NUST SUPPORTERS' GUIDE TO MILAN

Match info
AC Milan (a)
Tuesday 19th September
@ San Siro
KO 6.45pm local time

Milan is one of Italy's largest cities and the commercial capital of the country. Situated in the Lombardy region, it is well-connected nationally and internationally with three airports (Malpensa, Linate and Bergamo), one major rail hub (Milano Centrale) and a Metro system (ATM).

Getting around
You can travel from Bergamo Airport by coach or from Malpensa and Linate by both coach and train. Most buses will drop you off at Milano Centrale train station where you will be able to connect to the Metro across the city. If you travel by train and have a physical ticket you must validate it in one of the machines on the platforms before you board or you risk a fine. The Metro is operated by ATM (www.atm.it/en) and you can buy individual tickets as well as day and week passes from stations, online or pay contactless. The nearest stop to the stadium is San Siro Stadio on the purple line.

Pre-match
- There are no concerns regarding wearing opposition colours in Milan.
- There is an alcohol ban on Italian streets – drinking outside a busy bar is likely fine but don't expect Trafalgar Square-like scenes outside the Duomo.
- Leave plenty of time to access the San Siro – see below.

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Tickets

Paper tickets are in use with names written on.
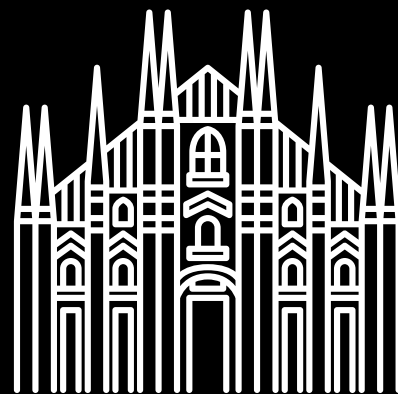
It is **Italian law** to bring ID to football matches.

AC Milan have stated your ID must be a valid passport and cannot be a driving licence or a photocopy.

Accessing the San Siro

- It is expected that most fans will arrive by Metro. After exiting San Siro Stadio station, **turn right three times** to join the snake queue.
- When you reach the front of the queue, you will be asked to show your ticket and passport – **the names on both must match.**
- Under 16s must be accompanied by an over 18.
- From the ID check area, NUFC fans will directed down a narrow alley to the gate.
- Based on the above, the club advise to **allow at least an hour to access the stadium.**
- Wheelchair users access the stadium at Gate 11.
- **Disabled supporters in the away end: please be aware there is no lift. The spiral entrance will take at least ten minutes, even for those with no mobility issues. Please allow plenty of time to get to your seat.**
- If you are refused entry, for safety reasons please make your way back to the city centre to watch the match.

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Inside the San Siro

- The San Siro is a dry stadium...you might be grateful for this when you see the sparsity of the toilets (in a throwback to 1980s Gallowgate, males have 12 urinals and 4 cubicles and females have 8 cubicles)
- Water/soft drinks should be allowed but cap needs to be removed.
- NUFC fans will be held back for a **minimum of 30 minutes** post-match.

Staying in Milan

There is a city-wide tourism tax (4/5€) to be paid upon arrival/departure depending on your accommodation. This is per person per night and isn't included in most prices. Most nightlife closes between midnight and 2am with some rare exceptions. Also be aware that public transport often closes down relatively early for such a big city. Taxis can be expensive but please use an official licensed car. Buying products from street vendors unless they're licensed is illegal. Don't be worried by the military/police presence outside Central Station – this has been in place for many years.

Drinking Moretti, Eating Spaghetti

- *Un caffè* – coffee = Espresso. Ask for an Americano if you want a long coffee!
- *Birra alla spina* – Beer on draft.
- Italians tend to eat evening meals late, around 9pm.
- *Grazie* – Thank you

Emergency numbers in Italy

Police – 112
Ambulance – 118
Fire service – 115
British Consulate – +39 02 72 3001 (select 2 between 9am and 5pm and 4 for emergencies outside these times)

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