

Travel information

Bergamo is in Northern Italy, 50 kms north-east of Milan, on the way to Lake Garda and Venice. Thanks to its international airport, Bergamo can be reached by plane from many European cities; alternatively, participants may fly to Milan and take a train to Bergamo.

How to get to Bergamo

By plane

• landing in Bergamo:

Several low-cost carriers land in Bergamo (Orio al Serio airport, http://www.sacbo.it/Airpor/portalProcess.jsp?languageID=2 - sometimes advertised as Milan-Orio al Serio, or Milan-BGY); from there you can take a bus to the city centre and the Upper Town (ca. \notin 2), or a short taxi ride (ca. \notin 15-20).

• **landing in Milan** (in which case you will then need to take a train from Milano Centrale station):

From Milano Malpensa to Milano Centrale station:

- 1. bus: Malpensa Shuttle Air Pullman (http://www.malpensashuttle.it/en/index.html): you can buy tickets from the driver standing by the door of the next bus to leave; buses leave every 20 mins from 6 to midnight every day for Milan Stazione Centrale (takes 50 mins; check that it goes to Centrale not to Cadorna station). Cost: ca. € 10.
- train(Malpensa Express): the Malpensa Express that goes to Milano Centrale (not to Cardona station) from Terminal 1, 2 and 3. It runs approximately every 30 minutes. The timetable is available on the Malpensa Express website (http://www.malpensaexpress.it/en/) Cost: ca. € 13 (more if you pay on board), roundtrip €20 (available only online)
- 3. taxi: quite expensive as the airport is some way out: around \notin 85.

From Milano Linate airport to Milano Centrale station: bus or taxi to Stazione Centrale (takes 20 mins)



By train

Trains run every hour from Milano Centrale to Bergamo from 7.20 to 23.40; for more detailed information, see the timetable of the Italian Railway Company, http://www.trenitalia.it/ - which has pages in English. Cost: € 5,50 — train tickets are probably the best bargains in Italy.

From Bergamo station to your hotel

- 1. You could wheel your suitcase from the station to Piemontese, Mercure or Arli. Other lower-town hotels can be reached by a short taxi ride.
- 2. Upper town hotels can be reached by a short taxi ride, or by taking the No. 1 bus to CITTA ALTA (about every 10 minutes; tickets from the newsagent's located in the train station). No. 1/A goes right round the walls good views and ends up just outside the entrance to the upper- town ('Colle Aperto'); No. 1 goes to the funicular also an interesting ride which you can take with the same ticket.