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Prosperous and lively, Brescia is Lombardy's second biggest city, a university town with a modern business area (Brescia Due). Located between two of Italy's most famous lakes, Lake Garda and Lake Iseo, Brescia is often overlooked by visitors who bypass the city itself and head straight to the undeniably beautiful lakes. A great pity, as Brescia boasts one of the most beautiful historic centres in the region, and some of the best Roman and Lombard remains in northern Italy.

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Brescia is an utter delight. Known as a city for culture lovers because of its architecture, museums and exhibitions, it's perfect for strolling. Small, with much of the historic centre pedestrianized, it is full of ancient buildings and piazzas, and attractive shops. Unlike in many other cities, the modern business development has been kept out of the city's heart, giving the historic centre a great visual appeal. Founded by the Gauls, the city became part of the Roman Empire in the 2nd century BC. It enjoyed great prosperity in the Middle Ages, and in 1426 it was conquered by the Venetian Republic, who governed for nearly 400 years.

Throughout the city centre there are superb examples of Brescia's heritage: stunning Roman remains, Medieval churches and streets, and beautifully-decorated Renaissance and Baroque palaces.

As a university town, Brescia has a lively atmosphere, particularly in the Medieval area, north of the historic centre: here you will find a plethora of tiny cafés, restaurants, and small international stores, many serving Brescia's immigrant community.

DO & SEE



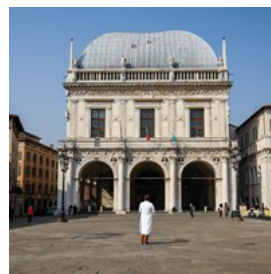
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The Brescia area is particularly well known for its lake landscapes - Lake Garda and Lake Iseo are reachable in less than one hour, and it's recommended to visit them for their atmospheric, breathtaking natural beauty. Here, with old castles emerging from water and greenery, you're likely to see unforgettable views.

The center of Brescia also boasts Roman remains, Medieval and Baroque churches, and extensive collections of artworks, preserving the memory of Italy's diverse history and architecture.

Moreover, Brescia is a popular destination for children and fun-lovers, near to the huge Gardaland amusement park, and to a refreshing water park for the summer.

Piazza Della Loggia



Not the oldest piazza in the city, but the most beautiful one. Here you can find Brescia's town hall, the Palazzo della Loggia. The palazzo was begun in 1492, and the works lasted four centuries. Its huge, bulbous white roof is very distinctive. Opposite the palazzo, at the eastern end of the piazza, you will find the Torre dell'Orologio, a 16th century copy of the clock

tower in St Mark's Square in Venice.

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Address: Piazza Della Loggia, Brescia

Piazza Paolo VI

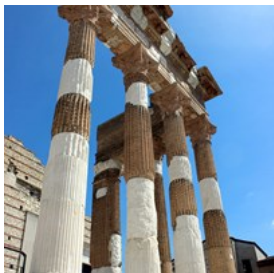


Formerly known as Piazza del Duomo, this is one of the oldest piazzas in Brescia and home to a number of superb buildings, including two cathedrals: the Duomo, La Rotonda and the Palazzo del Broletto. La Rotonda, also known as the Duomo Vecchio, was built in the 11th century on the remains of the Basilica of San Filastrio. This is the only building of its kind in Italy - a huge cylindrical tower supported by eight pillars. The interior is simple and very beautiful. Head down to the very cold crypt to see the Roman remains.

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Address: Piazza Paolo VI, Brescia

Capitoline Temple and Roman Amphitheatre



Some of the best Roman remains in Northern Italy can be found in the Capitoline Temple, constructed by the emperor Vespasian in 73 AD. Alongside are the remains of the theatre, thought to have held 15,000 spectators in its heyday. It was in use as a theatre until the 12th century.

Photo: Carlo Villa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Musei 55, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 297 7833

Internet: www.bresciamusei.com/capitolium.asp

Email: info@bresciamusei.com

Santa Giulia - City Museum



One of the most important archaeological museums in Italy, Brescia's City Museum is housed in the 8th-century monastery of Santa Giulia, which was founded by the Lombard King, Desiderio. This museum is well-worth seeing, not only for the huge quantity of exhibits, but also for the beauty of the buildings: the 8th-century Basilica of San Salvatore, the 12th century church of Santa Maria in Solario (see the stunning 16th-century frescoes in the oratory) and the 16th-century church of Santa Giulia. Closed on non-holiday Mondays.

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Address: Via Musei 81b, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 297 7833

Internet: www.bresciamusei.com/santagiulia.asp

Email: info@bresciamusei.com

Scaligero Castle



High above the city on Cidneo Hill, the castle was built between the 13th and 16th centuries. There are a number of museums up here, and the views over the city and the Brescia plain are great - well worth the effort of the climb up here!

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Address: Via del Castello 9, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 297 7833

Internet: www.bresciamusei.com/castello.asp

Email: info@bresciamusei.com

Church of St Francis of Assisi



Church of St. Francis of Assisi dates back to the 13th-century and boasts a beautiful 14th-century cloister. The church also contains the remains of medieval frescoes.

Photo: m.bonotto / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via San Francesco 1, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6:30am-11:30am and 4pm-7:30pm.
Sun 7:30am-12:30pm and 4pm-7:30pm

Theatre Grande



Brescia's Teatro Grande is one of the most prestigious theatres in Lombardy - lots of red velvet, gilt and five tiers of boxes, its interior inspired by La Scala in Milan. Construction of the theatre began in 1803. The theatre has comfortable seating so don't forget to book your tickets in time and experience the magic.

