

Santa Croce – A Short Term Florence Apartment

A Central Apartment in Florence, Italy for Your Short Term Vacations

Location: Positioned in a quiet street just 10 m from the Piazza Santa Croce, one of the most sought-after areas in Florence, this [short term Florence apartment](#) is on the third floor of a completely restored 12th century building and commands panoramic views of the historic city center. The building has just two other occupants. This central apartment in Florence is large, high ceilinged, fully air-conditioned and tastefully furnished. From the wide windows on two sides we could look out onto the rooftops of Florence, the steeple of the Duomo and the tower of Palazzo Vecchio.

Apartment: The charming, spacious and sunny central apartment which is suited for both short term and long term stays, has a large living/dining room and a kitchen. We found the living room an ideal spot to relax, go over the day's events at the end of a tiring round of sight-seeing and shopping and plan the next day's activities. There are two double bedrooms and one twin one, and it was ideal for us -- two couples traveling together. One suite has a loft double bedroom and a bathroom. The other suite has a small sitting room with two single beds, a loft double bedroom and a bathroom. It was all we expected and more.

The apartment sleeps upto eight, and can be combined with the Santa Croce Apartment 2 to accommodate a larger group if required.

Garden: Being in the heart of the city, there is no garden attached to this [central apartment](#), but we found the piazza, just a stone's throw away, a very attractive substitute. The piazza is a popular short term relaxation spot for the Florentines, who gather there to catch the sun, sitting on the stone benches while children run after the pigeons which flock there in their hundreds.

Furnishings/Living Area/Cleanliness: Tuscan style furniture combines with modern comforts to provide the best of both worlds. Great care has been taken to ensure that the original ambience and beauty of the apartment have been restored and preserved.

Bedrooms: There are two double rooms and one twin room. Two bedrooms are loft bedrooms.

Bathrooms: One of the bathrooms has a shower, WC and washbasin, while the other is a full bathroom.

Kitchen: The kitchen is fully equipped with amenities, including a microwave oven.

Amenities: This centrally located apartment in Florence has both air conditioning and heating facilities. A CD player, DVD, freezer, hair dryer, microwave, satellite connection, stereo player, telephone, TV and a washing machine are some of the mod-cons on offer. A baby cot can be had on prior booking. Linen and maid services are provided.

Problems or bonuses: We encountered no problems during our stay there. The central location is a plus point, as everything is within walking distance. Proximity to the bus stop and railway station and ample parking space are bonuses.

Things to Do: The Piazza has all types of restaurants, butchers, bakers and delicatessens. Enjoy eating out at leisure. The famous Vivoli cafe and gelateria (which, in my opinion, is the best in Florence, Italy) is only 5 meters away. There are any number of small good stores and boutiques. Artisans' wares and all the treasures of the city are easily accessible. Shop to your heart's content. The apartment is also close to museums, and the tombs of Michelangelo and Dante are in the church in the Piazza, behind which there is a beautiful garden. This short term apartment in Florence Italy is perfect for culture enthusiasts.

Agency/Representative/Price: The agents were very communicative. They were prompt in replying to our many queries and mails in the months prior to our visit. They went out of their way to handle our unscheduled late-night arrival and Meaghan Barr was very good, even arranging a last-minute wine trip for us. She is an Australian, and we had no communication problems.

Till October, the rates are 200 Euro daily and 950 Euro weekly. From November to December 2005, the rental comes down to 175 Euro daily and 900 Euro weekly, but at Christmas time, it goes back to the earlier rates.

Recommendation: I would recommend [Florencevillas](#)' Santa Croce 1 to anyone who is looking for a great central apartment in a wonderful location. We had a wonderful trip!