



# OLYMPIC SCAVENGER HUNT





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The Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics will take place in a region that mixes busy city life with beautiful mountains. From Milan's hustle and bustle as one of the world's fashion capitals to the quiet majesty of Cortina d'Ampezzo's tall mountain peaks, this will be one of the most scenic Olympic backdrops ever.

Let's take a journey through the region and explore its sights, sounds, and tastes. Learn about the history and culture of one of Italy's most beautiful regions. But most of all, let's make this journey fun!



## THE MILANO CORTINA 2026 OLYMPIC TREASURE HUNT

The Canadian Olympic School Program has created the ultimate digital treasure hunt. So, grab your map, sit down with your computer or cell phone, and get ready to race around Italy looking for clues. Collect the right answers to solve the mystery riddle.



***“The Olympics are about grit, heart, and redefining what’s possible—not just for medals, but for opening doors for future generations in sport and beyond.”***

— JENNIFER HEIL,  
Chef de Mission, Team Canada





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# GRACIOUS HOSTS

This February, Italy will once again roll out the red carpet as Olympians from around the world arrive to compete. It will be the fourth time Italy has hosted the Olympic Games, and the second time that Cortina is host to the Olympic Winter Games.

When Cortina d'Ampezzo hosted the 1956 Olympic Winter Games, the games were much smaller than they are now. Only 32 countries and 821 athletes competed. There were only four sports and 24 events.

Despite the size, it wasn't an easy Games to host. Even with less than a thousand athletes, there were not enough hotel rooms in the town of only 6,500 people. The residents housed some of the competitors in their own homes. Talk about being hospitable! Since there wasn't much snow that year in the local mountains, the Italian army had to ship in snow to make sure the ski hills and cross country courses were covered.

The Cortina d'Ampezzo Olympics were the first Olympic Winter Games to be televised internationally. TV was new technology and televising a major multi-sport event like the Olympics was almost an experiment. For the first time, venues were designed with television in mind.





## TREASURE HUNT instructions

Explore online to discover the responses to the following questions. Record your findings on the Olympic Treasure Hunt Map activity sheet, matching each answer with its corresponding number. Use the clues to complete the Answer section and insert the bold underlined letter or number from each question into the puzzle key.

