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Sforzesco Castle

Milan - Lombardy

The second largest city in Italy, located in the northern Lombardy region, is a global capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, it's a financial hub also known for its high-end restaurants and shops. The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral and the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent, housing Leonardo da Vinci's mural "The Last Supper," testify to centuries of art and culture.

Being in the center of the region, Milan is an excellent center from which to visit the Italian Lake District, the music capital of Cremona and several other historic towns.



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1. Duomo Milan

Dedicated to the Nativity of St Mary, construction commenced in 1386 and was completed in 1965.



3. Santa Maria della Grazie

Dominican convent and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The church contains the mural of The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, which is in the refectory.



5. Sforzesco Castle

Originally a fortress and home to the ruling Sforza family. Built in the 15th century, it is now the HQ of the Milan Civic Museums.



2. Pinocoteca di Brera

Main public gallery in the Palazzo Brera. It contains one of the foremost collections of Italian paintings, an outgrowth of the cultural program of the Brera Academy.



4. Sempione Park

A large green-space close to the Castello Sforzesco. Built between 1890 and 1893 imitating a typical English garden. Other buildings include Acquario Civico, Arena Civico & Arco della Pace.



6. Teatro alla Scala

World renowned Opera House founded in 1778 and seating over 2000. Opera history is told in the Museo teatrale alla Scala.



Day Tours from Milan

7. South Tyrol

A World Heritage site around Lake Iseo. Discover the great wine producing areas around Franciacorta. Perhaps venture into the high mountain passes leading into Austria. Great restaurants.



9. Lago di Garda

The largest lake in Italy, on the edge of the Dolomites. A popular holiday location between Milan and Venice.



8. Lago di Como

An upscale resort area known for its dramatic scenery in the foothills of the Alps. From the the city of Como a funicular travels up to the mountain town of Brunate.



10. Lago Maggiore

The second largest lake in Italy and the largest in southern Switzerland. The lake and its shoreline are divided between the Italian regions of Piedmont and Lombardy and the Swiss canton of Ticino.

