



Pocket
MILAN & THE LAKES

TOP SIGHTS • LOCAL LIFE • MADE EASY

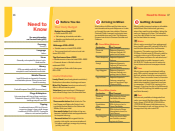
A thick, curved rainbow arc that starts from the left and curves upwards and to the right, ending at the edge of the frame.

Paula Hardy

In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods

What's where

Explore Milan & the Lakes

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's city

The Best of Milan & the Lakes

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks

See the city on foot



Milan & the Lakes' Best...

The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

 Telephone Numbers

 Opening Hours


 Parking

 Nonsmoking

 Internet Access

 Wi-Fi Access

 Vegetarian Selection

 English-Language Menu

 Family-Friendly

 Pet-Friendly

 Bus

 Ferry

 Metro

 Subway

 Tram

 Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

16  Map p233, B2

Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his Paris showpiece in 1925. Then by Papa and his town. Dress code: smart. Website: barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritz Paris; 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Milan & the Lakes

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Milan & the Lakes.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

Our Promise

You can trust our travel information because Lonely Planet authors visit the places we write about, each and every edition. We never accept freebies for positive coverage, so you can rely on us to tell it like it is.

QuickStart Guide

7

Milan & the Lakes Top Sights	8
Milan & the Lakes Local Life	12
Milan & the Lakes Day Planner	14
Need to Know	16
Milan & the Lakes Neighbourhoods	18

Explore Milan & the Lakes

21

- 22 Duomo & Around
- 38 Quadrilatero d'Oro &
Giardini Pubblici
- 54 Brera & Parco Sempione
- 70 Porta Garibaldi & Isola
- 78 Corso Magenta &
Sant'Ambrogio
- 90 Navigli
- 104 Lago Maggiore & Around
- 114 Lago di Como & Around

Worth a Trip:

Zona Tortona	88
Porta Romana	102

The Best of Milan & the Lakes 127

Milan & the Lakes' Best Walks

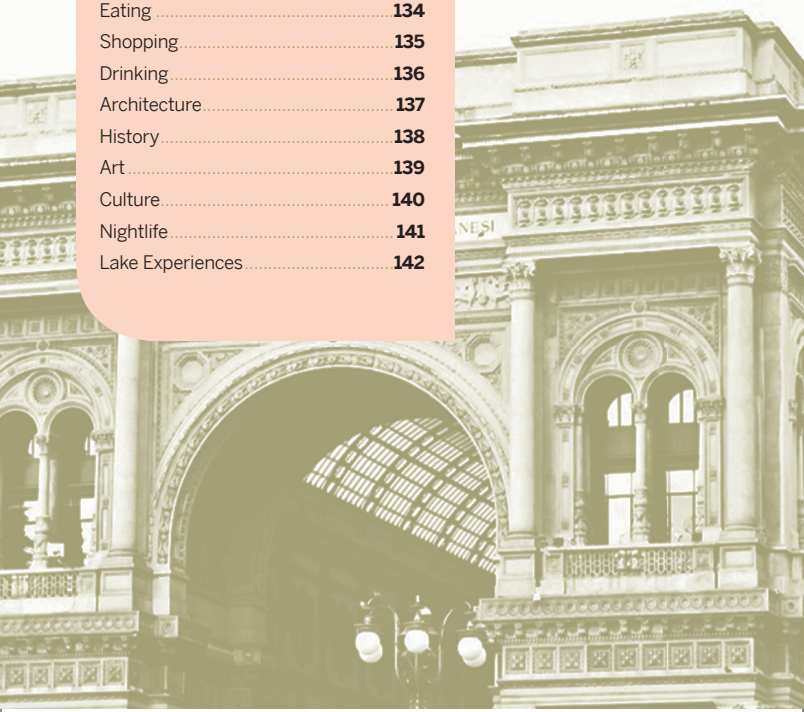
Historic Milan	128
Designer Capital.....	130

Milan & the Lakes' Best ...

Fashion	132
Design	133
Eating	134
Shopping.....	135
Drinking.....	136
Architecture.....	137
History.....	138
Art	139
Culture.....	140
Nightlife.....	141
Lake Experiences.....	142

Survival Guide 143

Before You Go.....	144
Arriving in Milan	145
Getting Around.....	146
Essential Information	148
Language	152





QuickStart Guide

Milan & the Lakes Top Sights	8
Milan & the Lakes Local Life.....	12
Milan & the Lakes Day Planner	14
Need to Know	16
Milan Neighbourhoods.....	18

Welcome to Milan & the Lakes

Milan is Italy's city of the future, a fast-paced metropolis where creativity is big business, looking good is compulsory and after-work drinks – known as *aperitivi* – are an art form. It's also a city with ancient roots and extraordinary treasures that you'll get to experience without the usual queues. On the weekend, join the urban exodus to the elegant towns and tiered gardens of the Italian lakes.

Duomo (p24)

RICHARD I'ANSON / GETTY IMAGES ©



Milan & the Lakes

Top Sights

Duomo (p24)

With its ageless marble facade and countless pinnacles and spires piercing the sky, Milan's splendid Gothic cathedral is a veritable outdoor sculpture museum.

