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Italy is a destination known for the beauty of its cities and the richness of its cultural offer. The city of Milan is no exception to this rule, with more than **60 museums** and **art galleries** in the city!

During your [visit to the city of Milan](#), you are bound to find something to suit you, between the art and history museums and the various monuments. It's the perfect way to keep warm on a rainy day or in winter!

Below we've listed the **best museums** and **activities to do indoors**, with all the **practical information** you need (price, free day, family-friendly, ticket booking link...) and their location, on our map, to make your stay in Milan as easy as possible!

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## 1. The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci, a work that cannot be ignored

A must-see during your stay in Milan, this museum houses a single work, but not just any work, "[The Last Supper](#)", painted by **Leonardo da Vinci** which is known throughout the world.

The painting is exposed, in a room, in the convent **Santa Maria delle Grazie**. The allowed visiting time is **15 minutes**, not more.

We therefore advise you to arrive in advance. It's a bit short, but it's a must-see painting, and this gauge allows us to limit the number of visitors in the same time slot, so **you can fully appreciate the work**.

The before and after areas feature well-crafted **explanations** of the **history of the work** and its **restoration**. You can also visit the church of **Santa Maria delle Grazie** for its beautiful cloister.

**Price** : 15€ full price for 15 minutes access (group of maximum 18 people) - Reduced price 13€ for 18-25 year-olds - free for under-18s - photos possible without flash

Where to book your ticket and/or guided tour?

→ Réservez your ticket on the [official website](#) the calendar is available at the bottom of the page

→ [Book your guided tour of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper](#) The Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci is the **ideal guided tour to learn all about the details and anecdotes** surrounding this mythical painting, at an attractive price and with entrance tickets included so you don't have to worry about them!

## 2. The Pinacoteca di Brera, the largest art museum

The **Pinacoteca of Brera** is an **art museum** that brings together **masterpieces** of great painters, Raphael, Rembrandt, Tintoretto to Caravaggio, Boccioni, Modigliani ... exposed in **38 rooms**.

To facilitate your visit, the works are **arranged chronologically** and **grouped according to the school** to which they belong.

**Price:** 15€ full price - Reduced price 2€ for 18-25 years old - Free for under 18 years old and students and the first Sunday of each month - audio guide: 5€.

Where to book your ticket and/or guided tour?

→Réservez your ticket and time slot on the [official website](#)

→Réservez [your guided tour of the Pinacoteca di Brera](#) and the surrounding area. This **2-hour guided tour**, in a small group, will allow you to **get to the heart of** the matter and **learn more about the major works** in each room. You'll also explore the lovely Brera district, with museum admission **included**.

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### 3. The Duomo Museum, the cathedral of Milan

During your stay in Milan, you won't want to miss its **imposing and magnificent cathedral**, the [Duomo](#).

The site of the cathedral is divided into 4 areas: the **interior** of the cathedral, the **panoramic terrace**, a **museum** and an **archaeological area**.

We strongly recommend you to visit **the interior** and its **magnificent terraces**. Not to mention its **museum**, open since 2003.

It is located under the Duomo church and houses **many of the cathedral's artifacts**, as well as **works by contemporary artists**. **Stained glass windows**, **religious objects**, tapestries **tapestries** **But** above all, statues and **gargoyles** recovered in situ and restored to varying degrees of beauty.

**Price (museum price only) : 7,5€ full price - 4€ reduced price from 6 to 17 years old - 1,50€ under 6 years old**

To find out more, see the *tour options and prices below* - ideal for families.

Options for visiting the cathedral :

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1-→**Notre recommandation**: we advise you to buy your own [ticket](#), grouped together, for the interior of the **cathedral**, its **museum** and its **panoramic terraces** (stairway or elevator access) and optional audio guide.

2- **If you prefer a single space**, we recommend :

→ Soit to buy your [ticket](#) for the **cathedral interior** and **museum** only.

→ Or buy an [entrance ticket](#) for the **panoramic terraces** only (stairway or elevator access), if you wish to take full advantage of this incredible site.

