



Bergamo

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In the Alpine foothills, just 50 km from Milan, Bergamo is the most striking city in Lombardy. Structured in two levels, the lower city is more modern and dynamic, whilst the famous 'upper city' boasts a stunning historic centre full of monuments and works of art. In the area around the city the Iseo Lake is well worth a visit, as is the sanctuary at Caravaggio and Crespi d'Adda - the most important company town in Italy, listed as a world heritage site by UNESCO.



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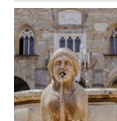
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THE CITY



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Bergamo is one of the richest and most elegant cities in Italy. The splendour of the city is in large part thanks to the domination of Venice, who ruled the city from the beginning of the 15th century until the end of the 18th century. The Venetians also constructed the city walls around the centre.

The upper city is easy to reach with the funicular railway - and its main square - the Piazza Vecchia - hosts the most important religious and civic buildings as well as forming the focus for most of the main commercial and historic streets. Another funicular railway - built in the beginning of the 20th century - leads up to the San Vigilio hill, from which you can enjoy a marvellous view of the city and the Lombard plain. The heart of the city lies in the less tourist lower town, where 18th- and 19th-century buildings are grouped in a semi-circle around the city's hill.

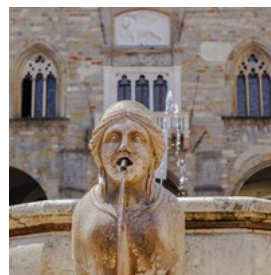
DO & SEE



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Bergamo is the perfect city to enjoy a nice weekend or a longer stay. Just walking around the city center and finding a nice café to enjoy a good cup of coffee is relaxing itself. If you however are interested in one of the many galleries, then Galleria d'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea and Accademia Carrara is worth paying a visit to. If you love culture, you have come to the right city!

Piazza Vecchia



Piazza Vecchia represents the core of Città Alta: it has been the heart of political power for centuries and it keeps being one of the most popular places for Bergamo's citizens to spend some time with friends.

Beauty is all around you if you have a seat at one of the square's restaurants or cafes, having a drink, breakfast or even a romantic dinner. You can admire the building called "Palazzo della Ragione", the oldest municipal seat in Lombardy, as well as the Torre Civica, a bell tower also called "Campanone".

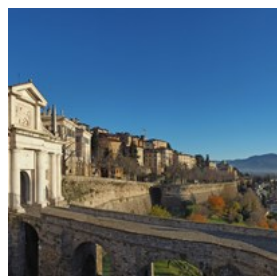
In the middle of the square is located the Contarini Fountain, which was donated to the

city by the chief magistrate Alvise Contarini in 1780, while on the opposite side of Piazza Vecchia you can see the Palazzo Nuovo (“New Palace”), which served as Bergamo’s Town Hall until 1873 and is today the seat of the Angelo Mai Library.

The geometrical layout of the buildings around the square is so harmonic that when Le Corbusier visited Bergamo he said “you can’t move a single stone, it would be a crime”

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The Venetian Walls



Bergamo wouldn’t be the same without its impressive Venetian Walls. This spectacular circuit is over six km long: it’s the perfect

place to take a romantic walk and enjoy wonderful sunsets, and it has been enclosing the beauties of the Upper Town for more than four centuries.

The Walls’ priceless artistic and cultural value is also confirmed by their candidacy to become a Unesco World Heritage, a path taken in 2007 that has finally got to its final stage.

They were built starting from 1561 by the Republic of Venice in order to face enemies attacks, but History was kind with them: maybe due to their stunning beauty, they never underwent any siege. That is why they remained almost intact to the present day.

The Walls consist of 14 bastions, 2 platforms, 100 embrasures for cannons, 2 armouries, four gates, not to mention the underground

structures featuring sallies, passages and tunnels: don’t miss the chance to walk inside the Walls and to visit the casemates of San Michele and San Giovanni!

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Address: Viale delle Mura, Bergamo

City Centre - Lower Town

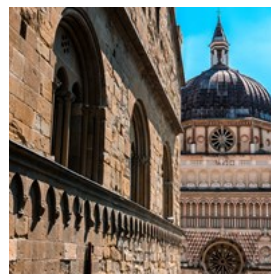


Leave time for a walk in the modern centre - the large area around piazza Vittorio Veneto - which was planned during the early 20th century, by the

architect Marcello Piacentini, and is a very interesting example of town planning.