Photo: julialine / Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Zanardelli 9, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 297 9333 (ticket office)

Internet: www.teatrogrande.it/en

Email: info@teatrogrande.it

Tosio-Martinengo Art Gallery



Here you will find a huge collection of primarily Italian art from the 14th-18th centuries housed in a 16th-century palace. The collection includes works by Raphael, Lorenzo Lotto and Tintoretto. Stop by and spend some time strolling among all the beautiful paintings - you will not regret it.

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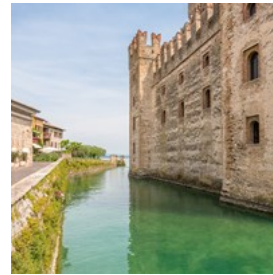
Address: Piazza Moretto 4, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 373 2743

Internet: www.pinacotecatosiomartinengo.com

Email: info@pinacotecatosiomartinengo.com

Lake Garda



Brescia is a great jumping-off point for discovering the beauty of Italy's lake district. Lake Garda is the biggest lake in Italy and is well-known for its pretty lakeside towns and villages, including the excellent windsurfing and sailing offers. Take the regular train (a short 15 minute trip) from Brescia to Desenzano del Garda; from Desenzano there are local buses, and lake ferries.

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Internet: www.gardalombardia.it

Gardaland



Gardaland is Italy's biggest theme park, located moments from Lake Garda. Take the regular train from Brescia to Peschiera del Garda (around 25 minutes) to get there quick - then you only have to take a shuttle-bus to the theme park itself. Children and adults alike will be thrilled by the many attractions that this place has to offer!

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Address: Via Derna 4, Castelnuovo del Garda, Verona

Phone: +39 045 644 9777

Internet: www.gardaland.it

Email: infobox@gardaland.it

Lake Iseo



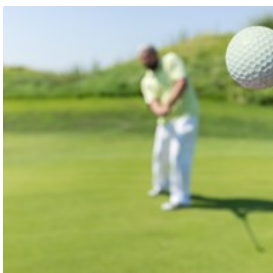
One of the least known lakes in northern Italy, and much quieter than Garda. Check out the Franciacorta wine-growing district, south of the lake, or head to Monte Isola - the largest lake island in Europe, mercifully free of cars! To get here take the frequent train from Brescia to the pretty town of Iseo, and then the lake ferry.

Photo: GR Italian Photographer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lake Iseo

Internet: www.cooptur.it

Franciacorta Golf Club



Franciacorta Golf Club welcomes you to a 27-hole course in beautiful surroundings. It is located 185 meters above sea level, and parts of the course takes you through a small forest, by a lake and through the valley. Enjoy your time here!

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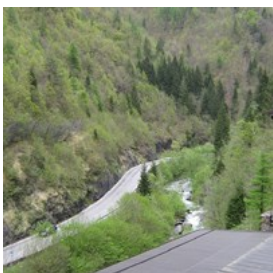
Address: Via Provinciale 34b, Corte Franca, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 984 167

Internet: www.franciacortagolfclub.it/en/golf

Email: segreteria@franciacortagolfclub.it

Inzino Valley



The "Valle di Inzino" is a lovely day-trip destination to go for a walk and enjoy a day out in nature. Admire the beautiful landscape and, during summer, take a cooling swim in the beautiful stream nearby. You will also find a restaurant.

Bring you friends and family with you to share this amazing adventure.

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Address: Inzino, Brescia

More Info: The best way to reach the village of Inzino is by car, but you can also take a bus from Brescia (www.bresciamobilita.it).

Biblioteca Queriniana



If you love books you have to visit Biblioteca Queriniana. The architecture of the building is amazing and should be visited for at least a quick stop by everyone. The library was built in 1705 and is located right next to the old Cathedral. Take a few steps and listen to the books.

Photo: connel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giuseppe Mazzini 1, Brescia

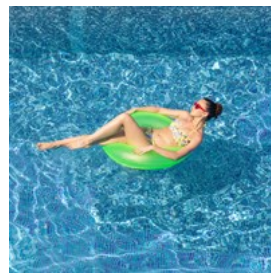
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 8:45am-6pm. Sat 8:30am-12:30pm

Phone: +39 030 297 8200

Internet: queriniana.comune.brescia.it

Email: queriniana@comune.brescia.it

Acqua Splash



Enjoy a big swimming pool, fun slides and a playground with swings and other fun activities. Acqua Splash is suitable for both adults and children and is a good place to go to for a fun day in the sun. Share the experience with your loved ones.

Photo: S. Chum/Shutterstock.com

Address: Acquasplash Franciacorta, Via Generale dalla Chiesa 3, Corte Franca, Brescia

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-7pm in the summer season (check the exact start and end dates on the website)

Phone: +39 030 982 6441

Internet: www.acquasplash.it

Email: info@acquasplash.it

More Info: The park closes in case of bad weather, so check the forecasts. You can reach it by bus in a one-hour trip from Brescia (www.bresciamobilita.it).

DINING



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Brescian cuisine is well-known for its authenticity and its richness. Thanks to the city's history and the natural diversity of the surrounding area - rivers, lakes, plains, and mountains - the range of different local produce is huge: meat, fish, cheese, olive oil and of course wines from the famous Franciacorta region. Many of the popular dishes on offer have been eaten since the 15th century, such as grilled meats, rich meat stews, risotto, and polenta. The area north of the historic centre has a number of very cheap trattorie, popular with students and workers.

