

Autodromo Nazionale Monza

Home of the Italian Grand Prix

Located in the suburbs of Milan in the Lombardy region of northern Italy, the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza is the spiritual home of Ferrari and one of Formula 1's most iconic circuits.

The track has hosted the Italian Grand Prix since 1950 and is the second-longest continuously held Grand Prix on the calendar.

The high-speed nature of Monza's layout, characterized by its long straights and minimal chicanes, creates some of the most thrilling overtaking moments in F1, with drivers pushing their cars to the absolute limit through the famous Parabolica corner.

The passion of the Italian fans, the tifosi, reaches fever pitch every September, with the red-clad Ferrari supporters creating an electric atmosphere that is unmatched anywhere else on the calendar.

Despite its glory and prestige, Monza has also witnessed tragedy throughout its history, serving as a sobering reminder of the risks these drivers undertake. Modern safety improvements and innovations have made the circuit considerably safer than in decades past, though the raw speed and demands of the track remain as challenging as ever.

For many, Monza represents the pinnacle of Formula 1 racing—where speed, history, passion, and competition converge in perfect harmony.

- Circuit Length – 5.793km
- Number of Laps - 53
- Race Distance – 306.72km
- Max Speed – 380km/h
- Average Temperature in September – 24c
- Currency – EUR
- Closest Airport – Milan Linate Airport (LIN)
- Language – Italian

AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA: HISTORY AND CONSTRUCTION

Built in 1922, the Autodromo Nazionale Monza was the world's third purpose-built motor racing circuit after Brooklands and Indianapolis and the oldest in mainland Europe. Construction of the Autodromo Nazionale Monza was accomplished in just 110 days in 1922, constructed by 3,500 workers financed by the Milan Automobile Club.

Construction commenced on May 15, 1922, and the circuit was inaugurated on September 3 of the same year, promptly hosting its inaugural event, the second Italian Grand Prix, a week later on September 10. The project was entrusted to architect Alfredo Rosselli, with initial plans incorporating a speed track alongside a road ring, creating a 14km circuit.

The original circuit combined a 5.5 km road course and a steeply banked oval track measuring 4.5 km in length, with this high-speed oval allowing cars to sustain speeds over 180 km/h through its banked turns.

The Italian Grand Prix has been hosted at Monza since 1949, with the exception of the 1980 running when the track was closed while undergoing refurbishment.

RACING AT AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA: F1 CARS AND DRIVING EXPERIENCE

The circuit is known as "the Temple of Speed" due to its long straights and high-speed corners. Cars are on full throttle for 80% of the lap, with drivers hitting their maximum speeds on the circuit's 1.1km start/finish straight.

With its long straights and fast corners, Monza allows Formula One cars to reach truly staggering speeds, with cars reaching top speeds of 375 km/h, making it one of the fastest circuits on the calendar. The 5.793 km circuit features 14 turns, with drivers needing low downforce setups and emphasizing engine power rather than aerodynamic grip.

The updated Monza remains one of the most demanding circuits, with its emphasis on engine power and low downforce setup making it the ultimate test of man and machine.

LEGENDARY DRIVERS AT AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA

Monza has hosted numerous Formula One legends throughout its centenary history. Legends from Fangio to Clark to Schumacher built their legends at Monza across seven decades of racing.

Juan Manuel Fangio, Stirling Moss, Phil Hill, Ronnie Peterson, Ayrton Senna, and Jackie Stewart all achieved notable victories at the Italian Grand Prix.

Michael Schumacher won the inaugural Italian Grand Prix at Monza in 1996 with Ferrari, marking the first of his five Monza victories.

AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA: MOST WINS RECORD

Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton share the record of most wins at the track, with five apiece. Max Verstappen has won three times at Monza, while Fernando Alonso and Charles Leclerc have won twice each.

MOST FAMOUS ITALIAN GRAND PRIX RACES AND MEMORABLE MOMENTS

The 1971 Italian Grand Prix featured the closest finish in Formula One history, as Peter Gethin beat Ronnie Peterson by 0.01 seconds, with the top five covered by just 0.61 seconds. With an average speed of 150.754mph, this race stood as the fastest-ever Formula One race for 32 years, until the 2003 Italian Grand Prix at Monza.

The 1988 Italian Grand Prix was the only race of the 1988 season which McLaren failed to win, with Gerhard Berger taking a particularly poignant home result given that this was the first Italian Grand Prix since the death of team founder Enzo Ferrari.

Sebastian Vettel, then just 21 years old, claimed his maiden Formula One victory at Monza in 2008 in wet conditions. In 2019, Charles Leclerc led Ferrari back to victory at Monza after a near decade-long drought at their spiritual home.

