



## Italy : Florence and Tuscany 2



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A documentary of 52'

*French Version*  
*English Version*

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Florence is an historic and artistic jewel, bedecked with the most beautiful pieces of Renaissance art.

The red roofs and yellow walls of Florence look radiant against the lush green countryside.

Founded in the Roman era in 59 BC, it was no more than a small provincial town until the 12<sup>th</sup> century, when it experienced an economic and artistic boom which continued up until the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

The high concentration of merchants in the city meant that it acted as an economic and cultural crossroads.

Tuscany's history and success is inextricably linked with that of the Medici family who ruled Florence for more than three centuries.

The great renown of the Medici family was to a large extent linked to the unflinching support that each generation gave to the intellectual, artistic, and scientific development of the city.

Florence is also clearly a city of artists. Few cities can pride themselves on having produced such a number of geniuses: Giotto, Michelangelo, Botticelli, Dante, Machiavelli...

A number of monuments have survived from the sumptuous Renaissance period: the Palazzo Vecchio, the Loggia dei Lanzi, the Pitti Palace, the Office gallery, the cathedral, the Academia gallery, the Bargello museum and the Opera museum.