

Weekend in Milan

Private Travel Briefing

Prepared for: The Siblings Trip

25–30 December 2025

Trip at a Glance

Dates	25–30 December 2025 (5 nights)
Destination	Milan, Italy
Travelers	Three siblings, ages 28, 32, 35
Trip Style	Culinary highlights, winter city walks, Christmas atmosphere, shopping, nightlife and a relaxed day trip.
Suggested Base	Brera (central and elegant), Navigli (nightlife and canals), or Porta Venezia (young and lively).

[title=Budget Overview (per person, 5 days)]

- Food & coffee: ~**180–250**
- Aperitivo & nightlife: ~**80–150**
- Museums & attractions: ~**30–50**
- Day trip (train + food): ~**10–30**

These ranges are indicative and designed to allow comfortable, but not excessive, spending.

[title=Where to Stay] **Brera** – Charming, central, walkable; ideal if you want beautiful streets, galleries and easy access everywhere.

Navigli – Lively canals, bars and restaurants; perfect if evenings out and atmosphere are a priority.

Porta Venezia – Young, energetic and a bit more local; good value with plenty of cafés and easy metro access.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Thursday 25 December

Arrival & First Christmas Evening in Milan

- **Arrival & check-in** – Settle into your apartment or hotel in Brera, Navigli or Porta Venezia.
- **Gentle city introduction** – Evening walk around Piazza Duomo: Christmas tree, lights and a first sense of the city.
- **Dinner** – Choose a place likely to be open on Christmas Day: *Clotilde Brera*, *Terrazza Aperol* (with Duomo views), or *Eataly Milano Smeraldo*.
- **Nightcap** – Creative cocktails at *Nottingham Forest*; fun, slightly theatrical drinks to start the trip.

Day 2 – Friday 26 December

Milan Classics & Christmas Market

- **Breakfast** – Start at *Pavé*: excellent coffee and pastries in a relaxed, modern bakery.
- **Duomo & rooftop** – Visit the cathedral, then go up to the rooftop terrace for winter views over Milan.
- **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II** – Stroll through the historic arcade and stop for an elegant coffee at *Marchesi 1824*.
- **Castello Sforzesco & Parco Sempione** – Walk towards the castle; if the weather is kind, take a short loop through the park.
- **Oh Bej! Oh Bej! Christmas market** – Explore stalls around the castle with seasonal food, souvenirs and local atmosphere.
- **Evening** – Aperitivo in Brera (*N'Ombra de Vin* or *Bar Jamaica*), followed by dinner at *Osteria Fò* or *Trattoria La Madonnina* for traditional Milanese dishes.

Day 3 – Saturday 27 December

Shopping & Nightlife

- **Morning – Fashion district**

Explore the *Quadrilatero della Moda* (Via Montenapoleone, Via della Spiga). Window shopping, people-watching and a feel for Milanese style.

- **Lunch – *God Save the Food* in Brera:** modern, easy and reliable.

- **Afternoon options**

- *Scalo Milano Outlet Village* – For serious shopping at outlet prices.

- *Porta Nuova & Bosco Verticale* – Stay in the city and explore Milans modern architecture, cafés and public spaces.

- **Aperitivo in Navigli** – Drinks and light food at *Mag Café* or *Fonderie Milanese*.

- **Night out**

- *Alcatraz* – Large, energetic club with mixed music.

- *Apollo Club* – Trendy, stylish, popular with locals.

- *Tunnel Club* – More electronic, for a clubbier night.

Day 4 – Sunday 28 December

Day Trip: Choose One Destination

- **Option 1 – Lake Como**

Around 40 minutes by train. Walk through Como town, enjoy the Christmas atmosphere, and take the funicular up to Brunate for impressive lake and mountain views.

- **Option 2 – Bergamo**

Underrated gem with a beautiful *Città Alta* (old town). Medieval streets, cosy cafés and local dishes such as polenta.

- **Option 3 – Verona**

Romantic city with Christmas markets, narrow streets and the Arena. Ideal if you enjoy walking and a slightly more theatrical setting.

- **Evening in Milan** – Return to the city and dine at *Trippa Milano* (very popular, book ahead) or *Osteria dell'Acquabella* for a warm, local feel.

Day 5 – Monday 29 December

Art, Canals & Isola District

- **Morning museum**

- *Pinacoteca di Brera* – Classic masterpieces in an intimate setting.
- *Fondazione Prada* – Contemporary and modern art in a distinctive architectural space.

- **Coffee** – If you choose Brera, take a break at *Café Fernanda* inside the museum.

- **Lunch** – *Ratanà*, known for excellent Milanese-style risotto and refined versions of local dishes.

- **Afternoon in Navigli** – Slow walk along the canals, browsing independent shops and stopping for gelato or a hot drink as needed.

- **Evening in Isola** – Pizza at *Berberè* or a casual dinner nearby, followed by drinks at *Frida*, a relaxed bar with a neighbourhood feel.

Day 6 – Tuesday 30 December

Slow Morning & Departure

- **Final coffee** – Breakfast at *Panarello Milano*: a last espresso and pastry before leaving.

- **Last-minute shopping** – Walk along Corso Buenos Aires for any remaining gifts or essentials.

- **Optional** – San Siro stadium tour for football fans, time permitting.

- **Departure** – Return to the apartment, pack up and transfer to the airport in good time.

This itinerary is designed as a flexible framework: feel free to slow it down, repeat favourite places, or swap activities depending on weather and energy. The goal is simple: enjoy Milan together.