Osteria Al Bianchi



With its white walls and wooden tables, Osteria Al Bianchi is a simple yet tasty trattoria serving Brescian cuisine since 1881. Please note that

that it is small but very popular place, so it's better to reserve a table in advance to avoid disappointment.

Photo: Valerio Pardi / Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Gasparo da Salò 32, Brescia

Opening hours: Thu-Mon 9am-2:30pm and 4pm-12am

Phone: +39 030 292 328

Internet: www.osteriaalbianchi.it

Email: info@osteriaalbianchi.it

More Info: Close to Piazza della Loggia.

Locanda Dei Guasconi



Locanda Dei Guasconi is a popular place located close to Piazza Paolo VI.

It has a nice glassed-in outside area, a big menu and a cosy interior with

exposed brick and lots of wood. Stop by and have a blast.

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Address: Via Cesare Beccaria 11h, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 377 1605

Internet: www.locandadeiguasconi.com

Email: locandadeiguasconi@gmail.com

Vasco Da Gama



Full of character and warmth, this place has an extensive menu serving Brescian cuisine with an innovative twist. Vasco Da Gama has a nice

glassed-in gazebo looking onto Via Beccaria: visit to have a relaxing evening. A real delight for all of those who are looking for the real Italian cuisine.

Photo: RitaE / Pixabay.com

Address: Via dei Musei 4, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 375 4039

Vecchia Praga



Vecchia Praga is a restaurant in the historic quarter, and its decor is inspired by the mysterious, fascinating capital of Czech Republic.

Their cuisine mixes Italian and Bohemian dishes and it's well-priced, informal and cosy. Their beer selection actually focuses on Czech brews. They also regularly host live music.

Photo: Torsten Dettlaff / Pexels.com

Address: Contrada Pozzo dell'Olmo 38, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 12pm-3pm and 6pm-1am. Fri 12am-3pm and 6pm-2am. Sat 6pm-2am. Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +39 030 375 0758

Internet: www.lavecchiapraga.it

Email: Info@lavecchiapraga.it

I Macc De Le Üre



In the corner of Piazza Paolo VI, this lovely restaurant has a terrace overlooking the square. They serve Brescian and Italian cuisine and often

host live music - usually on Saturday evenings. Spend a lovely evening in I Macc De Le Üre and experience the Italian dining.

Photo: PxHere.com

Address: Piazza Paolo VI 18, Brescia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12pm-3pm and 7pm-11pm. Sun 12pm-3pm

Phone: +39 030 291 552

Osteria La Grotta



Osteria La Grotta is one of the oldest 'osterie' in town, with charming interior (and exterior). You can have a light lunch, an aperitif (over 200 wines on offer), or take advantage of the excellent and very generous fixed-price menu. It is great for cheeses and salami, and cured meats.

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Address: Vicolo del Prezzemolo 10, Brescia

Opening hours: Closed Wednesdays

Phone: +39 030 440 68

Internet: www.osterialagrotta.it

Email: info@osterialagrotta.it

More Info: West of Corso Cavour.

La Casetta



La Casetta is one of the most popular pizzerias in town, and also a restaurant specialising in fish. You will find lots of seating, not only inside

but outside as well. Located west of the historic centre and north of Piazzale Garibaldi. Easy to find, easy to love!

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Address: Via Tartaglia 35, Brescia

Opening hours: Daily 10am-3pm and 6pm-1am

Phone: +39 030 441 10

Internet: www.lacasetta.net

Email: info@lacasetta.net

Da Ciospo



Da Ciospo is a highly-regarded trattoria, with simple but beautifully prepared classic dishes from the region and the rest of

Italy. The restaurant is south of the Brescian ring road, so to get here you'll need a taxi - but believe us, it will be worth it.

Photo: Wow_Ph0 / Pixabay.com

Address: Via San Zeno 22, Brescia

Opening hours: Open Mon-Sat for lunch and dinner, and for lunch on Christmas and Easter. Closed on Sundays, December 31 and August 15

Phone: +39 030 221 049

Internet: www.trattoriadaciospo.it

Email: info@trattoriadaciospo.it

Castello Malvezzi



A medieval castle overlooking 30 thousand square meters of parklands, Castello Malvezzi also boasts a wonderful menu, and it's

one of the best restaurants in the area. It is located north of Brescia - take a taxi to reach it.

Photo: Snapwire / Pexels.com

Address: Via Colle di San Giuseppe 1, Brescia

Opening hours: Open Wed-Sun for lunch and dinner, and for lunch on Tuesdays

Phone: +39 030 200 4224

Internet: www.castellomalvezzi.com

Email: info@castellomalvezzi.com

Zio's Pizza



The pizzas at Zio's are simply outstanding. They have a huge range of pizzas to choose from with fresh, tasty ingredients - choose your

favourite, you won't be disappointed. Stop by alone or with your friends: either way, you will be full by the time you leave.

Photo: bruce mars / Pexels.com

Address: Via Rodolfo Psaro 23, Brescia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-2:30pm and 5pm-9:15pm. Sun 5pm-9:15pm

Phone: +39 366 547 9223

Internet: www.ziospizzabrescia.it

Email: info@ziospizzabrescia.it

Officina Cucina



The menu at Officina Cucina is a real feast for your taste buds. Enjoy a lovely Italian dinner with imaginative dishes and impeccable service all in

a wonderful atmosphere. Do not forget to reserve a table.