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Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore and Colleoni Chapel



The Basilica (built in 1137) is the most remarkable religious building in the city. It also hosts the Donizetti’s grave. The Colleoni

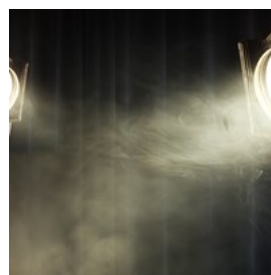
Chapel is a masterpiece of the Lombard Renaissance.

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Address: Piazza Duomo, Bergamo

Internet: www.fondazionemia.it

Teatro Sociale



After exemplary restoration work was carried out, the Teatro Sociale reopened to the public in the spring of 2009 - two century after

its inauguration in 1808 - with a rich calendar of

shows.

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Address: Via Bartolomeo Colleoni, 4, Bergamo
Phone: +39 035 416 0601
Internet:
www.teatrodonizetti.it/en/the-history-of-social-theatre

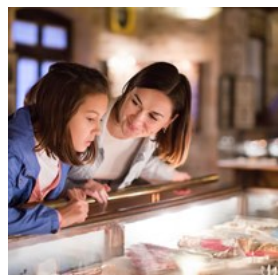
Gaetano Donizetti's Birthplace



The famous composer Donizetti was born in Bergamo, and lived there from 1806 to 1815. An opera festival is dedicated to him and it takes place at the Donizetti Theater in Bergamo every year from September to December.

Photo: Vitaly Batanov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Borgo Canale, 14, Bergamo
Opening hours: Sat-Sun 10.00-13.00; 15.00-18.00
Phone: +39 035 244483
Internet: www.donizetti.org

Donizetti's Museum



This is a museum set up in honour of opera composer Gaetano Donizetti. The archive at the museum stores, among many things, original printed editions of books, valuable iconographic collection and various relics.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Arena, 9, Bergamo
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10.00-13.00; Sat-Sun 10.00-13.00; 15.00-18.00
Phone: +39 035 247116
Internet: www.museodellestorie.bergamo.it

Sotto il Monte Giovanni XXIII



The Pope John XXIII, proclaimed Saint on April 27th, 2014 came from Sotto il Monte, a town 18 km far from Bergamo. The beloved places of the

Pope are within a short distance: his birth-house, the Church of Santa Maria in Brusicco, where he was baptized, his summer-residence Cà Maitino, now transformed into a museum, the parish church, the Garden of Peace and the parish crypt.

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Internet: www.jxxiii.it

"Lorenzo Rota" Botanic Garden



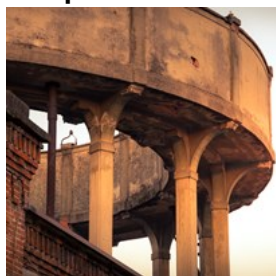
The Museum is named after Lorenzo Rota (1855-1918), the first man to describe the flora of Bergamo province. Alpine Calcofile and

acuidofile species are devoted such a degree of attention that for many years the Botanic Garden has been considered an Alpine botanic garden.

Closed from November to February.

Photo: Pierluigi.Palazzi/Shutterstock.com
Address: Scaletta di Colle Aperto, Bergamo
Phone: +39 035 212034
Internet: www.ortobotanicodibergamo.it
Email: ortobotanico@comune.bg.it

Crespi d'Adda



Crespi d'Adda is a unique example of industrial architecture that has been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The village consisted

of a factory (a cotton mill), the castle of the owner, worker's houses, a cemetery, a wash house and a church: it is a XIX century village, built by the Crespi family of industrialists.

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Internet: www.villaggiocrespi.it

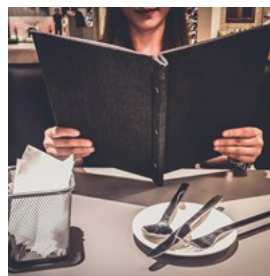
DINING



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Bergamo cuisine is extremely rich and with a high calorific value. Many dishes are meat based and you should at the very least try the "Casoncelli alla bergamasca" (homemade pasta parcels filled with beef meat, salami, amaretto biscuits and pears in a butter sauce) and polenta e brasato (braised beef with herbs). Typical cake - polenta e osei - is based on maize flour as well. The local Wine is the ValCalepio (DOC) produced in the surroundings of the Iseo Lake.

