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In the Alpine foothills, just 50 km from Milan, Bergamo is the most striking city in Lombardy. Structured in two levels, the lower city is more modern and dynamic, whilst the famous 'upper city' boasts a stunning historic centre full of monuments and works of art. In the area around the city the Iseo Lake is well worth a visit, as is the sanctuary at Caravaggio and Crespi d'Adda – the most important company town in Italy, listed as a world heritage site by UNESCO.





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# THE CITY



Bergamo is one of the richest and most elegant cities in Italy. The splendour of the city is in large part thanks to the domination of Venice, who ruled the city from the beginning of the 15th century until the end of the 18th century. The Venetians also constructed the city walls around the centre.

The upper city is easy to reach with the funicolar railway – and its main square – the Piazza Vecchia – hosts the most important religious and civic buildings as well as forming the focus for most of the main commercial and historic streets. Another funicolar railway – built in the beginning of the 20th century – leads up to the San Vigilio hill, from which you can enjoy a marvellous view of the city and the Lombard plain. The heart of the city lies in the less tourist lower town, where 18th- and 19th-century buildings are grouped in a semi-circle around the city's hill.

#### **Canonisation of Pope John XXIIII**



27th April 2014 will remain a historic date in the world, in Italy and above all Bergamo province: it is the date of the canonisation of Pope

John XXIII, who came from Sotto il Monte, a town located 18 km from Bergamo. He was elected Pope in 1958, and in less than five years of papacy, he successfully launched an evangelical renewal of the Catholic Church. Notable were his convocation of the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962 and his encyclical "Pacem in Terris" during the Cold War, for which he was awarded the Balzan Award for Peace. Saint John XXIII died in Rome on June 3, 1963. Beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 3, 2000, he was proclaimed saint on April 27, 2014.

#### Bergamo towards Expo Milano



Bergamo, located only 50 km far from Milan, is an excellent starting point to let people visit Expo Milano in 2015. Expo Milano is a

non-commercial Universal Exposition with the theme of Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life. Open from May 1 to October 31, 2015, the visitors will have the possibility to take a trip around the world, sampling the food and traditions of people from all over the globe.

# THE BRAND "IDEAS FOR EXPO. Emotions, Enthusiasm, Energy".

The payoff "Emotions, Enthusiasm, Energy" has become a brand that Turismo Bergamo gives to anyone who wants to organize events that pay attention to the important themes of Expo Milano 2015. The brand will be exhibited in the ITALY PAVILION - Bergamo area, during the 6 months of EXPO Milano 2015.

Internet: www.expo.bergamo.it



# DO & SEE



Bergamo is the perfect city to enjoy a nice weekend or a longer stay. Just walking around the city center and finding a nice café to enjoy a good cup of coffee is relaxing itself. If you however are interested in one of the many galleries, then Galleria d´Arte Moderna e Contemporanea and Accademia Carrara is worth paying a visit to. If you love culture, you have come to the right city!

#### Piazza Vecchia



Piazza Vecchia represents the core of Città Alta: it has been the heart of political power for centuries and it keeps being one of the most

popular places for Bergamo's citizens to spend some time with friends.

Beauty is all around you if you have a seat at one of the square's restaurants or cafes, having a drink, breakfast or even a romantic dinner. You can admire the building called "Palazzo della Ragione", the oldest municipal seat in Lombardy, as well as the Torre Civica, a bell tower also called "Campanone".

In the middle of the square is located the Contarini Fountain, which was donated to the city by the chief magistrate Alvise Contarini in 1780, while on the opposite side of Piazza Vecchia you can see the Palazzo Nuovo ("New Palace"), which served as Bergamo's Town Hall until 1873 and is today the seat of the Angelo Mai Library.

The geometrical layout of the buildings around the square is so harmonic that when Le Corbusier visited Bergamo he said "you can't move a single stone, it would be a crime"

Photo: Paolo Ardiani

#### The Venetian walls



Bergamo wouldn't be the same without its impressive Venetian Walls. This spectacular circuit is over six km long: it's the perfect

place to take a romantic walk and enjoy wonderful sunsets, and it has been enclosing the beauties of the Upper Town for more than four centuries.

The Walls' priceless artistic and cultural value is also confirmed by their candidacy to become a Unesco World Heritage, a path taken in 2007 that has finally got to its final stage.

