

**Name:** Florence

**Region located in:** Tuscany

**Population:** 450,000



Florence is located in central Italy in the region of Tuscany.

Florence has a mixed economy. It makes much of its money from tourists who come to see the famous buildings and art, as well as its famous for its food and wine. Florence has one of Italy's strongest economies and has many factories which produce textiles for some of the most famous designers in Milan.

Florence began to grow as a city during the Roman Empire. It developed quickly as a city because of the river Arno which allowed trade to flourish.

Florence is famous for its art. Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo and Dante all spent many years in Florence and have played an important part in the city's development. Florence was the capital city of Italy for five years, beginning in 1865.