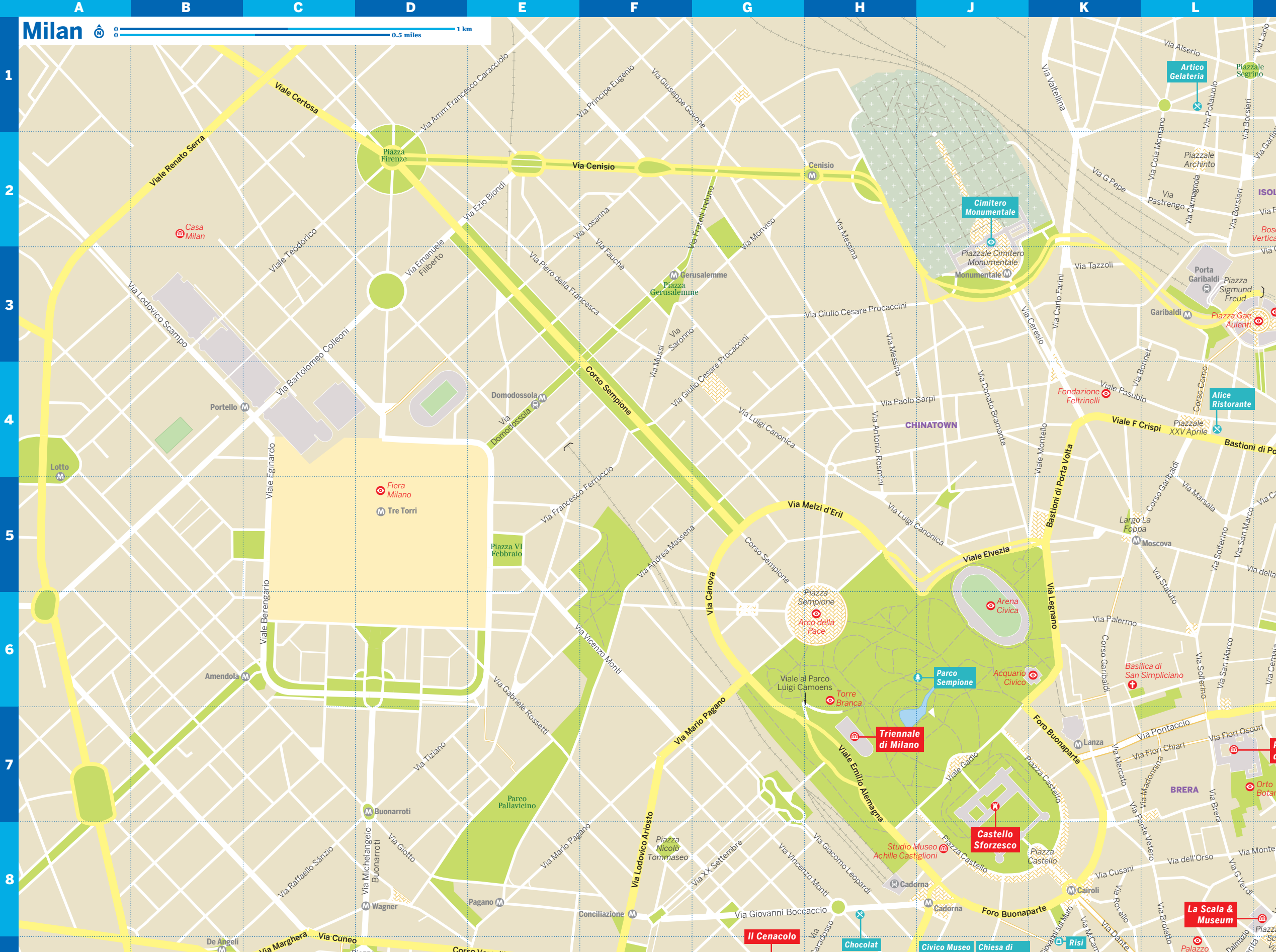




MILAN

City Map



SPEAK LIKE A LOCAL

BASICS

Yes./No. Sì./No. see/no

Hello. Buongiorno. (Pol)/ Ciao. (Inf) bwon-jor-no/ chow

Please. Per favore. per fa-vo-re

Thank you. Grazie. gra-tsye

Excuse me. Mi scusi. mee skoo-zee

Do you speak English? Parla inglese? par-la een-gle-ze

TOP SIGHTS



M9

THE DUOMO

A vision in pink Candoglia marble, and a storehouse of priceless ecclesiastical treasures, Milan's mighty cathedral reflects the city's brio and ambition. Its pearly facade rises like the filigree of a fairy-tale tiara. (www.duomomilano.it; Piazza del Duomo; M Duomo)