They were built starting from 1561 by the Republic of Venice in order to face enemies attacks, but History was kind with them: maybe due to their stunning beauty, they never underwent any siege. That is why they remained almost intact to the present day.

The Walls consist of 14 bastions, 2 platforms, 100 embrasures for cannons, 2 armouries, four gates, not to mention the underground structures featuring sallies, passages and



tunnels: don't miss the chance to walk inside the Walls and to visit the casemates of San Michele and San Giovanni!

#### **City Centre - Lower Town**



Leave time for a walk in the modern centre – the large area around piazza Vittorio Veneto – which was planned during the early 20th century, by the

architect Marcello Piacentini, and is a very interesting example of town planning.

Photo: Marco Mazzoleni

# Basilica Of Santa Maria Maggiore and Colleoni Chapel



The Basilica (built in 1137) is the most remarkable religious building in the city. It also hosts the Donizetti's grave. The Colleoni

Chapel is a masterpiece of the Lombard Renaissance.

Address: Piazza Duomo Internet: www.fondazionemia.it

#### Accademia Carrara



This gallery hosts one of the richest collections in Italy with around 2,000 paintings from the 15th to the 18th century. The Accademia Carrara will

remain closed for renovation work until the 2015, but a selection of the works are on display in the Palazzo della Ragione building in Upper town.

Photo: Paolo Ardiani Address: Piazza Carrara, 82 Phone: +39 035 270 413 Internet: www.accademiacarrara.bergamo.it

#### Cittadella



This is also a fortified building which hosts the Natural Sciences Museum and the Archeological Museum. Each museum offers

guided tours and educational activities.

+39 035 286 011 (Natural Sciences) Tel: +39 035 242 839 (Archeological)

Photo: Marco Mazzoleni Address: Piazza Cittadella, 10 Internet: www.museoscienzebergamo.it /www.museoarcheologicobergamo.it

#### Civic Tower (Campanone - Big Bell) and Palazzo del Podestà



A symbol of the medieval city, the 52-metre high Civic Tower offers splendid views over Upper and Lower Bergamo. The Civic

Tower bell sounds over 100 times at 10 pm every evening to signal the old curfew when the gates of the city were closed.

Originally the residence of the Suardi-Colleoni families, the Palazzo del Podestà was the seat of the Podestà (Chief magistrate or Governor) from the 12th to the 15th century. Today it hosts the History Museum of Veneto Age.

Photo: Marco Mazzoleni Address: Piazza Vecchia Phone: +39 035 24 7116 Internet: www.bergamoestoria.org



# Duomo



The Cathedral (started in 1459) is dedicated to Saint Alessandro, the Patron of the city. In the Bergamo Cathedral, the chapel to the right of the

high altar is dedicated to the memory of Saint John XXIII. See also the nearby Baptistery.

Address: Piazza Duomo Phone: +39 035 210223 Internet: www.cattedraledibergamo.it

# GAMeC\_ Modern and Contemporary Art gallery



GAMeC - Modern and Contemporary Art Gallery of Bergamo was founded in 1991. The building it is housed in was formerly a convent built in the

fifteenth century that has been completely renovated. The purpose underlying the creation of GAMeC, which is partnered by the Accademia Carrara and the Accademia Carrara di Belle Arti, was to form a pole in the city dedicated to art.

Photo: Marco Mazzoleni Address: Via S. Tomaso, 53 Phone: +39 035 270272 Internet: www.gamec.it

#### Rocca



Fortified building which hosts the Museum of History IX century. You can buy a museum card which includes the visit at Museo Donizettiano,

Museum of history XVII century (Rocca), Historical Museum (former S. Francesco cloister), Campanone and Museum of the Veneto Age (Palazzo del Podestà).

Photo: Dimitri Salvi Address: Via Rocca Phone: +39 035 24 71 16 Internet: www.bergamoestoria.org

#### Donizetti Theatre



The Donizetti Theatre was dedicated to the Bergamask composer Gaetano Donizetti. The Theatre (built at the end of the XVIII) has always

been regarded for its opera productions.

Photo: Gianfranco Rota Address: Piazza Cavour, 15 Phone: +39 035 4160 611 Internet: www.teatrodonizetti.it

#### Historical Museum And Ex S.Francesco Cloister



Bergamo Historical Museum is settled in the fascinating ex San Francesco cloister. The exhibition includes reconstructions of

settings, multimedia stations and movable explanatory sheets.

