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A feast of exhibits

by Tiffany Parks Culture is exploding on the scene this month with exciting and diverse exhibits popping up all over town. Here's our pick of the best new shows.



Paris in black and white

Paris in the 1930s. Candid black and white photographs. Love, childhood, café culture. What could be more romantic? Robert Doisneau's photos capture the indescribable fascination Paris has held for generations of hopeless romantics. The PalaExpo is hosting an exhibit of over 240 of his original photographs, shot between 1934 and 1991 in the inimitable City of Light. Palazzo delle Esposizioni.

Great Guttuso

On occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth, 100 paintings by Sicilian artist Renato Guttuso are on display in his adopted city of Rome, a setting that inspired much of his colorful and expressively free art. From 11 October. Complesso del Vittoriano.





Roma Caput Mundi

Combine a visit to two of Rome's most noted sights, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, with a fascinating look at the city's unparalleled dominance. An exhibit of 100 ancient works illustrates the political and cultural expansion of Rome as capital of an ever-growing empire.

From 3 October. Colosseum and Roman Forum.





Incredible Akbar

Emperor Akbar "The Great," legendary leader of the Mughal empire, is celebrated in a unique new exhibit that brings together over 150 fascinating works narrating court life, politics, civilization, art, war, religion and myth in the exotic setting of 16th-century India.

Begins 23 October. Palazzo Sciarra.



Let's Go Dutch

Johannes Vermeer's understated works, characterized by elegantly diffused light and his captivating vision of the ideal woman, are unmistakable. 8 of the great Dutch master's masterpieces have been reunited, together with works by some of his most outstanding contemporary artists, for an unmissable new exhibit celebrating the golden age of northern painting in the 1600s.

Scuderie del Quirinale.