

# ITALY

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# AMALFI COAST

## CAPRI

### ATTRACTIONS

**Boat Tour:** Beautiful views and clear blue water. Try to go early in the morning before the water is too high in the Blue Grotto.

**Funicular to the Top of the Island:** Take it up to Anacapri where you can view the peak of the island. Very beautiful!

### FOOD

Pretty much everything here is directed toward tourists so it is quite expensive and average. Don't let this dictate the food for the rest of Italy though!

## NAPLES

### ATTRACTIONS

**Castel Nuovo:** The castle is in the main square. This is also where the free walking tours depart from.

**Castel St. Elmo:** This castle is up the hill. You can take the sky rail 3 stop to the top and then walk over 3 streets. Once you reach the castle you can see the whole city in 360 degree view. Only costs 5 euro a person.

### FOOD

**Pizza:** This is the birthplace of pizza!

**L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele:** The line will be out the door but this is by far the most incredible pizza in the universe. This place was also in the movie Eat, Pray, Love. The Italian chefs are making pizza on the open flame right near you. It is such a magical experience.

### JEWISH ACTIVITIES

**Napoli Sinagoga:** Open daily and on Shabbat.

# FLORENCE

## ATTRACTIONS

**Boboli Gardens & Pitti Palace:** The palace and gardens are both stunning. Filled with renaissance art inside and the outside grounds are special. One of the many locations throughout the city where the Medici family lived. It is free on the first Sunday of every month.

**Ponte Vecchio:** Take the time to walk and explore from each side. Really amazing bridge but for views of the Ponte Vecchio view from the other bridges that are all parallel.

**Duomo Complex:** This is in the middle of the city. It is a must do activity in Florence. You can purchase a ticket for all of the buildings in the complex (bell tower, baptistery, museum, and climb to the duomo and bell tower). Be sure to book a time to climb in advance because you will not be allowed up without it. Make sure to take time to explore each of these sights.

**Uffizi Gallery:** Famous art museum with pieces including The Birth of Venus. It is closed on Monday's. Recommend buying tickets/reserving a time in advance. This museum is huge.

**Gucci Museo:** This museum has recently reopened in the heart of Florence. It is a cool fashion museum with modern work.

**Galleria dell'Accademia:** This is where the David is. There are replicas located outside of another museum in Florence but this is the real one! Inside of this museum there are also many other sculptors.

**Piazza della Repubblica:** This is where the famous carousel is located and it is beautiful during the winter time/holiday season.

**Piazzale Michelangelo:** Incredible views of the entire city. You can either take a cab or walk from the center of the city which is about a 40 minute walk. Highly recommended to visit at sunset and bring a bottle of wine to soak up the beauty of the city.

Wander and explore the many other cathedrals, piazza's (squares) and side streets. Florence is a city of natural beauty. Cathedrals are usually free to enter and each is unique.

**Day Trip:** Take the opportunity to find a Tuscan wine tour departing from Florence. Airbnb experiences have some as do many of the local travel companies (Chianti Region).

## Shopping

- **Leather Market:** located right next to the central market. Lots of leather products, pashminas, belts etc. Make sure to bargain for the best price.
- **Piazza della Repubblica:** Good American stores (H&M, Zara, Apple, etc.)
- **Ponte Vecchio:** Expensive gold jewelry
- **Massimo Leather:** The study abroad leather guy! Everyone has sent someone here. He always gives students great deals.
- **Tutto 99:** Many locations throughout the city. Dollar store for school supplies, toiletries, costumes, etc.

