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Your Guide to Milan Design Week 2025 — Highlights, Chic Hangouts, and Secrets From the World's Leading Design Festival

With the anticipated Milanese event around the corner, we asked industry veterans to share tips and tricks to revel in it like a true insider, and picked 10 standout projects to catch on the go





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ilan's reputation as the world's foremost fashion and design capital precedes her to the point that there is no way for people to picture the city in their minds without inevitably thinking of its sweeping, sophisticated showrooms, avant-garde artistic institutions, and instantly viral runway shows (and don't just put it down to my Italian bias). Still, if there's an event that captures the coveted destination in all of its disruptive allure from the inebriating aura of its balmy aperitivo hour in the Navigli district to the globally influential source of inspiration that are its heritage interiors brands, and the melting pot of innovation embodied by its international pool of rising talents — it's the annual Milan Design Week.

Returning officially from April 6 to April 13 across multiple venues and neighborhoods in the city, Milan Design Week 2025 is expected to reunite some 500,000 visitors from all over the world in an eight-day celebration of craftsmanship, community, and creativity. Among such globe-trotting furniture and interiors enthusiasts, you will find, of course, *Livingetc*'s editors determinedly strutting its streets, urban gardens, and stuccoed palazzos far and wide, looking for the latest industry sensations. For them, attending the festival is not just an opportunity to check out one of the <u>best cultural events</u> of the year first-hand, but also a chance to identify the biggest <u>interior design trends</u> destined to shape the future of the field before everyone else.

Forecasting aside, though, Milan Design Week 2025 offers the ultimate excuse for travelers to catch the city of *La Madonnina* at its very finest — pullulating with style-conscious crowds, dotted in immersive installations, and serving mouth-watering food and drinks at any time of the day. The secret to making the best of it all? Have a seat, as there's more than just one or two. From the most impressive launches, shows, and collaborations coming to the Italian creative capital to the dos and don'ts of the Milan Design Week game (thanks to our uncompromising editorial team), and industry insiders' advice on how to experience it in full, we've got your back.

Whether you never attended the festival before or do so religiously every year, handle this guide with care — here's all we wish we'd known when we visited the first time around.

9. GALLERIA ROSSANA ORLANDI



ANOTHERVIEW N.41 - A Day Around the Gaysir in Iceland is a striking, surreal video installation that renders nature in all of its explosiveness.

(Image credit: Courtesy of the artist and Galleria Rossana Orlandi)

A must-visit for any contemporary design enthusiast, during Milan Design Week 2025, <u>Galleria Rossana Orlandi</u> will both host and support a number of unmissable exhibitions, with its via Matteo Bandello headquarters being a trove of avant-garde experimentation in itself.

Among the presentations confirmed so far are those of Lebanese architect and interior designer <u>Aline Asmar d'Amman</u>, whose sinuous, glamorous furniture will be on display at the gallery throughout both the festival and Salone del Mobile 2025, and the nomadic, interdisciplinary project Anotherview.

Presented by Galleria Rossana Orlandi at Le Cavalerizze in the 5VIE district as part of the platform's BAR Altra Vista, a design symposium spanning talks, exhibitions, and F&B activations, the audiovisual installation *ANOTHERVIEW N.41 – A day around the Gaysir in Iceland* will transport viewers to the raw landscapes of the Nordic country through a series of intermitting eruptions. Following the alternating course of night and day, and breaking with the anthropized landscape within which Milan Design Week 2025 takes place, the work wants to be "a timeless and meditative experience for those who long to connect with the Earth's elemental beauty".

THE DETAILS

April 7-13

Galleria Rossana Orlandi, Via Matteo Bandello, 14, 20123 Milano MI, Italy

April 7-13 (10 AM-7.30 PM)

BAR Altra Vista at Le Cavallerizze, National Museum of Science and Technology Leonardo da Vinci, *Via Olona, 6, 20123 Milano MI, Italy*

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