Photo: SnaXXy / Pixabay.com

Address: Via San Zeno 119, Brescia

Phone: +39 333 302 0033

Email: info@officinacucina.com

Ristorante Nineteen - 19



Ristorante Nineteen - 19 has a beautiful outdoor seating which is perfect for a lunch date in the sun. The prices here are slightly higher but the courses are well worth the price. Enjoy a lovely

Italian meal here.

Photo: Pixabay.com / Pexels.com

Address: Via Pietro Bulloni, 19, Brescia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12:30pm-3pm and 7:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +39 030 375 5187

Internet: www.nineteen19.it

Email: info@nineteen19.it

Scarabeo



The fish selection here is impressive, and the meat is so soft it could just fall apart. Scarabeo invites you to a delicious Italian meal and is the perfect

place to experience Italian cuisine on your first time in Brescia. You are greeted with a warm smile and great service.

Photo: Terje Sollie / Pexels.com

Address: Via dei Mille 15a, Brescia

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 7:30pm-10:30pm. Sat 7pm-11pm

Phone: +39 030 377 5477

Internet: www.ristorantescarabeo.it

Email: info@ristorantescarabeo.it

Amarcord



Here at Amarcord you can get one of the best piadinas in town. Piadina is a speciality from middle-eastern Italy and consists of a special flat

bread filled with different ingredients, like a wrap or a sandwich. It can either be salty or sweet. Come here for a snack or a fast-food dinner and enjoy the culinary delights you'll meet.

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Address: Via Fratelli Ugoni 16a, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Tue 11:30am-3pm and 7pm-12am.

Fri-Sat 11:30am-3pm and 7pm-1am. Sun 7pm-12am

Phone: +39 030 422 16

Internet: www.piadineria.it

Email: amarcord@piadineria.it

CAFES



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Italian cuisine is famous for its delicious ice creams and coffee, and Brescia has many options for you to enjoy an espresso in the sun or a breakfast cappuccino. Fun fact: Italians usually don't drink cappuccino after 12pm, and many chefs will be emotionally challenged if you dare ordering one while eating your main courses at lunch or dinner. Try out different coffee drinks and find your favourite one.

Mokasol Café



Mokasol is a trendy café for those who want to learn more about coffee - the owners also run a coffee roastery. They have lots of different flavours, served by a very knowledgeable staff.

Photo: PxHere.com

Address: Corso Magenta 21b, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-8pm. Sun 8am-8pm

Phone: +39 340 231 7273

Internet: www.mokasol.com

Zanardelli 26 Coffee Shop



Zanardelli 26 Coffee Shop was founded in 1950 and has been providing high quality food and service ever since. Many generations of people have been here, keeping high its reputation as one of the best cafes in Brescia.

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Address: Corso Zanardelli 26, Brescia
Phone: +39 030 639 1333

Pasticceria Piccinelli



This historical, award-winning pastry shop and café is your chance to sample the best of Brescian sweet specialities, such as walnut cake, fruit cake, kiwi mousse, crunchy forest fruits and much more.

Photo: Fclaria / Pixabay.com
Address: Via Duca degli Abruzzi 115, Brescia
Opening hours: Mon 6am-10pm. Tue-Thu and Sun 6am-11pm.
Fri-Sat 6am-12am
Phone: +39 030 493 43
Internet: www.pasticceriapiccinelli.com
Email: info@pasticceriapiccinelli.com

Pasticceria San Carlo



Pasticceria San Carlo specializes in homemade ice-cream and delicious, elegantly presented pastry products. They also serve breakfasts.

Whenever you come, you can count on quality products and carefully selected ingredients.

Photo: Suzy Hazelwood / Pexels.com
Address: Via 20 Settembre 28, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 377 5131
Internet: www.pasticceriebrescia.com
Email: sancarlopasticceria@gmail.com

Vintage Wine Gallery



With its elegant decor and its friendly staff, this wine gallery is a great place to stop by at any time of the day, serving tasty food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Their choice of wines is of course well reviewed.

Photo: JM Travel Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Solferino 26a, Brescia
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-8pm
Phone: +39 030 403 42
Email: vintagewinegallery@gmail.com

Gelateria Possi



Italian gelato is well-known all over the world, and it's a must try here in Brescia. Gelateria Possi is famous for its abundant, beautifully decorated cups and cones, and it guarantees one of the best ice-cream experiences in town.

Photo: JÉSHOOTS / Pexels.com
Address: Via Triumplina 245, Brescia
Phone: +39 030 200 2308
Internet: www.gelateriapossi.it
Email: info@gelateriapossi.it

Libreria Tarantola 1899



A welcoming, beautifully decorated space for book lovers, the Tarantola bookshop offers an impressive selection of volumes spread over two

floors, and also works as a literary cafe, serving drinks and organizing cultural events. Sip on a cup of coffee while exploring their shelves or relaxing with a friend, and check their website to make sure you don't miss any interesting event.

Photo: Pixabay.com / Pexels.com

Address: Via Fratelli Porcellaga 4, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon 3pm-9pm. Tue-Sat 9:15am-12:30pm and 3pm-7:30pm. Sun 4pm-7:30pm

Phone: +39 030 493 00

Internet: www.tarantola.it

Email: info@tarantola.it

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Thanks to its industrial wealth, Brescia is one of Italy's most night-active cities, but you'll have to wait for the weekend to see it thrive. You can find a variety of night clubs and bars all around town so don't be shy, visit as many as you can!

