



**The capital of fashion, design and innovation turns to tradition and shows its thousand faces, immersing you in the Christmas atmosphere**

**Great events, concerts, shows, craft markets,  
tasting tours and entertainment will enliven Milan.**

**Enjoy this exciting journey to the discovery of the city,  
its historic areas and shopping streets, in the glow of its spectacular lights**

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Milan, 23 November 2018 – Christmas is just around the corner and the city of Milan is ready to amaze, proving once again its ability to grow and renew itself. In December, the capital of fashion, design and innovation will be immersed in a magical atmosphere, offering a unique experience of Christmas, in which ancient traditions will be given new life thanks to a rich calendar of events open to everyone.

This year, Milan's Christmas program will involve the entire city. **From the end of November until the first week of January 2019** Christmas lights and trees, great events, concerts, shows, craft markets, tastings of local Panettone and entertainment for the whole family will enliven historic areas of the city, the shopping streets, modern culture and innovation districts every day. The city of Milan will offer a fascinating journey through its main squares and iconic buildings — which will become exhibition spaces for works of art — its skyscrapers and museums designed by renowned architects, all in the background of spectacular Christmas lights.

**Black Friday**, which is the perfect occasion for the first Christmas shopping, can be considered the first appointment. In the following days, the Christmas lights will **light up all over Milan's** urban area, from *Piazza della Scala* and the *Vittorio Emanuele* gallery vault, to the outskirts of the city, thanks to the *Luci a Milano* (Lights in Milan) project. **The impressive Christmas tree in Piazza del Duomo will be lit on the first days of December.** This eagerly awaited occasion traditionally marks the beginning of the calendar of events and happenings.

An exceptional soundtrack will brighten up the walks from the **Quadrilatero della Moda** area (or *Fashion District*) to the **Navigli**, among small shops, traditional craft markets and buildings that will host free exhibitions, as well as Christmas Villages. The music program will begin with the **Musical Advent Calendar**, and then continue with the **Premiere at La Scala Theatre**. Thanks to the **Prima Diffusa** initiative, it will be possible to enjoy the premiere from various theatres and public places, including the *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II*, where it will be screened **live and for free**. Musical performances at **La Scala Theatre** and the **Auditorium** will enliven many evenings, culminating in the **Christmas and New Year's concerts** for the public.

Finally, there will be many tasting opportunities, which will reach their peak on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**, when a Christmas panettone covered with chocolate – prepared by the famous **maître chocolatier Davide Comaschi** – will be exhibited and offered to passers-by at the *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II*. This year's **Panettone** will be the largest ever. In 2017 the *Panettone* weighed approximately 140 kg and was enough for over 1,000 people.

## FROM TRADITIONAL MARKETS TO THE FAIRS

### **FIERA DEGLI OH BEJ OH BEJ**

For lovers of traditional craft markets: in a centuries-old tradition, special products, sweets, handicrafts and glasses of vin brulé (hot mulled wine) are offered to visitors in the stalls stretching along the walls of Sforza Castle.

**By Castello Sforzesco**

**6-9 December**

### **L'ARTIGIANO IN FIERA**

The great fair dedicated to Italian and international crafts, where you simply have to buy a special present among the many stands or taste food and wine coming from all over Italy.

**Rho Fiera Milano Exhibition Centre**

**1-9 December**

[www.artigianoinfiera.it](http://www.artigianoinfiera.it)

### **TRADITIONAL MARKET IN PIAZZA DUOMO**

A traditional market in the center of the city, with wooden stalls packed with delicious food and lots of artisanal products.

**Piazza Duomo**

**10 December – 6 January**

### **OTHER TRADITIONAL MARKETS**

will open throughout the city, the most important will be in:

**Piazza Gae Aulenti**, 1 December – 6 January

**Piazza Duca d'Aosta**, 4 December – 6  
January



## A SOUNDTRACK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

### MUSICAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Milan has a special way to celebrate the arrival of Christmas: the Musical Advent Calendar. From December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup> as the sun sets, the windows of the buildings that line *Piazza del Duomo* will become an evocative setting for exciting musical performances and shows. An unprecedented version of the Musical Calendar has many real and virtual surprises in store for the public this year.

**1-24 December from 6.30 P.M.**

**Piazza Duomo**

### LA SCALA OPENING SEASON AND “PRIMA DIFFUSA”

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, on the occasion of the holiday in honour of Milan’s patron, St. Ambrose, La Scala will open its new season with a great operatic event. The opera chosen by conductor Riccardo Chailly for 2018 is Giuseppe Verdi’s *Attila*, with stage direction by Davide Livermore, a director and light-designer renowned for his originality.

