

# SEEING MILAN

Public transport is pretty efficient in Milan, for information on tickets look on [www.atm.it](http://www.atm.it) (it may be very useful to download the app on your mobile).

For bike, car and scooter sharing you may ask or search on internet to get the most recent advice.

If you come for pleasure and/or you have some time to enjoy, here are a few tips on things to do/see in Milan outside of the mainstream tourist itineraries.

## In the immediate neighbourhood by foot

**... and if you enjoy walking, you may follow the path marked on the little map you'll find in your room. You will walk across Isola district (and maybe choose a restaurant for the evening)**

### You will come across the “Bosco Verticale”

Impressive contemporary architecture combined with reforestation project : two residential skyscrapers designed by Architect Stefano Boeri, inaugurated in 2014. The towers designed to accommodate as many plants as 7000 m<sup>2</sup> of a normal horizontal forest. The Bosco Verticale won the **International Highrise Award 2014** awarded to the most beautiful and modern skyscraper around the globe.

**.... and Piazza Gae Aulenti** Designed by the Argentine architect Cesar Pelli as a stunning new gateway to Milan this Piazza represents the new face of the city, the symbol of a metropolis that is changing and looking ahead to the future. In the heart of the **Porta Nuova-Garibaldi** development: a circular piazza of about 80 mts in diameter with a surface area of 2,300 m<sup>2</sup>, it is raised 10 mts above ground with three intermediate levels (underground station, parking, retail).

You may go on into **Corso Como** (trendy and expensive not everybody's taste, if you're interested you may check the concept store “COMO 10”) and reach ...

... **Piazza XXV Aprile** where you can check the large food store/restaurant “**Eataly**” and another store if you want to buy presents is **High Tech** (n°12 of the square, inside a courtyard) ...

.. you get in Corso Garibaldi and follow on to **Brera District** (the **Pinacoteca** in via Brera is a splendid old masters museum <https://pinacotecabrera.org/> maybe not if you stay in Milan only 3 days) ...

Follow on and reach the **Duomo**: once you get there and if you don't want to wait and pay to get on the roof (which is quite stupendous in a nice sunny day) you may go to the highest floor of the nearby department store “**La Rinascente**” sip a coffee and enjoy the view.

## Other interesting/beautiful things

**\*\* Fondazione Prada**, very contemporary art museum, great architecture by Rem Koolhaas , you can reach it easily from CasaTitta by underground (Yellow Line, get off at LODI then walk 10 minutes following directions) the visit would take *at least* a couple of hours, it's a MUST if you're keen on contemporary art, it's very interesting in any case for the beautiful spaces, the lay out and the concept of the entire thing, one advice: take the initiative to question the staff: they are very well cultivated and professional, and will give you unsuspected information. Check here for opening hours <http://www.fondazioneprada.org/servizio-visitatori/>

**\*\*\*\* Hangar Bicocca**, very special site-specific art by German artist Anselm Kiefer, sponsored by Pirelli in an ex industrial district. Easy to reach from CasaTitta by Purple underground (get on at MARCHE get off at PONALE and walk 10-15 minutes following directions) this is very impressive

space which I strongly recommend to visit, entrance is free and there is a bistro where you could have lunch/dinner or aperitivo. It is open from Thursday to Sunday 10-22. You may not be interested in the current exhibitions but it's really worthwhile to go just for the Seven Towers by Kiefer. You will find a brochure in your room. <https://www.hangarbicocca.org/pirelli-hangarbicocca/>

\*\* **Villa Necchi** , Via Mozart 14, walking distance from piazza San Babila, nearest underground PALESTRO (red line) beautiful art deco villa beautifully managed by FAI (Fondo Ambiente Italiano). I think you would enjoy the visit. Open from 10 to 18, last entry 17 <https://www.fondoambiente.it/luoghi/villa-necchi-campiglio/visita>

\*\*\* **San Maurizio al Monastero Maggiore**, I think one of the most beautiful churches in Milan, it's in Corso Magenta and you find it in the Lonely Planet in your room.

**Gallerie d'Italia**, not the very first thing to see, however it is in the very centre of the city in piazza Scala, free admission, it hosts an important collection of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century art and temporary exhibitions of quality, the building was a very important bank and you may be interested in just popping inside to have a look. <https://www.gallerieditalia.com/it/milano/informazioni/>

\*\*\*\* **Pietà Rondanini** if you go to see the **Castello Sforzesco** (main attraction and beautiful place) but you don't feel like walking in a museum for hours just take a look to one single important and stand-alone work of sculpture by Michelangelo: the "Pietà Rondanini" ... worth the trip.