Circus Beat Club



Circus Beat Club is one of the best dancing clubs in Brescia, offering house music in a glamorous environment. Each year they renew to follow the

current trends. This club is located a few minutes from the city center.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Dalmazia 127, Brescia

Opening hours: Thu-Sat 11:30pm-3:30am

Phone: +39 333 210 5400

Internet: www.circusbeatclub.com

Email: info@circusbeatclub.com

Lio Bar



Sip on a cocktail and dance to alternative music in Lio's perfected underground, retro atmosphere. It is located in a building behind an

old railway in the middle of the city - a perfect spot for going out. Try the local specialty of alcohol flavored jellies. Occasionally they host live music.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Giulio Togni 43, Brescia

Phone: +39 030 290 6242

Viselli Bar



Viselli's cocktails are so famous that the owner of the bar has even copyrighted some of them. Step inside and ask for the most popular one,

the "Viselli's Sciampagnone". The barmans have loud personalities, and the bar boasts a fun, joyful atmosphere.

Photo: dmitrymoi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Tosio 25a, Brescia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6:30pm-10pm

Phone: +39 030 449 90

Paradiso



Dance the night away at Paradiso! This dance club has a salsa room, a disco room and a hall ballroom. Large and usually packed with people, it also hosts theme nights with different music styles. Find your favourite and join one of these popular events when you are around.

Photo: YanLev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Casotti 12, Brescia

Opening hours: Fri-Sun 9pm-5am

Phone: +39 030 230 2210

Internet: www.paradisodisco.it

Email: info@paradisodisco.it

Xander Beer



As you may have guessed from the name, this is the place to go to if you are in the mood for a pint of beer. Have a look at the menu, sit back, relax and check out how many beers you have not tried yet. You may also find some great company.

Photo: nevodka/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Dalmazia 23a, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6pm-1am. Fri-Sat 6pm-2am

Phone: +39 030 207 0185

Internet: www.xander-beer.it

Email: info@xander-beer.it

Purty Kitchen Irish Pub



Finding an authentic Irish pub in the middle of the Romanesque architecture of Brescia can be an otherworldly experience, but with friends and a refreshing, carefully selected beer menu by your

side, you'll surely have a great time. You may even have the chance to dance around the table while listening Irish folk music.

Photo: ELEVATE / Pexels.com

Address: Via Torricella di Sopra 120, Brescia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6pm-2am. Sun 2:30pm-1am

Phone: +39 030 373 0825

Birreria Tower Pub



For some rustic, old fashioned Italian charm, head to this welcoming pub that offers two floors for its visitors and also an outdoor garden. Give a try to the well-known Tower Beer or have a cup of the real Italian espresso.

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Address: Via Furia 131, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8pm-2am. Fri-Sat 8pm-4am. Sun 7:30pm-1:30am

Phone: +39 347 311 5427

Bar Madera



Many think that Bar Madera serves the best cocktails in town, and the place is for sure captivating, with its lively atmosphere and Caribbean music. Locals come for an "aperitivo", a drink and some snacks with friends before dinner - join them for a thrilling evening, and stay for the gorgeous drinks.

Photo: SplitShire / Pexels.com

Address: Vicolo dell'Arciprete 3a, Brescia

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6pm-2am. Sun 5pm-2am

Phone: +39 030 280 462

SHOPPING



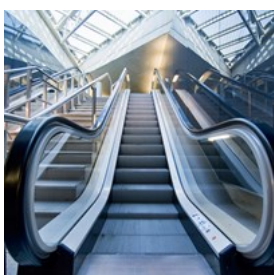
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Despite its small size, the city of Brescia has much to offer to shopping enthusiasts. A number of famous fashion designers have been based here, and left a mark on the city. At many large squares, such as Corso Palestro, Corso Zanardelli and Piazza della Loggia, you will find the most famous brands in both clothing and jewellery. Other important shopping streets located in the city centre of Brescia are Via Gramsci, Corso Magenta, Via Mazzini, Via X Giornate.

If you are interested in antiques, we recommend the areas around Via Trieste, Via Tosio, Via dei Musei and Via Cattaneo, which are popular for their dedicated shops and art galleries.

You will also find a large number of gift shops and interior shops in Brescia. If you prefer shopping in markets, the biggest one is open until 8pm. On the second weekend of every month, you will find an antique market at Piazza della Vittoria.

Freccia Rossa



This modern shopping centre offers a varied and extensive choice of entertainment, hosting 120 shops from both Italian and international

brands. You will also find a cinema, and a game room providing mini bowling and many more activities. The department store is located close to the train station.

Photo: Sergi Lopez Roig/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Italia 31, Brescia

Opening hours: Shopping Centre: Sun-Thu 8am-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 8am-11pm. Shops: Mon-Sat 9am-10pm, Sun 10am-9pm

Phone: +39 030 281 7911

Internet: www.freccia-rossa.it

Email: info@adm.freccia-rossa.it

Coin



Coin is Italy's leading department store, with over 80 stores located nationwide. Here you will find the latest trends in fashion, home decoration, wellness and beauty. The brands are both international and Italian.

Photo: fiphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Magenta 2, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-8pm. Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 030 377 5992

Internet: www.coin.it

Franciacorta Outlet Village



Franciacorta Outlet Village hosts more than 150 boutiques, offering the best collections at an "outlet price" (which means discounts from 30% to 70%). It is located in Rodengo Saiano, 20 km from city centre, but well worth a visit. If you are looking for clothing, Christmas presents, birthday presents or just want to have some lunch with a cup of coffee, this village is the right place for you to stop by. The quirky designer

decor and the good food options are a plus.