Taverna del Gallo



The restaurant-pizzeria is a characteristic place decorated with wooden beams, stones and frescos. The cuisine is a mix of modern and traditional Mediterranean flavors.

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Address: Via San Bernardino, 23/A, Bergamo

Phone: +39 035 220344

Internet: www.ristorantetavernadelgallo.it

Email: info@ristorantetavernadelgallo.it

CAFES



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If you are in the mood for coffee or something sweet you will find plenty of cafes to choose from.

Chocolat



In the mood for something sweet? This is the kingdom of chocolate! People queue to get hot chocolate here, to try Italian specialties and to sit for a break in this cozy place.

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Address: Via Sant'Alessandro, 13, Bergamo

Phone: +39 035 210336

Internet: www.chocolatbergamo.it

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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All kinds of people generally go to cafés or bars for a tea or chocolate and cake around 4 pm-5 pm. The apéritivo is common as well in the late afternoon (after 6 pm). At night, Bergamo offers a wide range of nice café-bars where you can listen to live music or just chill out and chat. In the summer months it's fun to just stroll up and down the streets either in the Città Bassa or the Città Alta. If you're looking for discos you need to go out of the city.

SHOPPING



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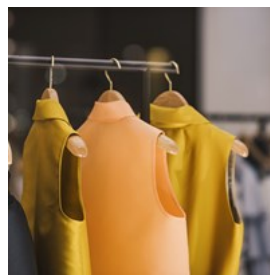
If you love fashion, Bergamo is the place to go. Look at the people - they are so chic! In fact, in this city you'll find boutiques and shops of all kinds.

The main shopping streets are in the Lower Town: between via Sant'Alessandro, via Borfuro, via Sant'Orsola and via XX Settembre there's

what can be defined as "Bergamo's quadrilateral for shopping". In the Upper Town there are some nice shops in via Colleoni.

If you are still hungry for more, remember that Milan is a shopping paradise and is only about an hour away by bus, train, or car. Aside from clothing, you will find many boutiques and great pastry and food shops throughout the city. Bergamo is particularly known for its sweet cakes and delicacies in the pastry stores. Try, for instance, the Panificio Tre soldi and Mimì, la casa dei sapori, the first in Lower Town and the other in via Colleoni - Upper Town.

Petronio



Located in the city centre, the elegant boutique stocks fine clothing for both men and women, as well as further upscale fashion articles.

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Address: Via Antonio Locatelli, 2, Bergamo

Opening hours: Mon 15.00-19.30; Tue-Sat 10.00-19.30

Phone: +39 035 249622

Internet: www.petronio.ws/en

Via XX Settembre



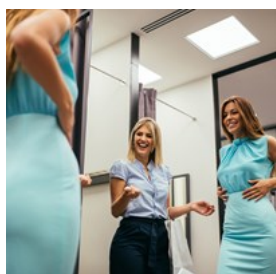
Via XX Settembre is the shopping street par excellence in Bergamo. In this street you can find high street fashion brands like Zara,

Benetton, Max and Co., Geox, Furla and Tod's. If the weather is sunny and warm, it's a nice place to take a walk and enjoy the architecture while on a shopping trip.

Photo: connel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via XX Settembre, Bergamo

Coin



Coin is a major department store in Bergamo, where you can find clothing, accessories, shoes, or anything else that you may need. Other

facilities of the store include a women's fitness club area, tailoring, home delivery and coffee shops.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Zambonate, 11, Bergamo

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 09.30-19.30; Sat 09.30-20.00; Sun 10.00-13.00; 15.00-19.30

Phone: +39 035 232682

Internet: www.coin.it/stores/bergamo-via-zambonate-11

Oriocenter



Just outside of the city lies Italy's largest shopping center. The Orio Commercial Center - opposite the airport - has more than 200 stores to

choose from among restaurants, bars, a grocery store and great views. Oriocenter is open every day.

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Address: Via Portico, 71, Orio al Serio

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 09.00-22.00

Phone: +39 035 459 6201

Internet: www.oriocenter.it

Ol Formager



The spectacular selection of cheeses makes this location an essential stop for any Bergamo visitor. Ol Formager stocks cheeses that range from

real-deal Parmigiano Reggiano to several varieties of mozzarella (including the stunning di buffala or exotic smoked affumicata), and even rarities like the layered gorgonzola-and-mascrapone. Prices are highly reasonable.