### QUESTIONS

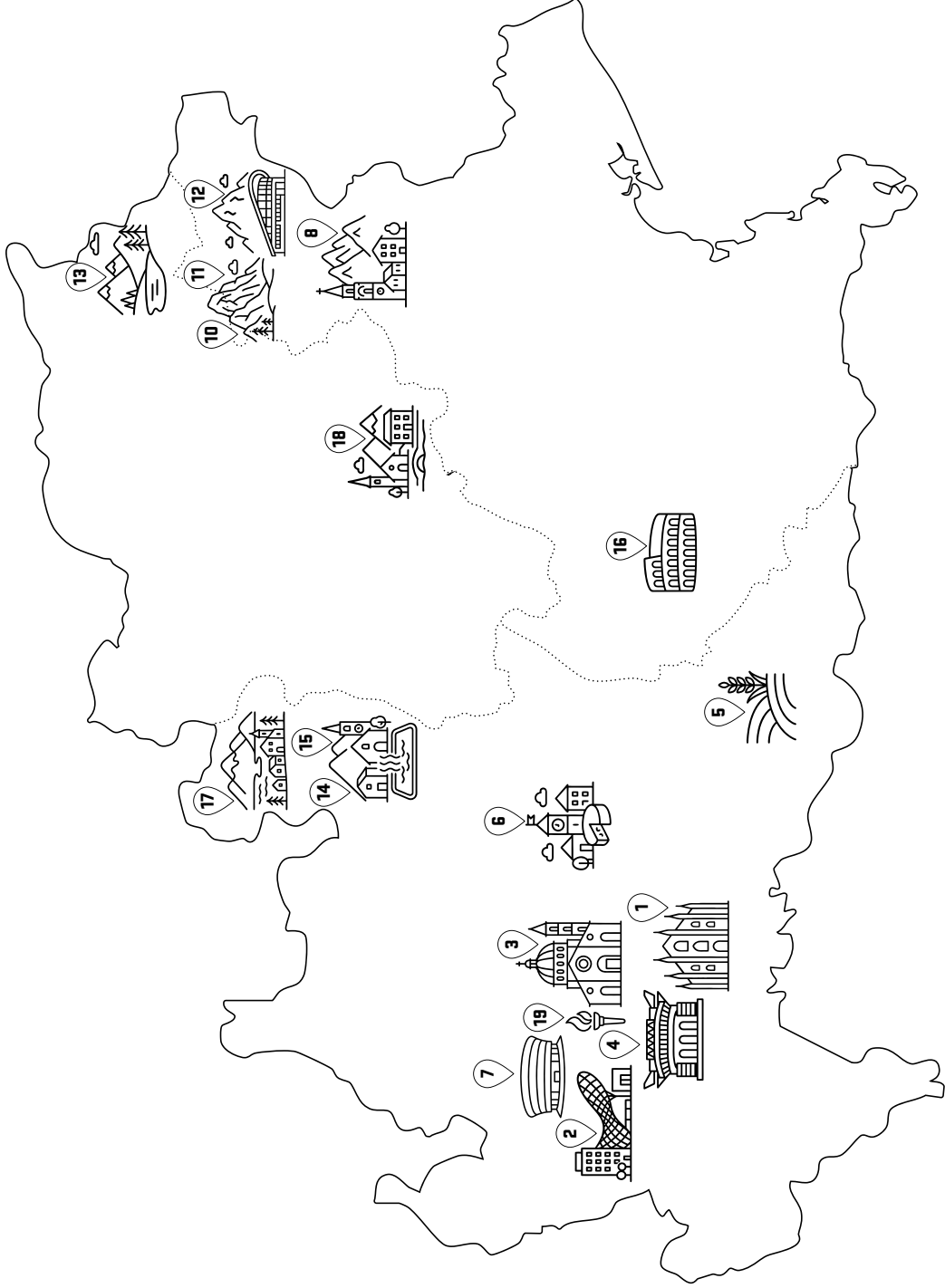
- 1** The most famous building in Milano is the cathedral, the **Duomo di Milano**. It is one of the largest and most intricate Gothic cathedrals in the world and it took almost 600 years to construct. It has over 3,000 spires and statues. How many popes are buried there?
- 2** Speed skating and ice hockey will be hosted at the **Milano Ice Park at the Fiera Milano** exhibition venue. This venue is used to big events and large crowds, as it hosted Expo 2015. What was the theme of that Expo?
- 3** Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper is one of the world's most famous paintings and is located in **Milano**. It shows the last meal that Jesus ate with his disciples before he was crucified and the moment he gave them the sacrament of communion. Where in what convent is the painting located?
- 4** The San Siro Stadium, or "**La Scala del Calcio**", will host the Olympic Opening Ceremony on 6 February 2026. This soccer stadium seats 75,000 people and is the home field for two of Italy and Europe's best professional soccer teams. One of these teams has won seven Champion League titles. What is the name of that team?
- 5** Few people think of Italy as a country that grows rice, but it is the largest rice producer in Europe. Most of that is grown near **Milano**. If you go there, you will want to try this famous rice based food that is made with saffron. What is the name of the food?
- 6** A unique cheese is made in the community of **Gorgonzola**, just outside of Milano. The cheese is named after the community, and no other location can make cheese by this name. It is a pale yellow or white cheese with veins of mold. What color are the veins?
- 7** Short-track speed skating will be held at **Milano Ice Skating Arena**. The races are held around an 111m oval inside a hockey rink. The sport is known for crashes, wild passing, and unexpected winners. What Italian athlete holds the record for the most Olympic medals won at short-track?
- 8** Each team has a Chef de Mission. Think of the Chef de Mission as the team leader and cheerleader for the entire Olympic team. They act as a spokesperson for the team so that so athletes and coaches can stay focused on competition. Canada's Chef de Mission is a former Freestyle skier. How many Olympic medals did she win as a competitor?



- 9 **Cortina d'Ampezzo** was selected as the host city for the 1944 Olympic Winter Games. What event caused those Games to be cancelled?
- 10 **Cortina d'Ampezzo** was the film location for the James bond film "For Your Eyes Only". In the film, James skis down a mountain while being chased by assassins on motorcycles. It was the same mountain used for the 1956 Olympic Alpine competitions and that will be used for the women's Alpine in 2026. What was the name of the mountain?
- 11 Which Canadian skier won Canada's first Olympic women's downhill medal on that mountain?
- 12 Curling competitions will be held at the Cortina Ice Stadium in **Cortina d'Ampezzo**. This is the site where the opening ceremony of the 1956 Olympic Winter Games took place. What two Italian curlers will be competing as defending gold medalists from 2022 in the mixed curling event?
- 13 The Biathlon competition will be held in the far northeast region of Italy in the **Antholz Valley**. What is the primary language spoken in this region?
- 14 The men's Alpine skiing will be contested in the resort town of **Bormio**. The town is known for its thermal baths and difficulty of its ski slopes. The **Stelvio** alpine course features an elevation change of 987m over 3186m, with a maximum gradient of 63%. It's an annual stop on the FIS World Cup circuit. What Canadian Alpine skier won bronze at the 2023 and 2024 FIS World Cup over this course?
- 15 **Bormio** will host the first Olympic Ski Mountaineering competition. The sport combines up hill skiing, hiking, and downhill skiing. During the sprint event, skiers will ski up a hill, transition to hiking for a steep section, and then ski down the hill. The whole event lasts only about three minutes, and there are knock-out rounds of six skiers. How many athletes will compete at the 2026 Olympics?
- 16 The Olympic Closing Ceremony will be held in the **Arena of Verona**. This ancient Roman amphitheatre was completed in 30 CE, making it almost 2,000 years old. Home to ancient gladiator battles, the arena is mostly used for concerts. What popular style of music do Italian music lovers most often go to see at the Arena of Verona.
- 17 **Livigno** is alpine village perched at 1,816m above sea level near the Swiss border. It will host snowboarding and freestyle skiing. How many medal events are in those two sports?
- 18 The Ski Jumping events will be held in **Predazzo**. The athletes ski down a steep ramp, jump into the air, and land as far away as possible. They are scored for distance and style. In 2023, Alexandria Loutitt became the first Canadian ski jumper to win the World Championships. She is an Indigenous athlete from what First Nations community?
- 19 Departing with a flame lit in Olympia, Greece, the Olympic Torch Relay begins in Rome and makes its way over 63 days to light the Olympic Cauldron at the Opening Ceremonies in Milano. What is the date that the Olympic Torch Relay officially begins in **Rome**?



