



3 PERFECT DAYS

♥ DAY 1 // DISCOVERING THE DUOMO AND CENTRAL MILAN

Whether it's your first or 100th visit to Milan, a pilgrimage to the overwhelming Duomo (p39) rarely fails to impress. Head up for a rooftop view of the city centre, then set off to stroll in the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II (p47), an eye-catching neoclassical arcade, and world-renowned 18th-century La Scala opera house (p48). From there, walk to the Castello Sforzesco (p43), where you can mix culture in the castle's museums with downtime in the Parco Sempione (p46).

♥ DAY 2 // SUPPER, SHOPS AND MORE SUPPER

Make sure you're booked in to admire Leonardo da Vinci's *Il cenacolo* (The Last Supper; p42) in the morning. Inspired by such beauty, a trip to the Monte Napoleone area (aka the Quadrilatero d'Oro; p43) is in order to discover the heart of high-fashion shopping, Milan style. After dropping your acquisitions off at the hotel, head to the Navigli (p48) area for a slap-up meal at El Brellin (p52) and drinks at one of the many nearby bars.

♥ DAY 3 // DAY TRIPPING

For a change of pace, you could squeeze in a couple of day trips out of Milan. The first would take you south to Pavia (p58), a pretty university town well worth exploring in its own right. The main attraction, however, is the extraordinary Certosa di Pavia (p59), a Renaissance monastery complex 10km north of Pavia and easily reached by local transport. Hourly buses also run southwest to Vigevano (p61), whose central Piazza Ducale (p61) is a theatrical Renaissance masterpiece.

MILAN



CASTELLO SFORZESCO p43

Immerse yourself in centuries of history and art in the Sforza clan's castle

To Bergamo (60km);
Brescia (106km via A4)

To Malpensa Airport (52km);
Como (54km via A9);
Varese (60km via A8/A26)

IL CENACOLO VINCIANO p42

Admire the master's touch in Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*

To Lampugnano
Bus Terminal (2.3km)

To Dutch Consulate (1km);
San Siro Stadium (4km)

PECK p53

Deliberate over 3200 varieties of Parmesan at Milan's 19th-century food emporium

NAVIGLI p48

Imbibe the busy weekend atmosphere in Milan's canalside bars and restaurants

