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# What to Do in Milan

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New energy courses through cosmopolitan Milan, site of this year's World Expo, with new bars, shops, restaurants and cultural centers adding to the allure of this most international of Italian cities. Video by Fritzie Andrade, Max Cantor, Chris Carmichael, Clarissa Crippa, Will Lloyd and Sarah Brady Voll on January 7, 2015. Photo by Chris Carmichael for The New York Times.

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If it's been a few years since you last visited [Milan](#), you're in for a pleasant shock. Yes, the preparations for the World Expo being held here this year (May through October) turned large swaths of the city into construction zones, many of which are still in progress. But alongside these urban development projects, a more organic wave of rejuvenation has swept through the city. Old structures of various stripes — among them a sawmill, a foundry, a bank and a farmhouse — have recently been repurposed as bars, shops, restaurants and cultural centers worthy of this most international of Italian cities. Put simply, there's new energy coursing through cosmopolitan Milan, and it's likely to last long after the Expo.





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## Hotels

In a former perfume factory in Zona Tortona, the [Magna Pars Suites Milano](#) (Via Forcella 6) is a boutique hotel that opened in 2013 with 28 suites encircling a lush courtyard garden. Decorated with calming, neutral hues, the rooms, starting at 243 euros per night, also feature furnishings from local designers and paintings by artists from the Brera Academy.

Two other new lodgings illustrate the range of options available in Milan. Near the chic Brera neighborhood, [Palazzo Parigi](#) (Corso di Porta Nuova 1) is an opulent hotel with 98 luxurious rooms starting at 450 euros. On the other end of the price spectrum is the guesthouse that recently opened at [Cascina Cuccagna](#) (Via Cuccagna 2) with 16 beds in hostel-style shared rooms starting at 25 euros.

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