Photo: Marco Mazzoleni Address: Piazza Mercato del Fieno 6/A Internet: www.bergamoestoria.org

#### San Vigilio



The castle of San Vigilio, once part of the ancient fortification, offers one of the most suggestive views of the old town. Take the funicular to get to the

Castle and enjoy the striking panorama.



Photo: Marco Mazzoleni Address: Via San Vigilio

#### **Teatro Sociale**



After exemplary restoration work was carried out, the Teatro Sociale reopened to the public in the spring of 2009 – two century after

its inauguration in 1808 – with a rich calendar of shows.

Photo: Gianfranco Rota Address: Via B. Colleoni, 3 Internet: www.teatrodonizetti.it

#### Gaetano Donizetti's birthplace



The famous composer Donizetti was born in Bergamo, and lived there from 1806 to 1815. An opera festival is dedicated to him and it

takes place at the Donizetti Theatre in Bergamo every year from September to December.

Photo: Gianfranco Rota Address: Via Borgo Canale, 14 Phone: +39 035 244 483 Internet: www.donizetti.org More Info: www.bergamomusicafestival.it

#### Donizetti's Museum



This is a museum set up in honour of opera composer Gaetano Donizetti. The archive at the museum stores, among many things,

original printed editions of books, valuable iconographic collection and various relics.

Photo: Gianfranco Rota Address: Via Arena, 9 Phone: +39 035 4284769 More Info: www.bergamoestoria.org

#### Sotto il Monte Giovanni XXIII



The Pope John XXIII, proclaimed Saint on April 27th, 2014 came from Sotto il Monte, a town 18 km far from Bergamo. The beloved places of the

Pope are within a short distance: his birth-house, the Church of Santa Maria in Brusicco, where he was baptized, his summer-residence Cà Maitino, now transformed into a museum, the parish church, the Garden of Peace and the parish crypt.

Photo: Dimitri Salvi Internet: www.jxxiii.it

#### San Pellegrino



One of the most famous thermal resort in the world, here springs the well-known San Pellegrino Water. The Village is just 18 km far

from Bergamo and it is a small jewel with its well-conserved Art Noveau buildings.

Photo: Circolo Fotografico Marianese

#### **Orobie Prealps**



It's just 45 km to reach the Bergamo ski resorts with 300 km of ski slopes. The main Valleys Brembana and Seriana offer relaxation and sport

activities both for winter and summer.



Photo: Gianpietro Giupponi Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### **Iseo and Endine Lakes**



Two quite unknown lakes where nature and history have created an amazing variety of natural beauties. They offer plenty of chances for fan

of water sports. There are also interesting villages that are worth a visit like Lovere or Sarnico. In close proximity, you'll find the Val Calepio where is produced the ValCalepio wine. Approximately 30 km from Bergamo.

Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### Crespi d'Adda



Crespi d'Adda is a unique example of industrial architecture that has been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The village consisted

of a factory (a cotton mill), the castle of the owner, worker's houses, a cemetery, a wash house and a church: it is a XIX century village, built by the Crespi family of industrialists.

Internet: www.villaggiocrespi.it

#### DINING



Bergamo cuisine is extremely rich and with a high calorific value. Many dishes are meat based and you should at the very least try the "Casoncelli alla bergamasca" (homemade pasta parcels filled with beef meat, salami, amaretto biscuits and pears in a butter sauce) and polenta e brasato (braised beef with herbs). Typical cake - polenta e osei - is based on maize flour as well. The local Wine is the ValCalepio (DOC) produced in the surroundings of the Iseo Lake.

#### Taverna Del Colleoni E Dell'angelo

A historic restaurant which overlooks the enchanting piazza Vecchia in the upper city. Its spacious vaulted rooms once charmed the great architect Le Corbusier. It has been a meeting point for intellectuals, painters and poets ever since.

Fish and meat-based menu.

Address: Piazza vecchia, 7 Phone: +39 035 232 596 Internet: www.colleonidellangelo.com More Info: info@colleonidellangelo.com

#### Lio Pellegrini

This is an elegant restaurant which is located in a 16th-century sacristy, close to the Accademia Carrara in the lower city, it has a lovely garden for summer dining. Refined Tuscan cuisine.

