

Rome to Florence to Pisa

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Woke up at 6 am…didn’t feel good. Walked to train station. Got money changed and couldn’t figure out the trains. I still don’t know if I’m on the right train. I arrived in Florence at 9 am and went to information and booked a pensione from there. It’s only a few blocks, no bathroom but only \$30. I got to my room. I didn’t feel well at all…congestion and soar throat. But I decided to do Pisa today so I got on the 11 am train and got to Pisa at 12:20. I walked all the way to the Plaza and saw the leaning tower, cathedral, baptistery and 2 museum. Even saw the lamp Galileo used for his experiments. Then walked over to this old jewish Cemetery and had to wear a yamaka. Individualized tour and he was from Israel. Talked about Jews, Holocaust, politics. After I had a late lunch at the Duomo Caf . Rode back to Florence. Felt rugged and slept a bit. Got back to room and changed and went out at 7:30. Walked looking for cafes, bars, etc. Finally found an internet caf . Walked until 11 went to my first bath house. Interesting. Had a hot pocket and got home at midnight. I don’t feel well so this will be short. Wonderful day though.