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Twelve Cities of Art just waiting to be discovered, one after the other. Must-see masterpieces, events, special moments by the water, leisurely journeys of discovery, places where the horizon seems to stretch out in front of you, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, trip recommendations and loads of advice. Get ready for a range of unique experiences in Lombardy's 12 Cult Cities, which look to the future while proudly preserving stunning heritage. Have you already chosen your first stop?

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MILAN

— The reasons for...

The big events, the new skyline, the Michelin starred chefs and a new love for green spaces. Ideas to discover the smartest metropolis in Italy





From fashionable skyscrapers to the legendary Panettone, from an aperitif to the events of YesMilano. The capital of innovation to experience between tradition and glimpses of the future

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Adjacent_ Piazza Gae Aulenti.

Previous page_ Arco della Pace.



Milan never ceases to amaze. For the Smart City Index it long ago confirmed itself as the smartest city in Italy, there are at least a thousand other things that invite us to discover its many facets. Some old, others new and surprising. Starting with the green revolution that will bring another 14,000 trees to the city. Not to mention the series of events that animates it 365 days a year, crowning it as the capital of fashion, design, innovation. Below are some suggestions to catch the current trends.

Not only nightlife. From the Fashion Week to the Design Week. But not only that. Milan is a buzzing metropolis 365 days a year with an international agenda that every year is enriched with new events, related to leisure, lifestyle,

technological innovation, culture, sport. Where? At the theatre, in the streets, in new places that allow you to discover a city that is always different. From the center to the suburbs. The hashtag to keep up to date? #YesMilano brings together in a single place all the highlights (yesmilano.it/en).

Architour in a click. The Milan skyline has changed skin. From the Vertical Forest, the most instagrammed skyscraper in Italy, to the City Life of Zaha Hadid, Arata Isozaki and Daniel Libeskind, the metropolis challenges the skies with new architecture. Among those that steal hearts (and selfies) of Milanese and tourists apart from the Branca Tower in Parco Sempione, designed by Gio Ponti, there are also the

thirty-ninth floor of Palazzo Lombardia (often open to the public on Sundays) and the Highline Gallery. A 250 m long walkway that allows you to discover the new side of a city in motion. Thanks to a 360° view that even embraces the Alps.

A green city. Vegetable gardens, roofs with flowers, shared gardens. Milan is also a green metropolis thanks to an extensive network of parks, from the historic Montanelli Gardens to the Boscoincittà, up to the latest addition, the Porta Nuova-Isola area, a 'Library of Trees', a green area of 95 thousand square meters dotted with beautiful geometric ways created by paths and "circular forests". The author is Dutch, Petra Blaisse, with collaboration from

Piet Oudolf, who was the author of the High Line in New York.

Food & Wine. From the Navigli, the heart of nightlife, to the Isola district, a favourite of creative people of all ages, from Brera to new Milan that is growing up around new citadels of art, from the Pirelli Hangar Bicocca to the Fondazione Prada, Milan has capitalised on the success of Expo Milano 2015, making new records also in the world of food. In numbers? 20 Michelin starred chefs. And more than one special dish. From risotto to the legendary panettone, and the famous Futurist American Mixing, born in Milan in 1860 in the bar of Gaspare Campari. Your commands? Experience. Both tradition and innovation

Going to museums

— 11 Tips for...

From Raffaello to Anselm Kiefer. Art is at home in Milan. Here are 11 tips for art lovers of all ages

1. At the Pinacoteca di Brera admire some of the greatest masterpieces of art: from the Pala Montefeltro by Piero della Francesca to the Sposalizio della Vergine by Raffaello.
2. At the Museo del Novecento where, in 10,000 steps, you can cross a whole century up to Lucio Fontana's Neon.
3. At the Triennale Milano, where architecture and design intertwine with extraordinary architecture.
4. At GAM in Villa Reale, a masterpiece of the neoclassical era treat yourself to a break in the beautiful cafeteria. After admiring Segantini, Canova and Medardo Rosso.
5. At the Gallerie d'Italia in Piazza della Scala where you can even visit the vault that hosts about 500 paintings from the Intesa Sanpaolo collection.
6. At the Museo Bagatti Valsecchi relive the extraordinary story of a collector of the late nineteenth century.
7. At the Museo Poldi Pezzoli observe one of the most extraordinary profiles of fifteenth-century art; the Portrait of a Young Woman by the Pollaiuolo.
8. At the Pirelli Hangar Bicocca walk under the Seven Heavenly Palaces of Anselm Kiefer.
9. At the Fondazione Prada immerse yourself in the architecture designed by the OMA studio, headed up by Rem Koolhaas.
10. At the Museo Teatrale alla Scala retrace the lives of immortal artists, composers, singers and unforgettable dancers.
11. At Mudec - Museo delle Culture, in the former Ansaldo area, in addition to the beautiful exhibitions there is a Michelin starred chef, Enrico Bartolini also welcomes visitors.

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Museo del Novecento





Bergamo

— *The reasons for...*

Upper Bergamo, Lower Bergamo, five kilometres of walls, the Accademia Carrara and its masterpieces, the big festivals. Different faces of a single great beauty



Gates and ramparts, the perfect square, a rediscovered museum, two funiculars, and a star of opera, Gaetano Donizetti. Five aspects that render Bergamo irresistible

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Adjacent. Upper Bergamo and the Venetian Walls UNESCO World Heritage Site from Porta San Giacomo.

Previous page. The heart of Upper Bergamo from the Torre Civica.



Viewed from above, Bergamo is just like Stendhal described it: "The most beautiful place on earth." Palaces, towers and domes, all within a single embrace. The embrace of the city walls: built starting from 1561 by the Republic of Venice, the circle, just over five kilometres long, is perfectly preserved and has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2017. The sequence of impressive gates and bastions take us straight into a page of history, discovered as we walk all around them. On a clear day, it's like a theory of infinity.

In the heart of the Renaissance. Piazza Vecchia is Bergamo's historic lounge: it is the "perfect" square loved by Le Corbusier. Facing each

other, two extraordinary wings create a play of perspectives: the Palazzo della Ragione and the Palazzo Nuovo (currently Biblioteca Angelo Mai) with its white marble façade. Behind the Palazzo della Ragione, yet another world reveals itself: from the intellectual Romanesque style of Santa Maria Maggiore, with its amazing wood inlays depicting stories designed by Lorenzo Lotto, to the mausoleum of the humanist condottiero Colleoni. And that's not all. Upper Bergamo offers unexpected glimpses as you slowly lose yourself among hidden courtyards, flavours, and ancient skills. From Gombito to Colle Aperto, where, surrounded by the vegetation, the elegant profile of another treasure, the former Chiesa di Sant'Agostino dominates the scene.

The rediscovered museum. The citizens of Bergamo love it, tourists flock to visit it, the social media give it awards. After a seven-year restoration, the Carrara Academy, founded in 1796 by Count Giacomo Carrara, is one of the most loved and visited museums in Italy. Among the nearly 600 works, visitors can simply let themselves be enchanted by masterpieces like Raphael's "San Sebastiano" or the "Ritratto di bambina" by Giovan Battista Moroni. Be prepared for a journey through five centuries of Italian art.

All aboard! Two funiculars: the first one, built in 1887, takes 2 minutes and 40 seconds to climb up to Bergamo Alta, the Upper Town. The other

one reaches even higher, up to San Vigilio, in a pristine spot tucked away in the Parco dei Colli. Here the perspective is overturned, the Upper Bergamo is now low and becomes part of a boundless landscape.

