

ITALY

BEST OF MILAN (TOUR CODE: 11707)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Milan

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Nov 2022 - 31 Oct 2023

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
- Discover the **Duomo, Sforza Castle, Colonne of St Lorenzo, Scala Opera House** and many other highlights on your private walking tour of Milan
- Visit to the glamorous village of **Bellagio** and the breathtaking **Villa Balbaniello**.

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. A closeby must-see is the scenic Lake Como, with its romantic towns right on the water. This and much more awaits you!



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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 with English-speaking guide
- Full-day private excursion to Lake Como with English-speaking driver
- Ferry tickets in Lake Como as per itinerary

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

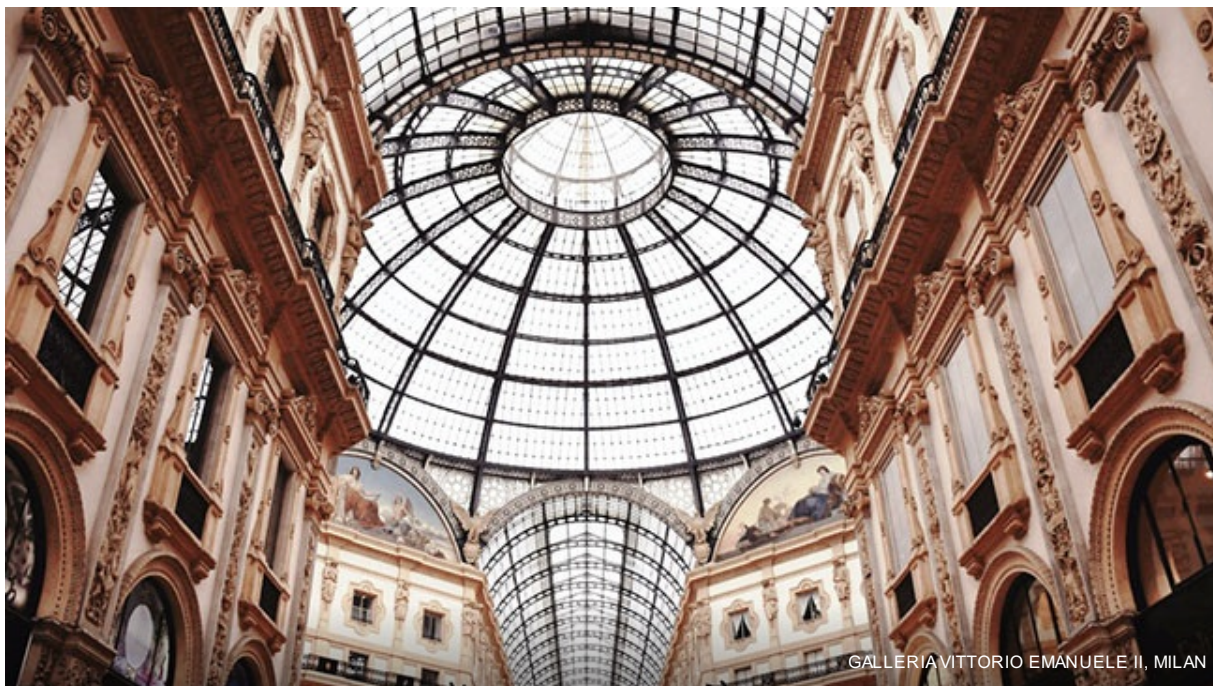
After breakfast at the hotel, meet your private English-speaking guide at the lobby around 9.30am and begin your **walking tour** around this wonderful city.

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 Como Bellagio Milan

After breakfast at the hotel, wait for your driver to come and pick you up 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.

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

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

Breakfast



VIEW OVER LAKE COMO

Day **4**

Milan

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

Breakfast



THE DUOMO OF MILAN

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.

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