3- If you want to take full advantage of this visit to **learn more** about the cathedral's **history** and hear all the **anecdotes** related to the cathedral, we recommend :

→ Book your [guided tour](#) of the Milan Cathedral, it's a guided tour in French, 1h30 with **access to the interior of** the cathedral and the **panoramic terraces**, for a very attractive price knowing that the entrance tickets, cut line, are included

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→ Et pour ne rien manquer des **incontournables à Milan**, on vous recommande aussi de jeter un œil ici [voir le top de Milan](#), un site qui propose une super sélection des meilleures choses à faire dans la ville.

## 4- Leonardo da Vinci Museum of Science and Technology

This is one of **Milan's most visited** museums. This [science museum](#), very instructive, adapted to **children** and **adults**, takes about 2 hours to visit.

The museum covers **a wide range of subjects**, including **aerospace, transport, climate, communication** and, of course, **Leonardo da Vinci's great inventions**, with a full, detailed explanation of each work.

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In short, a **must-see** during your visit to Milan!

**Price:** 10€ full price - 7,5€ reduced price from 3 to 25 years old - free for children under 3 years old - ideal for families

Where can I reserve tickets?

→[Réservez](#) to **avoid** wasting time on the day of your visit, and make sure you've got a seat!

## 5. La Scala: a mythical theater

La [Scala of Milan](#), in Italian Teatro alla Scala, was built in 1778. As its name suggests, it's a beautiful **3,000-seat** theater, with a program that attracts opera lovers from all over the world.

The theater has a **museum** with a rich collection of paintings related to the world of opera and objects related to the theater costumes, busts ....

**Price :** 9€ full price, reduced price 6€ student and children up to 13 years old - under 12 years old free - family price

Where to book your ticket and/or guided tour in French

→ Réservez your ticket for the theater and museum on the [official website](#)

→ Réservez your 1-hour [guided tour](#) of La Scala **theater** and **museum** , in French, to learn all about this mythical Italian landmark.

## 6. Pinacoteca Ambrosiana: the Codex of Leonardo da Vinci

It is a small museum, count 2 hours of visit, in a beautiful building that hosts a large library in its center with an interesting and rich collection of Italian painters. With a fine section on Leonardo da Vinci, including his drawings of his inventions.

The centerpieces are the drawings from the **Codex Atlanticus** (surrounded by a display case) and the “ **Portrait of a Musician** ” two major works by Leonardo da Vinci.

**Price:** 16,5€ full price - 11,5€ reduced price from 14 to 18 years old and students - free for children under 14 years old - ideal for families - *audioguides 3€, in English*

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*and Italian at the ticket office*

Where to buy tickets

→ Réservez [your tickets](#) for the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana and Leonardo da Vinci's Codex, to save time on the day of your visit!

## 7. Leonardo Museum3 : an interactive museum

It is an **interactive museum** that exhibits the main inventions of Leonardo da Vinci. You will find **many models** and **3D images** (over 200) reconstructed from the drawings and writings of the inventor.

It's an **ideal** museum for the whole **family**, as there are numerous touch-screen reconstructions where you have to reconstruct the invention.

**Price:** 14€ full price - 11€ reduced student price - 9€ from 7 to 18 years old - 1€ before 6 years old - free for children under 14 years old - *family price - audioguides 4€, in French (all panels are in English and Italian)*

Where to buy tickets

→ Réservez [your tickets and audio guide](#) to save time on the day of your visit.

## 8. Villa Necchi Campiglio: Milanese bourgeois villa

It is a **magnificent bourgeois villa** built between 1932 and 1935 in **art deco style**. It belonged to the Italian family **Necchi**.

During your visit, you'll be able to browse through the **house's various rooms, spread over 3 floors**, with many **pieces of furniture, statues, paintings and decorative objects** still on display. The house is surrounded by a **huge wooded plot of land** with a nice swimming pool in the center.

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A haven of peace and nature in the heart of Milan. A must-see for **art and architecture lovers**.

**Price** : €14 full price - €9 concessions for 18 to 25 year olds - €6 concessions for 6 to 18 year olds - free for children under 6 - ideal for families, children will easily get involved - Guided tour in English and Italian

Where to book tickets

→ Réservez your ticket on the [official website](#)

## 9. Giuseppe Meazza Stadium and Museum

A mythical stadium and a must for **soccer fans** ! A visit to the stadium and changing rooms is an incredible opportunity to discover the **playing field of Milan's two great teams**.