From event to event. To mention just two: in June, the "Donizetti Night", a big piazza festival, just like the composer would have wanted it. Opera music comes out of the theatres and takes hold of the alleys, cloisters and monuments. Alternative spirit, contamination to the rhythm of break dance and drums. In October, "Bergamo Scienza" offers lectures, workshops and meetings to learn about the human face of scientific discoveries, with guests from all over the world.



Hunting for masterpieces — 12 Tips for...

From the genius of Caravaggio to the perfect balance of Leon Battista Alberti. Quick tips to trigger Stendhal syndrome

- 1.** In the Milan church of Santa Maria Presso San Satiro admire a perfect optical illusion. The illusion created by the perspective of Bramante who drew a wonderful truncated choir.
- 2.** At the Accademia Carrara in Bergamo, you can look into the eyes of the "Ritratto di bambina di casa Redetti", a masterpiece by the peerless Giovan Battista Moroni.
- 3.** At the Collegiata dei Santi Nazaro e Celso, in Brescia, you can admire the "Polittico Averoldi". Titian at his most inspired.
- 4.** Como: future and Futurism in the work of the visionary architect: Antonio Sant'Elia at the Pinacoteca Civica.
- 5.** At the Museo Civico "Ala Ponzone" in Cremona, let yourself be enchanted by Caravaggio's "San Francesco in meditazione" and the celebrated Arcimboldi's "L'Ortolano".
- 6.** Up an old mule track, reach the monastery of San Pietro al Monte in Civate, Lecco. A treasure trove of Romanesque art.
- 7.** Stories of paper, art and ink: it's the Museo della Stampa Andrea Schiavi in Lodi. For those who visited it, the best in the world.
- 8.** Mantua and Leon Battista Alberti. According to the immense 15th century architect, the Basilica di Sant'Andrea is the "...most skilful, eternal, admirable and joyful" of architectural works.
- 9.** At the Musei Civici in Monza, make the acquaintance of Hayez, the painter of kisses, and his "Ritratto di giovane donna".
- 10.** Face to face with a master of portraiture, Antonello da Messina. At the Musei Civici of the Castello Visconteo in Pavia, you can admire his unmissable "Ritratto d'uomo".
- 11.** A Tuscan island in Lombardy. In Castiglione Olona, Varese, don't miss the frescoes by a great 15th century painter, Masolino.
- 12.** Triumph of courtly love, from the Hippogriff to the escape of Angelica. A look upward on the trail of "Orlando Furioso". Where? At the Castello Masegra in Sondrio.

Photo

"Ritratto di bambina di casa Redetti", Giovan Battista Moroni, 1570 - 1573, Guglielmo Lochis Collection, Accademia Carrara, Bergamo.



BRESCIA

— The reasons for...

The Roman town of Brixia alongside Renaissance elegance. The magic of the Opera and the 'Mille Miglia'. This is Brescia, culture and passion. A journey through time



The city of Vespasian, the lounge-like squares, the most popular “Festa dell’Opera” in the world, the roar of engines, Franciacorta. Brescia, five reasons to be won over



Photo

Adjacent_ Castello di Brescia, the fortress in the green part of the city.

Previous page_ Piazza della Loggia, the 16th century Venetian lounge-like square.

The Roman town of Brixia. The Renaissance piazzas. Great events. The historic “Mille Miglia” race... This is Brescia, a Lioness that looks to the future with firm roots in the past. Two ways to discover it starting from afar. Explore the Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site: a unique path through an area of over 4,000 square meters, in the middle of the cityscape. Venture into the underground of Palazzo Martinengo Cesaresco, where Brixia becomes a virtual experience, among 3D exhibits and augmented reality. A show within the show.

A tour of the piazzas. Visit the square dedicated to Pope Paul VI and discover that the city does not have one Duomo (cathedral), but two.

The “New” one, with its white late Baroque façade, and the “Old” one, over a thousand years old: its Romanesque tambour is one of the few remaining intact in Italy. A little farther on, Piazza della Loggia, similar to a Venetian salon, bears the marks of the genius of two 16th century architects, Sansovino and Palladio. Not to be missed: the Clock Tower with its astronomical dial, a wonder of technology and art.

A theatre city. Hundreds of artists, more than 50 city venues, tens of thousands of people. In September, from daybreak to midnight, the “Festa dell’Opera” brings opera music into the streets of Brescia, its theatres and its most

ancient places, in restaurants and in backyards, in museums and factories. A festival that is at once learned and popular, organised by the Teatro Grande, a temple of Italian Opera.

The most exciting race in the world.

The “Mille Miglia”: Brescia to Rome and back. It has been run every year since 1927: 450 historic cars from 41 countries, the roar of engines, elegance and sophistication. “A travelling museum unlike anything else in the world,” in the words of Enzo Ferrari. The race is held in the second half of May. Don’t miss it! Those who cannot be there can visit the Mille Miglia Museum in Santa Eufemia della Fonte.

From the Wine Routes to Catullus. Brescia and its surroundings. For demanding gourmets, we suggest a day trip to Franciacorta, renowned the world over for the excellence of its traditional method sparkling wines. In September, during the “Festival di Franciacorta”, losing yourself among its rolling hills in search of the perfect cuvée, between art, tastes and music could become addictive. Also, don’t miss a weekend on Lake Garda: in Sirmione, for example, where you can explore the Grotte di Catullo. With the lake in the background, it is the perfect close for your ideal journey in time.

By foot or bicycle

— 10 Experiences for...

In the city or outside the walls. Quick or slow, for sport or for leisure. Routes and paths to discover another way of living the landscape

1 Castle views
Parco Sempione – Milan

On foot or by bike, starting from Castello Sforzesco, once the residence of the lords of Milan and now custodian of art treasures such as Michelangelo's Pietà Rondanini and Leonardo da Vinci's Sala delle Asse, you cross one of Milan's green areas: Parco Sempione.

5 Lakeside view
Como

Villa Olmo, Villa del Grumello, Villa Sucota. Three great locations of Como's culture, linked by a trail along the lake shore: the "Chilometro della Conoscenza". Surrounded only by green, water and the sound of your footsteps.

6 In the greenery
Parco di Monza

On foot, among green giants in the gardens of an immense park [photo]. Or by bike, along the 13 km cycling trail. Or even by hot air balloon, during the "Festival del Volo", to enjoy the view stretching from the Villa Reale to the bends of Lesmo.

7 At high altitude
Sondrio (in November)

Three paths, for athletes and fans: 12, 21 and 42 km, in a unique setting. The "Valtellina Wine Trail" runs among terraces, castles, vineyards and wineries. A great event combining sports, traditions and tastes for a authentic experience.



2 In nature
Mantua - Lake Garda

By bike, Mantua behind you. With the river Mincio as a compass, plunge for 45 kilometres into the nature of the Regional Park. Take a look at the medieval houses of Borghetto and the rock of Monzambano. When you are in sight of the Fort of Peschiera, Lake Garda is near.

3 Up and down, in town
Bergamo – Parco dei Colli

A walk in another era, among pebbles and high dry masonry walls. Start from Colle Aperto. Walk up via Sudorno, and from there to the Scorzazzone ascent up to San Vigilio. The view extends as far as the former Monastero di Astino.

4 By the river
Lecco – River Adda

From Pescarenico to Leonardo da Vinci's sluice gate systems. Passing under the iron bridge of Paderno d'Adda in search of the industrial archaeology deposits of hydroelectric plants. 50 km by bike along the Adda, the river of a thousand lives.

8 Among the vineyards
Brescia – Franciacorta

27 km in the most beautiful hills of Lombardy. Once you leave the city, you reach the castles of Paderno and Passirano, cycling among the vineyards of Franciacorta, land of great white wines. As you arrive in Provaglio, enjoy the view of Lake Iseo.

