

florence for free

free walks and work-arounds for rich italian adventures

walking tour: the jersey shore in florence



Distance: 3.3 km

Time: at your leisure

Cost: \$0

Guido Hot Spots:

- **The Apartment** - Let's start off at the epicenter of the action - 6 Via Vecchietti. To find the apartment exit the piazza on the southwest corner. Head west on Via Pecori. Take your second left on Via Vecchietti and find the address on your left within a few meters.
- **Lavanderia Manfredi**- Next stop, what puts the L in GTL of course! To find the gang's Laundromat of choice (Lavanderia Manfredi), make your way north to Via de' Cerretani where you will take a right. You will then take your first left on Via dei Conti. The road will bend to the left leading you to the south end of the leather market. Turn right into the market and follow it to the right as it bends around the Basilica of San Lorenzo. Turn left on Borgo la Noce which will lead you to a lovely little piazza. Look to your right to find the Lavanderia Manfredi where the

cast washed their duds and dished their dirt.

- **Mercato Centrale** - Head back to the Central Market. While here browse around just as our boy Ronnie did as he picked out, with the help of Jwoww, gifts for on-again-off-again girlfriend Sammi. Don't worry though, somehow in one of the high fashion capitals of the world, Ronnie still managed to dig up accessories only a true Jersey girl could love. .
- **Astor** - From the Mercato take Borgo San Lorenzo back to Piazza del Duomo to find the cast's favorite day-drinking destination - Astor. The cafe/bar/nightclub is located on the north side of the Duomo and the beats bumpin' from inside 24/7 makes it hard to miss. For the gang, due to the proximity of their apartment and American atmosphere, Astor became a sort of refuge when they needed a hangover-curing mimosa or a quick fix when they got that mid afternoon party itch.
- **Caffè Duomo**- For a "classier" establishment frequented by the cast, check out the nearby Caffè Duomo. This hangout was a cast favorite for hangover food, lunching, and most importantly -*ragazzo* hunting. Deena, picked up the cute *caminiere*, Elis, here at Caffè Duomo.
- **Pizzeria O' Vesuvio**- And now, to the obligatory *Jersey Shore* place of employment - Pizzeria O' Vesuvio. To find O' Vesuvio walk south towards Piazza della Signoria. The pizzeria is located on Via dei Cimatori, the last little road before Piazza della Signoria. A flashing sign will draw you in to check out the restaurant for yourself.
- **Club TwentyOne** - While strolling down Via dei Cimatori you might as well look for the discrete entrance to Club TwentyOne. At this sacred spot Snooki's boyfriend, Jionni, flipped out when Snooki got a little too *crazy pants*. That episode culminated hysterical crying, stumbling, and the consultations from her BFF Jwoww ensued surely awakening all of residents of the formerly serene Via dei Cimatori.
- **Coop** - As producers wanted to leave no corner of the city untainted, they woke up the quiet and peaceful Oltrarno by directing the gang across the Ponte Vecchio to the Coop *supermercato* for groceries. To check out the store where these guidos and guidettes fruitlessly attempted to translate food labels and pick out Italian ingredients, cross the Ponte Vecchio and take your first left. You will see the store on your right in about 10 seconds.
- **Piazza Michelangelo and FLO**- Although it's a bit of a hike, there's no way that we could go without mentioning Piazza Michelangelo and the nightclub FLO. To reach Piazza Michelangelo from the Coop continue on Via dei Bardi all the way to Piazza San Niccolo. From here follow the masses and signs up to the Piazza. Our first stop once you've caught your breath at the top - FLO Nightclub. The outdoor *discoteca* hides from the masses as it sits just behind the southeast corner of the piazza. It was at this fated spot that the cast danced away many-a-notte, and more notably, met the infamous twins Brittany and Erica. Before descending from the Piazza, grab a seat at one of the cafes with your best pals just as the cast did on their last night in the city

