



Florence, Italy

History of Florence

Roman Foundation (1st Century BC): Founded as Florentia by Julius Caesar as a colony for soldiers, its strategic location on the Arno River made it a key trading hub.

Middle Ages (500–1400 AD): Florence prospered as a commercial power, developing powerful merchant guilds. By 1252, it minted the florin, a gold coin that became standard across Europe

The Renaissance (1400s–1500s): The city became the center of art and culture. Under the patronage of the wealthy **Medici family**, artists like Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Brunelleschi thrived

Medici Power: The Medici family ruled or heavily influenced Florence from about 1434 to 1737, funding architectural marvels like the Duomo (Cathedral of Florence)

Modern Era: After being part of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, Florence was briefly the capital of Italy (1865–1870)

Famous Landmarks

- A. Florence Duomo
- B. Ponte Vecchio
- C. Palazzo Pitti
- D. Uffizi Gallery



A



B



C



D



Schiatta



Bolognese



Truffle Pasta



Bistecca alla Fiorentina

Cuisine

Fun Facts

- Italian Gelato originated from Florence
- Pinnochio came from Florence
- The piano was invented in Florence



