



## A One-Day Journey to Milan: Personal Hints.

**Milan.** You can easily see the best of Milan City Center in a day. Take an high-speed train in Bologna Centrale train station early in the morning, at about 8:00 am, and arrive in Milano Centrale in an hour. Train tickets from Bologna to Milan can be purchased online from the two companies which operate in Italy ([Trenitalia](#) and [Italo-Treno](#)) or using the automatic machines of the Bologna railway station. You can get a discount if you buy the tickets in advance or if you choose the ticket type called "a/r in giornata" that allows you to travel anywhere for fixed price if it is within the same day. A return ticket price depending on timing of purchase and class fare (usually from € 30 to € 110 EUR).

After arriving in Milano Centrale, the metro is located within the central station. You can buy the metro tickets at any tobacco shop or from the ticket machines before the metro entrance. A standard urban ticket costs € 1.50, which lasts for 90 mins after stamping while an urban day ticket costs € 4.50 and lasts for 24 hours after stamping.

I suggest you to take the yellow line, direction San Donato and get off at the stop Duomo. Once you go upstairs, you will surprise yourself with a wonderful view: you will be welcomed by the Milan's Duomo that will stay in front of you with its magnificence. You can visit the interior or walk on its rooftop (visitors information [HERE](#), sometimes you have to wait in line for a while to get inside). The Cathedral is located in the very center of the city with its Gothic grandiosity, its decorations and pinnacles, and its marble's colors. It will be impossible to avoid taking a selfie after some times!

From Duomo Square left hand site, have a look at the 19<sup>th</sup> century Gallery of Vittorio Emanuele II, with its mosaics, covered by glass and iron, and across the Gallery until Piazza della Scala. Here you can admire the famous La Scala Theater opera house (if you love theatre, you could also take a visit to the museum, info [HERE](#)).

Walking 5 minutes through the street Santa Margherita, between Piazza del Duomo and Piazza Cordusio, visit the Merchants Square, the historic center of the middle age in Milan, with the House of Common and the Broletto.

From the Merchant's Square, 10 minutes by walk through the street Dante and 10 minutes from Duomo Square, you can reach the old Sforzesco Castle the castle where also the master Leonardo da Vinci worked, now home to several museums. Passing through the tower's entrance, you can join the park and you can enter the Museum of the Pietà Rondanini where is conserved the Michelangelo's final work, the innovative Rondanini Pietà.

You can also visit the Castle Museum, but I really recommend you to visit the collection of the Pinacoteca di Brera (12 minutes by walk from Sforzesco Castle, info [HERE](#)) or to book some weeks advance your ticket to visit the Leonardo's Last Supper in Santa Maria delle Grazie (14 minutes by walk or 9 minutes by metro from Sforzesco Castle, info [HERE](#)). The Pinacoteca di Brera will leave you breathless, while the fresco and the close Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, reworked at the end of the 15th century by Bramante, are part of UNESCO World Heritage.

If you have some energy left, during the evening you can join the romantic Milan district called Navigli, the milanese old canals and waterways where you can relax having an "aperitivo" with drinks and "tagliere di salumi e formaggi", a selection of cold cuts and cheese, or a little buffet. You can reach the district with public transportation taking the green line, metro 2, stop Porta Genova.

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