

Arezzo Unveiled: 10 Tuscan Treasures Off the Beaten Path



Nestled in eastern Tuscany, Arezzo enchants visitors with its remarkable blend of Etruscan heritage, medieval charm, and Renaissance splendor. This historic gem, immortalized in Roberto Benigni's "Life is Beautiful," offers an authentic Italian experience away from tourist crowds. From Piero della Francesca's legendary frescoes to the magnificent Piazza Grande, Arezzo preserves centuries of artistic brilliance and architectural beauty.

Explore ancient churches, browse Europe's oldest antiques fair, and wander through cobblestone streets where Roman amphitheaters meet Gothic palaces. Our curated guide reveals Arezzo's most captivating attractions and treasures that make this Tuscan city an unforgettable destination.

Antiques Fair of Arezzo

The Antiques Fair of Arezzo is a magnificent opportunity to experience Arezzo. It happens once a month and if you have the option to visit Arezzo, do your best to arrive during the Antiques Fair. For dates and more information, see [HERE](#).

Trains

Arezzo is highly accessible by train and very easy to reach from around Tuscany, especially Florence, but also other cities as Rome, Milan, and Napoli.

Trip Summary

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① **Basilica di San Francesco, Arezzo**

Piazza S. Francesco, 1, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

Basilica di San Francesco is a charming Gothic-style Medieval church, it has a simple design, that only contributes to the peace and quiet that the prayers need. The late 13th-century Basilica is one of the oldest churches in Arezzo and is dedicated to Francis of Assisi. At this church, you will also find wonderful frescos by Bicci di Lorenzo and the magnificent Renaissance painter Piero della Francesca, who continued Bicci di Lorenzo's work after he pass away.

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② **Santa Maria della Pieve, Arezzo**

Corso Italia, 7, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

Santa Maria della Pieve (Chiesa di Santa Maria della Pieve) is an impressive Medieval Romanesque church with an imposing arches façade, engaging columns, and a bell tower. Known as the "Tower of a hundred holes", Santa Maria della Pieve is a popular tourist attraction in Arezzo for its fascinating architecture.

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③ **Piazza Grande, Arezzo**

Piazza Grande, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

Piazza Grande is the center of Arezzo, the main place for public events and a fantastic example of a historic square in Tuscany. Built during the 13th-century on a slope, the square has an unconventional shape of a trapeze. Piazza Grande is known not only for being Arezzo's entrancing historic center but due to its famous monthly Antique fair which take place at the square continuously since 1968.

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④ **The Medici Fortress Park, Arezzo**

Via B. Buozzi, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

An enchanting 16th-century public park that is nestled on a top of a hill and provides a splendid panoramic view of Arezzo. The Fortress was originally built by the powerful de' Medici family as part of their system of defense, and today is a beautiful green lawn that anyone can enjoy.

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⑤ **Palazzo della Fraternita dei Laici, Arezzo**

Via Giorgio Vasari, 6, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

The Fraternity of the Laity is a small, yet charming museum, with artworks, archaeological findings, and historical documents from the 14 century to the 19 century.

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⑥ Arezzo Cathedral, Arezzo

Piazza Del Duomo, 1, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

An imposing ancient Catholic church, that has an engaging interior and impressive façade. The interior has beautiful glass windows and a magnificent Mary Magdalene portrait by the known Renaissance painter, Piero della Francesca. Arezzo Cathedral also holds the tomb of Guido Tarlati, the bishop of Arezzo.

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⑦ San Domenico, Arezzo

Piazza S. Domenico, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

San Domenico is a 13th century Gothic Catholic church with lovely frescos, a Romanesque façade, and a small bell tower. The church is dedicated to St Dominic and is famous for hosting Crucifix by Cimabue at Arezzo, a remarkable crucifix painted by Cimabue.

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⑧ Casa Vasari, Arezzo

Via XX Settembre, 55, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

Former home of Giorgio Vasari, an Italian artist, writer, historian, and engineer. Today, Casa Vasari is a wonderful museum with lovely frescos and wonderful paintings.

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⑨ **National Museum of Medieval and Modern Art, Arezzo**

Via S. Lorentino, 8, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

Located in the enthralling Renaissance Palace Bruni Ciocchi (della Dogana), the National Museum of Medieval and Modern Art tell the story of Arezzo by art. Established in 1957, the 3 floors museum is full of artworks as paintings, coins, pottery, and old weapons. The museum admission is free, and the place provides a fantastic opportunity to learn more about Arezzo and Tuscany in past days.

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⑩ **Palazzo dei Priori, Arezzo**

Via Montetini, 4a, 52100 Arezzo AR, Italy

Palazzo dei Priori is a wonderful ancient building in Arezzo, that serves as the Town Hall. The building, which underwent changes during the centuries, was originally built during the 14th century. Inside, you can find magnificent frescos and paintings by various Arezzo artists.

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