WHY DRIVERS LOVE AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA CIRCUIT

Monza is a true cathedral to speed, unmatched around the world for its sense of history and passion, fuelled by the fanaticism of the Italian fans, the tifosi. Drivers and fans alike celebrate the track's long straights, fast corners, and rich racing heritage spanning nearly a century.

The circuit's unique combination of speed, history, and passionate fan support makes it a favorite among drivers.

Built in the Royal Villa of Monza park in a woodland setting, the circuit provides a unique racing experience combining motorsport action with serene natural surroundings.

ITALIAN GRAND PRIX FAN EXPERIENCE AT AUTODROMO NAZIONALE MONZA

The circuit has grandstand capacity for just over 50,000 fans and can accommodate well over 100,000 fans including general admission areas. In 2022, celebrating its centenary year, the circuit welcomed its largest ever Italian Grand Prix crowd, with 337,000 fans in the grandstands and general admission areas over the race weekend.

In November 2024, Formula 1 announced a new six-year contract extension for the Monza race, securing the event's longer-term future on the calendar until at least 2031.

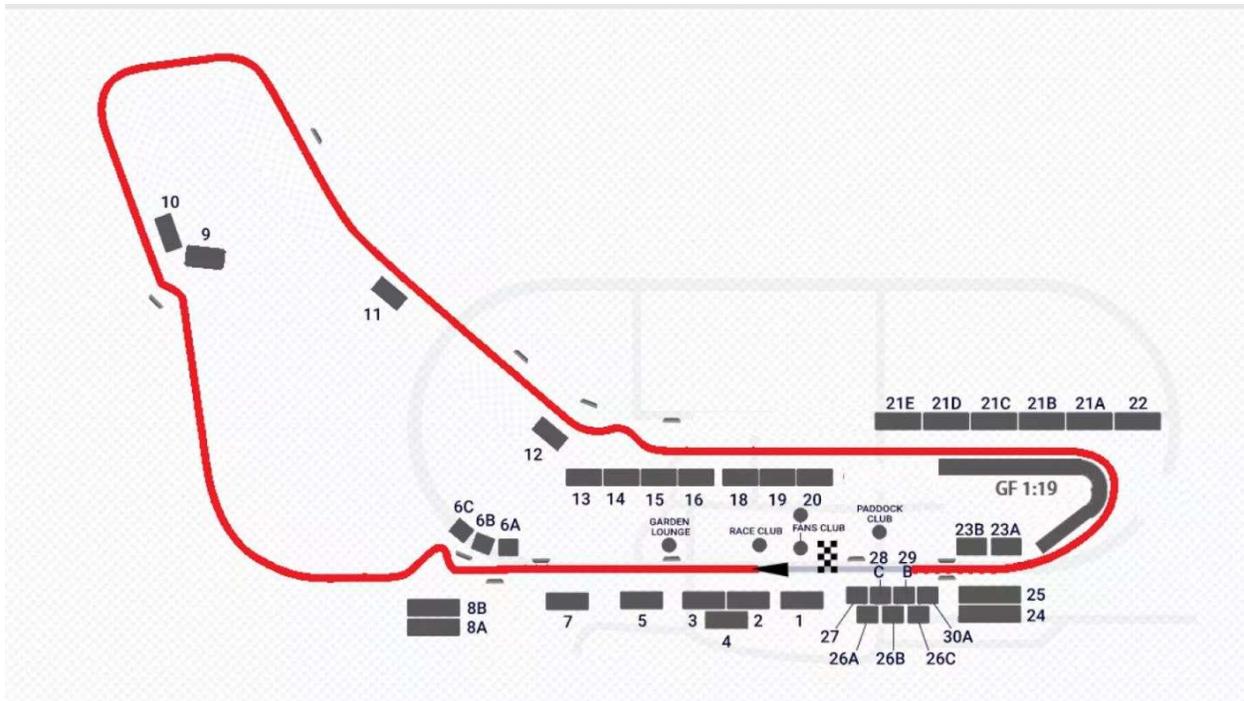
SURROUNDING AREAS AND MILAN ATTRACTIONS

The Autodromo Nazionale Monza is located in a royal park in the town of Monza, approximately 9 miles north-northeast of Milan. The circuit is located approximately 35 km west of Milan, accessible via public transport from Milan or by car through the northern region of Lombardy.

Milan offers world-class attractions including historic architecture, art museums, fashion district shopping, and exceptional Italian cuisine.

The parkland remains open to the public throughout the year, and visitors can find an outdoor municipal swimming pool in the grounds alongside the main straight. The circuit's location near Milan provides fans with easy access to one of Italy's most vibrant and culturally rich cities.

