

DISCOVERING BERGAMO AREA – MINI TOURIST GUIDEBOOK

A little guidebook to explore Bergamo province
and enjoy an unforgettable holiday.

What to visit – 10 not-to-be-missed places

Dalmine and surroundings

- ***Greppi area***
The city centre of Dalmine was built by the talented architect Giovanni Greppi. The city hall, the main square and the school stand out among the buildings that bear his signature.
- ***Nativity Scene Museum***
Created in the mid-70s, the Nativity Scene Museum houses more than 800 nativity scenes from all over the world. Inside, there are also ivories, ceramics and sacred images.
- ***The Church of Santa Maria D’Oleno***
This ancient medieval construction was probably built on the Roman remains of a pagan temple. At the beginning of 20th century Angelo Roncalli, the well-famous Pope John XXIII, was the head of the church.
- ***Leolandia Minitalia Theme Park – Capriate San Gervasio***
One of the most loved theme parks in Lombardy. A place for families and children that hosts more than 40 attractions, a large number of picnic areas and playful and didactic activities.
- ***The Sanctuary of Madonna dei Campi – Stezzano***
Picturesque religious building created in the 11th century. Over the centuries, many Marian apparitions have contributed to the fame of this place which is also a pilgrimage destination.

Bergamo

- ***Old Square***
It is the beating heart of the Upper Town, the most ancient part of Bergamo. The square houses the Contarini fountain and it is surrounded by the soaring Palazzo della Ragione and the Civic Tower.
- ***San Vigilio Castle***
San Vigilio is located on top of the hill that gives it its name and is the highest point of the Upper Town (496 m). In the past it had a strategic function in case of attack.
- ***Former monastery of Astino***
This enchanting monastery located in the green Astino Valley was built by a community of Vallombrosan monks that also founded the Church of Santo Sepolcro in 1107.
- ***Accademia Carrara***
L’Accademia Carrara was created in 1794 under the authority of Giacomo Carrara and today it offers a wide collection of priceless paintings, sculptures and artefacts.
- ***Via XX settembre***
Famous street of the Lower Town, dotted with boutiques, ice-cream parlours and restaurants. It is one of the most popular areas, appreciated both by local people and tourists.

Typical dishes and Italian pizza

The best restaurants where you will savour delicious local food and the authentic taste of Italian pizza.

Dalmine

- *Osteria La Vecchia Ferrovia* – Via Milano, 1
- *Osteria del Conte* – Piazza della Libertà, 4
- *Trattoria Il Carroccio* – Via Sertorio, 36
- *Pizzeria il Gattopardo* – Piazza Caduti 6 luglio

Bergamo

- *Vineria Cozzi* – Via Bartolomeo Colleoni, 22
- *Osteria d’Ambrosio* – Via Broseta, 58
- *Trattoria Parietti* – Via Costantino Beltrami, 52
- *Pizzeria DaMimmo* – Via Bartolomeo Colleoni, 17

Fun & Relaxation – recommended bars

Welcoming bars and pubs that offer a wide range of cocktails, beverages and finger-food. Perfect locations to have fun and enjoy good music.

Dalmine

- *La Latteria* – Viale Natale Betelli, 56
- *Cielo Cocktail Bar* – Via Provinciale, 58
- *L’anonimo* – Via Pasubio, 2

Bergamo

- *Bobino* – Piazza della Libertà, 9
- *Caffè della funicolare* – Piazza Mercato delle Scarpe, 1
- *In disparte* – Via Madonna della Neve, 3

Fun facts about Bergamo

- Did you know that the straciatella ice-cream flavour was invented in Bergamo? More specifically, at La Marianna, one of the best ice-cream parlours in the Upper Town.
- “Pota” is one of the most typical expressions of Bergamasco, our local dialect. It is used as a filler or as a generic exclamation to express anger, surprise or resignation.
- In the summer of 2017 the Venetian walls that surround the medieval village of the Upper Town have been declared UNESCO World Heritage Site.