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*Taking Pleasure Seriously*

## MILAN – A SHORT WINTER VACATION IN NORTHERN ITALY

We decided to spend this year's winter vacation in Milan. It was my third time visiting the city, and I still was able to discover new, magical places that made my feelings for Milan grow even stronger!



### STAY

Since this time we arrived in Milan in the winter, a central location was the most important criterion when choosing where to stay. Another important aspect was the type of accommodation – hotel or rental apartment. On urban holidays we often stay at an Airbnb apartment, especially because we spend most of the day outside leaving us with less time to enjoy hotel facilities. But we booked this trip a couple of months in advance and had no idea what the weather in February would look like. So in the end we selected an especially charming hotel, Galleria Vik Milano, located in the most beautiful building in town, in my eyes 😍



The description I could think of for the hotel we stayed in, [Galleria Vik Milano](#), is art within art within art.

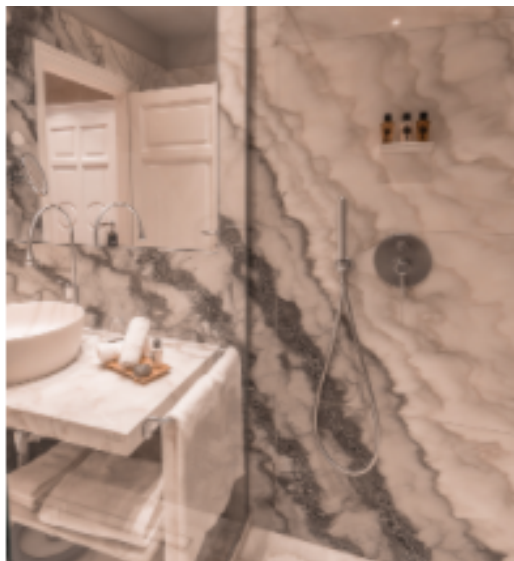
**What do I mean exactly? Let me explain...**

I'll start with the location. [Galleria Vik Milano](#) is located in one of the most famous and



most beautiful historic buildings in Milan, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. The neorenaissance classical gallery is actually the oldest mall in Italy. Established in 1877, it is built of various materials such as marble, iron, and glass. The impressive architecture, frescos, mosaic floors, and high glass ceiling, extraordinarily classic and hard to take your eyes off of. The hall's beauty and luxurious atmosphere is joined by cafes and restaurants, and the amazing designer shop windows, jewelry shops, and art galleries.









It's been a dream of mine to stay in this magnificent structure at least once in my lifetime, and I must say that in this case, reality absolutely surpassed my every expectation. Our hotel room had a terrace with a view to the gallery and we were lucky enough to watch the gallery at all hours of the day – under a soft, early morning light, when early risers are out buying a coffee and pastry on their way to work; late at night, when the store fronts and balconies that surround the gallery are lit up with warm lighting, and nothing but a wonderful silence is in the air; and in between, when the gallery is filled with tourists and locals, and the complex is bustling. The magic in the air is hard to explain in words, it's one of those things you have to experience to really understand.



Aside from the hotel's dream location and visual beauty, this hotel has class and qualities that make it a perfect stay in every way. The windows in the room are completely soundproof {very important as the hotel is located in the center of one of the city's busiest attractions}, the bed is amazing, the large marble shower and bath products are perfect, the mini-bar is replenished with drinks and snacks on a daily basis {at no additional cost} and the breakfast is amazing in every way. The hotel restaurant, where breakfast is served, is decorated with large half-circle windows directly overlooking the gallery, so the view is really something. The meal itself is served from a buffet {where you can find the most fresh and delicious croissants!} as well as from a menu {offering eggs benedict, omelette, pancakes, etc.}.



We were lucky in the end to have sunny, perfect weather for the season, but even if I would have to spend all day long indoors in the hotel, I'd enjoy every minute.