

## **IDEAS FOR SELF GUIDED TOUR** THE SFORZA CASTLE

The **Castello Sforzesco** in Milan, one of Milan's most famous monuments, is one of the most beautiful castles in Italy. Seat of power first of the Visconti and later of the Sforza, it is now home to some of the city's most important museums.

The Castello Sforzesco is the symbolic monument of the epoch and of lordly power in Milan during the delicate transition between the Middle Ages and the Modern Age. Born as a fortress to defend the city, it was transformed in the second half of the 15th century into one of the **most important and well-known structures in Europe**, thanks also to the work of artists such as Leonardo da Vinci and Donato Bramante.

Today it is one of the largest museum complexes in Italy. It is home to the **Sforza Castle Picture Gallery**, the **Egyptian** 



**Museum**, the **Museum of Ancient Art**, the Museum of Musical Instruments, the Art Library, the **Historical Archive and Trivulziana Library**, and the Bertarelli Collection of Prints.



Don't miss a visit to the **Sala delle Asse** by Leonardo, the **Pietà Rondanini** by Michelangelo, *the Trivulzio Tapestries* by Bramantino and the **Pinacoteca**, which offers a cross-section of Lombard painting from the 15th to the 18th century: from Michelino da Besozzo to Foppa, from Cesare da Sesto to Procaccini and Cerano.

Address: Piazza Castello, 20121 Milan MI

Hours: Check the website https://www.milanocastello.it/en for opening hours

**Tickets**: booking on the official website is recommended. It is possible to buy tickets at the box office, but due to the high number of visitors they may sell out.



