

# Visit Milan's Chinatown district

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It's an **exotic way** to spend your Milanese holiday: imagine yourself strolling through the lively streets of a vibrant district, where Oriental culture meets Italian charm. Welcome to **Milan's Chinatown** district, a corner of the city where Asian flavors, colors and traditions blend harmoniously with Milanese elegance.

Whether you're looking for exotic cuisine, handicrafts or simply a picturesque stroll, Milan's Chinatown promises an enjoyable adventure. Follow us into the bustling streets of Chinatown for a colorful and emotional exploration.

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## Chinatown Milan must-sees

Wedged between the [Sforza castle](#) and Milan's monumental cemetery, Chinatown is an interesting place to discover. Although less distinctive than many of the Chinatowns we've visited in other major European cities, it remains a lively and original district.

### Shopping

Like many Chinatowns in big cities, Chinese stores and supermarkets are always full of strange things and exotic fruits. A little trip within a trip. For this, we recommend a visit to **The Oriental Mall**, a mix of kitsch and exotic products where you'll find

everything you need to decorate your home or cook delicious meals.

## Restaurants and Culinary Specialties

Let's face it, food is at the heart of Chinatown. That's why we went there, because we wanted to eat something other than pasta and pizza. The neighborhood's restaurants take you on a culinary journey through China and other parts of Asia. From Peking duck to dim sum and stir-fried noodles, local chefs combine tradition and innovation to deliver an unforgettable taste experience.

We recommend the famous **Ravioleria Sarpi** on the main street for ravioli and other steamed bites.

It's the clash of the two greatest pasta nations: Italy versus China. Rice pasta versus wheat pasta: our hearts and stomachs can't decide.

## Walking the streets of Chinatown

Strolling along **Via Paolo Sarpi**, Chinatown's main thoroughfare, you'll discover a fascinating blend of traditional Chinese architecture and modern elements. Illuminated ideogram signs shine alongside Milan's historic facades, creating a singular urban setting. Don't miss the **murals** that decorate some of the buildings, adding an artistic touch to the already vibrant atmosphere of the district.

## Chinese New Year in Milan

The **Chinese New Year** celebration is a must. In early February, the streets come alive with colorful parades and dragon and lion shows. It's the perfect opportunity to discover Chinese culture in all its splendor. It's the perfect time to visit the neighborhood with all its decorations. Immersion is all the greater at this time of year.

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## Useful tips for visiting Chinatown in Milan

As in any busy part of a big city, it's a good idea to be vigilant and take care of your belongings. Don't hesitate to ask the locals for advice, as they're always happy to share their tips and recommendations for the best places to eat in the area.

### Best times to visit

Chinatown is charming all year round, but for a unique experience, focus on festival periods, such as **Chinese New Year**. For a more leisurely stroll, weekday mornings are ideal, while evenings and weekends offer a livelier, more dynamic atmosphere.

### Transport and Access Advice

When [visiting Milan](#), Chinatown is easily accessible by public transport. You can take

streetcar line 12 or 14 and stop at **Bramante Via Sarpi**, directly on the main thoroughfare. However, we recommend that you walk between your visit to the Sforza castle (and its garden) and the monumental cemetery. It's also an opportunity to take a lunch break in the neighborhood.

Chinatown is a perfect example of how different cultures can coexist harmoniously, enriching the city of Milan. So don't hesitate to stop by during your stay.

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