Photo: connel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Cascina Moie 1, Rodengo Saiano, Brescia

Opening hours: Sun-Mon 10am-8pm. Fri-Sat 10am-9pm

Phone: +39 030 681 0364

Internet: www.franciacortaoutlet.it

Antique Shopping



If you are interested in antiques, take your time to stall around Via Trieste, Via Tosio, Via dei Musei and Via Cattaneo.

There are a lot of antique shops here, filled with unique and amazing artifacts from times gone by.

Photo: Mediamix photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Cattaneo, Brescia

Bandera



Be it Halloween, Christmas or a quirky private party, Bandera is the place to go for those in need of a scenic costume. In addition,

makeup, wigs and a lot more are waiting for you to make you look exactly like the character you want to be!

Photo: Elena Vasilchenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via San Polo 166, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon 3pm-7:30pm. Tue-Sat 8:30am-12:30pm and 3pm-7:30pm. Sun 3pm-7pm

Phone: +39 030 230 3821

Internet: www.cairolicentro.com/puntivendita/banderastore

Email: giulio.bandera@libero.it

Frisco Shop



Stop by the Frisco Shop and purchase all the things you will need to enjoy and experience nature in or around Brescia - they sell

snowboards, skateboards, jackets, tents, beanies, sweatshirts and a lot more.

Photo: nito/Shutterstock

Address: Via Antonio Gramsci 11, Brescia

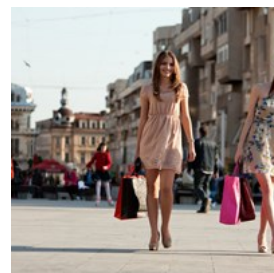
Opening hours: Mon 3:30pm-7:30pm. Tue-Sat 10am-1pm and 3:30pm-7:30pm

Phone: +39 030 375 3132

Internet: www.friscoshop.it

Email: info@frisco.it

Le Porte Franche



Le Porte Franche shopping centre is located a few minutes drive away from Brescia. If you would like to spend a day strolling around a huge amount of shops, looking for the right piece of clothing, or just sitting down in a cafe away from the busy town, this is the place to go!

Photo: Credit - Skydive Erick/Shutterstock.com

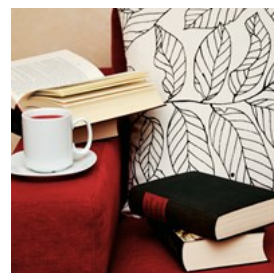
Address: Via Rovato 44, Erbusco, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Wed & Sat 9am-9pm. Thu-Fri 9am-10pm. Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +39 030 770 0504

Internet: www.le-porte-franche.it

Libreria Tarantola 1899



A welcoming, beautifully decorated space for book lovers, the Tarantola bookshop offers an impressive selection of volumes spread over two floors, and also works as a literary cafe, serving

drinks and organizing cultural events. Sip on a cup of coffee while exploring their shelves or relaxing with a friend, and check their website to make sure you don't miss any interesting event.

Photo: Pixabay.com / Pexels.com

Address: Via Fratelli Porcellaga 4, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon 3pm-9pm. Tue-Sat 9:15am-12:30pm and 3pm-7:30pm. Sun 4pm-7:30pm

Phone: +39 030 493 00

Internet: www.tarantola.it

Email: info@tarantola.it

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Italy can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a

passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit Brescia varies according to what you're most interested in. If you're going to focus on sightseeing, wandering

around the city, and doing some excursions in the beautiful natural surroundings, choose spring (mid-April to mid-June): the warm, but not too hot climate is best for walking around, even if you might have to endure some rainy days every now and then. Nature will also be at its best.

However, if you plan on spending most of your time on the beaches of Lake Garda and Lake Iseo, come during the summer: July and August are the hottest months, and the temperatures can easily rise beyond 30 °C. Summer weather is great for taking refreshing baths, lying in the sun and appreciating the landscape, but it's not the best if you plan to get around a lot.

The area will be overcrowded around the festival of Ferragosto (August 15): expect a load of people and higher prices the entire week. Prices also get very high during the New Year's Eve week, especially around the lakes.

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Airport



Brescia is well connected to the following airports: Gabriele D'Annunzio Airport, Brescia-Montichiari (20

km)

www.aeroportobrescia.it

Valerio Catullo Airport, Verona (50 km)

www.aeroportoverona.it

Orio al Serio Airport, Bergamo (50 km)

www.sacbo.it

In front of the airport of Brescia you will find the airport shuttle bus to the city centre. Buy the tickets directly from the bus driver.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Aeroporto Brescia-Montichiari, Brescia

Internet: www.aeroportobrescia.it

Public transport



The easiest way to get around in Brescia is by foot or bus. It is better to buy your bus tickets at news-stands or at some automatic machines

before boarding on (the airport shuttle bus is an exception).

You can also hire bikes at the Parcheggio Biciclette outside the train station.

Check online for bus timetables and seasonal infos on bike hire, at the links below.

Brescia is connected with its province by bus (bus terminal SIA in Viale Stazione 14 and bus terminal Autostazione in Via Solferino 6) and local trains.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.bresciamobilita.it

More Info: www.trasportibrescia.it

Taxi



You can find a taxi rank outside the railway station. Radio Taxi Brixia:

Phone: +39 030 351 11

Internet: www.radiotaxibrixia.it

Post



You can buy stamps at tobacconists, recognisable by their big letter T on a sign outside. To send a letter, look for red post boxes around

town, with "Poste" written on the top of them - they are often located next to tobacconists.

Find the main post office at Piazza della Vittoria:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Piazza della Vittoria 1, Brescia

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:20am-7:05pm. Sat

8:20am-12:35pm.

