



Parking and Driving in Florence

We at Residenza Strozzi want our guests to have the best time during their stay in Florence under our care. Thus, we encourage those coming by car to double check if it is really necessary to come to the city driving, as there are many restrictions regarding parking and driving in the city. A free secure parking is available inside our property and you can use your car only to visit more comfortably the art cities of Tuscany.

Florence is a fairly small city, where you can walk everywhere, hardly ever needing to use the public transportation or taxi services. If you are here to also travel around Tuscany, you can always use trains and buses. The offer for these are numerous and can basically take you anywhere.

However, if it is mandatory for your travel plans to come to the city by car, please, read the following text thoroughly and always have a look online for tips from other tourists who previously experienced the same..

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The whole area of the historical center of Florence is part of the Unesco Heritage sites and has very strict rules about driving and parking. This area is known as ZTL (Zona a Traffico Limitato), which literally means Limited Traffic Zone. Only cars with special permits are allowed to enter it. Cars without permits can expect to pay fines – starting at 100 Euros and up – and might take up to 6 months to reach your mailbox with payment being mandatory. It's known that the city department responsible for these charges issues a large number of fines, every day.

The ZTL is surrounded by several 'access passages' which are controlled by cameras and marked by special signs. These access passages are equipped with devices that automatically ID the license plate of the car and send the information to a central data base.

Non-resident and tourist access

Non residents are prohibited from driving and parking cars within the ZTL at the following times:

Year round: Monday to Friday from 7,30 am to 7,30 pm; Saturdays from 7,30 am to 6 pm.

Additional summer night ZTL: in addition to the times listed above, every year during summer access is prohibited as well at night from approximately the end of May until the middle of September (usually this concerns only Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between approximately 11 pm until 3 am).

In case you've rented a car to drive around Italy and you have plans to visit Florence just for a day,

we would advise you to leave your car outside the ZTL, in one of the many parkings that surround the historical center. However, if you plan to visit the city for more than two days, it is better to buy a one-day parking pass which will give you a better deal. Some parkings, though, won't offer daily passes, such as Santa Maria Novella parking (at the train station).

Tourists that travel by car and who need to go through the ZTL to reach their accommodation or a garage can obtain a temporary access permit. In order to obtain this permit, communicate your license plate number to the garage once you find the parking that best suits you. The parking staff will forward your information to the appropriate office. A temporary permit will be issued for a maximum of 2 hours (for luggage transport purposes) only on arrival and departure dates. During the guest's stay, the car has to be parked outside the ZTL or at a private garage.

People holding a 'disabled parking permit' who have the necessity to travel with their own vehicle within the ZTL, must contact the following green number: 800 339891.

NOTE: There is also public parking available in the residential areas outside of the historical center (outside ZTL) where you can park by the hour. If you are non-resident you must park on the blue lined area and pay for it during the specific hours (8am to 8pm). White lined area is for residents only and the yellow for the handicap. Make sure to go to the parking meter nearby (marked with a P sign) and prepay the hours you intend to stay, then put the slip back in the car in the dashboard.

FREE PARKING IN FLORENCE

Outside of Florence's city center are a few parking lots that are free and strategically located off the main highways. These parking lots are connected by public transportation to Florence's historical center and can be the perfect solution if you're visiting Florence on a day trip.