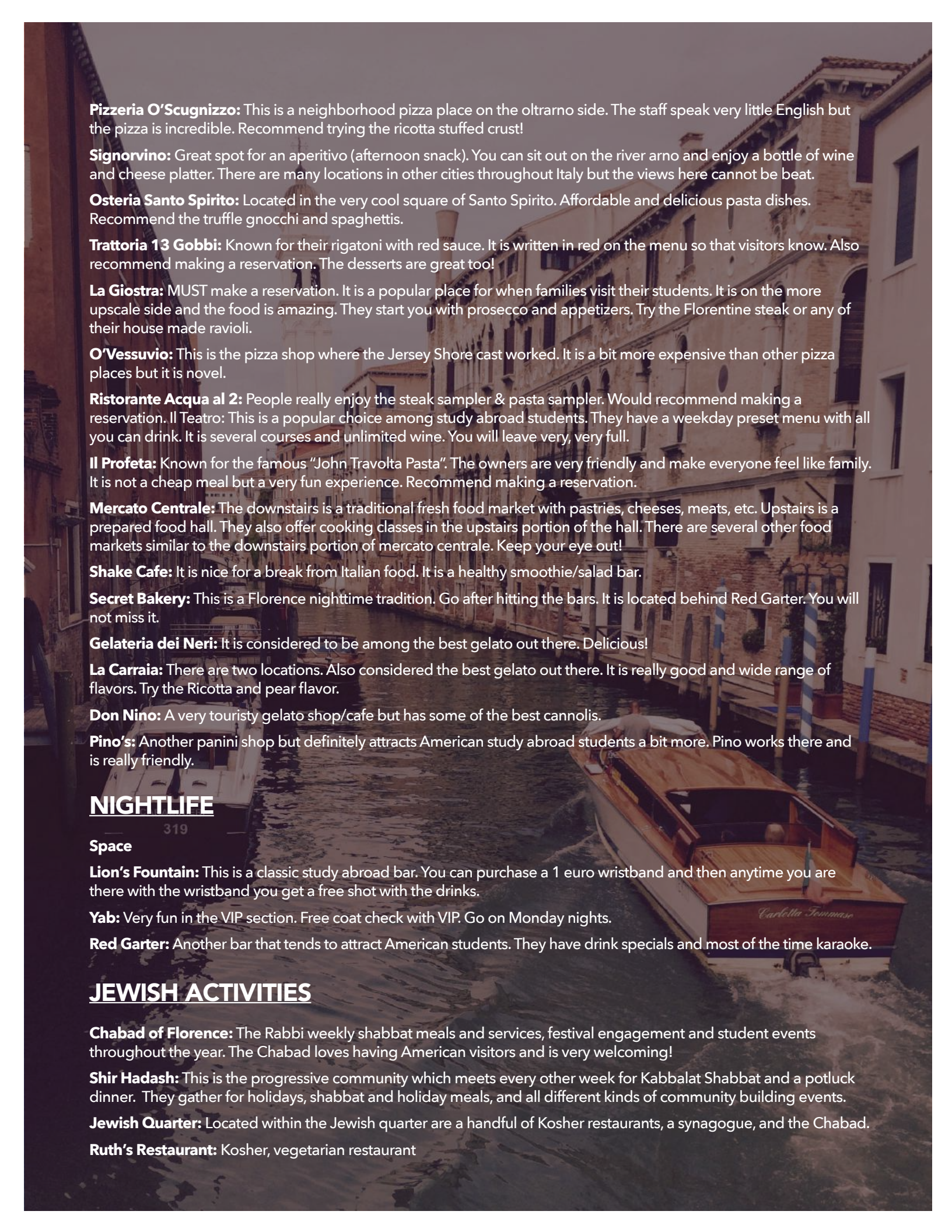
## FOOD

Many restaurants close mid-day or are only open for dinner time so make sure to check beforehand.

**Gusta Pizza:** Famous pizza place. They will make the pizza in a heart shape if you ask. Only 5 euros.

**All'Antico Vinaio:** Amazing panini place. It is huge and only 5 euro. They have a menu but you can also pick your own ingredients. The line will be out the door during lunchtime but it is worth it. There are two booths on either side of the street. Both are the same.

**4 Leoni:** A little fancier but very delicious. Recommend making a reservation in advance and try the pear ravioli.



**Pizzeria O'Scugnizzo:** This is a neighborhood pizza place on the oltrarno side. The staff speak very little English but the pizza is incredible. Recommend trying the ricotta stuffed crust!

**Signorvino:** Great spot for an aperitivo (afternoon snack). You can sit out on the river arno and enjoy a bottle of wine and cheese platter. There are many locations in other cities throughout Italy but the views here cannot be beat.

**Osteria Santo Spirito:** Located in the very cool square of Santo Spirito. Affordable and delicious pasta dishes. Recommend the truffle gnocchi and spaghettis.

**Trattoria 13 Gobbi:** Known for their rigatoni with red sauce. It is written in red on the menu so that visitors know. Also recommend making a reservation. The desserts are great too!

**La Giostra:** MUST make a reservation. It is a popular place for when families visit their students. It is on the more upscale side and the food is amazing. They start you with prosecco and appetizers. Try the Florentine steak or any of their house made ravioli.

**O'Vessuvio:** This is the pizza shop where the Jersey Shore cast worked. It is a bit more expensive than other pizza places but it is novel.

**Ristorante Acqua al 2:** People really enjoy the steak sampler & pasta sampler. Would recommend making a reservation. Il Teatro: This is a popular choice among study abroad students. They have a weekday preset menu with all you can drink. It is several courses and unlimited wine. You will leave very, very full.

**Il Profeta:** Known for the famous "John Travolta Pasta". The owners are very friendly and make everyone feel like family. It is not a cheap meal but a very fun experience. Recommend making a reservation.

**Mercato Centrale:** The downstairs is a traditional fresh food market with pastries, cheeses, meats, etc. Upstairs is a prepared food hall. They also offer cooking classes in the upstairs portion of the hall. There are several other food markets similar to the downstairs portion of mercato centrale. Keep your eye out!

**Shake Cafe:** It is nice for a break from Italian food. It is a healthy smoothie/salad bar.

**Secret Bakery:** This is a Florence nighttime tradition. Go after hitting the bars. It is located behind Red Garter. You will not miss it.

**Gelateria dei Neri:** It is considered to be among the best gelato out there. Delicious!

**La Carraia:** There are two locations. Also considered the best gelato out there. It is really good and wide range of flavors. Try the Ricotta and pear flavor.

**Don Nino:** A very touristy gelato shop/cafe but has some of the best cannolis.

**Pino's:** Another panini shop but definitely attracts American study abroad students a bit more. Pino works there and is really friendly.

