

ITALY - Milan

Our crew flew into and out of Milan but didn't tour the city until the end of our trip before flying home. We stayed there for two nights.

Hotel Reco

Excelsior Hotel Gallia - 2 nights

The location was perfect - it's right across from Milano Centrale station, making it easy to walk to the hotel and take the train directly to the airport. The rooms are beautiful and quiet and have gorgeous Italian toiletries. Our boys also loved the McDonalds close by.



Things To Do

Cooking Class

This was a favorite for our kids. It's a chef-led, hands-on pizza and gelato cooking class on the top floor of a large food hall. We made dough, prepped ingredients, and made waffle cone bowls with fresh gelato. It was a great dinner experience.



Duomo - Climb To The Top (skip the line)

This is a must-do. We got skip-the-line tickets and were able to walk in. Ensure that your legs and shoulders are covered (we used wraps and jackets to cover). The church's top has amazing views (we could see the Alps) and insane sculptural detail. If you get a chance, walk by at night it's gorgeous all lit up.



Last Supper Painting (skip the line)

Took the kids to see the Last Supper. It's located in the Unesco heritage complex at Basilica Santa Maria delle Grazie and you need a tour to get in. You get to stay in the room with the painting for 15 minutes. You will need to bring some form of ID (even for kids).



Other Recos

Shopping

A place to see luxury Italian shopping is **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele** (beside the Duomo). It is architecturally stunning. We ate lunch & watched the glamor of Milan walk by. Another fun experience is the **LaRinascente** (an Italian equivalent to Saks). Our boys wanted to try Italian cologne, and this place didn't disappoint (check out the Aqua de Parma scents...fabulous).



Eating

Definitely hit **Il Mercato Centrale**. It's an amazing Italian food hall with dozens of restaurants inside. You can order from as few or as many as you like. Everyone gets to pick what they crave!



Sites

The **Middle Finger** statue, located in front of the Stock Exchange, was a hit with teenagers. The **Ferrari** store was fun, and it even has a vending machine where you can buy toy cars. Stroll through **Navigli District** - beautiful canals, galleries & trattorias to enjoy.



Getting Around

We used the subway and mostly walked to sites. It was very easy to navigate. We highly recommend www.omio.com to book any train tickets. The interface is easy and they have a mobile app.



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