstakingly crafted by hand and learn how the skills have been passed down each generation since the Middle Ages.

### Highlights

- Explore the historic community of Oltrarno
- See the centuries' old workshops at work with our local Tuscany tour
- Observe artisans at work using antique tools of the trade
- Learn about the history of artisinal craftsmanship in the city

Inclusions: English speaking guide. Donation to Context Foundation for Sustainable Travel, which, among other things, supports an apprenticeship program for the artisans of the Oltrarno who often have a difficult time attracting and retaining apprentices to

carry on their work traditions.

Exclusions: Any items of personal nature, tips or gratuities for guide.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration:3 hours
- Pickup location:  
In front of Bar Ricchi, located at Piazza Santo Spirito #8/9r
- Pickup time: 9.30 AM
- Drop off location:  
In front of Bar Ricchi, located at Piazza Santo Spirito #8/9r

### **Full Itinerary**

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One of the cornerstones of Florentine culture and identity is the tradition of creating handcrafted, artisanal goods. This tradition has been embedded in the city's visual and economic history since the Middle Ages and has been handed-down from one generation to the next. Our Florence guided tours will take you on a journey through our rich cultural history.

During the course of this walking tour of Florence, you visit a few characteristic workshops in the Oltrarno district. Where a large percentage of the city's artisanal shops are located, including: leatherworkers, silversmiths, shoe manufacturers and hat makers.

You will have the rare opportunity to peek behind the scenes and watch the artisans at work, using centuries-old tools of the trade. Our day tour in Florence gives you the chance to learn about the importance of maintaining these precious trades in the face of mass-produced industry.

This Florence tour is aimed at the traveller who is looking to scratch beneath the surface of the city. It is not simply a shopping tour, rather a detailed look at the underbelly of this precious industry and the importance of preserving and promoting this dying

art.

### **Additional information**

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Your Trip: This trip is offered on a "join-in" basis. Maximum group size is 12.

Confirmation of booking: Please contact Florence Urban Adventures to confirm your trip 24 hours prior to departure.

Closure of sites: Sites included on this tour are closed Saturdays, Sundays and all of August.

Child Policy: Travellers under 12 are not allowed.

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