9 On a family trip
Pavia – River Ticino

A short, family friendly trail. Starting from the Ponte Coperto, you will reach the Naviglio Pavese sluice gates and then the Parco della Sora. Along the cycle route you will find boat moorings and beaches for sunbathing on clear days.

10 Along the Naviglio
Cremona – Crema

Nearly 50 km along the towpaths of the Cremona Naviglio Civico, the Naviglio Grande and the Canale Vacchelli. Halfway, stop at the "Tomba Morta" and take a look at the ingenious system that regulates the water of 13 canals.



Como

— *The reasons for...*

A mediaeval heart for the city that loves science and designs with light. To be explored inside and out. Without ever losing sight of the lake



From the Tempio Voltiano to the neoclassical villas, passing through the historic centre and the secrets of silk. A stroll in the city, and then one more step to take flight

Photo

Adjacent_ The park of the Museo Archeologico Paolo Giovio.

Previous page_ The late Gothic façade of the Duomo.



The Volta Temple is a small Pantheon on the shores of the lake, erected in memory of Alessandro Volta. The equipment, machines and his scientific instruments speak of early experiments, attempts and successes. From the battery to the LED, energy flows through the city. From "The Life Electric", a lakefront installation by star architect Daniel Libeskind, to the "Festival della Luce" held in spring: meet Nobel Prize winners, watch video projection mapping and enjoy walks in the bright light.

A coffee in the historic centre. Inside the walls, which alone are worth the visit, the Duomo features a late gothic façade and a dome by Juvarrá; the Broletto, dating back to 1215,

is in polychrome marble from Lake Como quarries. Behind the apse, across the street, we can admire 1930s architectures by Terragni, one of the protagonists of Italian Rationalism. For a coffee break, stop at the porticoes of Piazza San Fedele, opposite the Romanesque façade of the basilica. Artfully decorated, it closes the piazza like an amazing stage curtain.

Among wefts and warps. In the Como area, silk production dates back to the 15th century. With the advent of the industrial revolution, between the 18th and the first half of the 19th century, twisting and spinning factories mushroomed throughout the region. The Silk Museum illustrates the entire production chain,

from the silkworm to the finishing, through a collection of textile machines and thousands of historical pieces. The Fondazione Ratti's Museo Studio del Tessuto houses 3,300 individual textile items and over 2,500 sample books. Every year, the "Artists Research Laboratory" project offers an artist residence by the lake to 20 young talents. Looking to the future.

A tour of the villas. The first visit is to the cultural centre of Villa Olmo, a magnificent 18th century villa also famous for its Italian garden, which offers the best view of Como overlooking its lake. The "Chilometro della Conoscenza", running through 42 acres of centuries-old parks surrounded by water,

takes us to Villa del Grumello and Villa Sucota, where we can explore greenhouses and lemon groves, and in spring enjoy the poetry walks of the "Festival Parolario". The Art Nouveau Villa Bernasconi is worth a trip to Cernobbio.

A lake to explore. Two ways to experience the world's most famous lake; two ways of navigating it. By boat to one of the many destinations (Varenna, Menaggio, Bellagio, Tremezzo, Lenno). Or by seaplane: Como boasts the only European School, which also organises tourist flights. The view is breathtaking, but the real thrill is landing on the water.

At water level

— 6 Experiences for...

Along rivers and lakes to discover the other face of Lombardy. Among vintage boats and enchanted shores

On the Navigli by boat

Milan

Three canals: Grande, Pavese and Martesana. Itineraries for all tastes: from a tour following in the footsteps of Leonardo da Vinci to an aperitif on a boat. For a new perspective on the city.

On board Leonardo's ferry

Villa d'Adda (Bergamo) - Imbersago (Lecco)

Ancient and environmentally friendly, propelled only by a rope and the current. A journey through time, from one side to the other of the river Adda. With family or friends.

At the Pavia-Pisa boat race

Pavia, in May of odd years

It is the Italian version of the Boat Race, on the Ticino or the Arno. A concentrate of strength and adrenaline. A rowing challenge between two cities. Worth seeing.

An old time cruise

Como - Bellagio - Como

All the charm of a cruise on a 1920s paddle steamer, the Concordia. A floating lounge with a view of the villas on the lake. For romantics.

Mantua from the lakes

Mantua - Mincio Park

See the city skyline rising from the water. Or enjoy the floating carpet of water lilies and lotuses in the Riserva dei Parchi del Mincio. For horizon hunters.

Escape on the Adda

Pizzighettone (Cremona) - Parco Adda Sud

Sail from the medieval Torre del Guado, hoping to spot herons and cormorants. One hour on board a 1912 vintage boat, the Mattei. For nature lovers.

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Photo. View over the Lakes of Mantua.



CREMONA

— The reasons for...

The city where people come to learn the best trade in the world: that of the luthier. Capital of music and cradle of the violin, a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage



A concert at the Violin Museum's Auditorium, the masterpieces of Stradivari and the operas of Monteverdi at the Teatro Ponchielli, the workshops of the luthiers, the view from Torrazzo. Five reasons to visit a city with the aroma of nougat

Photo

Adjacent_ The art of craftsmanship in an old Luthier violin making workshop.

Previous page_ Piazza del Comune: the Baptistery in the centre.



Cremona is the city where, for nearly 500 years, violins have been created and the jewels of the past have been studied, restored and played. The sound echoes in the violin makers' workshops: wonderfully creative spaces you could spend hours visiting. There are over 150 in the city. The world's greatest soloists have been here, from Uto Ughi to Accardo. The memory of the past is entrusted to the futuristic Museo del Violino, where multimedia installations and precious specimens of Amati, Stradivari and Guarneri introduce visitors to instruments and their amazing secrets.

The perfect Auditorium. The Cremona Auditorium is a sinuous wooden hull with the

stage in the middle and a heavenly sound quality, pride of Yasuhisa Toyota, the wizard of acoustics. This is the only place where you can listen to the sound of historic instruments like the Stradivari "Vesuvius 1727", one of the masterpieces of the Museo del Violino collections, entrusted to international soloists for the cycle of "Audizioni". Or you can attend two famous international festivals devoted to two exceptional personages: Stradivari and Monteverdi, whose works are featured every year also at the Teatro Ponchielli. Or experience the explosion of energy that accompanies summer in Cremona, when young musicians from all over the world come here to attend one of the prestigious international masterclass.

A drone's view. Enjoy a bird's eye view of the city centre: it's pure wonder. Next to the Duomo stands the Torrazzo, the city's landmark par excellence and Europe's highest brick tower. From a height of 112 metres, the view encompasses domes, buildings and green lawns as far as the River Po. Climb the 502 steps for an all-embracing view.

T for Torrone (nougat). When the art of bakery becomes history. Tradition has it that the legendary mix, made of egg white, honey and almonds, was born here in 1441, on the occasion of the wedding of Bianca Maria Visconti to Francesco Sforza. In autumn, the "Festa del Torrone" is a big happening for

anyone with a sweet tooth, who can lose themselves among flag waving, tastings and show cooking. An opportunity to discover hidden corners of the city, like the courtyard of the 15th century Palazzo Fodri.

In the secret Roman heart. The Roman Cremona is like a hidden treasure, protected by a deconsecrated Romanesque church. Between the 13th century aisles of San Lorenzo, paved with mosaic floors of the end of the 1st century BC, the remains of the necropolis, a nymphaeum decorated with Egyptian blue tiles, and the reconstruction of a domus tell about the ancient Roman city. With silent enchantment.



