

THE INSIDERS MILAN



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STAY: Hotel Principe di Savoia

A favourite of celebrities and society types since the 1920s, this centrally located hotel features a range of luxury rooms and its Presidential Suite is famous. There's a roof terrace overlooking the city, a fantastic Italian restaurant and a chic lounge in which to linger with a drink; dorchestercollection.com.

SHOP: 10 Corso Como

In the inner courtyard of a traditional Milanese building you will find an impressive Italian piazza that houses a wonderful collection of art, design, fashion and food. This multifunctional space was conceived by fashion editor and gallerist Carla Sozzani and includes an art gallery, bookshop, cafe-restaurant, concept store (covering fashion and design), an amazing terrace and an exclusive hotel with three design suites; 10corsocomo.com.

INDULGENCE: Ceresio 7

On the amazing rooftop of the Dsquared2 group building you can experience the delicious Italian cuisine of Elio Sironi at Ceresio 7 Restaurant. My favourite dish is the spaghetti cacio e pepe with fish eggs and lemon peel. Or simply stop for an aperitif beside one of the two pools affording wonderful 360-degree views of the city skyline; ceresio7.com.

HISTORY: Duomo

Milan Cathedral is the most important gothic architectural work in Italy. A visit to its terraces at sunset is a must. On the rooftop, atop the spire, is the famous golden Madonnina statue; duomomilano.it.

FUN: Brera district

In the historical heart of Milan, Brera is a distinctive and fascinating area, rich in history, art and culture, with art galleries, shops and literary cafes. You must visit the Pinacoteca di Brera, with its masterpieces by Piero della Francesca, Giovanni Bellini, Andrea Mantegna and Caravaggio; brera.beniculturali.it.

EXPLORE: Museo Poldi Pezzoli

The museum belongs to the Circuit of Historic House Museums of Milan and was once the exceptionally beautiful residence of nobleman Gian Giacomo Poldi Pezzoli, an avid collector of paintings, weapons and Murano glass. There are masterpieces from Botticelli, as well as amazing jewels from various historical periods. Also visit nearby Teatro Alla Scala Museum; museopoldipezzoli.it.

*Pasquale Bruni's latest jewellery collection will be showcased to guests of Huka Lodge, New Zealand, at its Art of Living weekend on July 25-26.
More: hukalodge.co.nz.*