

Bergamo The Enlighted City

ART&CULTURE

Flex Itinerary from 1-5 days/1-4 nights





DAY 1

Upper Town day tour

A day-tour immersed in nature. Discover the uniqueness of landscape's bio-diversity interacting with the Upper Town or Città Alta, its history and culture. Visit the ancient centre of the Upper Town and the Botanical Garden. Excursion to the Astino Monastery and the Biodiversity Valley to appreciate the best of local nature and landscape culture.

- During this day, get the best views of Bergamo from the characteristic Funicular, walk to the ancient centre of the Upper Town and discover the main historical, artistic and cultural attractions of this site.
- From the Botanical Garden, unusual views of the Upper Town and the Lower Town. Excursion to the Astino Monastery, located among green hills and cultivated fields. Lunch in one of the ancient Monastery's restaurants.
- Afterwards, visit to the Monumental Complex of Astino, built in 1107 by the monks of Vallombrosa. Recently restored, the Monastery is compensory of the Church and the Holy Sepulchre, the Cloister and the Refectory Hall with the 'Last Supper' canvas by A. Allori.
- In the afternoon, visit to the Biodiversity Valley, National winner of Landscape Awards 2020-2021. This valley is a place of scenic beauty, a real open-air museum nestled in the Astino Valley.
- Appreciate the biodiversity of this local area to get a better understanding of Bergamo and its province. The Astino Valley is located between the urban center and the Upper Town, nature and culture together under an eco-sustainable perspective.



DAY 2

Venetian Walls Unesco day tour

A panoramic day-tour to discover Upper Town's history and culture walking along the Venetian Walls, Unesco World Heritage site 2017. Visit the most important monuments and historical sites of the ancient centre.

- In the morning, after a walk along the Venetian Walls, visit the Colleoni Chapel, the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore and the Palazzo del Podestà with its 16th century Museum. On the top of the Campanone admire Piazza Vecchia, one of the most beautiful squares in Europe.
- Have a stroll in Colleoni Street, here the shops and artisan workshops are located next to buildings of historical and religious relevance among which the former Carmine Monastery and its Church.
- From the Teatro Sociale and the Teatro Tascabile, both representing the top lively hubs of art and performance in the Upper Town, get to the Convent of San Francesco. Lunch in a typical Upper Town trattoria to taste Bergamo local cuisine.
- Afterwards, enter the Convent of San Francesco, a beauty of medieval architecture, including the cloisters and the former Church. Besides, see the frescoes and visit the 20th century Museum to have a better knowledge of Bergamo's history.
- Back from another side of the Venetian Walls to the Lower Town following a different panoramic route.