Lecco

— *The reasons for...*

A city to explore, starting from the traces of a timeless novel, "The Betrothed". A story within the story. Poised between literature and reality



From the locations associated with Alessandro Manzoni to the noble profile of Monte Resegone, a neoclassical theatre, a cabinet of curiosities, and the splendid lake. These are just a few of the reasons to love Lecco



Photo

Adjacent_ The old town with the Campanile di San Nicolò.

Previous page_ The village of Pescarenico on the Adda River.

Without a novel to tell about it, there is no city. In Lecco, the literary dimension of “The Betrothed”, the masterpiece by Alessandro Manzoni, is so intense that it is hard to separate the narrative from reality. It takes place among the colourful fronts of the houses of the village of Pescarenico, on the banks of the river Adda, the only place named explicitly in the novel, or among the manuscripts, paintings, and first editions kept in Villa Manzoni, The author’s neoclassical residence, the most visited literary museum in Lombardy. Or on the lake on board the Lucie, the old boats dedicated to the heroine of the grandiose saga created by Manzoni. In every site, the echo of a story. A story that is told every year between October and November

during the event called “Lecco Città dei Promessi Sposi”. A journey not to be missed, from the 19th century to the present, between writing and landscape.

Theatre, dance and classical music. For a jazz concert or a play by a famous author. The destination is the Teatro della Società. The façade of the building inaugurated in 1844 betrays the intentions of the architect Giuseppe Bovara: to erect a smaller Teatro alla Scala on the lake.

In the cabinet of wonders. Even for those who know the city well, there is always something to discover. The Museo di Storia Naturale in

Palazzo Belgiojoso is a real curiosity. In addition to housing a fossil of “Lariosaurus”, the only dinosaur of Lake Como, the museum maintains its original 19th century scientific rigor in the setup of the nine rooms that compose the exhibition.

Climbing to the mountaintops. San Martino, Grigna, Resegone: In town, the mountains are so close you can almost touch them. The deep relationship between Lecco and mountaineering can be experienced at high altitude or discovered in two museums. In the Torre Viscontea, following in the footsteps of local climbers, like the Lecco “Ragni” who since 1946 have climbed the Grignetta

in their red sweaters. And in the Palazzo delle Paure, in the Osservatorio Alpinistico Lecchese, where plastic models, touchscreens and even a climbing wall offer a first virtual glimpse of the mountain. Lecco between mountain and sky.

Pure adrenalin. Lecco offers this as well: a competition to test yourself without taking yourself too seriously. It’s the “Scigamatt”, a hurdle race held every month of September since 2010, which transforms Lecco into a set of “Jeux Sans Frontières”. On a race track that changes every year, the contestants jump over 20 tons of hay bales, nets, tyres, water and mud. Recommended equipment: a carefree spirit and sprightly legs.



Magical places

— 12 Addresses for...

Castles, parks and villas. Where the fascination of the past is brought back to life. Amidst towers, frescoes, ballrooms

1. An authentic art treasure and architecture “hidden” in via Mozart, a few steps from the Duomo of Milan: Villa Necchi Campiglio.
2. In the Oratorio di Villa Suardi, in Trescore Balneario (Bergamo), face to face with the naïve beauty of the frescoes by Lotto.
3. Where life is inimitable: at the Vittoriale degli Italiani in Gardone Riviera (Brescia), in the museum house of the poet D’Annunzio.
4. The enchantment of a home with a literary vocation, which was the set of “Star Wars.” The address: Villa del Balbianello in Tremezzina (Como).
5. At the court of Leonardo’s “Dama con l’ermellino” at Villa Medici del Vascello in San Giovanni in Croce (Cremona).
6. Agaves, African palms: two kilometres of exotic vegetation on the lake side in the gardens of Villa Monastero in Varenna (Lecco).
7. A journey through the history of bread and Lombard agriculture in the Musei del Castello Bolognini in Sant’Angelo Lodigiano (Lodi), where Giacomo Casanova once slept.
8. Among nature, leisure and history. In the magnificent Palazzina Gonzagesca of Bosco della Fontana, in Marmiolo (Mantua).
9. Façade by Piermarini and eclectic furnishings: all the beauty of Villa Cusani Tissoni Traversi in Desio (Monza e Brianza).
10. From aristocratic residence of Gian Galeazzo II to cultural centre. The Castello di Belgioioso (Pavia) and its many lives.
11. A plunge in the 14th century. In Montagna in Valtellina (Sondrio), the Castel Grumello is a single fortress made up of two twin buildings.
12. Among frescoes and rose gardens, a baroque ‘garden of wonders’ featuring a theatre, stairs, statues and fountains surrounds Villa Della Porta Bozzolo in Casalzuigno (Varese).

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Photo

Villa del Balbianello, Tremezzina (Como), Fondo Ambiente Italiano (FAI).



LODI

— The reasons for...

*Ancient traces,
scents and flavours.
The contemporary
touch of Renzo Piano
and the splendid
Piazza della Vittoria.
Between sky, nature
and relaxation*



Art Nouveau, a Renaissance temple, the great festivals, Piazza della Vittoria, the Adda River: five different roads that lead to Lodi



Photo

Adjacent_ Duomo di Lodi
Piazza della Vittoria.

Previous page_ The octagonal
Tempio Civico dell'Incoronata.

Lodi is a hidden gem set among the farmlands, plains and forests located on either side of the River Adda. It is a city whose past goes by the name of Federico Barbarossa and whose present bears the hand of one Renzo Piano. The Holy Roman Emperor refounded Lodi in 1158 after it had been razed to the ground by the Milanese, while it was the renowned architect who designed the headquarters of the Banca Popolare to be a public space featuring an auditorium and covered plaza. What's more, there are many Art Nouveau influences in Lodi. And as you walk through the streets of the centre, hunting for 20th-century-style facades, balconies and piazza railings, you end up discovering a city within the city.

A glance towards the heavens. Demanded by the citizens of Lodi in 1487 to celebrate a miracle, the Tempio Civico di Santa Maria Incoronata is the city's distinguishing landmark, featuring an octagonal brick structure designed by Battagio, protégé of Bramante. Inside, gold work and frescoes stand alongside panel paintings and marble, while a Renaissance chest contains works dating from between the 1400s and 1800s, including some by Bergognone.

A square full of character. It's the ideal location for events and is the setting for famous commercials. Piazza della Vittoria is considered to be one of the most beautiful squares in Italy, one of the few in the world with a portico on all

four sides. The square has always been at the center of city life: in the Middle Ages fairs were held here, and celebrations to welcome bishops. Today the square is a pedestrianised and hosts the city's traditional market on various days of the week.

Festival time. International exhibitions, video screenings, great artists. This is the "Festival della Fotografia Etica", which is set to take over the city in October. Meanwhile, there's another foodie event in the shape of the "Rassegna Gastronomica del Lodigiano", running between October and December. The city's restaurants will be a buzz of activities, with special menus created just for the festival – expect pumpkin

and chestnuts to feature heavily! In September, the Piazza della Vittoria will fill with local flavours and fragrances. Watch out for gastronomic gems such as Panerone cheese and ostrich salami at "Le Forme del Gusto".

In pursuit of relaxation. Lodi is at its most relaxing along the banks of the Adda. It might be a quick stroll through the nearby Foresta di Pianura, or perhaps a cruise along the river itself in search of marsh harriers, with the medieval Pizzighettone tower your final destination. With over 200 kilometres of cycle paths crisscrossing the water, the River Adda is just waiting to be discovered.

A step away from heaven

— 7 Suggestions for...

Castles, bell towers, funiculars, peaks, shores. Viewed from above Lombardy is a breath-taking sight. Perfect panoramas for a drone

TERRAZZE DEL DUOMO

Milan

Look at Milan from a unique perspective through its sculptural spires. A striking walk on the city's skyline.

