

# Santa Maria delle Grazie



**Milan, one of the most important cities in Italy has so much to offer the world. One of such landmarks is the Santa Maria Delle Grazie or Holy Mary of Grace church.**





A late 15th-century painting by Renaissance artist, Leonardo Da Vinci is housed here. It depicts the last supper of Jesus Christ, the most important figure in the religion of Christianity, shortly before his trial and death.

Santa Maria Delle Grazie is on the list of the UNESCO world heritage site. So many aspects of this building made it attain that status including its rich history culture, and the valuable items it holds.



## **Seven Chapels**

Within the church are seven chapels dedicated to the Virgin of Graces. Some of the chapels host sculptures while others contain very beautiful frescoes that will take your breath away at first glance







## **Burial Site**

**Duke Ludovico Sforza, one of the sons of members of the Sforza family decided to have the church as the family burial site. For this reason, he had the cloister and the apse of the church rebuilt and the project was completed in 1490. His wife, Beatrice was buried there in 1497.**



## **The Northern Side of the Chapel**

**The northern side of the chapel is quite interesting. It contains library rooms, and the ancient Chapel Delle Grazie. This side of the buildings offers an interesting angle to the rich culture of the church.**



## **One of the Most Studied Structures in History**

Human ingenuity and creativity have been appreciated throughout history. Santa Maria Delle Grazie remains today as one of the most studied pieces of architecture in the world to try, with the aim of understanding its shape and form for the sake of knowledge.

Every year, hundreds of people visit this church from all over the world. The reasons are not just because of the paintings by Leonardo de Vinci, but also because of the historical significance and the beauty of the design. There is also the frescoes by Bernardo Zenale, depicting the Resurrection and Passion of Christ.







