

» Pro tip: Be sure to make your reservations in advance!

Imbibing with a *View*

Why be satisfied sipping a cocktail in an ordinary locale when you could be enjoying one with all of Rome at your feet?

Tiffany Parks shares her picks for Rome's best cocktail bars with a view.



✱ SEE AND BE SEEN

The it-spot of the young and chic, the rooftop terrace of Hotel Indigo Rome St. George exudes an undeniable sense of relaxation and luxuriant well-being. Located just steps from the Tiber, the bar offers guests a view of Rome's fascinating river and the monuments beyond. > Via Giulia, 62. Tel 06686611.

✱ ATOP THE FAMOUS STEPS

You'll have the impression of sipping your drink while teetering on top of the world at Il Palazzetto, situated near the summit of the Spanish Steps. Located on the rooftop of a Renaissance palace, this elegant wine and cocktail bar is famous for its vast selection of vintages, expertly mixed cocktails, and succulent finger food. > Vicolo del Bottino, 8. Tel 0669934711.

✱ POOLSIDE PERFECTION

Sleek and modern, the rooftop terrace of Hotel Exedra takes poolside dining to a whole new level. With the skyline of Rome reflecting

off the crystal waters of the swimming pool, it's the ideal place for a sophisticated tippie on a warm Roman eve.

> Piazza della Repubblica, 47. Tel 06489381.

✱ PARADISE ON THE PINCIAN HILL

The view from Rome's Pincian Hill is known for being the most romantic in the city. That makes Bar La Terrazza (pictured, lower right) on the rooftop of exclusive Hotel Eden the perfect spot to bring your favorite person for an unforgettable cocktail. Maybe you're even thinking of popping the question? Either way, you can't go wrong here. > Via Ludovisi, 49. Tel 06478121.

✱ WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

One of the most dazzling views in the city, the panorama from the Roof Garden Bar of Grand Hotel de la Minerve takes in practically every major dome in Rome, lining them up with picture-postcard perfection. Indulge in a cocktail in the unique position of being able to look down onto the dome of the nearby Pantheon. > Piazza della Minerva, 69. Tel 06695201.

✱ SUNSET CITY

From the swoon-worthy two-level terrace of Hotel Raphael, the distinctive spiral spire of Borromini's Sant'Ivo alla Sapienza church seems so close that you could almost reach out and touch it. Bursting with flowers and dripping with ivy, the terrace is the perfect spot to admire Rome's characteristic afternoon glow, the inspiration for so many writers and artists. > Largo Febo, 2. Tel 06682813.

✱ IN THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Located in the very heart of Rome's historic center and boasting a 360° view that includes such iconic Roman sights as Villa Medici, Castel Sant'Angelo, and St. Peter's Basilica, 0-300 (pictured, upper right), the rooftop bar of Ristorante All'Oro, is a setting that is hard to beat. Chef Riccardo di Giacinto serves up weird and wonderful mini-dishes to accompany the bartenders' numerous fresh fruit-based cocktails and long drinks. > Via del Vantaggio, 14. Tel 0697996907.