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Address: Via San Tomaso, 100, Bergamo

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 9.00-13.00 & 16.00-19.00

Phone: +39 035 239237

Internet: www.olformager.it

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Il Caravaggio International Airport



Orio al Serio International Airport, well known as "Il Caravaggio", is located only 5 km away from Bergamo, and 45 km from Milan. An Airport

Bus/Shuttle goes to the city centre every day from 6 am to midnight and departures every 20

minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Via Orio al Serio, 49/51, Grassobbio

Phone: +39 035 326323

Internet: www.milanbergamoairport.it/en

Passport/Visa



Italy can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

Photo: TukTuk Design

Best Time to Visit



The climate in Bergamo is warm and temperate and the very warmest time to visit it is the summer, the hottest months are July, August and June. If you

are looking for a special event, there's the Bergamo Film Meeting that takes place every year in March: for nine days, with over 160 films, it's the crossroad of international cinema peppered with various film-themed events. In the summer, there are a lot of events as well, mostly musical events and concerts.

Photo: VectorA

Public Transport



The best way to get around the city is by foot. To reach the upper city you can catch bus 1 (which leaves from the railway station) or the funicular. There are special tickets for tourists.

The Gulliberg tourist train is a special train service that operates a return journey service between 14.00 and 19.00 on Sundays and Bank Holidays between the upper funicular station and Colle Aperto, along the Viale delle Mura.

City moving is a minibus service making your travel around Bergamo more comfortable. You can visit the city quickly and easily and return to your hotel at the end of the day. More info on: www.citymoving.it

The tram starts from Bergamo and arrives in Albino, in the low Seriana Valley. More info on: www.teb.bergamo.it

There is also Bergamo card, a tourist pass comprising a series of services: use of ATB and TEB public transport, free or reduced access to museums and monuments, and several reductions in shops and accommodation facilities in Bergamo and its province

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.atb.bergamo.it

Taxi



Since 1970 the main taxi company in the city of Bergamo is Radiotaxi. The company offers a 24 hours service and it takes customers wherever they

want.

Photo: Taxi

Phone: +39 035 4519090

Internet: www.radiotaxibergamo.it

Post



Bergamo's main post office is Ufficio Postale Poste Italiane. Main information below:

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Address: Via Antonio Locatelli, 11, Bergamo

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 08.20-19.05; Sat 08.20-12.35

Phone: +39 035 453 2211

Internet: www.poste.it

Pharmacy



Bergamo's chemists are open from Monday to Friday from 08.30 to 12.30 and from 15.30 to 19.30. Addresses of chemists open all day

long or during weekends are posted on the pharmacies.

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Telephone



Country code: +39 Area code: 035

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Electricity



220/240 V

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Population

120, 287 (2017)

Currency

Euro, €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Shops are usually open from 8.30 to 12.30 and from 15.30 to 19.30. Closed on Sunday and Monday mornings. Many shops in the upper town are open on Sundays and during the summer nights.

