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## How to spend 5 unforgettable days in Florence and Tuscan wine country

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If you only have five days in Florence and Tuscany, there's a lot to take in. You'll want to experience the city's rich culture and art, savour the leisurely Italian pace and, of course, indulge in the incredible food. This guide offers the perfect balance – showcasing Florence's iconic landmarks, hidden culinary gems and an escape to the serene Tuscan countryside. Each day combines must-see sites with unique experiences to make the most of your time in this enchanting region.

## Day 1: Local crafts, organic pasta and gelato Stay at The Place Firenze



Situated on the beautiful Piazza Santa Maria Novella, The Place Firenze has emerged from a recent, extensive renovation with a refreshed style across its 20 rooms and suites. The lobby feels more like an elegant, cosy living room, with the reception desk discreetly tucked away in a private office, creating an inviting and home-like atmosphere. Guests can choose from a variety of room options, including a spectacular two-level suite that overlooks the Duomo, complete with unforgettable views from an upstairs bathtub. The whole property boasts a curated selection of art and furniture crafted by local artisans.

## **Experience local trades firsthand**



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The *Place of Wonders* introduces a guest experience that positions The Place Firenze as an integral part of Florence's social, cultural, culinary and educational tapestry.

Experience the enduring legacy of Florentine craftsmanship through The Place's philanthropic experience, *The Place of Wonders*. This exclusive experience invites guests to visit local artisans – masters in cashmere production, glass etching and goldsmithing – and witness their crafts firsthand. Each visit supports the hotel's mission to preserve these cherished traditions in the Florence community.