

ITALY

ESSENTIAL MILAN (TOUR CODE: 11707)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Milan

TRAVEL PERIODS

1 Nov 24 - 31 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Cultural
City Stays

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Often known as "the Italian fashion capital", there is much more to Milan than meets the eye...Get close and discover the city's vibes!

Highlights

- Stay at a **4-star hotel centrally located** in Milan
- **Return Private transfers to Malpensa Airport** is included,
- Discover the **Duomo, Sforza Castle, Colonne of St Lorenzo, Scala Opera House** and many other highlights on your private walking tour of Milan

A very special place for fashion and shopping, but not only: Milan is a vibrant city offering both cultural experiences (such as witnessing Da Vinci's superb Last Supper or the majestic Cathedral of Milan) and fun and exciting moments. Home to the famous *happy hour*, the city has countless cafés, restaurants and bars offering rich and delicious aperitifs and dinners.

Unlock the power to tailor your journey with our **Optional Extras**, allowing you to add those must-see tours that are at the top of your list. But that's not all – there's a world of possibilities waiting for you!



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Milan at the Starhotels Ritz or similar
- Return Private transfer to/from Milan airport or Railway Station
- Daily Breakfast
- Half-day walking tour of Milan (3 hours) with English-speaking guide

ITINERARY

Day 1

Milan

Welcome to Milan! Meet your driver at the airport/station for the transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Milan at the **Starhotels Ritz** or similar.



THE DUOMO OF MILAN AT NIGHT

Day 2

Milan

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your private English-speaking guide at the lobby around 9.30am and begin your **walking tour** around this wonderful city.

You will be able to plan your itinerary together with your guide: the *Duomo*, the *Sforza Castle*, the *Columns of San Lorenzo*, the *Scala Opera House* are only a few of the many interesting places you can visit in Milan. By reaching the splendid Duomo Cathedral, you will witness a striking example of Gothic architecture and the largest church in Italy. Walk inside Galleria

Vittorio Emanuele II shopping gallery, a 19th-century glass-vaulted shopping arcade. Brimming with fashionable shops and cafes, it used to be the connecting path between the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House, so that ladies could stay dry on their way to the theatre in case of rain. La Scala Theatre was founded in 1778 and is still in use: it has hosted some of the world's greatest musicians and opera singers, including Pavarotti, Maria Callas and Giuseppe Verdi.

The afternoon is at leisure.

Overnight in Milan at the **Starhotels Ritz** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