Address: Via San Tomaso 47 Phone: +39 035 247 813



Internet: www.liopellegrini.it

#### **Roof Garden**

Roof Garden restaurant is an elegant restaurant with a breathtaking panoramic view of Bergamo Alta and Venetian Walls. It is located on the 8th floor in Hotel San marco.

Address: Piazza Repubblica, 6 Phone: +39 035 366159 Internet: www.roofgardenrestaurant.it More Info: ristorante@hotelsanmarco.com

#### II Gourmet

Behind the ancient Venetian walls of San Vigilio, this restaurant offers traditional and more modern dishes. It has a large terrace with a panoramic view. Located in Hotel II Gourmet.

Address: Via San Vigilio, 1 Phone: +39 035 437 3004 Internet: www.gourmet-bg.it

#### Da Mimmo

Historical restaurant which offers Italian cuisine as well as typical dishes. The owners often organize interesting culinary events mixing food with art.

Address: Via B. Colleoni, 17 Phone: +39 035 218 535 Internet: www.ristorantemimmo.com More Info: info@ristorantemimmo.com

# Ol Giopì e la Margì

This is a country style restaurant in the lower city which is well known for its regional dishes.

Address: Via Borgo Palazzo, 27 Phone: +39 035 242 366 Internet: www.giopimargi.com

#### **Ristorante Pizzeria San Vigilio**

The pizza here is very good and the view is wonderful. The restaurant is to be found on the hill bearing the same name in Bergamo Alta, a short distance from the funicular stop.

Address: Via San Vigilio, 34 Phone: +39 035 253 188 Internet: www.ristorantepizzeriasanvigilio.it More Info: Info@ristorantepizzeriasanvigilio.it

#### Taverna del Gallo

The restaurant-pizzeria is a characteristic place decoreted with wooden beams, stones and frescos. The cuisine is a mix of modern and traditional Mediterranean flavors.

Address: Via San Bernardino 23/A Phone: +39 035 220 344 Internet: www.ristorantetavernadelgallo.it

# CAFES



If you are in the mood for coffee or something sweet you will find plenty of cafes to choose from.

#### Caffé Balzer

This is a historic café which overlooks the Sentierone, Bergamo's main promenade and is considered the "lounge of the city." In the summer you can sit ouside.

Address: Via Portici Sentierone, 41 Phone: +39 035 234 083 Internet: www.balzer.it

# Caffè Del Tasso

Another historic café in Bergamo Alta, dates



back to 1476. A posh place in one of the most beautiful squares in Europe.

Address: Piazza vecchia Phone: +39 035 237 966 Internet: www.caffedeltasso.it

#### Caffè Cavour

This is another beautiful caffè-patisserie of the old part of the city. See-and-be-seen hot spot.

Address: Via Gombito 7/A Phone: +39 035 243 418 Internet: www.caffecavour.com

#### Chocolat

In the mood for something sweet? This is the kingdom of chocolate! People queue to get hot chocolate here.

Address: Via Sant'Alessandro, 13 Phone: +39 035 210 336 Internet: www.chocolatbergamo.it

#### Art Caffè

Here you can taste many kinds of coffe and tea. And if you have a sweet tooth, you will find something here too.

Address: Piazza Pontida 27 Phone: +39 393 0483 992 Internet: www.artcaffe.com

# **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



All kinds of people generally go to cafés or bars for a tea or chocolate and cake around 4 pm-5 pm. The apéritivo is common as well in the late afternoon (after 6 pm). At night, Bergamo offers a wide range of nice cafè-bars where you can listen to live music or just chill out and chat. In the summer months it's fun to just stroll up and down the streets either in the Città Bassa or the Città Alta. If you're looking for discos you need to go out of the city.

#### Vineria Cozzi

This place is a must, a historical wine bar, with its charming antique interiors. Come here to enjoy and relax.

Address: Via Colleoni 22 Phone: +39 035 238 836 Internet: www.vineriacozzi.it

#### Tsunami

Tsunami is an elegant bar, with DJ music during the aperitivo hours. Come for dinner and stay for drinks!

Address: Via Statuto 19/A Phone: +39 035 233 425 Internet: www.tsunami-italia.it More Info: tsunami@tsunami-italia.it

# Baretto Di San Vigilio

Aperitivo bar and restaurant with an outdoor front terrace with a spectacular view of the city.



Considered one of the most romantic restaurants in town.