Phone: +39 030 450 16

Internet: www.poste.it

Pharmacy



To find a pharmacy, look for an illuminated green cross sign. Bravi Farmacia BresciaDue is open 24/7:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Via San Zeno 95, Brescia

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +39 030 242 0564

Internet: www.bravifarmacie.it

Email: esterpadovanibravi@farmaciabravi.it

Telephone



Country code for Italy:
+39 Area code, within
and outside of Brescia:
030

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 v, 50 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tshan

Population

197,000

Currency

1 euro (€) = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops are generally open 9am-12:30pm or 1pm and 4pm-7:30pm. Street markets are open 8am-1pm.

Internet

www.comune.brescia.it

Newspapers

Giornale di Brescia

Bresciaoggi

Corriere della Sera

La Repubblica

Emergency numbers

113 Police Emergency

115 Fire Brigade

118 Medical Help (Ambulance)

Tourist information

Infopoint Centro

open 9am-7pm

Via Trieste 1 (corner of Piazza Duomo), Brescia

+39 030 240 0357

infopoint@comune.brescia.it

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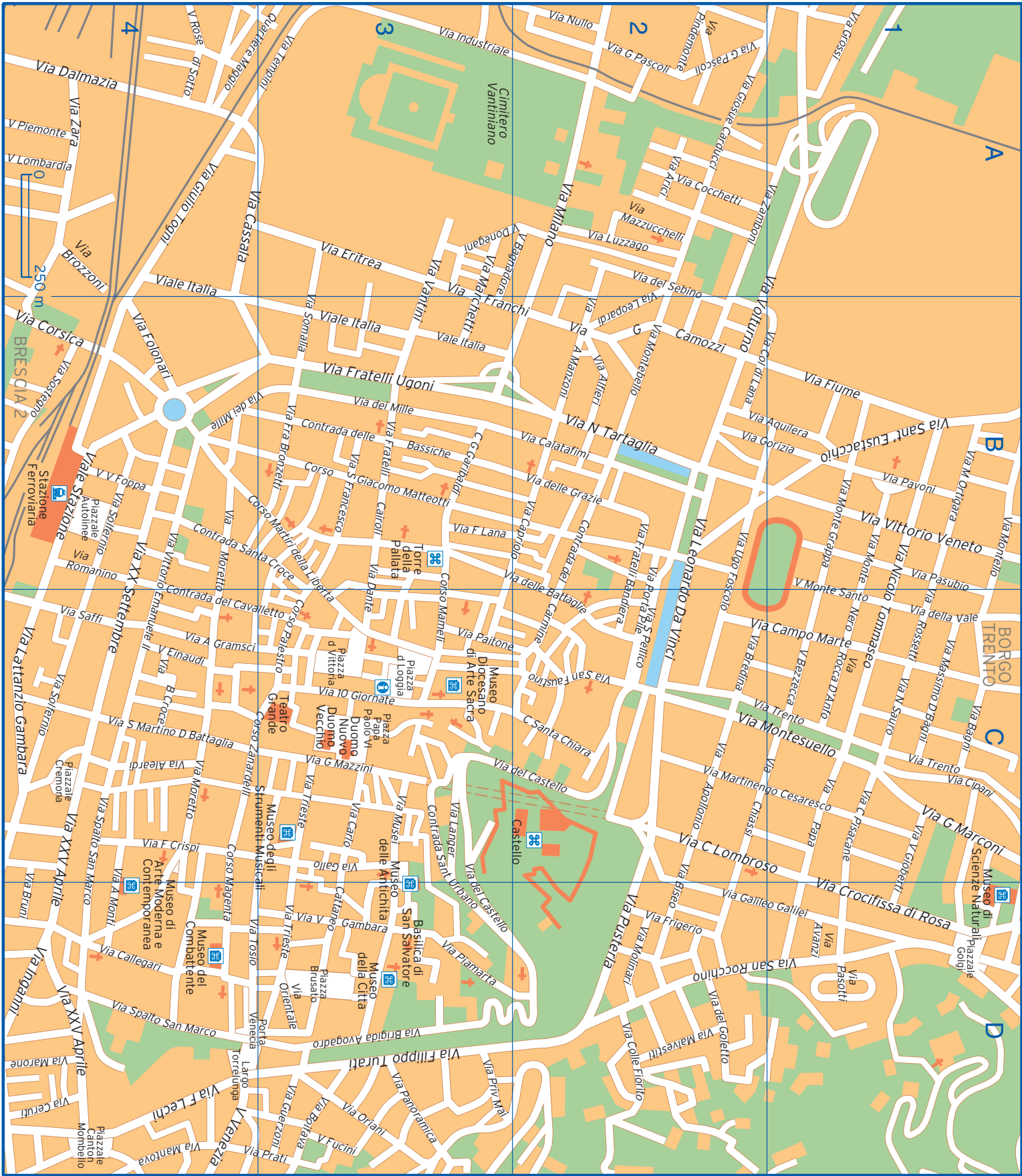
open 9am-7pm

