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DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Milan & The Lakes



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DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Milan & the Lakes will lead you straight to the best attractions this region in Italy has to offer. The guide includes unique illustrated cutaways, floor plans, and reconstructions of the city's stunning architecture, along with 3-D aerial views of the key districts to explore on foot. You'll find detailed listings of the best hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops for all budgets in this fully updated guide, plus insider tips on everything from where to find the best markets and nightspots to which attractions appeal most to children. This DK Eyewitness Travel Guide's in-depth coverage of unforgettable sights is completed by the free pull-out map to Milan, clearly marked with sights from the guidebook and an easy-to-use street index. The map has detailed street views of major areas, plus transportation maps, a chart of walking distances between major attractions, and other information on getting around the city. DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Milan & the Lakes shows you what other guidebooks only tell you.

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In 1976, I flew into the airport at Milan and then took a limousine ride to Bellagio on Lake Como. In the car with me were two ex-Presidents of the American Political Science Association. I recall our terror as the limo driver would pass cars on curves--without being able to see ahead! What an introduction to our small and intensive conference at the Villa Serbelloni (then, run by the

Rockefeller Foundation). So, when I saw this book, I simply had to get it to help recall that wonderful week or so on the shores of Lake Como. The book's purpose is laid out on page 6: "This guide helps you to get the most out of your visit to Milan and the lakes of Northern Italy by providing detailed descriptions of sights, practical information and expert advice." The volume starts out by providing context--a map of Milan, a history of Milan, events throughout the year in Milan. In a relatively few pages, one develops a sense of this historic city. Then, the coverage of the city, region by region. In the "Historic Centre," we find one of the great cathedrals, Duomo. Several pages portray the area, the cathedral itself, and the attractions of this venue. Of course, there is also discussion of the renowned opera house, La Scala. And so on. Area by area, we get a sense of this city. Then, the lakes nearby--including Lake Garda, Lake Como, and Lake Maggiore. Since I stayed at a villa on the shores of Lake Como, perhaps a few words are in order about this lake. The lake is in the shape of an inverted Y, with Bellagio at the point where all three arms come together. I recall the glories of walking through the village, of taking part in discussions at the Villa Serbelloni, of taking a boat across the lake to enjoy my first espresso at the village of Cadenabbia. The heights surrounding the lake were most picturesque. The description of the villages and attractions around Lake Como are brief but illustrate its attractions nicely. On it goes, including a discussion of "Travelers' Needs," including places to stay, places to eat bars and cafes, entertainment, and the like. Interested in Milan and the surrounding region? This is a nice resource to guide one's travel in this region.

We went to Milan and the Lakes last year. This, as are all DK books, is a wonderful visual presentation of the area. They are also great books for dreamers, who just don't travel, but dream of the day they will. I think there are better tour books that provide more details on hotels/restaurants/transportation, etc., but you cannot get the visual feel of a place any better than through the DK books. I always supplement the DK books with a Steves' or Fodor book, as those books do provide down to earth, necessary details for a trip. If you are investing in a dream vacation, buy this book as well as another - these books, even after the trip, will provide visual memories that no other travel book can.

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A lot packed into a little book. There's a lot to see in the Milan area and a lot of history outside of the main Galleria area, which is not covered as well as could be in book. Nonetheless, the history and ideas were helpful. My suggestion is read through the book and organize your visit to the area as

the majority of the sites are downtown; from there, your travels to the lakes, etc., will take some planning.

The DK books are a little heavy to pack, so I just memorized the high points of this one and found that adequate. I think the emphasis on graphics and photos makes it easier to grasp the content. Beautiful, as they all are.

Literally speaking. When we travel, I buy a DK Eyewitness book and my husband does intensive 'research' into the place we will go. The DK books give info, photos, and cross sections of buildings. So very informative and interesting. I think these books are good even if not traveling....like a small atlas!

Although we did not make it to Milan this trip, I found this guide well organized, colorful and informative. All of the DK Eyewitness guides are heavy, due to the glossy paper they use. I find them to be the best guides when researching a trip for places to stay, things to do and where to dine.

This book was updated for 2013, so it has the latest info on Milan. Of course, the pictures and illustrations that come with all DK books make it a most enjoyable reference tool. The slim design makes it ideal for traveling.

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