GRANDSTANDS SEATING



MAIN STRAIGHT (GRANDSTANDS 1-5, 24, 26)

Grandstand 1 (Centrale) sits directly on the start line and is steeped in Monza's history, dating back to the circuit's earliest races. From here you have an unobstructed view of the grid formation, the dramatic start as 20 cars launch into the first corner, and of course the cars crossing the chequered flag at the finish. The upper rows are covered while the lower sections are exposed to the elements, offering both premium comfort and budget options.

Grandstands 2-4 sit just behind the start line, placing you perfectly to feel the incredible sense of speed as the fastest cars on the calendar roar beneath you. Here you'll experience an unmatched combination of sound, speed and atmosphere as the cars accelerate down the Rettifilo straight before braking heavily for the first chicane.

Grandstand 5 (Piscina) offers a more affordable compromise between the main straight and Turn 1, positioned midway along the pit straight. While budget-friendly, the views here are somewhat limited compared to nearby options.

Grandstand 24 (Vedano) sits near the exit of the main straight and is covered, making it an excellent choice if weather is a concern. Famous for its passionate atmosphere, fans here cheer the race leader across the line, creating an electric finale to the race.

Grandstand 26 (Laterale Destra A, B & C) is one of Monza's most popular and sought-after stands. Bordering the grid with views of the pit lane, podium and pre-race build-up, these seats combine the spectacle of race preparation with front-row views of the finish line celebrations. Being located directly opposite the podium, you'll be among the first to witness the post-race ceremony and are ideally positioned for the famous Monza track invasion.

PRIMA VARIANTE (FIRST CHICANE) – GRANDSTANDS 6 & 8

After an exhilarating charge down the long Rettifilo straight, the 20-car field bunches up dramatically as drivers brake hard to navigate this tight right-left chicane. This is one of Monza's heaviest braking zones and offers spectacular action.

Grandstand 6 (Interna Prima Variante A, B & C) sits on the inside of the chicane with a wider field of view. Section 6C offers the closest proximity to the corner with the best sightlines, while 6A and 6B provide more budget-friendly options further back. All sections provide excellent views of the braking zone and the drivers' cornering ability at this pivotal corner. A giant screen keeps you informed of the broader race action.

Grandstand 8 (Esterna Prima Variante A & B) sits on the outside of the corner, offering a thrilling head-on perspective of the straight and the chicane entry. Section 8A provides superior views from a higher position, while 8B is more economical. This is where you'll witness most of the weekend's overtaking, particularly on the opening lap when positions are contested aggressively.

SECONDA VARIANTE (SECOND CHICANE) – GRANDSTANDS 9 & 10

Positioned at the end of the short straight between Turns 3 and 4, these stands overlook the Roggio and Biassono sections where wheel-to-wheel racing frequently unfolds. While no DRS assists overtaking here, good exits from the first chicane often lead to dramatic battles and occasional driver errors.

Grandstand 9 (Seconda Variante) offers superior views of the second chicane and provides excellent sightlines of the action. A giant screen opposite keeps you connected to the rest of the circuit.

Grandstand 10 (Roggia) sits directly opposite this section but offers slightly less compelling views than its neighbour. General admission spectators often find better value exploring the inside of the iconic Lesmo corners just a short walk from these stands, where you can experience F1 in its rawest form through the high-speed forest section.

VARIANTE ASCARI – GRANDSTANDS 11-17

Named after the late double-world champion Alberto Ascari who tragically lost his life here in 1955, these grandstands provide stunning views of F1 cars at extraordinary speed. Positioned at this quick corner, you'll watch as the cars emerge at full speed from the forest section in the second DRS zone, almost appearing glued to the track as they navigate one of the circuit's most challenging sequences.

MID-CIRCUIT STANDS – GRANDSTANDS 18-20

Located on the inside of the circuit near the paddock, these three grouped stands offer a unique perspective with a covered marquee and large screen. From your seats you'll have views of the fast Ascari chicane exit and a panoramic view of the back straight leading into the famous Parabolica. The general admission spectators standing opposite create a party-like atmosphere throughout the weekend.

PARABOLICA (FINAL CORNER) – GRANDSTANDS 21A-E & 22

Rivalling Eau Rouge as one of the most iconic corners on the current F1 calendar, Parabolica has a "has to be seen to be believed" factor. Located on the outside of this fast, sweeping right-hander, you'll experience the sheer speed and cornering ability of F1 cars as they brake from approximately 340kph to 180kph while fighting to maintain momentum for the long straight ahead. The six grouped grandstands here provide exceptional views, though they are largely uncovered.

Grandstand 21A, positioned nearest the apex with a giant screen opposite, offers the best value option in this group with compelling views of the famous corner. Sections 21B-E are progressively further from the track and offer less compelling experiences – general admission tickets would provide better value here.

Grandstand 22, alongside Grandstand 21, also sits on the inside of the track at Parabolica's exit, offering additional seating in this iconic location.