MUSEO DEL NOVECENTO

Overlooking the Piazza del Duomo, Milan's museum of 20th-century art has a heady collection, which includes the likes of Boccioni, Campigli, de Chirico and Marinetti. (www.museodelnovecento.org; Piazza del Duomo 12; M Duomo)

M10



LA SCALA & MUSEUM

Despite modern refurbishments, Milan's stupendous tribute to all things opera retains its 18th-century charm. See a show, take a tour or wander the museum. (02 86 07 75; www.teatroallascala.org; Via Filodrammatici 2; M Duomo)

M8



J7

CASTELLO SFORZESCO

Home to the mighty Sforza dynasty who ruled Renaissance Milan, today the castle shelters seven specialised museums, with ancient art to furniture to Lombard Gothic art. (02 8846 3703; www.milanocastello.it; Piazza Castello; M Cairoli)

PINACOTECA DI BRERA

This gallery houses Milan's impressive collection of Old Masters, from Rembrandt, Goya and van Dyck to Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese and the Bellini brothers. (www.brera.beniculturali.it; Via Brera 28; M Lanza)

L7



GALLERIA VITTORIO EMANUELE II

So much more than a shopping arcade, this neoclassical gallery is a soaring iron-and-glass structure known locally as *il salotto buono*, the city's fine drawing room. (Piazza del Duomo; M Duomo)



M8

MUSEO POLDI-PEZZOLI

Packed with treasures, the rooms of these apartments are themed on great art periods of the past (Middle Ages, Early Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo) and are works of art in themselves. (02 79 48 89; www.museopoldipezzoli.it; Via Alessandro Manzoni 12; M Montenapoleone)



G9

IL CENACOLO

The city's most famous painting, Leonardo da Vinci's *Il Cenacolo* (*The Last Supper*), is hidden away on a wall of the refectory adjoining the basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Book weeks or months ahead. (www.cenacolovinciano.net; Piazza Santa Maria delle Grazie 2; M Cadorna)

H7

TRIENNALE

The Triennale has design in all its forms since the 1920s. It's home to a museum of Italian design, a fabulous book of design, a triennale design museum, Alemanga 6; M Cadorna)

MUSEO NAZIONALE DELLA SCIENZA E DELLA TECNOLOGIA

Milan's impressive collection of science and technology, from the invention of da Vinci to modern physics, astronomy and outdoor hanging trains, planes and automobiles. (www.museoscienze.it; adult/child €10/7; 10am-6.30pm Sat & Sun)



M9



MILAN SHORT LIST

HISTORY BUFFS

Civico Museo Archeologico (J9) Home to Roman, Greek and Etruscan artefacts and a model of Roman Milan. (www.comune.milano.it/museoarcheologico; M Cadorna)

Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio (H10) Milan's spiritual home is filled with medieval masterpieces, a magnificent gold altar and a sky of gold. (www.basilicasantambrogio.it; M Sant'Ambrogio)

Biblioteca e Pinacoteca Ambrosiana (L10)

Home to Leonardo da Vinci's priceless sketchbook, the *Codex Atlanticus*. (www.ambrosiana.it; M Lanza)



BARGAIN HUNTERS

Chiesa di San Maurizio (J9) Milan's hidden crown jewel, every inch covered in breathtaking frescoes. (M Cadorna)

Palazzo Lombardia (N2) The 39th floor of this architectural marvel has a free public gallery with beautiful views over the city. (www.regione.lombardia.it; M Gioia)

Cimitero Monumentale (J2) Dynasties of wealthy Milanese rest beneath opulent monuments. (M Monumentale)

Parco Sempione (J6) Milanese of all ages



GETTING AROUND

TRANSPORT



Metro The quickest way to get around. Runs from 12.20am (from 6.15am on Sunday).

Tram & Bus Best for reaching areas in the south and northwest of the city; also good for sightseeing. Services run every half-hour between 12.20am and 5.40am, when the metro is closed.

Bike Improved cycle lanes make this a viable option. The historic centre is used for touring the city.