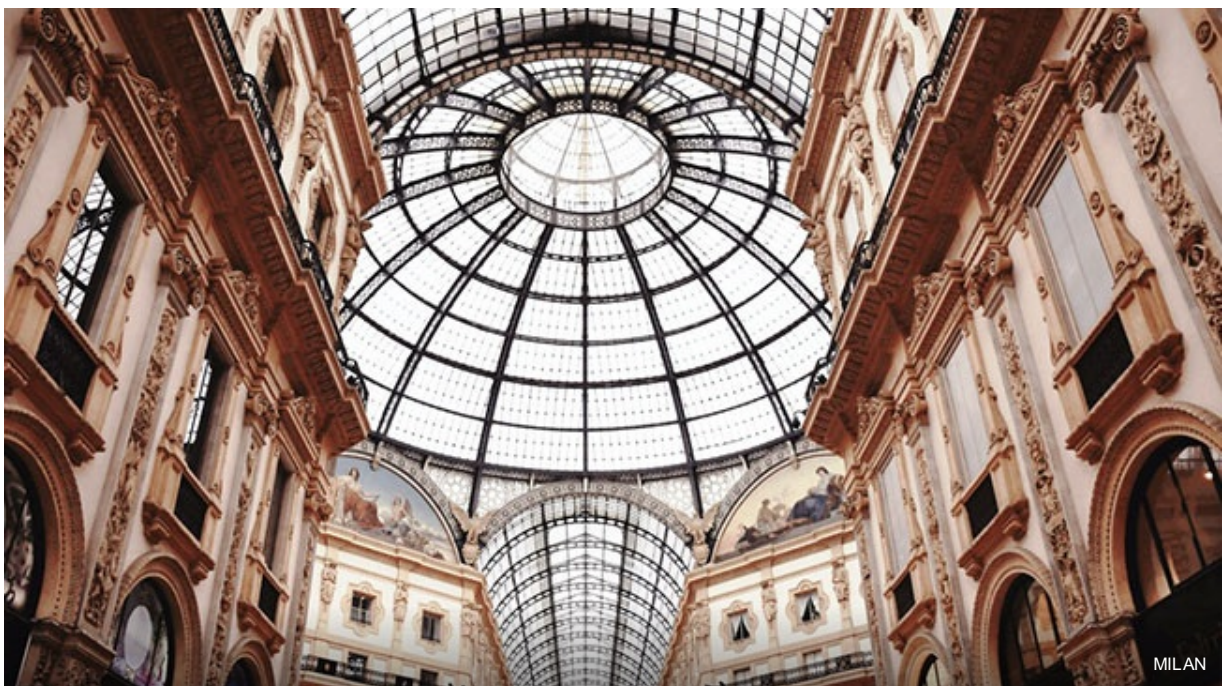
Milan

After breakfast at the hotel, today is at leisure to explore what Milan has to offer.

Alternatively, check out our optional extras to fill your day with a pre-booked experience (own expense).

Overnight in Milan at the **Starhotels Ritz** or similar.

Breakfast



After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport/station for your departure.

Breakfast



OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Day 3: Full day Private Excursion to Lake Como & Bellagio

Discover the beauty of Lake Como with its spectacular views, the fascinating town of Bellagio and its authentic villas with this full day excursion from Milan! Meet your driver at the lobby of your hotel and within an hour's drive, you will reach your destination for the day: the amazing **Lake Como**!

It is the third largest lake in Europe and is surrounded by stunning alpine scenery and beautiful villages. The drive will continue along the panoramic lake road SS 340, until you'll reach the first stop: **Villa Balbianello** (entrance ticket not included). The property was formerly owned by the Italian explorer and philanthropist Guido Monzino, who donated the building and gardens to the *FAI* (National Trust of Italy). The Villa now hosts an extremely beautiful and rich museum of Monzino's expeditions and also includes many art masterpieces of his collection. More recently, the property was used as movie-set for *James Bond: Casino Royale* and *Star Wars: II Episode* films.

You will then proceed with a car-ferry ride towards **Bellagio**, one of the most famous and glamorous towns on the lake. You will have some free time for lunch in town: there is plenty of cafés and restaurants with a stunning panorama, and you can also shop at world-class stores and admire the town's centuries-old architecture. In the afternoon, your private driver will take you back to your hotel in Milan.

Includes:

Transport with English speaking driver
Ferry tickets

Important Notes: Please note that a moderate amount of walking (15 min) is involved to and from the car parking to Villa Balbianello.

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

Day 3: Shared Tour to Lake Como

Discover Lake Como in Italy's beautiful Lake District, just a short distance from Milan. Nestled between the huge snow capped Alps that rise up from its shores, is fashionable lakeside town Como. After spending time shopping and dining, you will take a two-hour panoramic cruise on Lake Como. Lake Como is the third largest lake in Europe and is surrounded by stunning alpine scenery and beautiful villages famed for their high quality silk production. On your cruise, admire the lakeside villas and keep an eye out for Villa d'Este at Cernobbio, a luxurious hotel set in tropical gardens. The mild Mediterranean climate ensures an abundance of exotic and rare plants thrive year round. In the afternoon, return to Milan.