Address: Via Castello 1 Phone: +39 035 253 191 Internet: www.baretto.it

#### Capogiro

The closest discoteque to Bergamo – just 15 minutes from the centre. Dominant color: black. Music: house/fashion. Target: 25-35-years-old.

Address: Strada Statale Briantea - Curno Phone: +39 348 441 1604 Internet: www.capogiro.it More Info: infoline@capogiro.it

#### Setai

Setai is a fashionable disco for trendy people. Saturday music: house, underground & cutting edge dance music.

Address: Località Portico 21 - Orio al Serio (Bergamo) Internet: www.setaiclub.it

#### Le Iris

Known as a fashionable wine bar with over 300 different Italian and foreign wines, also offers simple Italian dishes. Kitchen open until midnight.

Address: Viale Vittorio Emanuele II, 12 Phone: +39 035 217 037 Internet: www.leiris.it More Info: info@leiris.it

## SHOPPING



If you love fashion, Bergamo is the place to go. Look at the people – they are so chic! In fact, in this city you'll find boutiques and shops of all kinds.

The main shopping streets are in the Città Bassa: via XX Settembre, via Sant'Alessandro, via Torquato Tasso, Viale Papa Giovanni XXIII, via Giorgio Paglia. The must-go shop is Petronio (via Antonio Locatelli, 2), both for men and women. In the città Alta there are some nice shops in via Colleoni.

In the city centre there is also one of the best Italian department stores: Coin, in via Zambonate.

Just outside of the city, there is Italy's largest shopping center.

The Orio Commercial Center – opposite the airport - has more than 200 stores to choose from among restaurants, bars, a grocery store, and great views. Orio Center is open everyday.

If you are still hungry for more, remember that Milan is a shopping paradise and is only about an hour away by bus, train, or car. Aside from clothing, you will find many boutiques and great pastry and food shops throughout the city. Bergamo is particularly known for its sweet cakes and delicacies in the pastry stores. Try, for instance, the Panificio Tre soldi and Mimì, la



casa dei sapori, the first in Lower Town and the other in via Colleoni - Upper Town.

# **EVENTS**



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Bergamo and its province: a landscape to be visited, yes, but above all a land to be enjoyed. If you are interested in Art you'll find important museums, which hold frequent and innovative exhibitions. If instead you love Music, there are many festivals that have become renowned worldwide.

Bergamo also offers the opportunity to attend or even participate in many Sporting Events. And finally, there are plenty of markets selling local food specialities and opportunities for tasting products. What are you waiting for? You can look forward to an entire year of events in Bergamo.

#### January



OROBIE FILM FESTIVAL. Jan. 17 - 24. Piazza Libertà Auditorium – Bergamo. Festival dedicated to the mountains.

www.teamitalia.com

Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### February



WORLD TOUR GUIDE DAY. Feb. 22. Upper and Lower Bergamo. Guided tours. www.bergamoguide.it

Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### March



BERGAMO FILM MEETING. March, 7 - 15. Piazza Libertà Auditorium - Bergamo. Around 125 feature films from national and international

productions. www.bergamofilmmeeting.it

PALMA IL VECCHIO. Gazing at beauty. March 13 – June 21. Carrara Accademy / GAMeC. In occasion of the Universal Exposition 2015 in Milan, the first large retrospective exhibition on Palma il Vecchio. www.palmailvecchio.it

BERGAMO JAZZ. March, 15 - 22. Donizetti Theatre – Bergamo. Among the guests of the XXXVI edition of the festival are Joshua Redman, Trilok Gurtu, Dave Douglas with Tom Harrell and Gianluca Petrella. www.teatrodonizetti.it

#### MEZZAQUARESIMA - MID-LENTEN FESTIVAL.

March, 22. Bergamo, lower town. A procession of floats and the traditional burning of an effigy of an old lady, which is associated to a public problem and which is burned to defeat it. www.ducatodipiazzapontida.it

Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it



#### April



CORY ARCANGEL - THIS IS ALL SO CRAZY, EVERYBODY SEEMS SO FAMOUS: From April, 1 to June, 28. Palazzo della Ragione, Upper Bergamo.

www.gamec.it

TOUR PER INDIVIDUALI - TOURS FOR INDIVIDUALS: from April to October. Bergamo. Guided tours of two hours in Italian, English, German and French. www.bergamoguide.it

