

Useful information

Insurance

All foreign visitors to Italy should take out some kind of travel insurance to cover the loss, theft or damage of belongings. It is advisable to also make sure that your insurance covers medical treatment, and possibly dental treatment. Always check your existing policy to avoid paying out unnecessarily.

Shopping

Everyone knows that Milan is a fashion capital, and while the tony quadrilatero della moda (the upscale shopping district bounded on its four sides by streets lined with boutiques from the biggest designer names) is a big attraction for many, the city offers a wide range of retail options for all styles and budgets (some even come with their own restaurants!).

If you're looking for funky avant-garde shops, head down to the Navigli area with its characteristic canals. The artsy Brera district has unique little shops housed in unexpected, beautiful buildings. High-street fashions can be found along Corso Buenos Aires and on Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, which runs behind the Duomo. Don't be afraid to stray from the well-worn shopping paths of the city center to get your retail fix.

Weather

Milan has a somewhat Mediterranean climate with very distinct seasons. The weather in September sees the last of the summer heat, as autumn begins in the city. This means the temperatures drop slightly compared to the preceding months, but the weather remains warm and pleasant.

The average daily temperature in Milan in this month is 19.5 °C, although highs can still reach 25 °C, which can feel very hot in Milan's humidity. Luckily, night times are cooler, when the weather drops to an average minimum temperature of 14 °C

Birds Everywhere

Pigeons are everywhere. They tend to flock around the Piazza Duomo. Don't feed them unless you're prepared for flocks at your feet. Be wary as there are lots of bird seed sellers in the area. Sellers can be very pushy and demand you buy bird seed when you'd rather not. A polite no is usually enough to get them to leave you alone.