FUNICOLARE DI BRUNATE

Como

You never get used to it. From inside the cabin, the view keeps changing. When you arrive in Brunate, the lake appears like a vision.

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Ponte in Valtellina (Sondrio)

Take a trip to the Observatory, 8 km from Sondrio, to gaze at the stars in the clear Valtellina skies.



CAMPANILE DI SAN NICOLÒ

Lecco

380 steps, 96 metres in height. A vantage point on the lake and the city. To look at the mountains in the eye [photo].

SACRO MONTE

Varese

After the Baroque chapels, the romantic view of nature. From the Alps to the Apennines. As far as the eye can see.

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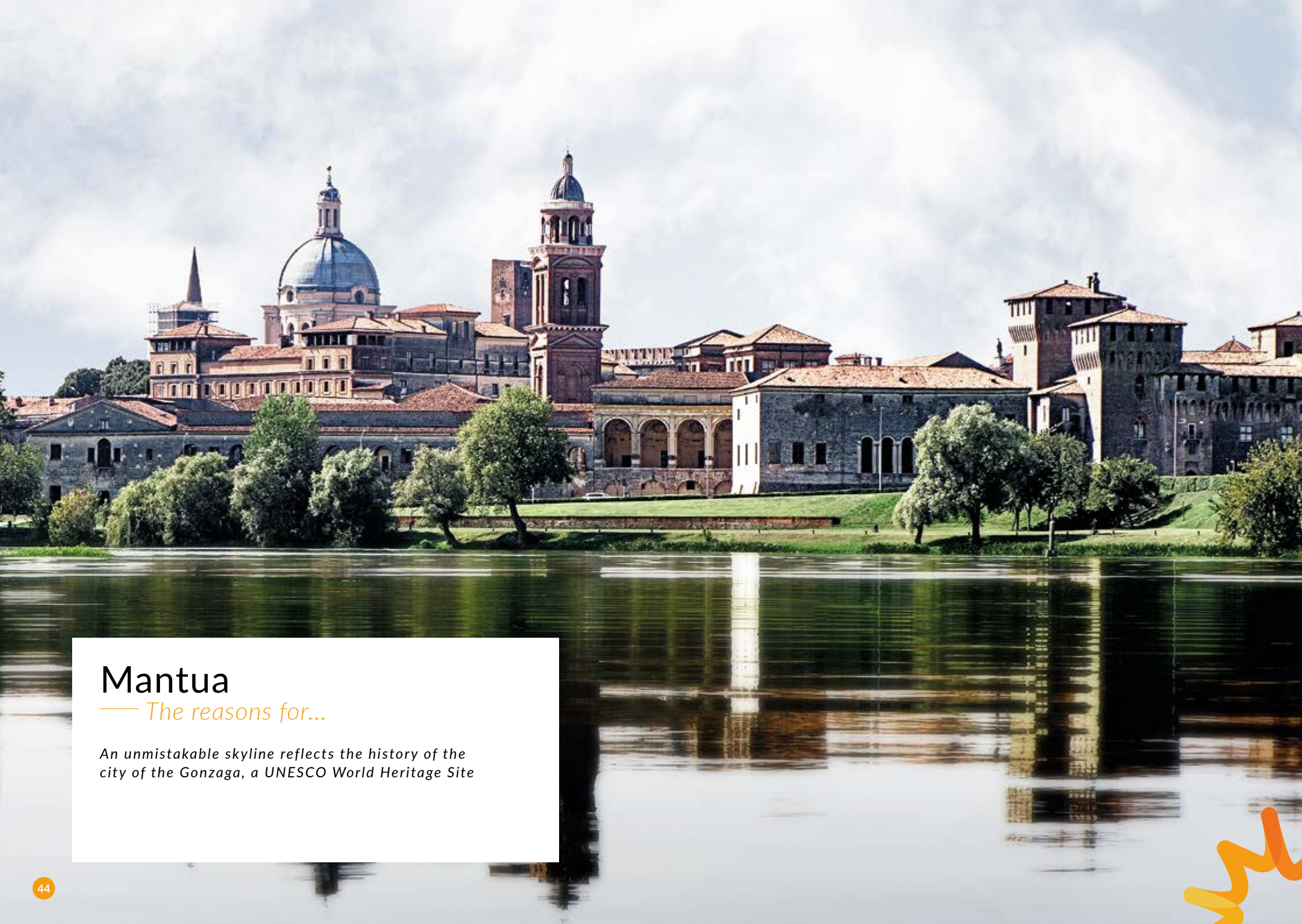
Bergamo

From its 52 metres, even the Upper Bergamo seems low. Seen together in a single glance, the two parts of Bergamo are even more beautiful.

TORRAZZO

Cremona

It's the highest masonry tower in Europe. 112 meters for a breathtaking view.



Mantua

— *The reasons for...*

An unmistakable skyline reflects the history of the city of the Gonzaga, a UNESCO World Heritage Site





From the grand exhibitions at Palazzo Te to the “Festivaletteratura” with its international guests and hundreds of readings. Mantua, in five irresistible experiences

Photo

Adjacent_ The “Sala dei Giganti” by Giulio Romano at Palazzo Te.

Previous page_ The skyline of the city of the Gonzagas, seen from the lakes.



From the lakes of Mantua, Palazzo Ducale dominates an unforgettable skyline. It was designed by the Gonzaga together with the greatest artists of the time. The first and the most courted of them was Andrea Mantegna. Among other works, Ludovico II asked him to paint a fresco to celebrate his dynasty. The artist worked on the “Camera degli Sposi”. After nine years he unveiled the masterpiece and invented the most famous oculus of 15th century art.

Walking, slowly. In Piazza delle Erbe there is still the market. Palazzo della Ragione, Palazzo del Podestà, the ancient Rotonda di San Lorenzo take us back to 900 years ago, at the time of the

medieval Communes. From the café table you can see the astronomical clock on the tower. In September, the person at the next table could be a star of Festivaletteratura, the event that for the last 20 years has welcomed writers from all over the world, with hundreds of readings in piazzas, theaters and palaces.

On the scale of Giants. Palazzo Te is just outside the city, but it seems to be far away from the places of power. It was the villa where Federico II Gonzaga held his entertainment. Designed by Giulio Romano, the building surrounded by greenery is full of special effects to capture the dreams, obsessions and romances of a client whose life was turbulent. In addition

to the spectacular frescoed walls, like the “Sala dei Giganti”, the rich calendar of world-class exhibitions is not to be missed.

The 18th century at the theatre.

One of the things that make Mantua unique is the amazing Teatro Scientifico Bibiena. It astonished Mozart’s father («I have never seen a more beautiful room») and the composer himself, when they played there a few months after the inauguration. What is even more incredible is that the architect, Antonio Galli Bibiena, took only two years, from 1767 to 1769, to build and paint the late Baroque masterpiece, now home to concerts and literary meetings.

The Court of Flavours. Another valuable legacy of the Renaissance is Mantua’s cuisine. The pumpkin ravioli with the famous mustard and “amaretti” (almond biscuits) have been handed down directly from the Court of the Gonzaga. Instead, we owe the Elvezia cake - made from almond paste and “zabaione” - to bakers from the Swiss Graubünden Canton, who immigrated here at the end of the 18th century. The Sbrisolona, a mix of flours and almonds, is a typical peasant cake. To be eaten with your hands, according to tradition.

