DOME TO DUOMO

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ASHEVILLE
FALL 2027 PILGRIMAGE
THREE NIGHTS IN FLORENCE:
SEPTEMBER 27-30, 2027

PILGRIMAGE OVERVIEW

This church pilgrimage seeks to balance individual traveler autonomy with financial responsibility while fostering shared group experiences and collaborative planning of supplemental activities, destinations, and travel arrangements.

PRIMARY SIGHTS

- **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (Italian: Duomo di Firenze):** Dome designed by Filippo Brunelleschi. Open Mon-Sat.
- **Accademia:** featuring Michelangelo's *David*. Open Tue-Sun.
- **Uffizi:** featuring Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*, da Vinci's *Annunciation.* Open Tue-Sun.

GROUP ARRANGEMENTS

- **Exclusive Tour for Duomo complex; Purchase of Brunelleschi Pass:**
  - cathedral; crypt; campanile; baptistery (Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise*)
  - Duomo Museum (Michaelangelo's Pieta)
  - Top of the Dome (463 steps)
- **Timed Entry for Uffizi & Accademia Museums**
- Group Lunch Reservation; Group Photo

SUPPLEMENTAL SIGHTS

- Galileo Science Museum (open Wed-Mon)
- Museum of San Marco (Fra Angelico collection)
- Medici Chapels (burial site) (open Wed-Mon)
- Bargello (sculpture museum) (open Wed-Mon)
- Santa Croce Church (14th century Franciscan church)
- San Miniato Church (daily prayer service with gregorian chant)
- House of Dante

LODGING AND FLIGHT SUGGESTIONS

Given the wide range of options and variable factors (price, location, duration), we will create a shared document where individuals can post their own suggestions and recommendations.