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Milan Tourist Map

13 top sights, hidden gems and a walking route through the centre. Numbers follow the walking order. Red numbers are worth a separate trip.



● Top sight on the route ● Worth the trip ● Hidden gem — Walking route 8.0 km · 1 h 40

1	Duomo di Milano	Piazza del Duomo	8	Santa Maria presso San Satiro	A few steps from Piazza del Duomo
2	Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II	Between Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Scala	9	Navigli	Porta Ticinese
3	Teatro alla Scala	Piazza della Scala	10	San Siro Stadium	M5 San Siro Stadio
4	Pinacoteca di Brera	Via Brera 28	11	Monumental Cemetery (Cimitero Monumentale)	M5 Monumentale
5	Arco della Pace	By Parco Sempione	12	Bosco Verticale	M5 Isola
6	Santa Maria delle Grazie and The Last Supper	Piazza di Santa Maria delle Grazie 2	13	Fondazione Prada	M3 Lodi TIBB
7	Sforzesco Castle	Piazza Castello			

Getting around

- The centre is walkable: the route on the map links the Duomo, the Galleria, La Scala, Brera, the Arco della Pace, Santa Maria delle Grazie, Sforzesco Castle and San Satiro on foot, and ends at the Darsena, the old harbour of the Navigli canals.
- Metro: M1 / M3 Duomo for the cathedral, the Galleria and La Scala; M2 Lanza for Brera; M1 Cairoli for Sforzesco Castle; M1 / M2 Cadorna FN or M1 Conciliazione for Santa Maria delle Grazie; M2 Porta Genova for the Navigli.
- Off the route: San Siro by Metro M5 to San Siro Stadio; the Monumental Cemetery by M5 to Monumentale; the Bosco Verticale by M5 to Isola or M2 / M5 to Garibaldi FS; Fondazione Prada by M3 to Lodi TIBB.
- Paper maps and timetables: the official information points are listed on <https://touristoffice.org/milan-tourist-office/>

About this map

The sights, photos and descriptions come from touristoffice.org/milan/, where each sight has opening details, tickets and a longer guide. Addresses come from OpenStreetMap. The walking route was computed with the Valhalla pedestrian profile; its time excludes the visits. Hours and access change, check before you go. Edition: October 2026.

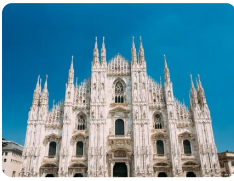
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The 13 top sights

In walking order, with the full address of each one. Red numbers are worth a separate trip: they sit outside the centre, so the line below each one gives the transport to use.



1 Duomo di Milano Piazza del Duomo

Milan's cathedral took almost six centuries to build in pink-veined Candoglia marble, and the result is one of the largest Gothic churches anywhere. The roof is a forest of spires and statues watched over by the gilded Madonnina, and stairs or a lift carry visitors up to the terraces for close views of the pinnacles and, on clear days, the Alps.

Address Piazza del Duomo, 20122 Milano

Ticketed. Timed passes cover the cathedral interior, the rooftop terraces and the Duomo Museum. · Tickets and tours milantickets.org/milan-cathedral/



2 Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II Between Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Scala

This soaring iron-and-glass arcade links Piazza del Duomo with Teatro alla Scala and doubles as Milan's grandest drawing room. Opened in 1867 and named for the first king of a united Italy, its cross-shaped galleries shelter historic cafes and fashion houses beneath a vast central dome, all resting on a marble floor of civic emblems.

Address Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, 20121 Milano

Free to walk through, day or night.



3 Teatro alla Scala Piazza della Scala

One of the world's most storied opera houses, La Scala has premiered works by Verdi, Puccini and Rossini since it opened in 1778 behind a restrained Neoclassical facade. The auditorium's red velvet and gilt tiers still host a demanding season, while the theatre's museum traces two and a half centuries of music with costumes, instruments and portraits.

Address Via Filodrammatici, 2, 20121 Milano

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Ticketed. The Museo Teatrale alla Scala opens daily and usually includes a glimpse of the auditorium from a box.



4 Pinacoteca di Brera

Milan's great picture gallery fills a Baroque palace in the artsy Brera quarter, its rooms hung with masterpieces of Italian painting from Raphael and Mantegna to Caravaggio and Hayez's The Kiss. A recent expansion into the neighbouring Palazzo Citterio, known as Brera Modern, added galleries of twentieth-century art and a large garden.