Thanks to the *Prima Diffusa* initiative, the Season’s first performance may be enjoyed in various theatres

and public places, including *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II*, where the opera will be screened live and for free. Throughout the week there will be events, concerts and exhibitions inspired by Verdi’s opera.

During the days leading up to the *Prima Diffusa*, Guides to Listening from *Accademia del Teatro alla Scala* will accompany the public into the atmospheres of the show, narrating the vibrant tale put to music by Giuseppe Verdi.

**7 December**

**La Scala Theatre and other locations**

[www.teatroallascala.org/en](http://www.teatroallascala.org/en)



### TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN THE CATHEDRAL

Every year, the Cathedral hosts a concert traditionally open to the public of locals and tourists, featuring classical musical ensembles and prestigious choirs

**20 December**

**Duomo di Milano**

[www.duomomilano.it/en](http://www.duomomilano.it/en)

### **CHRISTMAS TIME AT LA SCALA**

La Scala will continue its holiday celebrations in the company of Vivaldi, Mozart and Verdi: two Christmas concerts of religious music are planned on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, whereas on December 31<sup>st</sup> Verdi's arias will ring out, sung by four opera singers: Maria José Siri, Jorge de Leòn, Simone Piazzola and Riccardo Zanellato.

**22, 23 and 31 December**

**La Scala Theatre**

[www.teatroallascala.org/en](http://www.teatroallascala.org/en)

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**

For this occasion over the years Piazza del Duomo has welcomed to the stage various artists of Italian and international fame.

**31 December**

**Piazza del Duomo**

### **LAVERDI ORCHESTRA NEW YEAR'S CONCERT**

The Milan Auditorium will be hosting four renowned performers for Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, which with its *Ode to Joy* has been played for the last 20 years on New Year's Day by the LaVerdi Orchestra: Karina Gauvin, Sonia Prina, Moritz Kallenberg and Jochen Kupfer will perform with the renowned Milan orchestra, under the baton of Conductor Claus Peter Flor and Choirmaster Erina Gambarini.

**29 December – 1 January**

**Auditorium di Milano**

[www.laverdi.org/en](http://www.laverdi.org/en)



## A STROLL IN DISCOVERY OF ART AND CULTURE

### ADORATION OF THE MAGI BY “IL PERUGINO”

For the eleventh year, throughout the Christmas season **Palazzo Marino** (the City Hall) will be hosting an artistic masterpiece that can be viewed free of charge. On loan from the National Gallery in Umbria, the work selected for Christmas 2018 is the *Adoration of the Magi* by Pietro Vannucci, alias “Il Perugino”, a major artist from the Italian Renaissance.

**Palazzo Marino**

**1 December 2018 – 13 January 2019**

### NATIVITY SCENE FROM UMBRIA

Umbria will lend to Milan the artistic and traditional **Nativity Scene**, which for the third consecutive year will be on display at *Palazzo Marino*.

**Palazzo Marino**

**30 November 2018 – 6 January 2019**

### PICASSO: METAMORPHOSIS

#### CARLO CARRÀ

Two large temporary exhibitions at the *Palazzo Reale* will continue: “**Picasso: Metamorphosis**”, in which Picasso’s works are juxtaposed with ancient works of art on loan from collections around the world, and the monographic exhibition devoted to **Carlo Carrà**, one of Italy’s 20<sup>th</sup>-century masters, focusing on his works from Futurism to metaphysics, and beyond.

**Palazzo Reale**

**Until 17 February 2019** (Picasso), **until 3 February 2019** (Carrà)

[www.palazzorealemilano.it](http://www.palazzorealemilano.it)



## **THE ART OF BANKSY: A VISUAL PROTEST**

### **PAUL KLEE E IL PRIMITIVISMO**

Two special exhibitions can be visited at the MUDEC.

First time in a Museum for Banksy, the most celebrated among the street artists: in the exhibition itinerary, pictures, videos and objects tell the story and the artwork of this elusive artist, his aesthetics, his engagement. In the second exhibition, a selection of oils, watercolours and drawings by Klee are flanked by classical antiquities and ethnographic artefacts from the MUDEC collection.

**MUDEC – MUSEO DELLE CULTURE**

**Until 3 March 2019 (Klee), until 14 April 2019 (Banksy)**

[www.mudec.it/eng](http://www.mudec.it/eng)



## **HAYEZ: A REDISCOVERED MASTERPIECE**

In the collections displayed at the Galleria d'Arte Moderna (Modern Art Gallery), you can temporary admire a masterpiece of history painting by the most outstanding exponent of the Italian Romanticism, Francesco Hayez, the author of the famous *The Kiss*.