\*\*\*\*\* **Fondazione Luigi Rovati** is housed in the heart of Milan, in an historic palazzo restored and redesigned to accommodate multiple functions: it shows a magnificent collection of Etruscan art, in a fabulous setting designed according to advanced and refined concept of "museum". Entrance tickets 16 €, [www.fondazione.luigirovati.org](http://www.fondazione.luigirovati.org) – address: Corso Venezia 52, near underground stop Palestro (Red Line) walking distance from Villa Necchi.

**Casa Museo Boschi di Stefano** (totally out of the way from tourist routes, hosts a fabulous collection of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Italian paintings in a very special setting (the collector donated his home and the collection to the municipality) check to website to see if you maybe interested, nearest underground stop on red line stop LIMA or bus 60 <http://www.comune.milano.it/wps/portal/luogo/casamuseoboschidistefano>

**Museum of Teatro alla Scala:** To be visited on Monday when many other museums are closed. The museum itself is not of general interest - harlequin costumes hint at centuries of Milanese musical drama - but it gives a chance to have a glimpse of the glamorous and splendid theater, one of in the largest stages Europe. Ask if this is possible before buying the ticket for the museum. If you're really interested it is a good idea to book a guided tour <http://www.museoscala.org/visita/visite-guidate/visite-guidate-al-teatro/>

\*\*\* If you are disappointed of not getting tickets for Leonardo's "last supper" you may be compensate with the magnificent drawings and sketchbooks by the artist and genius at the **Pinacoteca Ambrosiana** [www.ambrosiana.it](http://www.ambrosiana.it)

**Museo Poldi Pezzoli** : very beautiful and close to Piazza Scala but not the first thing to see if you are in Milan only 3 days. Gian Giacomo Poldi Pezzoli, aged 24 inherited a fortune and being a passionate art collector in 1849 had the idea of transforming his home in a museum later to be opened to the public. Today you can admire a number of superb old masters in the original setting and atmosphere of an aristocratic and highly cultivated home. You will enjoy the visit. Closed on Tuesday [www.museopoldipezzoli.it](http://www.museopoldipezzoli.it)

# Where to EAT

## Lazy choices close by

Just in front on the corner: **Pizzeria al 91**, always crowded, nice, good pizza ... be careful the portions are gigantic. A good choice if you are tired of walking. Closed on Mondays.

In the same street **CENTEVOT** fresh artisan's pasta to buy or to eat – highly recommended - Via Belinzaghi 21, usually open only at lunchtime, better reserve. <https://www.instagram.com/centevot/>

Via Thaon di Revel Pizzeria "**Alla Fontana**" easy food, ideal for families, not expensive

Via Carlo Farini 70, 5 minutes walk, "**Chef G**", very good food Chinese restaurant (Manchurian) <https://www.chefjmilano.com/>

**Osterialnove**, Via Thaon di Revel n. 9, [www.osterialnove.com](http://www.osterialnove.com), good cuisine very pleasant dehors surrounded by banana plants, 5 minutes walk

## At Walking distance

**Break** - Cocktail-bistro, around the corner, a very pleasant little place with an outdoor area that can be enjoyed in the summer, the managers are Brazilian and very nice, ideal for an aperitif or after dinner, Via Menabrea 12, tel. 02 84933130

**Ratanà (restaurant)** one of my favourites, trendy and classic, very good risotto, you must book before if you go for dinner. walking distance from CasaTitta, very close to Bosco Verticale. <https://www.ratana.it/>

**Frida** lovely place for drinks (day and night) and lunch, young, good atmosphere and pleasant, Via Pollaiuolo n.3 - <http://www.fridaisola.it/>

**Deus Cafè** <http://deuscustoms.com/cafes/milan/> via Thaon de Revel n. 3, very popular and trendy full of people at night, not really my taste but maybe yours.

**"Da Martino"**, Via Carlo Farini 8, 15 minutes by tram (2 or 4 towards the centre) excellent trattoria, Tuscan style cooking, better book before going, [www.damartino1950.com](http://www.damartino1950.com)

## Other good places

**Osteria alla concorrenza, via Melzo 12, top wine bar with great cheeses and ham, salami, etc... highly recommended – opens at 6 pm check online**  
<https://osteriaallaconcorrenza.business.site/>

**Pastamadre** <http://www.pastamadremilano.it/> you need to book, it would combine well with Fondazione Prada as it is on the same line of underground (M3 yellow Line). Good food, slightly Sicilian taste. Closed Monday and Sunday.

**Trippa** <https://www.trippamilano.it/> one of my son's favourites, need to book far in advance.

**Erba Brusca** (Navigli area) a little far out, very very nice ... ideal for Sunday lunch with bikes or romantic dinner [http://www.erbabrusca.it/mappa\\_contatti.html](http://www.erbabrusca.it/mappa_contatti.html)

**Osteria con Vista** on the roof top of Triennale - spectacular view, ideal for lunch after visiting the Duomo and San Maurizio: You may check the place, the menu and the opening times here: <https://www.osteriaconvista.it/menu.asp>

