55 Things to do BEFORE you leave NYU Florence

1. Learn some Italian
2. Climb to the top of The Duomo
3. See Michelangelo’s Statue of David
4. Eat a bowl of Tuscan Soup (Ribollita or Pappa al Pomodoro)
5. Have a dessert, pastry, or hot chocolate from Café Rivoire in Piazza Signoria
6. Watch a Fiorentina soccer match at the stadium
7. Visit the historic Mercato Centrale and/or the Sant’Ambrogio Market (food markets)
8. Eat gelato at Vivoli
9. Walk through the Boboli Gardens
10. Buy a pair of leather gloves or something else that’s leather from the San Lorenzo market
11. Browse through the antique markets in Piazza dell’Indipendenza or in Piazza dei Ciompi (near Santa Croce)
12. Look at the water mark on the wall in Borgo di Greci to see how high the water level was during the famous flood of 1966.
13. Enjoy a classic Tuscan dinner at Il Latini
14. Taste authentic Neapolitan pizza at Il Pizzaiuolo in Via dei Macci, 113r or at O’Munaciello in via Maffia.
15. Eat a lampredotto sandwich from a street vendor (but make sure you know what it is first!)
16. Buy a notebook covered in Florentine marbled paper
17. Window shop on Via Tornabuoni
18. Take a day trip to Siena
19. Go wine-tasting in Chianti
20. Visit the Ferragamo Shoe Museum
21. Discover historic photographs of Florence at Palazzo Alinari
22. Exchange your books at The Paperback Exchange
23. Visit the Office of Student Life
24. Participate in a NYU-sponsored program or event
25. Attend yoga classes on campus
26. Take a cooking class at with the OSL
27. Rub the nose of “Il Porcellino” in the Loggia del Mercato Nuovo
28. Memorize the number to the OSL
29. Help a tourist with directions
30. Show off the campus to a family member or friend
31. Participate in a La Pietra Dialogue Conference
32. Read “The Florentine” newspaper for local news and events
33. Walk through the inside of San Miniato al Monte Church above Piazzale Michelangelo
34. Participate in a Community Services Project
35. Drink espresso Italian style – in one gulp, standing up at the counter
36. Explore a neighborhood different from where you live
37. Make sure you visit the authentic “Oltrarno” side of town
38. Visit the Uffizi and view the masterpieces of several Renaissance painters like Botticelli
39. Stand in front of Galileo and Dante's tombs in the Basilica of Santa Croce
40. Turn 360 degrees in the Benozzo Gozzoli Chapel at Palazzo Medici Riccardi and look for the historic Florentine figures who ruled Florence at that time.
41. Indulge in schiacciata from Pugi Bakery at San Marco while waiting for the 25 bus
42. Walk under the Loggia of the Porcellino Market on your way to the Ponte Vecchio or under the Loggia dei Lanzi in Piazza Signoria.
43. Go to a classical music concert at Orsanmichele or at the Teatro della Pergola
44. Eat a “bombolone” from the Cuccioli bar in Via del Corso
45. Try a meal at “La Giostra” in Borgo Pinti
46. Visit and buy a perfume or herbal product at the famous “Officina Profumo Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella” in Via della Scala 16
47. Make friends with at least one authentic Florentine
48. Stop to admire Florence in the pink and golden sunset, near the river or from Piazzale Michelangelo and it will be one of your favorite memories
49. Admire Domenico Ghirlandaio's “Adorazione dei Magi” in the Spedale degli Innocenti in Piazza Santissima Annuziata
50. Go to Fiesole, and admire the picture postcard view of stunning Florence
51. See a movie in Italian (without subtitles!)
52. Listen to the monks sing Gregorian chants in the San Miniato church.
53. Visit the Tuesday morning outdoor market in the Cascine Park.
54. Taste some traditional “cantucci di Prato” cookies with almonds.
55. Find the hidden profile carved into the side wall (near the Uffizi) of Palazzo Vecchio which is said to have been done on a whim by Michelangelo.