UNESCO Wonders

— 10 treasures plus 1

From Sabbioneta to the Workers' Village of Crespi d'Adda. Eleven of Lombardy's treasures are protected by UNESCO. Ten World Heritage Sites and one Intangible Heritage, Cremona's "Violin-making Tradition". Experiencing them first hand is something not to be missed



"Longobards in Italy, Places of Power", with the monastery of San Salvatore and Santa Giulia and the archaeological area of the Capitolium in Brescia. "Pile dwellings in the Alps", of which the oldest is on Isolino Virginia. The views on infinity of the "Sacred Mountains of Piedmont and Lombardy", i.e. Ossuccio and Varese. "Traditional violin craftsmanship" in Cremona. "Mantua and Sabbioneta," ideal Renaissance cities. Milan's Santa Maria delle Grazie and Da Vinci's Last Supper" are joined by the Venetian Walls of Bergamo, recognized in 2017 as part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site: "Venetian Works of Defence between 15th and 17th centuries: Stato da Terra - western Stato da Mar". Places of the soul, where the experience of beauty faces history. What joins them, like a thin thread, is being in the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites. Unique testimonies like the "Rupestrian art of Valcamonica", going back over 12,000 years: engravings of hunters, warriors, peasants, carts and ploughs, water birds and dogs, huts and medieval towers. Or the "Monte San Giorgio", between the province of Varese and the Swiss Canton Ticino, keeper of an extraordinary deposit of 20,000 fossils: 50 species of fish and 25 of reptiles (the most spectacular), and over 100 species of invertebrates



and plants. They date from the Middle Triassic, a period between 237 and 247 million years ago when they were covered by the sea. In addition to the outdoor path, the Fossil Museums in Besano (Varese) and, on the Swiss side, in Meride, renovated and expanded by the Swiss architect Mario Botta, are also worth visiting. A UNESCO World Heritage site shared with Switzerland is also the "Rhaetian Railway in the Albula and Bernina landscapes", which connects Tirano (Sondrio) to Saint Moritz in the Engadine. The red Bernina Express train, with slopes of up to 70 per thousand, reaches an altitude of 2,253 m through spiral tunnels and viaducts, ancient glaciers and breathtaking views. The 19th century utopia of the perfect factory is found in the province of Bergamo. The "Workers' village of Crespi d'Adda", a lucky mix of paternalism and social demands, is one of the most important and best preserved industrial archeologist sites in Europe. From the factory buildings with red brick decorations to the children's school, from the communal wash house to the very dignified and still inhabited workers' houses. All of them are worth a visit. For unique, unrepeatable experiences.

Photo

Above. The Teatro all'Antica in Sabbioneta (Mantua).

Facing page. The porticoes of Sabbioneta, a perfect Renaissance town.



MONZA

— The reasons for...

From the Treasure of Queen Theodelinda to the thrill of the Autodromo. A two-speed city. Ready to enchant us with record-breaking masterpieces



From the cathedral to the Villa Reale and the Design Museum. Off to the Autodromo for a spin on the track. Five opportunities to fall in love with Monza



Photo

Adjacent. Detail of the Duomo façade.

Previous page. Villa Reale, designed by Piermarini.

Seven hundred rooms and a centuries-old park for a palace in the countryside. Commissioned in 1777 by Ferdinand of Austria as a country residence, Villa Reale was built in only three years by one of the greatest interpreters of the neoclassical style, Giuseppe Piermarini. One of its secret wonders is the rose garden, an international contest that from 1965 has attracted experts from all over the world. Expressed in figures: 4,000 new varieties of roses since the first edition. Among others, Grace of Monaco and Nobel Prize winner Rita Levi Montalcini were patronesses of the event. To be discovered. In May, night visits offered.

In the Lombard heart. Guardian of the treasure for which Monza has remained famous over the centuries, the Duomo owes its origins to the Lombard Queen Theodelinda. It features a magnificent façade with a rose window and fretwork panels. Inside, an altar houses the Corona Ferrea, symbol of the sacred foundation of the royal power. Don't miss the Museo del Tesoro: 14 centuries of art and history among masterpieces of the Western world.

Grand Prix fever. It is the fastest Formula 1 track: 5,793 metres of pure excitement. Watching the race crowded along the track or in the stands is a sort of collective ritual (over

100,000 people). In the rest of the year, the track is open to the public and anyone can sign up for a sports driving course.

What is Italian design? To find out, visit the space set up by the Triennale Design Museum di Milano in the Belvedere of Villa Reale, redesigned by star architect Michele De Lucchi. A permanent collection of pieces from the 1950s to the present, exhibitions and meetings. Between an "Arco" lamp by the Castiglioni brothers and a dreamlike creation by Fabio Novembre, this is the home of Made in Italy design. The common theme is "Everyday Beauty". Visit it before or after admiring, with

the same ticket, the wonderful spaces of Villa Reale.

Monza and its origins. From antiquity to the present. In the 14th century building of the former Casa degli Umiliati. One city, many souls. Discover them in the epigraph of a votive altar that reveals the ancient name of the citizens of Monza: "Modiciates", or in 20th century art works, including those displayed at the first Monza Triennale. One hundred and forty works, emerged after 30 years of being kept in warehouses.

A season in the spotlight

— *Tips on forthcoming cultural events*

Contemporary art, photography, festivals, concerts on the lake, dance performances and trekking competitions in unexpected settings. A short guide to the dates not to be missed



Art *Cult City #inLombardia*

An extraordinary collection at Varese's Villa Panza. Over 11,000 remains conserved within the Santa Giulia Museum of Brescia. Raffaello, Moroni, and Mantegna on the walls at Bergamo's Accademia Carrara. Palazzo Te's enchanting Chamber of the Giants. Take the time to uncover the stunning masterpieces in Lombardy's museums and cities of art. International exhibits showcase at Milan's Palazzo Reale, Pavia's Visconti Castle, and the Reggia of Monza among others.

On stage *Cult City #inLombardia*

Since 1969, the jazz scene has flourished here in Bergamo's Teatro Donizetti and Valtellina's "AmbriaJazz", bringing a swinging energy to the area. Meanwhile, Brescia's annual Festa dell'Opera echoes through the local streets from sunrise to sunset, with unique public concerts. Hitting the stage between plays, poetry, and ballet, Teatro Ponchielli in Cremona and Pavia's celebrated Teatro Fraschini turn the lights up for some incredible shows. Have you bought your tickets yet?

Events *Cult City #inLombardia*

You are spoiled for choice. In Mantua for the last 20 years the "Festivaletteratura" has brought to the fore the art of storytelling, with guests from all over the world. In Bergamo, Nobel prize winners speak to young people about science. In Lecco there are celebrations of "The Betrothed". In Varese, Italian theatre meets "Tra Sacro e Sacro Monte" [photo]. "Monteverdi Festival" in Cremona, "Cantine Aperte" everywhere in Lombardy. Italy's most beautiful villages ready to celebrate life's romantic side with a kiss... Have you chosen yet?

Sports *Cult City #inLombardia*

The Monza race track is not just Formula 1: it is also the "Monster Energy Monza Rally Show", with champions competing on rally cars. The "Mille Miglia", the most legendary of races, won, among others, by Nuvolari, starts from Brescia in May [photo]. For trekking fans, the challenge is instead the "Orobic Ultra-Trail": 140 km in the Bergamo mountains, without ever stopping. Or the "Resegup": from Lecco to the Resegone and back. Or the "Valtellina Wine Trail", flavours and high-altitude sports... Staying still is simply impossible.



Pavia

— *The reasons for...*

A city to be discovered slowly. On the trail of the Lombards or among the cloisters of the university. Without forgetting the heritage of flavours and labels





From one of the oldest universities in the world to the riverside, in the heart of Pavia, capital of the Lombards, or on the hunt for great wines. Five reasons to leave your heart here



Photo

Adjacent_ Castello Visconteo, home to the Musei Civici.

