

How to get to Bergamo

By plane

• landing in Bergamo:

Several low-cost carriers land in Bergamo ([Orio al Serio airport](http://www.sacbo.it/Airpor/portalProcess.jsp?languageID=2), <http://www.sacbo.it/Airpor/portalProcess.jsp?languageID=2> - sometimes advertised as Milan-Orio al Serio, or Milan-BGY); from there you can take a bus to the city centre and the Upper Town (ca. € 2), or a short taxi ride (ca. € 15-20).

• landing in Milan (in which case you will then need to take a train from Milano Centrale station):

1. From Milano Malpensa to Milano Centrale station:
 - i. bus: Malpensa Express or Malpensa Shuttle Air Pullman (Terminal 1; the same buses also call at Terminal 2): buy tickets from the driver standing by the door of the next bus to leave; buses leave every 20 mins from 6 to midnight every day for Milano Stazione Centrale (takes 50 mins; check that it goes to Centrale not to Cadorna station). Cost: ca. € 5.
 - ii. train (Malpensa Express): not advised if you're going to the Central train station: it takes 10 mins less than the bus, but goes to Cadorna station and then you have to get the underground to Centrale, so in the end it takes the same time and you have the hassle of getting the Metro; the train goes every half hour. Cost: ca. € 10 (more if you pay on board).
 - iii. taxi: quite expensive as the airport is some way out: around € 50/60.
2. From Milano Linate airport to Milano Centrale station: bus or taxi to Stazione Centrale (takes 20 mins)

By train

Trains run every hour from Milano Centrale to Bergamo from 7.20 to 23.40 (except for a gap between 8.43 and 11.20); for more detailed information, see the timetable of the [Italian Railway Company](http://www.trenitalia.it/), <http://www.trenitalia.it/> - which has pages in English. Cost: ca. € 5 (ca. € 6 1st class) — train tickets are probably the best bargains in Italy.

From Bergamo station to your hotel

- i. You could wheel your suitcase from the station to Piemontese, Jolly, Mercure, Cappello d'Oro, or Arli. Other lower-town hotels can be reached by a short taxi ride.
- ii. Upper town hotels can be reached by a short taxi ride, or by taking the No. 1 bus (about every 10 minutes; tickets from the newsagent's) immediately outside the station entrance. No. 1A goes right round the walls — good views — and ends up just outside the entrance to the upper-town ('Colle Aperto'); No. 1 goes to the funicular — also an interesting ride — which you can take with the same ticket.