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Milan has evolved and expanded its horizons to become, today, an internationally-renowned economic centre, the capital of Italian fashion and design, with its advanced infrastructures, its restaurants, hotels and the countless leisure opportunities like shopping, design and museums. Milan boasts a richness and unique variety of museums. Over the centuries, the long literary, artistic, musical and scientific tradition has made this city into a propeller centre, a crossroads of culture that has left behind numerous traces, now preserved in important museum collections. Milan knows how to satisfy all types of tastes: lyric, theatre, entertainment and music and all sorts of artistic expression find their place in the city. With its various districts - each with its own unique atmosphere - and its characteristic eclectic and energetic spirit, Milan is a city that can please everyone.