# REOPENING OF THE CARRARA ACCADEMY.

April, 23. One of the most important art gallery in Italy (The Carrara Accademy) reopens after 7 years of restoration works. www.accademiacarrara.bergamo.it

SOAP BOX RALLY: April, 12. Upper Bergamo. The oldest and craziest race of wooden machines in the world since 1955. www.teamitalia.com

MAGIE AL BORGO SAN GIORGIO - MAGIC IN BORGO SAN GIORGIO: April, 24 - 26. Costa di Mezzate. International festival which unites expressive art, street theatre, circus, music, history and gastronomy. www.magiealborgo.blogspot.it

INTERNATIONAL PIANO FESTIVAL OF BRESCIA AND BERGAMO: from April, 25 to June, 11. Donizetti Theatre – Bergamo. It is one of the main world events dedicated specifically to the piano, as a solo instrument and also as an important part of a great orchestra. www.festivalpianistico.it

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY: April, 30. Bergamo. www.jazzday.com Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### May



GRAN FONDO INTERNAZIONALE FELICE GIMONDI -FELICE GIMONDI INTERNATIONAL GRAN FONDO: May, 10.

Bergamo and province. A competition that each year sees thousands of cycling enthusiasts, both Italian and foreign, take part. There are three routes to choose (89.4 km, 128.8 km and 162.1 km) in discovery of the Bergamask valleys. www.felicegimondi.com

FESTIVAL DELL'AMBIENTE - FESTIVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENT: May, 29 - 31. The city's most ecological festival animates the centre with activities, exhibitions, shows, exhibitors, meetings - all with a strictly "green" theme. www.associazionefestivaldellambiente.it

LO SPIRITO DEL PIANETA - THE SPIRIT OF THE PLANET: May, 29 - June, 14. Trade Fair Centre of Chiuduno. Festival of indigenous people from all over the world. www.lospiritodelpianeta.it

NOTTE BIANCA DELLO SPORT - WHITE NIGHT OF SPORT: May, 30. Bergamo. From 6 pm to 1 am Bergamo will become a giant open-air gym. Various places in the city centre will come alive with a wide variety of sports. www.prolocobergamo.it

BERGAMO HISTORIC GRAN PRIX - BERGAMO HISTORIC GRAND PRIX: May, 31. Bergamo -Walls circuit. An international event that hosts classic cars, including F1, built before 1975, which challenge each other in an exciting race of



6 sessions and are then displayed in Piazza Cittadella. www.bergamohistoricgranprix.com

Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### June



FESTIVAL DANZA ESTATE 2015 - SUMMER DANCE FESTIVAL 2015: teatro Sociale - Upper Bergamo. June, 7 - July, 3. A dance festival which,

with a programme of 9 shows, is part of the great events of the city and cultural heritage of Bergamo. www.festivaldanzaestate.it

Photo: Viola Pantano Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### July



ART 2 NIGHT: July, 11. Bergamo. a "white" night dedicated to art and the discovery of unique tours and Bergamo's least known art works.

www.prolocobergamo.it

UN TUFFO A BERGAMO - DIVING IN BERGAMO: July, 12. Bergamo - Italcementi Swimming Pool.

Bergamo hosts the European Juniores Dive Competition with 250 divers. The opening on the 30th of june with an arobatic dive show into a swimming pool installed in the middle of the town at Vittorio Veneto square. www.discoverbergamo.it.

WORLD LEAGUE DI PALLANUOTO -WATERPOLO WORLD LEAGUE. Bergamo -Italcementi Swimming Pool. Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### August



SARNICO BUSKER FESTIVAL: Sarnico - lake Iseo. Street artists' festival. www.prolocosarnico.it MARIO STOPPANI

MEMORIAL: Lovere - Lake Iseo. An air show. www.mariostoppani.it

SAINT ALESSANDRO FEAST: Bergamo. Many shows for the Saint Patron of Bergamo feast. www.comune.bergamo.it

LA NOTTE DEL LEMINE / NIGHT IN LEMINE: Almenno San Bartolomeo and Almenno San Salvatore. Theatre, music, dance and flavours of the area.