***Bellagio is included only from March 29th to October 31st**

Includes

- Transport
- Local guide
- Boat trip across Lake Como
- Min. 10 pax / Max. 50 pax

Departures:

From November 4th to March 29th Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturday and Sundays at 9:00 am

From March 30th to October 31st Daily at 8:30 am

Meeting Point 15 minutes before the tour departure at Largo Cairoli corner Via Cusani

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Day 3: Shared Tour to Lake Maggiore

Visit the fashionable Stresa and the amazing Islands on Lake Maggiore on a day trip from Milan. Set in Italy's beautiful Lake District just 1.5-hour drive from Milan, Lake Maggiore is surrounded by the majestic Alps and home to some of Italy's most impressive gardens. After some free time for shopping in Stresa, you will take a two-hour panoramic boat cruise on the lake, visiting the Borromean Islands: Isola Madre, Isola dei Pescatori and Isola Bella. On the borders of Piedmont, Lombardy and Switzerland, Lake Maggiore, also known as Verbano is the second largest Italian lake. Your visit will start in Stresa and here you will have free time to explore this quiet and fascinating little town, try some typical food or indulge in some shopping before taking a stunning lake cruise. On board you will enjoy the view of exquisite lakeside villas and lush gardens surrounded by crystal blue waters set amidst the beauty of snow capped alps. First, we pass the exotic Isola Madre, home to a 20 acre park that is considered one of the most impressive in Italy before heading back in time to the simple life of Isola dei Pescatori where you will have *free time to explore, shop or enjoy a light lunch*.

The next stop will be the luxurious Isola Bella with the elaborate gardens of the Borromean Palace surrounded by boutiques and cafés housed in grand historic buildings. Finally, you will rejoin the boat and cruise back to Stresa for your return to Milan.

Includes

- Transport
- Professional guide
- Lake Maggiore boat cruise
- Min. 10 pax / Max. 50 pax

Departures- Mondays and Sundays at 9.00 am

Meeting Point/ending point- 8:45 am at Largo Cairoli corner Via Cusani

11 hours

Operates on Monday, Sunday

From 29 March 2024 to 31 October 2025

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Day 3: Shared Tour To Cinque Terre

Discover the beautiful Cinque Terre! A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cinque Terre, meaning 'five lands' (Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso) are five perilously perched villages strung along a short stretch of cliffs that face the Liguria Sea on one of Italy's most scenic stretches of coastline. Leaving Milan, you arrive directly at the Cinque Terre and via a scenic route on the coast you reach Manarola. Here you'll have free time to venture around the vineyards, stroll the piers where fishing boats line the shore or watch the locals and the tourists jumping into the sea from the rocks of the harbour! Right before lunch time (lunch not included) you catch the train to Monterosso al mare, the biggest of the five villages, where you will have time to explore and visit the beaches dotted along the coast. Despite the number of tourists, there is still a real sense of local identity even in the most tourist-crammed little 'piazze'. Restaurants, bars and accommodation all have an endearingly homespun air about them as though when the locals saw tourists coming, they found a few garden chairs to stick on their terrace, hand painted a sign and began serving customers. From Monterosso you will start the final leg of your journey, probably the most inspiring, a 90 minutes boat cruise. The perfect way to admire the stunning views of the Cinque Terre and the delightful village of Portovenere from the sea. After this memorable experience, you will arrive at La Spezia where your coach will be waiting to take you back to Milan.

Includes

- Transport
- Tour leader
- Cruise from Monterosso to La Spezia
- Min. 10 pax / Max. 50 pax

Departures: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays at: 6.45 am

Meeting Point: 6:30 am Largo Cairoli corner Via Cusani

13 hours

Operates on Monday, Thursday, Friday

From 29 March 2024 to 31 October 2025

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ACCOMMODATION

Starhotels Ritz

Milan

Its chic, contemporary atmosphere and strategic position **near the shopping district of Corso Buenos Aires** and Porta Venezia make the **Starhotels Ritz** an ideal starting point to experience Milan's fascinating charm.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- The itinerary of the optional tours could be modified by act of force majeure and the boat service could be replaced by another service in case of bad weather.
- Kindly be advised that additional fees may apply for transfers that occur outside of the designated arrival or departure times in Milan, as well as during any special events.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package