Dante ALIGHIERI

Born in Florence 1265
Died in Ravenna 1321

Who was Dante?

Dante Alighieri was the great Italian poet who takes his readers on a tour of the afterlife in his masterpiece *The Divine Comedy*. He was passionately in love with Beatrice Portinari who he immortalized in this great work.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- HIS 14,233 LINE POEM, *THE DIVINE COMEDY*, CREATED A NEW VISION OF THE AFTERLIFE
- INVENTED TERZA RIMA, A RHYMING VERSE STANZA FORM THAT CONSISTS OF AN INTERLOCKING THREE-LINE RHYME SCHEME

Don’t miss

- The Baptistry of San Giovanni
- Palazzo Vecchio
- Poppi Castle
- Santa Croce Church
- Dante House and Museum
- Benedicite Abbey
- Romena Castle

Curiosities

Upon his death, it was believed Dante had failed to complete the Divine Comedy, a dream supposedly instructed his son where to find the final few cantos, behind a piece of furniture.

Dante supposedly broke and bent a blacksmith’s tools after he heard him misquote his lines, saying that words were his craft and the blacksmith had damaged them.

**“THE PATH TO PARADISE. BEGINS IN HELL”**