

July 2-6, 2023

## Optional Tours for Accompanying Persons, Family Members & Friends of Symposium Delegates

# TOUR 1 THE THOUSAND FACES OF MILAN

**Monday, July 3, 2023** 

Milan is a modern, rational, cosmopolitan city which nevertheless conserves its Lombardy character that "starts" to become romantic as soon as its stops being practical. The mainly modern appearance of Milan hides the fact the city has extremely important works of art and architecture. Milan has changed its face many times over the centuries, nevertheless in its historical heart it is possible to find traces of its glorious past. History, art, beauty, curiosities and anecdotes unknown to most. This tour will introduce you to the most beautiful treasures of the historical centre of Milan.

The first part of the Tour will be dedicated to discover the Basilica of St. Ambrogio, the Duomo Cathedral, and the La Scala Theatre, the monumental symbols of the city. The remaining part of the guided Tour will also include visits to the Fashion District and the Navigli District with Boat Tour.





#### **TOUR DESCRIPTION**

**BASILICA OF ST. AMBROGIO** The Basilica of St. Ambrogio is one of the most ancient churches in Milan. Crossing the doorway of the quadriporticus projects you to a distant time, when the divine mystery was manifested in the beauty of ancient carved stones, walls painted with edifying stories, shining mosaics ... but, above it all, stands out, in St. Ambrogio, the Golden Altar of Vuolvinio: a precious and rare work of early medieval goldsmithing.

**DUOMO CATHEDRAL** The Duomo is one of the most famous and complex Gothic constructions of the world. As dimensions, it is the second highest church of the world after the cathedral of Beauvais in France, and the third greatest cathedral after St.Peter in Vatican and the cathedral in Seville. A complex of 135 spires and 3200 statues, crammed onto the roof and into the facade, adorn the exterior of this vast cathedral. In particular, the central spire is capped by a golden statue, called Madonnina, literarily "little Madonna", traditionally considered the Milan's protector. The interior of the Cathedral, organized into five aisles divided by majestic pylons, contains a collection of beautiful and sacred pieces of art donated by wealthy noblemen and patrons over the centuries.

LA SCALA THEATRE The Theatre alla Scala is considered among the most prestigious theaters in the world. A fascinating journey among the rich halls of the Theater Museum, decorated like an ancient noble residence, throughwhich you access the Toscanini Foyer and the palques from which you can look out to admire the theater. Lean out from its boxes and experience the unique emotion of seeing the "best theatre in the world" according to Stendhal; discover all the technological improvements that made it a real engineering jewel, and learn more about the great protagonists of the most famous theatre in the world.

**FASHION DISTRICT** The morning part of the tour will end with a promenade in the fashion district. Milan is unquestionably one of the fashion capitals. The ateliers and showrooms are located in the historic buildingsof the ancient Milanese aristocracy and are concentrated in the streets of the historic center, which has become a world famous "fashion district": Via Manzoni, Montenapoleone, Via della Spiga and Sant'Andrea among sparkling shop windows and ancient buildings.

NAVIGLI DISTRICT After the lunch break the tour continue to the Navigli district. Along the two canals – Naviglio Grande and Naviglio Pavese – banks there are still reminder of the romantic milan of days gone by – typical, old milanese houses, craft workshops, old wash-housse with wooden beamed roofs, typhical cafés and meeting places and old moored barges. The Milanese canals were born with different purposes back in the Middle Ages: defense, irrigation ... but above all they became efficient waterways for the transportation of goods and people. Telling its story "above water" aboard a boat is certainly curious and is a bit like going back to a time when the rhythms of life were punctuated by the flow of the water, a time when the voices of the washerwomen and the commands of the boatmen were the background of a city on a human scale.



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#### TENTATIVE TOUR SCHEDULING

9.30 am	Departure from PoliMi with private guide(s)
10.00 am	Visit the Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio and downtown walking route
10.45 am	Visit the Duomo Cathedral
11.20 am	Visit La Scala Theatre
12.05 pm	Promenade in the Fashion District
12.30 pm	Free time for Lunch
2.30 pm	Move to Navigli District
3.20 pm	Boat Tour Navigli
4.30 pm	Walking tour Navigli
5.30 pm	Departure from Navigli District
6.00 pm	Arrival at PoliMi

### **BOOKING & PAYMENT**

The cost of the Tour is 90,00 Euros per person. It includes the cost of daily travel card for public transportation, private guide(s) in English, entrance tickets to the sites, and Navigli boat ticket. Lunch is not included.

The deadline for booking the Optional Tours is **June 25th**, **2023**. Beyond this deadline, bookings will be subject to availability.

Symposium Delegates are requested to access the online Symposium Management System to register their Accompanying Persons, Family Members, and Friends for the Optional Tours. In this way, Symposium Delegates will provide the name of the Person(s) who will be joining and add the Optional Tours to existing registrations.

Payment for the Tour registration can be made using a credit card through the secure gateway via the online Symposium Management System or by bank transfer to the following bank details:

Account name: LAAN S.a.s.

Bank name: Banca di Credito Cooperativo Agrobresciano

Bank Address: Via Salgari, 7, 25125 Brescia (Italy)

IBAN: IT60T0857511200000000706732

SWIFT code: ICRAITRRFZ0

Please note that in case a minimum number of participants is not reached, the tours may be cancelled and registered participants will be refunded.

Should you have any inquiry about this Tour, please contact the Organizing Secretariat via email at secretariat@ialcce2023.org

