

A preview of Florence's revamped Opera del Duomo museum

Founded in 1891, in the same space where Michelangelo carved the David, Florence's **Opera del Duomo (Cathedral Works) Museum** will reopen its doors on **October 29**, ahead of Pope Francis's scheduled visit to the city in early November 2015.

The much-awaited opening features 200 works on show after restoration, including **Donatello's** Penitent Magdalen, **Ghiberti's** North Door and 27 panels embroidered in gold and multi-coloured silk based on designs by Antonio del Pollaiuolo. In total, the museum will be home to approximately 750 masterworks in a variety of media.

Don't miss the unique view of the Duomo and Brunelleschi's Cupola from the tiny room at the very top of the museum and the panoramic outdoor terrace on the third floor.

The museum will open from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on October 29 for free.

For tickets and for further information, log on to www.ilgrandemuseodelduomo.it

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