

KNOW 2017 – some ideas beyond the conference

1. How to get around

Travel to/from Bergamo airport, the railway station, the Lower Town (city centre) and the Upper Town (conference venue): the best option is the airport bus, for which you can also buy a ticket that enables city travel for max 72 hours: www.atb.bergamo.it/en/atb-network/tourism-in-bergamo/airport-bus

To travel between the Upper and the Lower Town you can take a bus no. 1 and/or the funicular to/from Piazza Mercato delle Scarpe (no extra ticket required).

General information on lines and tickets is at www.atb.bergamo.it/en

For a taxi dial 035-4519090 or see www.radiotaxibergamo.it/ - Our very strong recommendation: (ask your hotel to) *book a taxi the night before if you need to be at the airport really early in the morning!*

2. What to see

For general information see www.visitbergamo.net/en/ and www.comune.bergamo.it/servizi/Menu/dinamica.aspx?idSezione=49557&idArea=49582&idCat=49582&ID=49582&TipoElemento=area.

Near the conference venue we suggest

- **Piazza Duomo**, with Santa Maria Maggiore, the Baptistry, the Colleoni Chapel, the Cathedral and its Museum and excavations (www.fondazionebernareggi.it/it/cultura/iniziative/museo-e-tesoro-della-cattedrale-1683), all with literally ten steps of each other. In Santa Maria Maggiore don't miss Lorenzo Lotto's wooden panels (www.fondazionemia.it/it/basilica/visita/tarsie-lorenzo-lotto) and Gaetano Donizetti's tomb;
- **Museum of the Venetian Age** (www.visitbergamo.net/en/object-details/153-historical-museum---venetian-age/), between Piazza Duomo and Piazza Vecchia, in the building that used to host the English Department; take the lift to the top of the bell tower (**Campanone**) for views of Bergamo and, on bright days, Milan, the Alps and the Apennines; opposite this museum, in the portico of the Palazzo della Ragione, an 18th-century sundial marks dates, zodiac signs, solstices and equinoxes; at the far end of **Piazza Vecchia**, the Angelo Mai Library always hosts interesting exhibitions of books and manuscripts in its foyer (www.bibliotecamai.org/);
- **Gaetano Donizetti's birthplace** in picturesque Borgo Canale (www.visitbergamo.net/en/object-details/939-donizetti-birthplace/); just down the road, the church of Santa Grata Inter Vites is home to an intriguing 19th-century *danse macabre* at the back of the altar (www.visitbergamo.net/en/object-details/2997-chiesa-di-santa-grata-inter-vites/);
- **The Botanic Gardens**, a short (gently uphill) walk from Colle Aperto: www.visitbergamo.net/en/object-details/10-botanical-garden-%E2%80%99Clorenzo-rotta-/;
- **San Vigilio**: a somewhat decidedly uphill walk (but there is also a fast funicular!) from Colle Aperto to the highest hill in Bergamo, where the old fortress has recently been re-opened to the public (www.visitbergamo.net/en/object-details/20-castello-s-vigilio/);
- **Accademia Carrara**, perhaps the most important art gallery in town, a short downhill walk from Porta Sant'Agostino (www.lacarrara.it/en/).

On Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays you can also treat yourselves to **individual guided tours**: see www.bergamoguide.it/en/event/riparte-il-tour-degli-individuali/.

3. Where to eat

Well, you'll be spoilt for choice! However, for inexpensive food and drink many of us do like *Il Circolino* (a Biergarten) and *Pub dell'Angelo* (very close to the conference venue); a more upmarket choice is *La Marianna*, best known for its ice-cream (apparently *straciatella* was invented there); finally, *Caffè della Funicolare* has a terrace looking down onto the Lower Town; and then of course there are the restaurants and bars of San Vigilio, but they are much further afield...