Previous page_ The Ponte Coperto, symbol of the city.

Its courtyards have been treaded by Ugo Foscolo and Alessandro Volta. We are talking about one of the world's oldest universities (1361), which has enlivened the city of Pavia for the last and 700 years. As you roam among the showcases of its museums, from that of comparative anatomy to Volta's scientific cabinet, everything exudes science and history. Including the 18th century Botanical Gardens, where you can enjoy a break in the shade of a 45-metre high centuries-old plane tree.

In the city of Kings. The Lombard greatness (572-774) has left a strong sense of pride among the citizens of Pavia, as well as several testimonies in the city, like the three Crypts of

Santa Maria alle Cacce, San Giovanni Domnarum and Sant'Eusebio, with magnificent "fibula" and "waterleaf" capitals. It is inspiring to admire from up close the Teodote stone plutei and the funerary gold jewelry, preserved at the Musei Civici del Castello Visconteo, a red brick fortress with huge towers at the wall corners.

History seen from up close. It happens in the Romanesque church of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro, which houses the remains of St. Augustine. Standing above the relics, the Arca, sculpted in 1362, stands out in its Carrara marble whiteness. It features reliefs depicting the Saint's life. Another appointment with history is inside the Basilica di San Michele Maggiore, one

of the best preserved Romanesque buildings in Europe. Here, in 1155, Frederick Barbarossa was crowned King of Italy, giving Pavia all the allure of a capital city.

Water and lights. You can navigate the river on boats known as "barcè" or narrow rowing boats, or cross it over one of the two bridges. The river Ticino is the large blue thoroughfare where you can discover the relaxed side of Pavia in the quaint Borgo Ticino. After dark, the best spot is the Ponte Coperto (covered bridge). From there, take a look at the arches of the nearby Ponte della Libertà, where the neon lights installed by artist Marco Lodola light up the city in blue, yellow and fuchsia.

Aperitif in the Oltrepò. Food, wine, culture, history and environment: a bold combination that enhances the excellence of a land of fine wines and ancient traditions. Among these, the salami of Varzi, a gastronomic gem of the Pavia Apennine, and the Cruasé, a traditional method rosé obtained from Pinot nero grapes grown in the Oltrepò. An excellent starting point for exploring the Valli del Vino. Or remember to mark your calendar for an event not to be missed: "Autunno Pavese Doc". In search of flavours worth rediscovering.



Out of town escapes — 12 Ideas for...

Villages, islands and spa, less than an hour from the city. From the stunning Certosa near Pavia to the Castello di Soncino

1. Cycle to Morimondo, the village a stone's throw from the heart of Milan, feel a sense of spirituality in its beautiful Cistercian abbey.
2. In San Pellegrino Terme (Bergamo), the Art Nouveau setting and the allure of a new spa: 6,000 square metres of wellness.
3. The largest freshwater island. Iseo, the lake of fishermen, projected into the world by Christo. In Monte Isola (Brescia).
4. Crazy for Lake Como. Silence, villas, stone houses and olive groves. George Clooney has his lakeside home in Laglio.
5. A trip to Soncino (Cremona), among the battlements of one of the most beautiful villages in Lombardy, long disputed between Lombardy and Veneto.
6. A trip to the Castello di Vezio in Varenna (Lecco) to imagine the wonders of court life, among drawbridges, owls and falconers.
7. An aristocratic home has its fascination, today as in the past. The address: Palazzo Lamberti, Codogno (Lodi).
8. If only to see the Teatro all'Antica of Scamozzi, Sabbioneta (Mantua), ideal town and UNESCO site, is well worth visiting.
9. Palazzo Arese Borromeo in Cesano Maderno (Monza e Brianza) is an ancient country house featuring amazing perspectives, vaulted ceilings and an underground ice house.
10. The Certosa di Pavia is a testimony of the grandeur of Gian Galeazzo Visconti. From the magnificent façade with statues, reliefs and carvings, to works by Perugino, Bergognone and Luini.
11. Among the remains of a past ice age: geological wonders and boulders of cyclopean dimensions in the Parco delle Marmitte dei Giganti (Giants' Potholes Park) in Chiavenna (Sondrio).
12. In Leggiuno, explore Santa Caterina del Sasso, a hermitage carved into the stone overhanging the lake. Half an hour from Varese.

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Photo. The Certosa di Pavia.



SONDRIO

— The reasons for...

Millenary traditions, roads to be explored on foot or bicycle, unique flavours. Viewed from Sondrio, Valtellina is even more beautiful



The stüe, or wooden rooms, and the terracing. The exploits of Orlando Furioso. A glass of Sforzato. Details that make Sondrio unforgettable

Photo

Adjacent_ The Terrazzamenti, surrounded by nature and wineries.

Previous page_ Piazza Garibaldi



Sondrio is the place that makes the Valtellina even finer. Walking its streets you can go back in time and catch a glimpse, inside the buildings of the historic centre, of the town's social life in ancient times. You will be surprised by hidden treasures like the old "stüe" made of Swiss stone pine that used to be the heart of alpine houses, or the stucco work and trompe-l'oeil in the spectacular 18th century ballroom of Palazzo Sertoli. Some masterpieces reveal the great passions that inspired them: it is the case of the priceless wealth of Renaissance frescoes dedicated to "Orlando Furioso", the protagonist, at the Castello Masegra, of one of the most compelling 16th century "comic strip-like" murals. A precious

testimony of Ludovico Ariosto's love for the Alps, and theirs for him.

On foot or by bike. Along the Via dei Terrazzamenti, 70 km from Morbegno to Tirano, you are immersed in a landscape of ancient villages, wineries and farmhouses. It is the largest mountainous terraced wine-growing area in Europe, a place where 2,500 km of dry stone walls are the point of balance between man and nature.

A place of the soul. The Camminata alla Madonna della Sassella is not just a short escape out of town, but also a way to rediscover a spiritual dimension. It starts in

town, almost by accident. From one little shrine to the next, you climb among the vineyards and terraces of the ancient via Valeriana up to the 16th century Sanctuary. From the bustle of the city to the quiet of the Valtellina, almost without realising it.

On the dinner table, the color red prevails.

The darker red of the Sforzato, prince of Valtellina wines, and the softer red of bresaola, the famous cured meat. Fourteen degrees, dry, made from dried Nebbiolo grapes, the wine accompanies its spicy fragrance. And then the traditional buckwheat pasta, pizzoccheri, just to break the monochrome. Local flavours at their best.

In the rapids. To see the Valtellina from the water, and most importantly to engage in high-adrenaline sports like rafting, kayaking and hydrospeeding, the River Adda is ideal. The stretch from Piaveda to Castione Andevenno is also suitable for beginners. For something more challenging, try the Boffetto rapids further upstream. Pure excitement guaranteed. The same excitement you can experience in November with the "Valtellina Wine Trail": a combination of sports and tastes at high altitude.