DAY 3

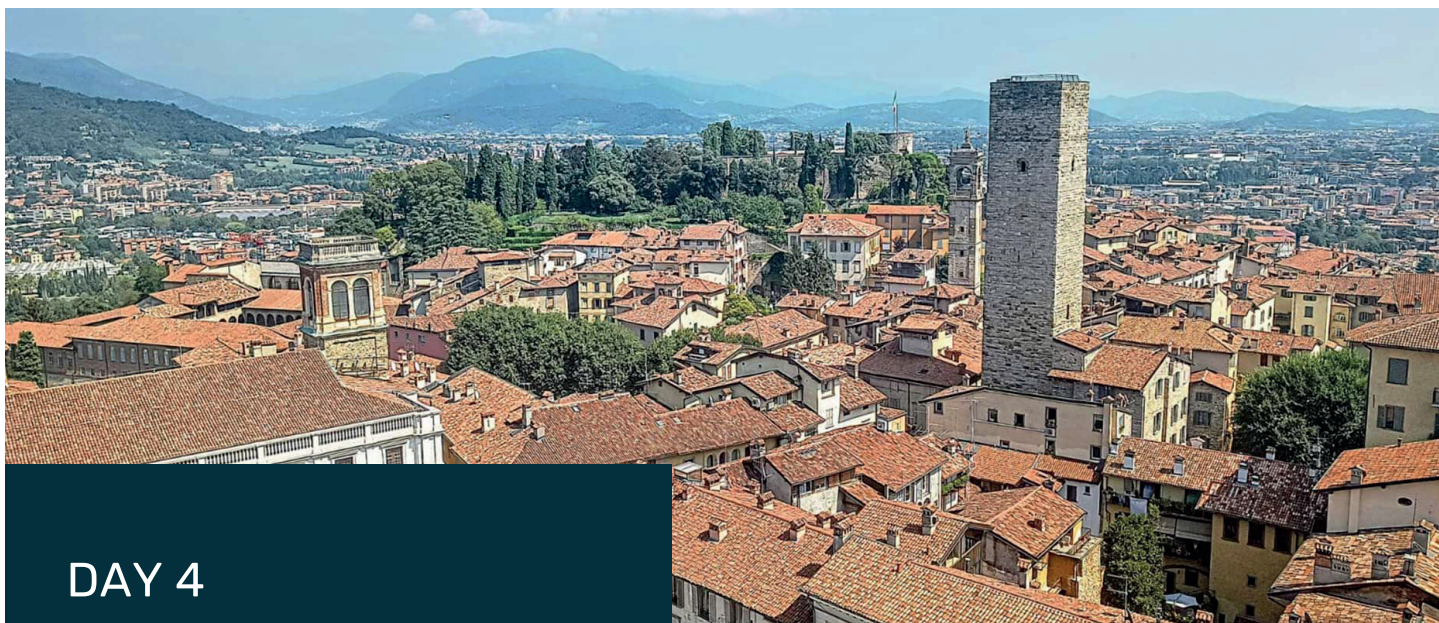
Lower Town day tour

A cultural day-tour to discover the modern and traditional aspects in artistic Bergamo, from Borgo Sant'Alessandro to Piazza Pontida and the centre of the Lower Town or Città Bassa. Visit to the Donizetti Theatre and the Puppet Museum.



- During the morning, start from Piazza Pontida to the borough of Sant'Alessandro, walking through the other boroughs towards the Upper Town. Here, access to the Donizetti Historical House and Museum. Free time available.
- Continue towards the Rocca, its Park and the 19th century Museum for a visit. After coming back from the Venetian Walls to the Lower Town, have a stroll on the main streets of the modern city centre to admire its stylish architecture.
- Walk along Tasso Street, a varied cultural and artistic hub of ancient and modern city aspects. Stop for design and furniture small shops, art and crafts, fashion, boutiques and many others more.
- Get to the Sentierone and XX Settembre Street, traditional pedestrian shopping avenues for more stylish shops, boutiques, bars and restaurants, crowded with people especially during week-ends. Here, find historical and cultural buildings among which the renowned Donizetti Theatre.
- Break for a gourmet lunch in the Lower Town. Taste Bergamo local food and wine, a special menu created for this day-tour.
- Final stop at the Puppet Museum or Museo del Burattino, a historic place of traditional Bergamo's art and culture. Free time available.





DAY 4

Museums of Art day tour

A creative art and culture day-tour to discover the city of famous painter Caravaggio. After walking through the characteristic boroughs of the city centre, visit to the renowned Accademia Carrara and the Gamec Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art.

- Start from Borgo Pignolo, an artistic and historical borough of artisans, graphic designers, traders, gallery owners, art collectors. Later on, visit to the Accademia Carrara.
- Once in Borgo Santa Caterina, discover this distinctive historical borough in modern Lower Town, full of small and local crafts and clothing shops, bars and ethnic restaurants. Stop for a gourmet lunch in a typical restaurant in the Lower Town.
- Coming from the working class borough of Borgo Palazzo, visit the Gamec Gallery of Contemporary Art. Later on, back to the city centre from main Papa Giovanni XXIII Avenue.
- During this day-tour, visit to the most significant monuments and churches in the respective boroughs, to know more about the different Lower Town quarters, their traditions, local art and culture.



DAY 5

Orio-Center shopping day tour

Shopping day-tour at the Orio-Center, one of the biggest shopping malls in Italy. Here find more than 280 shops and a 14 big-screen Cinema.

- Half-day shopping tour at Orio-Center. Lunch in one of its restaurants. Choose your preferred menu and cuisine among different options available! Free time for extra leisure or cultural activities.