Photo: Foto San Marco

#### September



NOTTI DI LUCE - Nights of Lights: Bergamo. The city is playing host to great music and wonderful plays with spectacular lighting.

www.nottidiluce.com

I MAESTRI DEL PAESAGGIO - International meeting of the landscape and garden: September, 5 - 20. Bergamo. Workshops, labs and meeting with landscape designers connected to gardening. Piazza Vecchia also become an exquisite garden. www.arketipos.org

FOOD FILM FEST: September, 15 - 20. Bergamo. International food and cinema festival



of Bergamo. www.montagnaitalia.com

DIMORE DESIGN: Bergamo. Designers reinterpret the interiors and the exteriors of some Bergamo's historic houses. www.dimoredesign.it

CITY OF BERGAMO MID MARATHON: September, 27. Bergamo. www.lamezzadibergamo.it

CITY OF BERGAMO INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-FESTIVAL: from September to October, Bergamo. 6 charming locations, 7 organs used and famous musician. www.organfestival.bg.it

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#### October



BERGAMO SCIENZA / BERGAMO SCIENCE: Bergamo and province. Festival dedicated to science features exhibitions, interactive

workshops, shows and conferences. www.bergamoscienza.it

ALTA QUOTA / HIGH ALTITUDE: October 9 - 11. Bergamo trade fair center. Trade fair dedicated to the mountains. www.alta-quota.it

SAINT JOHN XXIII FEAST: Sotto il Monte Giovanni XXIII. Many initiatives for the Saint Pope John XXIII feast. www.jxxiii.it

MERCATANTI IN FIERA / TRADER'S FAIR: Sentierone-Bergamo. Typical products and handcrafts from all over the world. www.confesercenti.bergamo.it Photo: BergamoScienza Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### November



ALFREDO PIATTI INTERNATIONAL CELLO FESTIVAL: Sala Piatti, Upper Bergamo. www.alfredopiatti.it

Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

#### December



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE: Bergamo, lower town. Many ideas for Christmas' presents. FEAST OF SAINT LUCY: Sentierone, Bergamo.

Stalls to celebrate the Sain Lucia who brings toys and sweets to children.

Internet: www.turismo.bergamo.it

# **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**





#### Gulliberg tourist train in the town



The Gulliberg tourist train operates a return journey service between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays and Bank Holidays between the

upper funicular station and Colle Aperto, along the Viale delle Mura.

Single tickets cost  $\notin 2$  and return tickets  $\notin 3$ , and can be purchased at the upper funicular station or from the driver.

Adults can accompany children aged under 12 free of charge (one child per adult).

Internet: www.atb.bergamo.it

#### **Bergamo Card**



Bergamo card is a tourist pass comprising a series of services: use of ATB and TEB public transport, free or reduced access to museums and

monuments, and several reductions in shops and accommodation facilities in Bergamo and its province. It is available the 24 ( $\notin$  10,00), 48 ( $\notin$ 15,00) and 72 ( $\notin$ 20,00) hours card.

Internet: www.bergamocard.it

#### Tram - TEB



The tram starts from Bergamo and arrives in Albino, in the low Seriana Valley. The ticket costs are from € 1,20 for the urban fare to € 2,70 for

the terminus in Albino.

Internet: www.teb.bergamo.it

#### **City Moving**



From the airport to the hotel, the reception to the city center and the upper town to the train station. City moving is a minibus service making your

travel around Bergamo more comfortable. You can visit the city quickly and easily and return to your hotel at the end of the day. Take it easy: now there's city moving.

Photo: CityMoving Internet: www.citymoving.it Email: info@citymoving.it

#### Population

121.316

**Currency** Euro, €1 = 100 cents

#### **Opening hours**

Shops are usually open from 8.30 am -12.30 pm and 3.30 pm-7.30 pm. Closed on Sunday and Monday mornings. Many shops in the upper town are open on Sundays and during the summer nights.

Internet www.visitbergamo.net

#### Newspapers

L'Eco di Bergamo Corriere della Sera La Repubblica

**Emergency numbers** Universal Emergency Number: 112

#### Tourist information

IAT Bergamo Bassa Address: Urban Center-Viale Papa Giovanni XXIII 57 Tel: +39 035 210204 Opening hours: daily 9 am-12.30 pm and 2 pm-5.30 pm

IAT Bergamo Alta Address: Via Gombito 13 Tel: +39 035 242226 Opening hours: daily 9 am-5.30 pm

IAT Turismo Bergamo Airport Address: Orio al Serio Caravaggio Airport-Arrival Area Tel: +39 035 320402 Opening hours: from monday to saturday: 8.00am-8.00pm: sundays: 10.00am-6.00pm

