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# MILAN



Fashion Week, Formula One, outdoor summer concerts in Piazza del Duomo: Milan's events never stop — and nor do its hotel openings. Visitors pour in to Italy's richest city lured by its mix of luxury stores and neo-classical architecture, the highlights of which — like the Teatro alla Scala opera house and 19th-century, glass-topped Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II arcade — are found in the centre. But there's also plenty of fun to be had elsewhere: head south to Navigli, whose canals and boutique stores make it a hit among young crowds, or north to Chinatown to contemplate the differences between dumplings and ravioli.

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## Best for art-lovers

### 📍📍📍 GALLERIA VIK

Spread across the upper floors of Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Italy's oldest shopping arcade, this arty hotel is the first European outpost of South American brand Vik Retreats. It proudly reflects the Uruguayan heritage of co-founder Alex Vik via art installations and dedicated culture and food nights. Each of the 89 guest rooms is entirely distinct; you might find yourself in bed beneath a Renaissance-style mural or in a blue-and-peach-spattered bathroom. A huge cast of Auguste Rodin's *The Thinker* awaits guests in the striking lobby. There are two restaurants here: casual I Dodici Gatti, serving wood-fired pizzas, and more upmarket Vik Pellico Otto, whose menu blends European and South American influences.

**ROOMS:** From €386 (£324), B&B. [galleriavikmilano.com](http://galleriavikmilano.com)