## **NIGHTLIFE**

### **Space**

**Lion's Fountain:** This is a classic study abroad bar. You can purchase a 1 euro wristband and then anytime you are there with the wristband you get a free shot with the drinks.

**Yab:** Very fun in the VIP section. Free coat check with VIP. Go on Monday nights.

**Red Garter:** Another bar that tends to attract American students. They have drink specials and most of the time karaoke.

## **JEWISH ACTIVITIES**

**Chabad of Florence:** The Rabbi weekly shabbat meals and services, festival engagement and student events throughout the year. The Chabad loves having American visitors and is very welcoming!

**Shir Hadash:** This is the progressive community which meets every other week for Kabbalat Shabbat and a potluck dinner. They gather for holidays, shabbat and holiday meals, and all different kinds of community building events.

**Jewish Quarter:** Located within the Jewish quarter are a handful of Kosher restaurants, a synagogue, and the Chabad.

**Ruth's Restaurant:** Kosher, vegetarian restaurant

**The Great Synagogue of Florence:** The new Rabbi, Rabbi Spagnoletto, is warm and welcoming and is happy to have students traveling join the community. They have weekly shabbat services in the gorgeous, historic building and serve as a connection to the larger Jewish community in Florence.

# MILAN

## JEWISH ACTIVITIES

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**Beth Shalom Milan:** This progressive community meets every week for Kabbalat Shabbat and a potluck dinner. There is a lot of English (and Hebrew and Italian) spoken in this community, and it is very open to having guests come and visit.

**Lev Chadash:** This is the progressive community which meets every other week for Kabbalat Shabbat and a potluck dinner. They gather for holidays, shabbat and holiday meals, and all different kinds of community building events. They are generally very excited to have students join them, so there are several host families who will happily host students for meals!

# VENICE

## ATTRACTIONS

**Gondola Ride:** They are all over. All are slightly overpriced but the ones outside of Hard Rock Cafe are usually the cheapest.

**Peggy Guggenheim Museum**

**St. Marks Square**

**Murano/Burano Islands:** You can buy a 24 hour ferry pass for 20 euro and use it to hop around the different islands. Murano Island is known for Murano glass. You can buy this glass in Venice but it is nice to see the presentation of how they make it. Burano Island is filled with color. They are known for lace.

## JEWISH ACTIVITIES

**Jewish Ghetto/Quarter:** The oldest standing Jewish synagogue.

**Jewish Museum of Venice**

**Holocaust Memorial**

**Public Chanukah Menorah**

**Gam Gam:** Kosher restaurant.

# ROME

## ATTRACTIONS

**Borghese Gallery:** Park in the middle of the city, makes it feel like you're not in Rome for a little bit.

**Campo de' Fiori:** Cute marketplace during the day and area where the bars are at night

**Colosseum and the Roman Forum:** Purchase tickets in advance. The line might be long but worth the wait.

**Pantheon**

**Spanish Steps:** The street leading up to here is one of the most beautiful streets. The steps themselves are breathtaking.

**Trevi Fountain:** It will be crowded but make sure to take it all in. And do not sit on the fountain, the security guards will come over and tell you to move.

**Castel Sant'Angelo:** Really good views of Rome if you can't climb up St. Peter's

**Vatican City & St. Peter's Basilica:** The Pope gives blessings on Wednesdays and does mass to the whole square on Sundays. Long line but worth it!

**Vatican Museum:** Incredible museum with so many pieces of art. Also where the Sistine chapel is located.

**Piazza Navona**

## FOOD

**Hostaria del Moro da Tony:** It is an affordable choice with all you can drink.

**Navona Notte**

**Tre Scalini:** Where tartufo was invented.

**3Quarti**

**Da Baffetto:** Considered some of the best pizza in Rome.

**Dar Poeta**

## NIGHTLIFE

**Hostaria del Moro da Tony:** It is an affordable choice with all you can drink.

**Scholar's:** Big American study abroad scene. They have Karaoke most nights.

**Shari Vari:** Popular nightclub

**G Bar**

**Ice Club:** The ice bar in Rome. 15 euro to get in with a free drink and jacket. It is relaxed but you won't want to stay more than an hour because it does get really cold

**The Drunken Ship**

**Abbey Theatre Irish Pub**

## JEWISH ACTIVITIES

**The Ghetto of Rome**

**Ostia Antica Synagogue**

**Roman Forum and Titus Arch (Titus in Judea)**

## Jewish Quarter

**Chabad of Rome:** The Rabbi speaks perfect English and hosts weekly shabbat meals and services, festival engagement and student events throughout the year.

**JEvents:** This is the progressive community which meets every other week in a hotel (both for Friday night and Shabbat morning services). They gather for holidays, shabbat and holiday meals, and all different kinds of community building events.

**Beth Hillel Roma:** This is the progressive community which meets every other week in a hotel (both for Friday night and Shabbat morning services). They gather for holidays, shabbat and holiday meals, and all different kinds of community building events.

**Roma Kosher Tours:** Sara is an incredible local Jewish guide who grew up in the Jewish ghetto and gives all different kinds of heritage tours around Rome. Special student and group deals!

