

MUST SEE

Journalist Silvio Negro pegged the essence of the Eternal City when he said, "Rome: a lifetime isn't enough." Not everyone has the luxury of spending a lifetime, a year, a month, or even a full week exploring the countless sights Rome has to offer. With the average stay lasting just four days, how do you know what to see and what to skip? **Tiffany Parks** has saved you the headache and picked the winners for you.



MAXXI

Designed by Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid and Rome's youngest museum at just 7 years old, the MAXXI showcases the most groundbreaking art of the moment. With temporary exhibits featuring everything from contemporary architecture to avant-garde installations, the MAXXI has brought Rome into the 21st century.



CAPPELLA SISTINA

Whatever you do, do not leave Rome without visiting the Sistine Chapel. It may seem overrated, but trust us, it's not. Michelangelo's *tour de force* represents the culmination of Renaissance art, and the chapel also boasts frescoes by Botticelli, Perugino, and several other masters. Take a guided tour to get the most out of your visit.



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COLOSSEO

We're guessing you probably figured this one out on your own. The 2000-year-old Flavian Amphitheater is the undeniable icon of the city. Some would even say, if you haven't been to the Colosseum, you haven't been to Rome. Not surprisingly, it might feel like every other visitor to Rome had the same idea, considering the long ticket lines at this famous site. Travel smart by booking in advance online (coopculture.it). If that's not possible, head to the Palatine Hill entrance instead where the lines are a good deal shorter.

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GELATO

Summer isn't summer in Italy without a heaping cone of gelato—one in each hand if possible! Artisanal gelato is slow churned, making the flavors richer and more developed than ice cream. Whether you prefer decadent flavors like chocolate or pistachio, refreshing sorbets like lemon, cantaloupe, or peach, or imaginative combinations hitherto undreamed of, the city's dozens of gelaterias won't let you down. Be sure to go with a shop that uses strictly fresh and natural ingredients.





AMATRICIANA

Traditional local cuisine is as much a part of Roman culture as Michelangelo. And of Rome's entire culinary canon, no other dish is more quintessential than *bucatini all'amatriciana*. This popular pasta dish, belonging to the tradition of the town of Amatrice, is as simple as it is delicious: long hollow noodles with a sauce of tomatoes, *guanciale*, and pecorino cheese.



MADE IN ITALY

High fashion is an art, and there's no better place to admire it than along Rome's most exclusive shopping street, Via Condotti. If you have the means, splurge on a pair of shoes, a bag, or an entire outfit, like this sophisticated look by Dolce & Gabbana. Otherwise, feed your pupils while window-shopping along this iconic street.



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PANTHEON

The best preserved ancient monument in the world. The largest unsupported concrete dome in the world. Quite possibly the most amazing sight you'll ever see. Do yourself a favor and don't miss it.



PARCO DELLA MUSICA

Take in a concert by the acclaimed Santa Cecilia orchestra and chorus. The ensemble interprets works by the titans of classical music under Maestro Antonio Pappano at Renzo Piano's cutting-edge performance space.



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VITTORIANO

Have the entire city at your feet by visiting the terrace on the top of the Vittoriano Complex. Bonus: the glass elevator brings you there with zero effort on your part.