

Buon giorno, Italia Journal Day 3 from Florence, city of faith and fashion

Greetings from Florence (Firenze), the capital city of Tuscany. We arrived here last night just in time for dinner and some quick explorations around town in foot under the beautiful moonlight. Our weather has been perfect, thanks be to God!!

Here are some photos which include our Friday evening overview and full day visit on Saturday.

Friday night:



The Duomo at night under beautiful moon



Palazzo Vecchio



Gelato fun: At Gelateria GROM in Florence

From left: Makda, Annelise, and Emily

Saturday explorations:



The Final Judgment fresco at il Duomo

Known commonly as the Duomo (Il Duomo di Firenze), the Basilica-Cathedral di Santa Maria del Fiore (Saint Mary of the Flowers) is the Gothic-style main church of the Archdiocese of Florence and one of Italy's largest churches. The current archbishop is Giuseppe Betori.



Did you know that Pinocchio was written in Florence?

The children's story "The Adventures of Pinocchio" (1883) was written by Carlo Collodi, a Florentine. Rachel gave us some chuckles this morning at a small shop in Florence.



Katie, Makda, and Patrick modeled leather jackets after a presentation on the leather goods available from Florence.



Exhausted from an afternoon shopping and dining in Florence, these JC students

shared their best deals before we headed in to the Vigil Mass for The Passion of our Lord (Palm/Passion Sunday) at the Duomo.

Tomorrow we depart for Assisi. I am so looking forward to walking where St. Francis walked. *Ciao!!*