**Galleria d'Arte Moderna**

**Until 17 February 2019**

[www.gam-milano.com/en](http://www.gam-milano.com/en)

## **VESPERBILD: THE ORIGINS OF MICHELANGELO'S PIETA'**

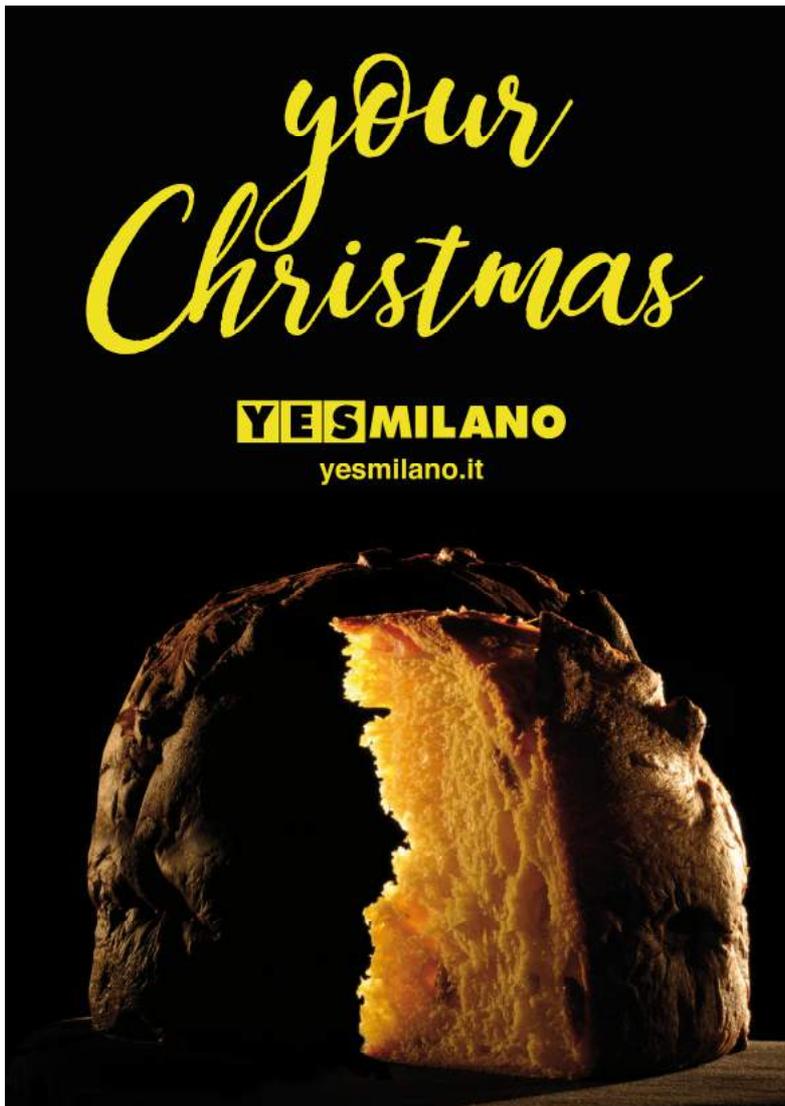
The exhibition tells the origins of the "Pietà" through sculptures, paintings, drawings from two century of Art, on loan from important international museums, including the Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum and the Louvre. In the Sforza Castle, you can also visit the last incomplete masterpiece by Michelangelo, the *Pietà Rondanini*.

**Castello Sforzesco**

**Until 13 January 2019**

[www.milanocastello.it/en/content/vesperbild](http://www.milanocastello.it/en/content/vesperbild)

## TASTINGS AND RECORD-SETTING TRADITIONS



### **FESTA DEL PANETTONE**

It would not be Christmas in Milan without the traditional *Panettone* Christmas cake, a local speciality appreciated all over the world. The traditional local cake, in all its various forms and versions, will be available for tasting throughout the Christmas period in various restaurants, hotels, bakeries, traditional eateries and Christmas markets.

**Various locations**

**13-16 December**

### **THE GREATEST “PANETTONE ARTISTICO” IN THE WORLD**

The tasting experience will come to a climax on December 16<sup>th</sup>, when *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II* will offer the public an artisanal chocolate-covered *Panettone* baked by the renowned maître chocolatier Davide Comaschi. The 2018 Panettone is planned to be the largest ever, following its predecessor from 2017, which weighed at approximately 140 kg and was enough for over 1,000 people.

**Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II**

**16 December**

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SHOW

### CHRISTMAS TREE IN PIAZZA DUOMO

The lighting of the big Christmas tree in *Piazza del Duomo* marks the official beginning of the calendar of initiatives and gives the start to other lighting installations all over the city.