Newspapers

L'Eco di Bergamo
Corriere della Sera
La Repubblica

Emergency numbers

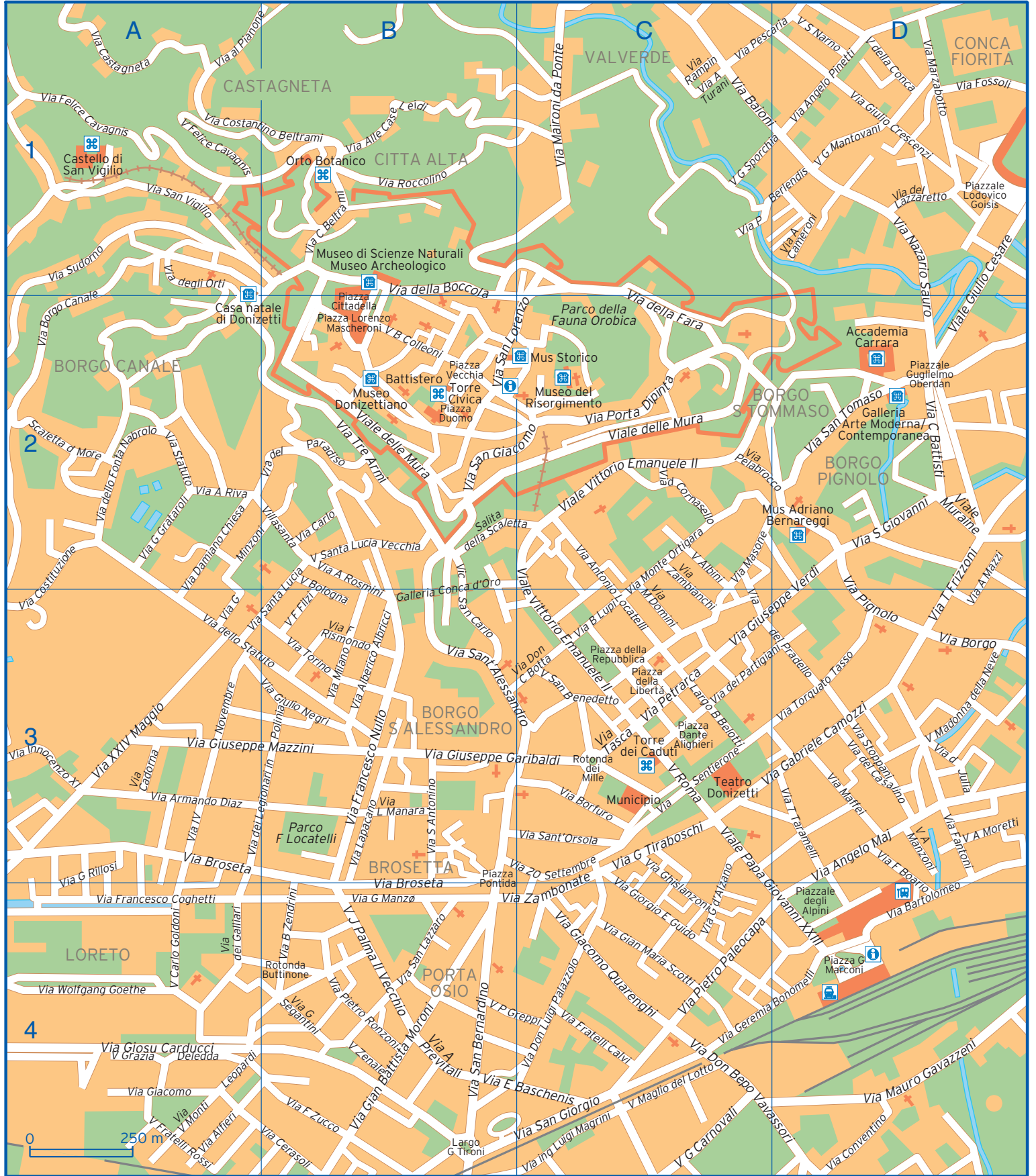
Universal Emergency Number: 112

Tourist information

IAT Bergamo Bassa
Address: Urban Center-Viale Papa Giovanni XXIII 57
Tel: +39 035 210204
Opening hours: daily 9.00-12.30 and 14.00-17.30

IAT Bergamo Alta
Address: Via Gombito 13
Tel: +39 035 242226
Opening hours: daily 9.00-17.30

IAT Turismo Bergamo Airport
Address: Orio al Serio Caravaggio Airport-Arrival Area
Tel: +39 035 320402
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8.00-20.00; Sun 10.00-18.00



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Castello di San Vigilio

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CITTA ALTA

Museo di Scienze Naturali
Museo Archeologico

Casa Natale di Donizetti

Piazza Cittadella
Piazza Lorenzo Mascheroni

Museo Donizettiano

Torre Civica
Piazza Duomo

Parco della Fauna Orobica

Mus Storico

Museo del Risorgimento

Accademia Carrara

Galleria Arte Moderna/Contemporanea

Mus Adriano Bernareggi

Galleria Conca d'Oro

Piazza della Repubblica
Piazza della Libertà

Torre dei Caduti

Teatro Donizetti

Municipio

Piazzale degli Alpini

Piazza G. Marconi

Via Giosuè Carducci

Via Giacomo

Via Fratelli Rosi

Via Pietro Ronzoni

Via Zenale

Via Gian Battista Moroni

Via A. Previtali

Via San Bernardino

Via E. Baschenis

Via San Giorgio

Via Luigi Magrini

Via Carnovali

Via Don Bepi Varassori

Via Mauro Gavazzoni

Via Conventino

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