

## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR LIVING NEAR BOCCONI UNIVERSITY (from Kelley Jemison)

\*\*\*\*PLUG FOR GOOGLE: Many of the websites are in Italian (imagine that!), so it is good to have the Google Chrome browser because it has a translate function that automatically translates every website to English. Google also has a translator site that will translate any word or phrase into any language and then speak it for you to hear!\*\*\*\*

### GETTING AROUND

It is a hike from here to a metro stop, but the trams and busses are great! Purchase tickets before boarding. You can get a Carnet Viaggi Urbano (10 punches) for 13,80 euros at the tabacchi shop on the corner of V Bligny/Corso Italia. They take only cash. One punch is good for 90 minutes and is valid for changes among metro/bus/tram.

Tram #15: The closest stop is Castelbarco. It goes to the duomo and ends at P. Fontana. It's good for shopping and getting anywhere near downtown.

Tram #9: The closest stop is Porta Lodovica/Viale Bligny. Going east, it goes to Stazione Centrale (takes about 40 minutes minimum) and many points east of the center. If you go west, it goes to the navigli area (canals where the nightclubs are)

Bus #94: Board at the corner of Corse Italia/San Sofia. Going west, this takes you to the Cadorna train station and the area around the Castello Sforzesco, including the Last Supper Church and the Leonardo Da Vinci Science and Tech Museum. Going East, this passes near Piazza San Babila where higher end shopping is.

FEET: You can walk all over town and get anywhere worth going on foot.

## GROCERIES

There are 5 grocery stores within walking distance. It is a good idea to take roller bags/grocery carts with you to shop.

- Carrefour Express – about 10 minutes northwest: Viale Col di Lana/V. Col Moschin  
<http://www.carrefour.it/presentation.html>
- Simply – about 12 minutes west: Corso S. Gottardo/Via Gentilino. I use this one a lot.  
<http://www.simplymarket.it/>
- PAM – about 15 minutes northeast: Viale Sabotino  
<http://www.e-pam.it/punti-vendita/aperture-straordinarie/lombardia/MI/MILANO/>
- Essalunga – about 20 minutes southeast: Via Ripamonti/Via Carlo De Angeli (Via Spadolino) It is “H” on the map below. Or you can walk a block south to Viale Toscana and take bus #90/91 to Ripamonti to save part of the walk. This store is more like a Super Walmart. You can get a FIDATY discount card at the information desk.  
<https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&ie=UTF-8&q=esselunga+milano&fb=1&hq=esselunga&hnear=0x4786c1493f1275e7:0x3cffcd13c6740e8d,Milan,+Italy&ei=bGKjUMLsFYzBtAajsIHACA&sqj=2&ved=0CLEBELYD>
- COOP – about 30-35 minutes east: Viale Umbria/Via Pietro Or you can take bus 90/91 to Piazzale Lodi and walk the rest of the way. This is my favorite store; it has more variety and more upscale products. It’s more like Whole Foods at home.  
<http://www.e-coop.it/StoreLocator/mobile/storeDetail.jsp?store=1046&zoom=9>
- There is an outdoor street market on Saturdays on Via Tabacchi, just west of the university.

## SHOPPING

Very good mid-priced shopping streets include Corso Di Porta Ticinese, Via Torino/Corso Porta Genova, and Corso Buenos Aires.

The closest (modest) shopping streets are due west about 8 minutes, Corso S. Gottardo and due east about 8 minutes, Via Ripamonte.

COIN at Piazza Cinque Giornate is like Macy's. The basement has the gourmet food emporium Eataly.

[http://www.coin.it/jsp/it/negozio/negozioid\\_11.jsp](http://www.coin.it/jsp/it/negozio/negozioid_11.jsp)

I like the clothes at ZARA and HAVANA.

<http://www.zara.com/>

<http://www.havanaeco.it/>

There is a kitchen store close-by on Via Edmondo (Bus #94) that has anything you might need.

HIGH TECH/CARGO (NE corner of Piazza Aprile/Corso Garibaldi) is full of cool stuff. Don't miss the basement that is full of kitchen goodies. CORSO COMO 10 nearby is "one of the hippest department stores on earth"

<http://www.high->

[techmilano.com/hightech/servlet/SrvInvoker?template=capitolo&id\\_cap=35&id\\_cap\\_path=35&lang=it](http://www.high-techmilano.com/hightech/servlet/SrvInvoker?template=capitolo&id_cap=35&id_cap_path=35&lang=it)

<http://www.10corsocomo.com/milano/#home>

The Brera area on and northeast of Corso Como/Corso Garibaldi/Via Pontaccio has lovely boutiques and restaurants.

## RESTAURANTS

We have not found the perfect restaurant. However, the following ones have much to recommend!

TRATTORIA MADONNINA – about 10 minutes west on Via Gentilino. Lively neighborhood spot with good ambience and a busy lunch crowd. Stick with the pasta dishes. The lemoni gelato is the best we've had in Milan.

<http://www.timeout.com/milan/restaurants-cafes/venue/1%3A7375/trattoria-madonnina>

GATTULLO'S – about 10 minutes north at Porto Lodovica. Good for coffee and pastries. Also good for "happy hour". (Many bars have a happy hour where you purchase a drink and that gives you free access to the buffet of foods. The navigli area has lots of this.)