**Piazza del Duomo**

**5 December 2018 – 6 January 2019**

### LUCI A MILANO

Spectacular lighting installations set up throughout Milan, from *Piazza della Scala*, lit up in red thanks to Chanel, to the vault of *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II*, all the way to the city's furthest edge, wending their way to the sites involved in the "Luci a Milano" project that transforms a number of squares into a sprawling artistic Christmas Lights Show. Not to be missed the Christmas Shopping Experience in Monte Napoleone District, set up with a Christmas tree, lights and music, and the project "Total Domination" by Liu.Jo, in corso Buenos Aires, two of the most important shopping areas.

**Piazza della Scala**, from 28 November

**Galleria Vittorio Emanuele**, from the end of November 2018

**Monte Napoleone District**, from 28 November

**Corso Buenos Aires**

### CHRISTMAS TREES

In addition, several artistically decorated Christmas Trees lit up all around, above all the designer one in *piazza XXIV Maggio* branded Oppo, and his balcony with a view of the *Darsena*, the traditional Swarovski tree in *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II*, the light installation projected on the *Torre Galfa* with thousands of led lights, the green-friendly tree in *piazza San Babila* sponsored by Bulgari. You can find other Christmas Trees in *p.za XXV Aprile* (sponsor: SS Advertising), *piazza Gae Aulenti* (sponsor: Esselunga), *piazza Tre Torri* (sponsor: Huawei).

**Piazza XXIV Maggio**, from 6 December

**Galleria Vittorio Emanuele**, from 4 December

**Torre Galfa in via Galvani**, 29 November 2018 – 6 January 2019

**Piazza San Babila**, 1 December 2018 – 7 January 2019

**Piazza XXV Aprile**, from 1 December

**Piazza Gae Aulenti**, 7 December – 6 January 2019

**Piazza Tre Torri**, from 6 December

## CHRISTMAS VILLAGES and ICE SKATING RINKS

### VILLAGGIO DELLE MERAVIGLIE

A Christmas village with a traditional double Ice Skating Rink, the traditional markets and the Santa Claus House, where children will be given the opportunity to hand him their letters

**1 December 2018 – 6 January 2019**

**Giardini Pubblici Indro Montanelli**

WEB: [www.villaggiodellemeraviglie.com](http://www.villaggiodellemeraviglie.com)

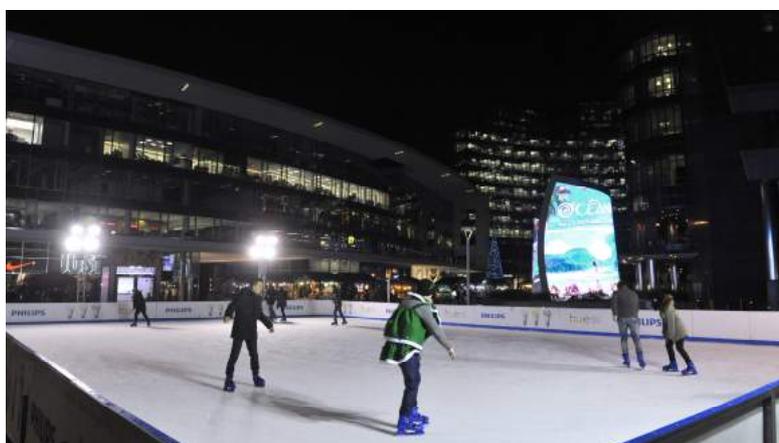
### SANTA LUCIA DARSENA CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

In the Navigli quartier, the village with the traditional wooden chalets, the ice skating rink, a sparkling floating sleigh and Santa Claus House.

**6 December 2018 – 6 January 2019**

**Darsena**

WEB: [darsenaxmasvillage.it](http://darsenaxmasvillage.it)



### All the ICE SKATING RINKS in the city

- **Piazza XXV Aprile** (including shows and performances of skate champions from 12 December to 13 February): 26 November 2018 – 13 January 2019
- **Piazza Gae Aulenti on Ice**, 15 November 2018 – 17 February 2019
- **Piazza Beccaria**, 23 November 2018 – 20 January 2019 – dates to be confirmed
- **Largo Beltrami**, 12 December 2018 – 3 February 2019
- **Villaggio delle Meraviglie / Giardini Indro Montanelli**, 1 December 2018 – 6 January 2019
- **Darsena Christmas Village**, 6 December 2018 – 6 January 2019
- **Piazza Tre Torri**, Citylife, 4 December 2018 – 28 February 2019
- **Villa Scheibler**, 1 December 2018 – 7 January 2019
- **Piscina Caimi** (Bagni Misteriosi), 1 December 2018 – 27 January 2019
- **Piazza Sky**, 7 December 2018 – 27 January 2019
- **Piazza Città di Lombardia**, 1 December 2018 – 27 January 2019