# TREASURE HUNT Map



## Answers

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## Puzzle Key

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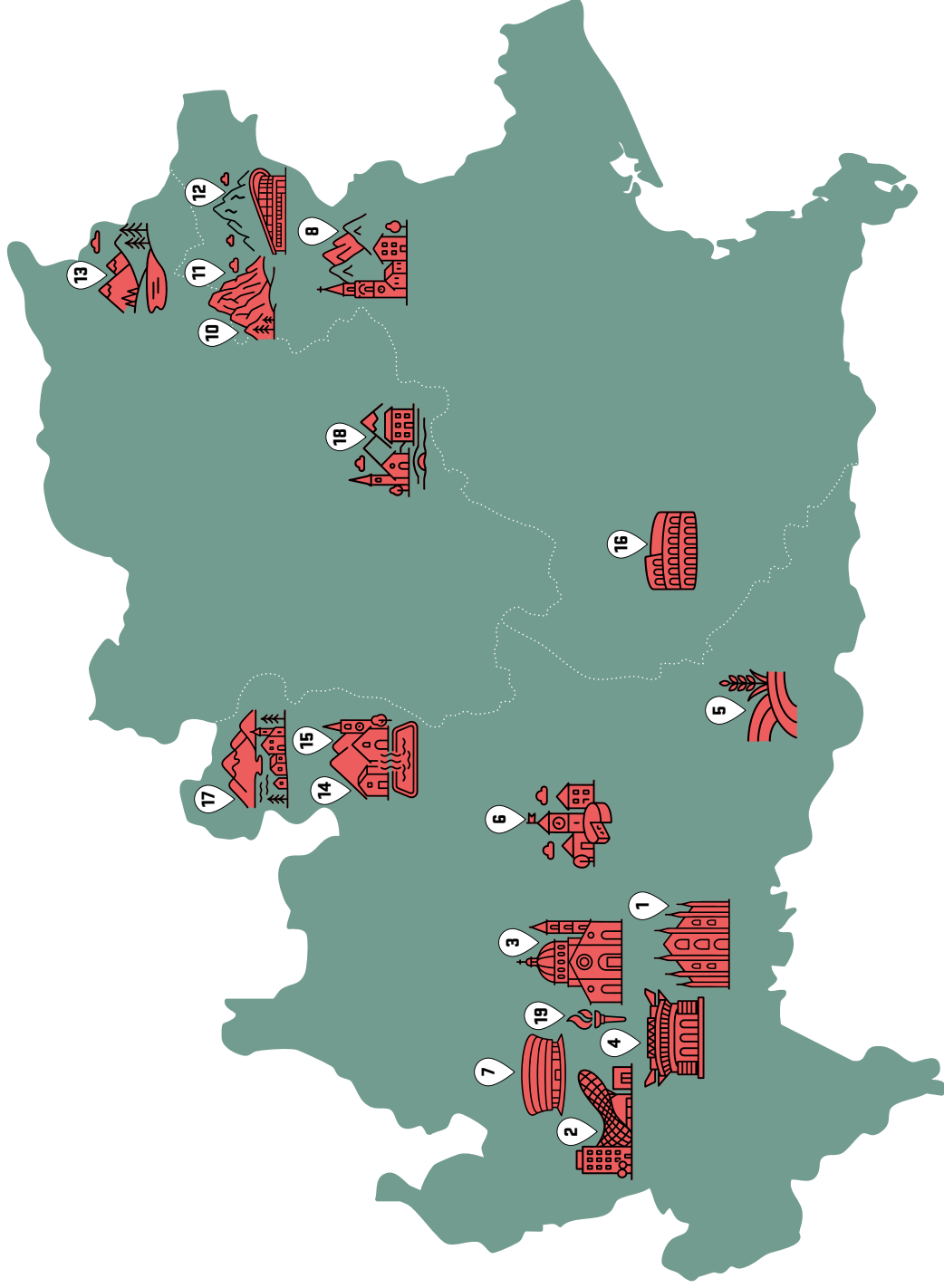
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ENERGY FOR LIFE»
3. SANTA MARIA DELLE GRAZIE
4. AC MILAN
5. RISOTTO ALLA MILANESE
6. BLUE
7. ARIANNA FONTANA
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9. WORLD WAR II
10. TOFANA DI MEZZO
11. LUCILLE WHEELER
12. STEFANIA CONSTANTINI  
AND AMOS MOSANER
13. GERMAN
14. CAMERON ALEXANDER
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16. OPERA
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19. DECEMBER 6, 2025



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