What would it be like to live in Milan?





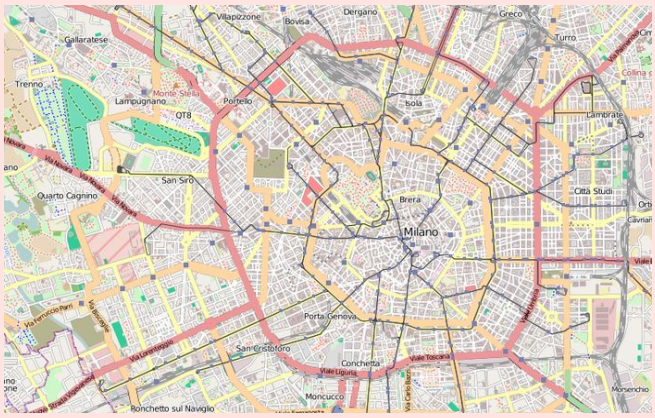






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Fun facts about Milan for kids and curious adults

In this guide, we share some of the most interesting things about Milan and tell you where you can learn about them in the city!

What is Milan known for?

Milan is known for many things but stands out for three in particular. It is the fashion capital of Italy and one of the most important fashion cities in the world. It is also home to priceless works of art such as the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci.

Last but not least, Milan is known for being the economic heart of Italy, because of the many industries based in the city and surrounding area.

Milan a fashion capital

Milan is one of the world's fashion capitals and is home to the headquarters of many high fashion brands, like Versace, Gucci, Prada and Armani just to name a few.

The best area to catch a glimpse of their creations is the so-called 'Quadrilatero della moda', a city centre neighbourhood with all the most famous boutiques.

You are never overdressed in Milan

Milan is the wealthiest and the most expensive city in Italy! Fashion is hugely popular in the city and the Milanese are considered among the most fashion-conscious (and stylish) in the whole of Italy.

Milan has one of the most important opera houses in the world

Milan is home to Europe's largest opera house, La Scala. From the outside, La Scala doesn't seem a particularly impressive theatre but don't let its plain exterior fool you! The inside of the theatre is stunning.

Milan used to have many canals

The canal connected the Ticino river with Lake Como and Maggiore. The canals were built over 700 years and were completed in the XIX century. However, they were soon closed to make space for cars and nowadays only a few of them are left.

Leonardo da Vinci built the first water lock in Milan Leonardo lived in Milan for many years and produced here many of its creations.

Milan dates back to 600 B.C.

Milan has very ancient origins and it is said to date back to 600 BC!

The Romans called it Mediolanum, the root of which name can still be found in the modern name of the city

It took over 500 years to build its duomo

Rome wasn't built in a day but neither was Milan! The construction of its duomo alone took over 500 years! It has over 3400 sculptures and some are quite recent: one looks very much like the Statue of Liberty in NYC.

Milan has the oldest skyscraper in Italy

Milan was the first city in Italy to have its own skyscraper, the Grattacielo Pirelli. While old, this is not the tallest in the city.

Milan has an incredible tram network

The Milan tram network (some vintage looking) is famous for being one of the most developed in Western Europe and it is still functioning. Milan trams are yellow and a fun means of transport to discover the city.

Milan is great for football lovers

Milan is a dream for football lovers as it has not one but two excellent soccer teams: Milan and Inter.

They both play in the Stadio Giuseppe Meazza (better known as San Siro), which is open to visitors.

The symbol of Milan is called 'biscione'

The symbol of the city of Milan is called 'biscione' and looks like a serpent with a crown and a child in its mouth!

The symbol dates back to the Middle Ages and remembers a time when a dragon was said to live in the city and feed on young kids. Legend tells us that the Visconti Family, one of the most important in Milan, eventually managed to kill it, saving the city.

Milan is the second largest city in Italy

Milan is the second largest city in Italy (the first is Rome) and counts a little over 1.4 Million inhabitants

Milan is empty in August!

If you come to Milan in August you will find the streets of the city almost deserted! This is because of the Milanese all flock to the lakes and the mountains nearby for their summer holidays.

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