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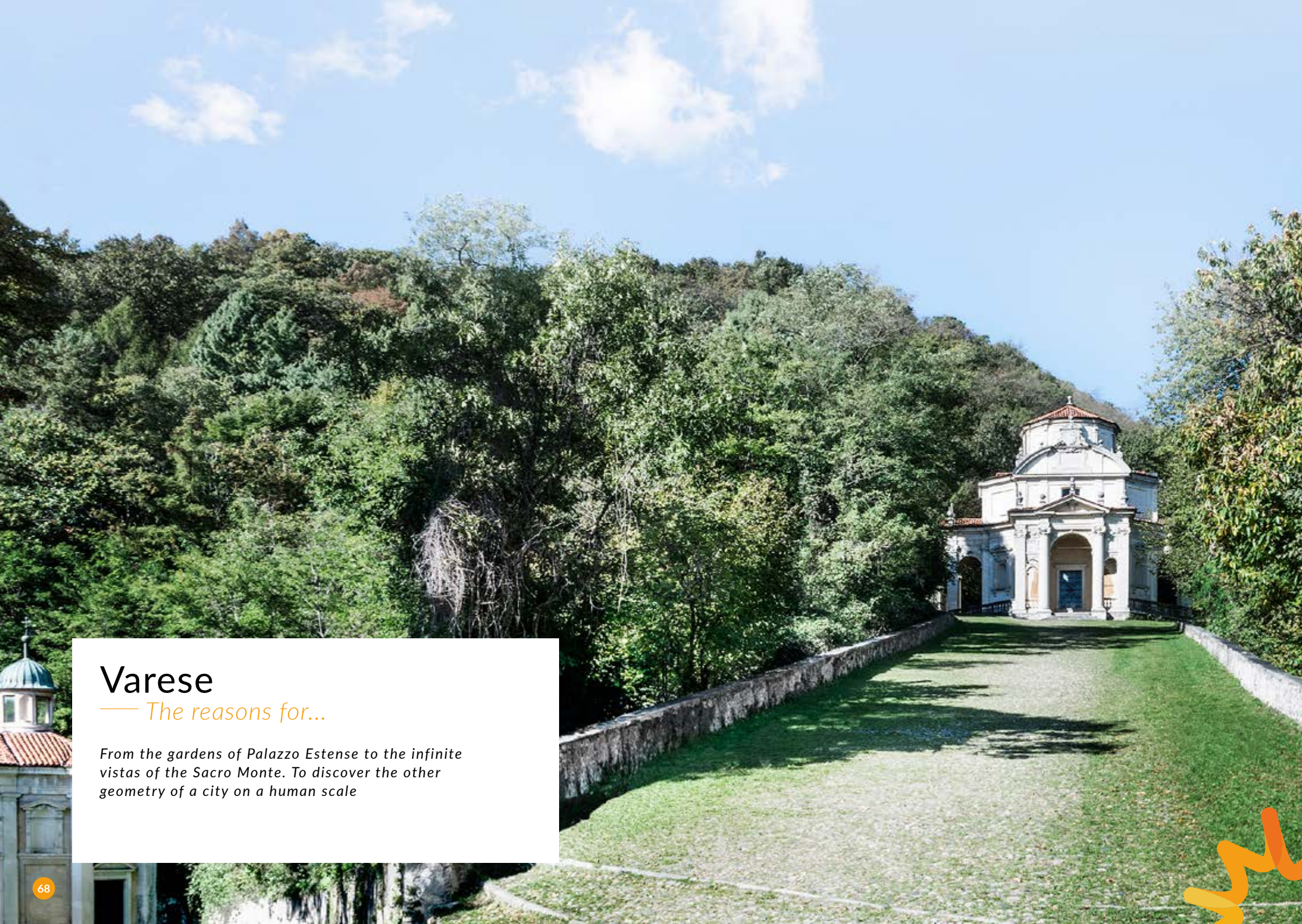
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Varese

— *The reasons for...*

From the gardens of Palazzo Estense to the infinite vistas of the Sacro Monte. To discover the other geometry of a city on a human scale





The Garden City and Dan Flavin's neon lights. The Sacro Monte, the frescoes of Masnago, the Isolino Virginia. Five faces of Varese for an experience in the round



Foto

Adjacent_ Gardens of Villa Toeplitz.

Previous page_ The Sacro Monte di Varese, UNESCO Heritage.

A Ducal Palace, the Belvedere hill, the geometries of an Italian garden that fills and designs the space. The Palazzo Estense park (1771) is the icon of the Garden City, which Giacomo Leopardi called Little Versailles. Along the boulevards around the fountain, between the hedges, a reassuring symmetry dominates the scene. 14 acres of centuries-old greenery, taken care of down to the smallest detail.

America in Villa Panza. After a trip to New York and Los Angeles in 1954, Giuseppe Panza di Biumo began collecting the art of young American artists. He bet on names that were all but unknown and are now celebrated, like Dan Flavin, James Turrell or Mark Rothko. In Villa

Menafoglio Litta Panza, their works reinterpret the spaces of the neoclassical house, creating strong contrasts that breaks the mental patterns of us viewers. Entrusted to the Italian Fund for the Environment (FAI – Fondo Ambiente Italiano), the villa also houses international art exhibitions.

The ascent of wonders. A walk, a journey of faith, a Baroque museum under the open sky: it is the Via Sacra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Fourteen 17th-century chapels connect the city to the Santuario. The Casa Museo Pogliaghi deserves a stop. In this jumbled antiquarium, classical busts, Egyptian sarcophagi and sketches by Gianlorenzo Bernini are mixed up with the

works of the home owner. In July, enjoy the event called “Tra Sacro e Sacro Monte” on the Terrazza del Mosè and experience the summer pleasure of the theatre outside the theatre.

Invitations to court. Late gothic frescoes that look like manga. On the walls of the hall of leisure of the 15th-century Castello di Masnago, you can admire scenes of court life, when lords of the castle spent their time playing musical instruments or falconry hunting. The 17th-century building abandons all pretense to have defensive purposes and exhibits its all-out nature of country residence. Five minutes from the city centre, among the leisure and amusements of 600 years ago.

On the islet of pile dwellings, i.e. the Isolino Virginia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that can be reached in twenty minutes by boat from Biandronno. It is the oldest of the 111 pile dwelling villages in the Alps: it was inhabited from as far back as 5200 BC until the bronze age. Today, it is also a natural oasis where you can spot mallards, coots and grebes. And lose yourself in the lake's horizon.

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Sondrio

Valtellina Wine Trail
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At water level

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Villa d'Adda (Bergamo)

Leonardo's ferry
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Como

Paddle steamer Concordia
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Mantua

Boat trips
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Piazza del Duomo 14
duomomilano.it

Como

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funicolarecomo.it

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Torrazzo di Cremona
Piazza del Comune
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osservatoriopiazzi.it

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campaniledilecco.it

Varese

Sacro Monte
Piazzale Pogliaghi
sacromontedivarese.it

Bergamo

Torre Civica
Piazza Vecchia
fondazione.bergamoestoria.it

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Santa Maria delle Grazie
e Cenacolo Vinciano
turismo.milano.it

Arte rupestre
della Valle Camonica
vallecamonicaunesco.it

Villaggio Operaio
di Crespi d'Adda
villaggiocrespi.it

Sacri Monti del Piemonte
e della Lombardia
sacromontedivarese.it
sacrimonti.net

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rhb.ch

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comune.sabbioneta.mn.it

Monte San Giorgio
montesangiorgio.org

Palafitte dell'Arco Alpino
palafittes.org

Centri di Potere e Culto
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italialangobardorum.it
bresciamusei.com

Mura Veneziane di Bergamo
Opere di difesa veneziane tra
XVI e XVII secolo
visitbergamo.net

Out of town escapes

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abbaziamorimondo.it
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qctermesanpellegrino.it

Monte Isola (Brescia)
iseolake.info/it
borghipiubelliditalia.it

Laglio (Como)
lakecomo.it

Soncino (Cremona)
soncino.org
borghipiubelliditalia.it
prolocosoncino.it

Perledo (Lecco)
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Codogno (Lodi)
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Cesano Maderno
(Monza e Brianza)
Palazzo Arese Borromeo
Via Borromeo 41
vivereilpalazzo.it

Certosa di Pavia
Viale della Certosa

Chiavenna (Sondrio)
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