Address Via Brera, 28, 20121 Milano

Ticketed and closed on Mondays. The Grande Brera ticket also covers Palazzo Citterio, with free entry on the first Sunday of each month.



5 Arco della Pace By Parco Sempione

This grand triumphal arch closes the long view through Parco Sempione from the Sforza castle. Begun under Napoleon and finished in 1838 under Austrian rule, its white marble is carved with reliefs and crowned by a bronze chariot drawn by six horses, the Sestiga della Pace, facing the city. The monument marked the start of the Napoleonic road north toward the Simplon Pass and the rest of Europe.

Address Piazza Sempione, 20154 Milano

Free, a monument in a public square.

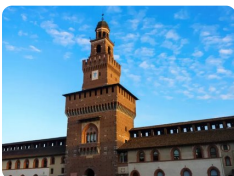


6 Santa Maria delle Grazie and The Last Supper

Leonardo da Vinci painted The Last Supper between 1495 and 1498 on the end wall of the refectory of this Dominican convent, in an experimental technique that began to flake within his lifetime. The mural survived the bombing of 1943 that brought down the refectory roof and reopened in 1999 after two decades of cleaning. Visits are limited to small groups for fifteen minutes, and the slots sell out months ahead. The church beside it is worth its own stop for the domed tribune of the 1490s attributed to Bramante.

Address Piazza di Santa Maria delle Grazie, 2, 20123 Milano

Church free; The Last Supper is a timed fifteen minute visit



7 Sforzesco Castle Piazza Castello

Raised by the Sforza dukes in the fifteenth century on an earlier Visconti fortress, this vast brick castle guards the edge of the old city with towers and battlements. The tall Torre del Filarete rises over the main gate facing the centre, and inside, the courtyards open onto a ring of civic museums whose collections run from Egyptian antiquities to Michelangelo's unfinished Pieta Rondanini, his final sculpture.

Address Piazza Castello, 20121 Milano

The courtyards are free and open daily; the castle museums are ticketed and closed on Mondays.



8 Santa Maria presso San Satiro A few steps from Piazza del Duomo

A busy street left Bramante no room for a proper choir when he rebuilt this church in the late 15th century, so he painted and modelled one in shallow relief. From the entrance the apse seems to run deep behind the altar; step to one side and the coffered vault turns out to be less than a metre deep.

Address Via Torino, 17, 20123 Milano

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Free. An active church, so visits pause during Mass.



9 Navigli Porta Ticinese

The Navigli are the last open stretches of Milan's old canal network, once used to float marble to the Duomo and partly engineered with ideas attributed to Leonardo da Vinci. Today the Naviglio Grande and Naviglio Pavese are lined with bars, artisan workshops and vintage shops, drawing crowds at aperitivo hour and to the sprawling antiques market held along the water once a month, when stalls fill both banks.

Address Darsena, Piazza XXIV Maggio, 20123 Milano

Free to wander; liveliest in the early evening.



10 San Siro Stadium San Siro

Officially the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza, San Siro is the thunderous shared home of AC Milan and Inter Milan and one of Europe's great football grounds, ringed by the spiral ramps and red girders of its distinctive stands. On non-match days, guided tours lead through the stands, the press room and the players' tunnel, paired with a museum of shirts and trophies from both clubs.

Address Piazzale Angelo Moratti, 20151 Milano

Worth a separate trip · 5.3 km W of the centre · M5 San Siro Stadio · Ticketed. Tours and the museum run on non-match days. · Tickets and tours [milantickets.org/san-siro-stadium/](https://www.milantickets.org/san-siro-stadium/)



11 Monumental Cemetery (Cimitero Monumentale) Piazzale Cimitero Monumentale

Far more than a burial ground, Milan's Monumental Cemetery is an open-air gallery of tombs and sculpture opened in 1866. Wealthy families competed to commission chapels and statues from leading artists, so elaborate mausoleums now line its avenues, and the grand Famedio at the entrance honours celebrated citizens, among them the writer Alessandro Manzoni.

Address Piazzale Cimitero Monumentale, 20154 Milano

Worth a separate trip · 2.1 km N of the centre · M5 Monumentale · Free. Open Tuesday to Sunday and closed on Mondays.



12 Bosco Verticale Near Isola

The Vertical Forest is a pair of residential towers in the Porta Nuova district whose balconies are planted with roughly 900 trees and thousands of shrubs, so the facades change with the seasons. Designed by Stefano Boeri and completed in 2014 as part of his BioMilano vision, the towers have become a widely copied model for greening dense cities.