Piazzale Stazione, Brescia

+39 030 837 8559

infopoint@comune.brescia.it





Contrada del Carmine	B2 C2	Via Cassala	A4	Via Langer	C3
Contrada del Cavalletto	C3 C4	Via Ceruti	D4	Via Lattanzio Gambara	C4
Contrada delle Bassiche	B3	Via Cesare Lombroso	C1 C2	Via Leonardo Da Vinci	B2 C2
Contrada Sant Urbano	C3 D3	Via Chiassi	C1 C2	Via Leopardi	A2 B2
Contrada Santa Chiara	C2	Via Cipani	C1	Via Lombardia	A4
Contrada Santa Croce	B3 B4	Via Cocchetti	A2	Via Luzzago	A2
Corso G Garibaldi	B3	Via Col di Lana	B1 B2	Via Malvestiti	D2
Corso Giacomo Matteotti	B3	Via Colle Fiorito	D2	Via Mantova	D4
Corso Magenta	C4 D4	Via Corsica	B4	Via Marchetti	A3 B3
Corso Mameli	B3 C3	Via Crocifissa di Rosa	D1	Via Marone	D4
Corso Martiri della Liberta	B4 C3	Via Dalmazia	A4	Via Martinengo Cesaresco	C1 C2
Corso Palestro	C3	Via Dante	B3 C3	Via Massimo D'Bagni	C1
Corso Zanardelli	C3 C4	Via dei Mille	B3 B4	Via Mazzucchelli	A2
Largo Torrelunga	D4	Via del Castello	C2 C3 D3	Via Milano	A2
Piazza Brusato	D3	Via del Goletto	D2	Via Molinari	D2
Piazza d Loggia	C3	Via del Sebino	A2 B2	Via Monte Grappa	B1
Piazza della Vittoria	C3	Via della Vale	C1	Via Monte Nero	B1 C1
Piazza Papa Paolo VI	C3	Via delle Battaglie	B3 C2	Via Monte Ortigara	B1
Piazzale Autolinee	B4	Via delle Grazie	B2	Via Monte Santo	B1 C1
Piazzale Canton Mombello	D4	Via Donegani	A2 A3	Via Montebello	B2
Piazzale Cremona	C4	Via Einaudi	C4	Via Montello	B1
Piazzale Golgi	D1	Via Eritrea	A3	Via Montesuello	C1 C2
Porta Venecia	D3	Via Filippo Turati	D3	Via Moretto	B4
Quartiere Maggio	A3 A4	Via Fiume	B1	Via Moretto	B4 C4
Vale Italia	B3	Via Folonari	B4	Via Musei	C3
Via 10 Giornate	C3	Via Francesco Crispi	C4	Via Nazario Sauro	C1
Via A Gramsci	C4	Via Francesco Lana	B3	Via Nicolo Tartaglia	B2
Via A Manzoni	A2 B2	Via Franchi	A3 B2 B3	Via Nicolo Tommaseo	B1 C1
Via A Monti	C4 D4	Via Fratelli Bandiera	B2 C2	Via Nullo	A2
Via Aleardi	C4	Via Fratelli Bronzetti	B3	Via Oriani	D3
Via Alfieri	B2	Via Fratelli Cairoli	B3	Via Orientale	D3
Via Apollonio	C2	Via Fratelli Cairoli	B3	Via Paitone	C3
Via Aquilera	B1 B2	Via Fratelli Lechi	D4	Via Panoramica	D3
Via Arici	A2	Via Fratelli Ugoni	B3	Via Papa	C1
Via Avanzi	D1	Via Frigerio	D2	Via Pasotti	D1
Via Bagni	C1	Via Fucini	D3	Via Pasubio	B1 C1
Via Benedeto Croce	C4	Via Gabriele Camozzi	B2	Via Pavoni	B1
Via Bezzeca	C1	Via Galileo Galilei	D1 D2	Via Piamarta	D3
Via Biseo	C2 D2	Via Gallo	C3	Via Piemonte	A4
Via Boifava	D3	Via Giosue Carducci	A2	Via Pier Maria Bagnadore	A2 A3
Via Bredina	C2	Via Giovanni Pascoli	A2	Via Pindemonte	A2
Via Brigida Avogadro	D3	Via Giulio Togni	A4	Via Porta Pile	B2 C2
Via Brozzoni	A4	Via Giuseppe Mazzini	C3	Via Prati	D3 D4
Via Bruni	C4 D4	Via Gorizia	B1 B2	Via Priv Mai	D3
Via Calatafimi	B2	Via Grossi	A1	Via Pusterla	D2
Via Callegari	D4	Via Guerzoni	D3	Via Rocca D'Anfo	C1
Via Capriolo	B2 B3	Via Guglielmo Marconi	C1	Via Romanino	B4
Via Carlo Cattaneo	C3 D3	Via Industriale	A3	Via Rose di Sotto	A4
Via Carlo Pisacane	C1	Via Inganni	D4	Via Rossetti	B1 C1

Via Saffi	C4	Via Tempini	A3	Via Vittorio Emanuele II	B4 C4
Via San Faustino	C2	Via Tosio	D4	Via Vittorio Veneto	B1
Via San Francesco d'Assisi	B3	Via Trento	C1	Via Volturno	A1 B2
Via San Martino della Battaglia	C4	Via Trento	C1 C2	Via XX Settembre	B4 C4
Via San Rocchino	D1 D2	Via Trieste	C3 D3	Via XXV Aprile	C4 D4
Via Sant' Eustacchio	B1	Via Ugo Foscolo	B2 C2	Via Zamboni	A1 A2
Via Silvio Pellico	C2	Via Vantini	A3 B3	Via Zara	A4
Via Solferino	B4 C4	Via Veronica Gambara	D3	Viale Italia	A4 B3 B4
Via Somalia	A3 B3	Via Vincenzo Foppa	B4	Viale Stazione	B4
Via Sostegno	B4	Via Vincenzo Gioberti	C1 D1	Viale Venezia	D4
Via Spalto San Marco	C4 D4				