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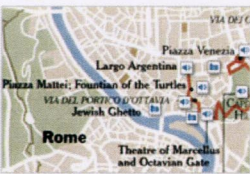
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What to Do in Rome

By DANIELLE PERGAMENT

If you know where to look, Rome is replete with breathtaking art, great shopping, and most recently, great modern architecture.

Richard Meier's **Ara Pacis Museum** opened in 2006 — the first new building to crop up inside the Aurelian Wall since Mussolini was giving speeches. The glass box structure only holds one artifact — the Ara Pacis, or Altar of Peace, built for Emperor Augustus in 9 B.C.

Also new to the art scene is **Zaha Hadid's Maxxi Museum** (Museo Nazionale delle Arti del XXI Secolo) the eagerly anticipated modern art museum with 26,000 square meters of exhibition space in five long tunnels.

Across town is the city's contemporary art museum, **Macro** (Museo D'Arte Contemporanea Roma), which has just undergone an expansion, adding more than 100,000 square feet and a rooftop terrace.

To hit all of Rome's shopping zones in a quaint, nonpolluting way, jump on the No. 116 bus (it's teeny and electric) at Porta Pinciana outside the Villa Borghese and be charioted through the narrow cobblestone streets (www.atac.roma.it).

For an insider's edge in the boutiques, hire a personal shopper. **Barbara Lessona** (39-333-798-2702; lessona@fastwebnet.it) is like having a best friend in Rome — that is, if your best friend is an Italian contessa who seems to know every store, designer, hairstylist and headwaiter by name.

Sweat out a week of carbonara at the only Bikram yoga studio in Italy, **Birkam Yoga Roma**. (Via Aurelia, 190; 39-06-454-928-98; www.bikramyogaroma.it). On Tuesday evening and Saturday morning, the class is in English. Afterward, walk downhill and enjoy a particularly breathtaking view of **St. Peter's Basilica**. This is a city where the planners were named Michelangelo and Bernini, so Rome itself is the world's largest museum. To understand what you're looking at, tour the city with an art historian and theologian like Jason Spiehler on his **Roman Odyssey Tours**. His best tours include the **Vatican**, Bernini's Rome and the Ancient City, which he ends with a compelling performance of Shakespeare in the Roman Forum.

Take a crash course in Italian wines. **The International Wine Academy of Roma** offers bilingual classes on the intricacies of Super Tuscans, the delicacies of brunello and everything in between. Even if you remember nothing, you'll enjoy an evening

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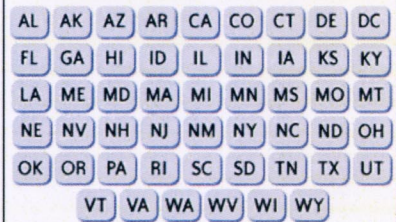
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