<http://www.gattullo.it/>

MAYA – about 15 minutes due west at the navigli. Very good for happy hour. They have an enormous food buffet. Get there early (6:30) or you'll have to wait.

[http://www.tripadvisor.it/Restaurant\\_Review-g187849-d1093833-Reviews-Maya-Milan\\_Lombardy.html](http://www.tripadvisor.it/Restaurant_Review-g187849-d1093833-Reviews-Maya-Milan_Lombardy.html)

COKE – about 15 minutes due west just before the navigli. The thinnest crust EVER, cooked in a wood-fired pizza oven. Pages of pizza options. Small, so go early (7PM).

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g187849-d1087739-Reviews-Coke-Milan\\_Lombardy.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g187849-d1087739-Reviews-Coke-Milan_Lombardy.html)

TRATTORIA DEL PESCATORE – about 15 minutes due east at Via Ripamonti/Via Atto Vannucci, 5. Delightful and very busy fish place with good ambience. Lunch and dinner. They speak English!

<http://www.trattoriadelpescatore.it/map.htm>

ANTICA HOSTARIA DELLA LANTERNA – about 20 minute walk due north or take tram #15 to fermata San Sofia. Via Mercalli, 3. About as perfect as it gets. Definitely a local's crowd for lunch. No English, no menu. The owner and tour de force runs the

whole show from cashier to server. She serve out a delicious but limited menu daily with 2 choices per course which she rattles off in lively Italian. Don't worry about choosing the best thing – it's all good!

[http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant\\_Review-g187849-d1023627-Reviews-Antica\\_Hostaria\\_della\\_Lanterna-Milan\\_Lombardy.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g187849-d1023627-Reviews-Antica_Hostaria_della_Lanterna-Milan_Lombardy.html)

RISTORANTI MANHATTAN – about 20 minutes north and then east, or take tram #15 and exit Missori and walk east on Corso di Porta Romana to a large sign up on the building directing you where to go. Piazza Ercolea, 9. Shiny and new (everything is relative), this restaurant serves up very good and affordable food. You must get the tronchetto (under pizzas on the menu). Sunday pranza included niceties like a comp spritzer and basket of crunchy warm flatbread.

[http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant\\_Review-g187849-d1942896-Reviews-Ristorante\\_Manhattan-Milan\\_Lombardy.html](http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Restaurant_Review-g187849-d1942896-Reviews-Ristorante_Manhattan-Milan_Lombardy.html)

NEW ART CAFÉ in Brera at Via Brera, 23. Street café on quiet Brea pedestrian thoroughfare. Good food all three times we have eaten there. Good people-watching.

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g187849-d2692777-Reviews-New\\_Art\\_Cafe-Milan\\_Lombardy.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g187849-d2692777-Reviews-New_Art_Cafe-Milan_Lombardy.html)

VyTA CAFÉ in Stazione Centrale. Lower level, south end. The best coffee and pastries in town! If you are traveling by train, go early and stop here before you board.

<http://www.vyta.it/>

## SITES WORTH SEEING THAT ARE OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

### CHURCH OF SAN MAURIZIO at Corso Magenta, 15

Non-descript on the outside; beautiful frescoes and mosaics inside. A real hidden gem

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San\\_Maurizio\\_al\\_Monastero\\_Maggiore](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Maurizio_al_Monastero_Maggiore)

### BIBLIOTECA PINOCATECA AMBROSIANA at Piazza Pio XI 2, Milan

Again, non-descript on the outside. My favorite museum; beautifully curated with wonderful art. The building is also lovely, with beautifully curving stairways and painted and paneled rooms.

<http://travel.nytimes.com/travel/guides/europe/italy/milan/25105/pinacoteca-ambrosiana/attraction-detail.html>

### CIMITERO MONUMENTALE

One of the two largest cemeteries in Milan, noted for the abundance of artistic tombs.

Like Pere La Chaise Cemetery in Paris.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cimitero\\_Monumentale\\_di\\_Milano](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cimitero_Monumentale_di_Milano)

### COLONNADE OF SAN LORENZO

The best-known roman ruin in Milan. I came upon it from the south and it was like stepping back in time.

<http://www.aviewoncities.com/gallery/showpicture.htm?key=kveit4228>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonne\\_di\\_San\\_Lorenzo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonne_di_San_Lorenzo)

### FONTANA A PINOCCHIO (Fountain of Pinocchio)

A tender rendering of when Pinocchio turned into a real boy. Now I need to read the story to the grandchildren!

[http://www.triposo.com/poi/Fontana\\_a\\_Pinocchio](http://www.triposo.com/poi/Fontana_a_Pinocchio)

### CHURCH SANT' AMBROGIO at Piazza Sant'Ambrogio (Bus 94)

Historic church of the patron Saint of Milan

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basilica\\_of\\_Sant'Ambrogio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basilica_of_Sant'Ambrogio)

GIARDINI PUBBLICI (Tram 9) and PARCO SEMPIONE (Bus 94)

[http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giardini\\_Pubblici\\_Indro\\_Montanelli](http://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giardini_Pubblici_Indro_Montanelli)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parco\\_Sempione](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parco_Sempione)