Address Via Gaetano de Castillia, 11, 20124 Milano

Worth a separate trip · 2.1 km N of the centre · M5 Isola · Private residences, best seen from the street or the nearby Biblioteca degli Alberi park.



13 Fondazione Prada

Co-chaired by Miuccia Prada, this contemporary art institution occupies a former distillery reworked by the architects of OMA, who kept the old sheds and added new volumes including a tower clad in gold leaf. Its changing exhibitions, film programme and design projects sit a short walk from a metro stop south of the centre, alongside the Wes Anderson-designed Bar Luce.

Address Largo Isarco, 2, 20139 Milano

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Worth a separate trip · 2.8 km SE of the centre · M3 Lodi TIBB · Ticketed and closed on Tuesdays; the Bar Luce cafe is free to step into.

29 hidden gems

Smaller places from the same guide, each with its address. Those outside the map frame show their distance from the centre.

San Bernardino alle Ossa

A small chapel beside the Basilica of Santo Stefano lines its walls and doorframes with human skulls and bones from a medieval...

Via San Bernardino, 20122 Milano

Bar Luce

Wes Anderson designed this cafe inside Fondazione Prada down to the pastel Formica and veneer, a symmetrical pastiche of a 1950s...

Via Orobica, 20139 Milano · 2.8 km SE of the centre, outside the map

BackDoor 43

Billed as the world's smallest bar, this tiny cabin on the Navigli is booked by the hour as a private club for a few guests.

Ripa di Porta Ticinese, 43, 20143 Milano

Albergo Diurno Venezia

Under Piazza Oberdan lies a 1920s underground spa and salon of marble and Art Deco fittings, long shuttered and now cared for by...

Piazza Guglielmo Oberdan, 20219 Milano

'Saint Bartholomew Played'

Inside the cathedral stands a startling statue of the apostle carrying his own played skin like a cloak, an anatomy lesson carved...

Piazza del Duomo, 20122 Milano

L.O.V.E.

Maurizio Cattelan's marble hand raises its middle finger to the stock exchange across the square, its other fingers cut down to...

Piazza degli Affari, 6, 20123 Milano

Loggia dei Mercanti Whispering Gallery

Whisper to a column under this medieval merchants' portico and the arches carry your words clearly across to someone standing at...

Piazza dei Mercanti, 2c01, 20123 Milano

Milan's Duomo "Dinosaur"

A carving on the cathedral's main portal shows a long-necked, web-footed creature that looks unnervingly like a dinosaur...

Piazza del Duomo, 20122 Milano

The Bronze Ear of Casa Sola-Busca

A huge bronze ear juts from a doorway in the quiet Zone of Silence, once an early intercom and now the building's affectionate...

Via Gabrio Serbelloni, 10, 20122 Milano

Palazzo Berri-Meregalli

Grey and forbidding at first, this 1910s apartment house rewards a second look with mosaics, ironwork and a blend of Gothic...

Via Vivaio, 20219 Milano

The Wall of the Dolls

In the Ticinese district, hundreds of dolls strung along a wall form a stark, unsettling protest against femicide and violence...

Via Edmondo De Amicis, 1, 20123 Milano

Torre Velasca (Velasca Tower)

Designed by the BBPR group in 1958, this tower flares outward near the top like a medieval keep in concrete, a divisive postwar...

Piazza Velasca, 5, 20122 Milano

The Devil's Column

Two holes pierce a Roman column outside the basilica of Sant'Ambrogio.

Piazza Sant'Ambrogio, 23, 20123 Milano

Leonardo's Horse - Il Cavallo dello Sforza

Leonardo designed a colossal bronze horse for the Sforza that was never cast; an American enthusiast's crusade finally had it...

Piazzale dello Sport, 20148 Milano · 5.0 km W of the centre, outside the map

Royal Pavilion at Stazione Centrale

Behind unmarked doors in Milan's monumental Central Station hides the Padiglione Reale, a lavish waiting room built for the royal...

Sottopasso Mortirolo, 20124 Milano

Via Abramo Lincoln

A little-known street of pastel two-storey houses and gardens, nicknamed the rainbow district, feels like a village tucked into...

Via Abramo Lincoln, 20219 Milano

Dancing Bull of Good Fortune

Tradition says spinning your heel on the bull in the arcade's floor mosaic brings luck, and visitors have worn a hole through the...

Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, 20121 Milano

Case a Igloo

In the Maggiolina district, a cluster of dome-shaped 1940s houses by Mario Cavalle looks like a little village of igloos dropped...

Via Pietro da Bescapè, 5, 20125 Milano · 3.6 km N of the centre, outside the map

Photo Optics Cavour Srl - Leica Boutique Milan

This small shop near Via Fatebenefratelli is a quiet pilgrimage for photography buffs, dealing in Leica's famously precise 35mm...

Via Fatebenefratelli, 34, 20121 Milano

'Selva Elettrica' ('Electric Jungle')

Above a metro escalator, a cast-bronze tangle of cables and pipes bursts from the ceiling, one of the rare artworks hidden in...

Via Carlo Imbonati, 73, 20159 Milano · 4.3 km N of the centre, outside the map

Neighbourhoods

Duomo and the centre

The Duomo (1) took almost six centuries to finish, and its roof terraces look out over the spires to the Alps on clear days. The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II (2) links Piazza del Duomo to La Scala (3), while Santa Maria presso San Satiro (8) hides Bramante's false choir just off Via Torino.

Castello and Sempione

Sforzesco Castle (7), the fortress of the Sforza dukes, now holds the civic museums, including Michelangelo's last work, the Rondanini Pietà. Parco Sempione stretches behind it to the Arco della Pace (5), the triumphal arch that opens the road to the Simphon Pass.

Navigli and Porta Ticinese

The Navigli (9), the last open canals of the old network, fill with bars and restaurants at aperitivo hour. Corso di Porta Ticinese runs back towards the centre past the Roman columns of San Lorenzo.

Further out

San Siro (10), home to both AC Milan and Inter, stands in the west of the city at the end of Metro M5. Fondazione Prada (13) turned a former distillery in the south-east into an arts centre with a gold-leaf tower.

Horned Madonna of Portinari Chapel

Inside Sant'Eustorgio's Renaissance chapel, a fresco shows Mary and Jesus with what look like small devil's horns, a quirk...

Piazza Sant'Eustorgio, 1, 20122 Milano

Shoah Memorial of Milan

Below Central Station, the platform where Jews were loaded onto cattle cars for the camps is now a stark memorial marked with the...

Piazza Edmond Jacob Safra, 1, 20125 Milano

Lucrezia Borgia's Love Letters

The Biblioteca Ambrosiana keeps the letters between Lucrezia Borgia and the poet Pietro Bembo, along with a lock of blonde hair...

Piazza Pio Undicesimo, 2, 20123 Milano

Milan's Hidden Bomb Shelters

A network of tunnels and reinforced rooms built against Allied air raids still runs beneath schools and streets, opened for...

Via Gian Battista Passerini, 8, 20162 Milano · 5.4 km N of the centre, outside the map

Castello Pozzi

In the CityLife district, a giant house of cards rises before a private villa, an installation by its owner that gives the castle...

Viale Berengario, 8, 20149 Milano

Bar Basso

The Negrini Sbagliato was born here in 1972, when a bartender reached for sparkling wine instead of gin and the mistaken cocktail...

Via Plinio, 39, 20129 Milano

Ruins of the Circo Romano

Fragments of a vast Roman circus from the Tetrarchy survive in walls and street lines around Via Circo, once among the empire's...

Via Circo, 12, 20123 Milano

War obelisk in Milan

This hundred-foot concrete cone north of the centre was never a monument but a wartime bomb shelter built to protect a strategic...

Via Adriano, 60, 20128 Milano · 6.8 km NE of the centre, outside the map

Crypt of San Sepolcro

Beneath a church on Milan's old Roman forum lies a medieval crypt where Charles Borromeo kept vigil, calling it his gymnasium of...

Piazza San Sepolcro, 20123 Milano

Brera

The Pinacoteca di Brera (4) fills the upper floor of the Palazzo di Brera, which it shares with the fine arts academy. Around it, cobbled streets of galleries, cafes and small shops make Brera the artists' quarter of the city.

Magenta

Santa Maria delle Grazie (6) keeps Leonardo's Last Supper on the wall of its former refectory, seen in small timed groups booked well ahead. The Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio, founded in the 4th century, is a short walk to the south-east.

Porta Nuova and Isola

The Bosco Verticale (12), two residential towers planted with hundreds of trees, rises among the new skyscrapers of Porta Nuova. West of it, the Monumental Cemetery (11) is an open-air gallery of family tombs and sculpture.