The **museum** is a little small, with just a few T-shirts and cups on display... But you'll be going there mostly to **discover the stadium!**

**Price:** 30€ full price - 23€ reduced price from 6 to 14 years old - free for children under 6 years old - ideal for families

Where to buy tickets

→ Book your [tickets](#) for the stadium, changing rooms and museum (audio guide

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included)

## **10. Novecento: museum of contemporary art**

It is the museum of contemporary art of Milan, nestled in a beautiful building, located next to the Duomo, which offers a beautiful collection of twentieth century artists and some other international painter for a small price.

Smaller, more appreciable, you can enjoy a beautiful view of Piazza del Duomo and Galleria Vittorio Emanuele.

*Price: full price €5 - reduced price €3 18-25 years and students - free every first and third Tuesday of the month after 2 p.m.*

Where to buy tickets

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→ Réservez your tickets for the [official](#) Novecento [website](#)

## 11. The Sforza castle

**Sforza Castle** (in Italian Castello Sforzesco), located at the end of Via Dante, contrasts with the modernity of Milan. It's also famous for having been rebuilt by major Italian artists such as **Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo**.

Today, it houses several museums. You can enter the gardens of the castle for free, to rest and admire its moat, its beautiful facades...

The interior of the castle houses numerous exhibitions. You will find **collections on ancient art, the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, a museum of musical instruments** and a **beautiful library**. In short, allow a good 3 hours for your visit!

**Rates:** full price 13,5€ - reduced price 11 € - free for students 18-25 years old and students - free under 17 years old

Nos conseils et hébergements

→ Book, in advance, [Your ticket to the Sforza Castle with digital audio guide](#)

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## 12. Prada Foundation

The **Prada Foundation** is a **contemporary art** museum with regularly changing exhibitions.

We recommend adding this museum to your list of things to see in Milan, to admire the incredible transformation of this former distillery by architect **Rem Koolhaas**.

The foundation is located near the **Porta Romana** stop (yellow line) in south-east Milan.

**Prices:** full price €15 - concessions €12 18-25 years and students - free for under-18s

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## 13. Milan's Royal Palace

**Milan's Royal Palace**, known locally as the "Palazzo Reale", located next to the Duomo in the historic center, is a must-see.

With its majestic facades and ornate halls, the palace offers a journey through the ages, reflecting the various artistic and historical periods through which it has passed.

Today, Milan's **Royal Palace** is a **museum and art gallery**, hosting temporary and permanent exhibitions of international renown. We suggest you take a look at the program. We were there during the temporary exhibition of works by **Edward Hopper**. A magnificent collection that we loved.

**Prices:** full price 17€ - reduced price 13 € 18-25 years and students - free for under 5s

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## 14. Milan Museum of Natural History

This is **Milan's Natural History** Museum. The museum houses a rich collection divided into several sections, including geology, paleontology, zoology and botany. Its exhibits are renowned for being both educational and captivating, an ideal museum for children.

The paleontology section is particularly noteworthy, presenting an impressive collection of fossils that tell the story of life on Earth, from the first organisms to the giant dinosaurs.

**Prices:** full price €5 - reduced price €3 for 18-25 year-olds and students - free for under-5s

## The best museums on our map

## What to do in Milan when it's raining or in winter?

Let's answer that question! Of course, in addition to learning a lot and seeing a lot, visiting **one or more** of the **11 museums** listed above will also give you shelter from the rain and cold (because yes, it does get very cold in January and February...)!

To give you an example, we were there for a weekend in **January**, and had plenty of time to visit The Last Supper, the Duomo and Leonardo da Vinci's Museum of Science and Technology. We explored the other museums on our other visits to Milan, alternating between indoor and outdoor visits.

Don't hesitate to [sleep in Milan](#) Choose accommodation close to the **historic center**, near the Duomo! This allows you to visit a large part of the city on foot. The city is full of sublime hotels.

We wish you an **excellent trip**! Don't hesitate to leave us a **quick note** or **5 stars** below, to tell us if you're planning this trip, to ask any questions you may have, here or on [Instagram](#), we'll get back to you with great pleasure.

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