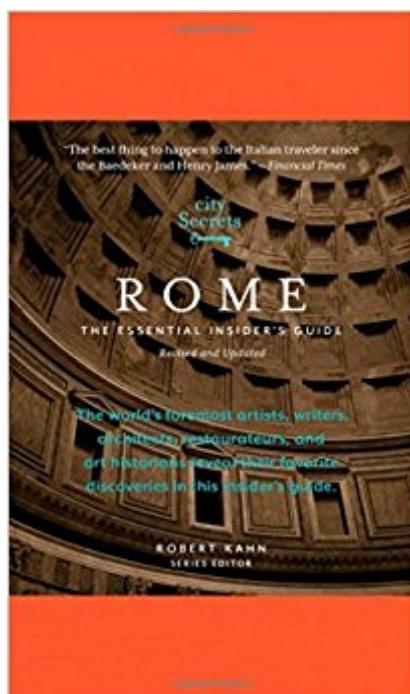


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# City Secrets Rome: The Essential Insider's Guide, Revised And Updated



## Synopsis

City Secrets Rome: The Essential Insider's Guide brings together the recommendations of artists, writers, historians, architects, chefs, and other experts whose passionate opinions and highly informed perspectives illuminate well-known sites as well as overlooked treasures. These expert travel companions share with you their favorite little-known places including restaurants, cafÃ©s, art, architecture, shops, outdoor markets, strolls, daytrips, as well all manner of cultural and historic landmarks. Clothbound, elegant, and pocket-sized, City Secrets Rome features a subtle, non-guidebook design and detailed maps. With over 250 contributors and 400 entries, this curated travel guide is a valuable supplement to any book more devoted to travel basics. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to The American Academy in Rome, a center for independent study and advanced research in the arts and humanities.

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Robert Kahn is an architect and the creator and publisher of the City Secrets series. Kahn has received numerous awards, including the Rome Prize in Architecture. His work has been featured in Architectural Digest, House & Garden, and The New York Times Magazine, among many other publications. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The "City Secrets" series offers a unique kind of guidebook. Rather than being written by one author, these books consist of entries by many authors, who offer their observations not only on famous monuments but also on the overlooked or unknown places and experiences found in major cities. The volume on Rome, revised and updated in 2011, is a fascinating compilation that reveals many of Rome's treasures not included in conventional travel guides. This isn't a book for the first-time visitor to Rome. There are no illustrations--just some maps of neighborhoods. This is a volume for Rome-lovers, people who already know something of the city and who are eager to learn more. Although the book covers all the great monuments of Rome, the emphasis is on unusual or overlooked aspects of those monuments, and on places you'd never find on your own. There are also restaurant recommendations, none of which are "tourist traps," and although a few entries suggest interesting, unusual shops, shopping isn't a major focus here: art and architecture is. The editor divided the book into 12 sections, corresponding to 11 regions of the city, plus a final chapter on the outskirts and a few sites short distances outside of Rome. In each, you'll find entries varying in length from barely more than a sentence up to 3 or 4 pages, but the length isn't dependent on the importance or popularity of the monument. Instead, it depends on the individual insights and suggestions of the author of each entry. A few are a bit too academic, like this one: "Considered the shifting point from Renaissance to Baroque, Campidoglio-- Michelangelo's landscape intervention--is a geometric organization of topography that articulates exterior space with the same precision as an interior condition." Huh??? But most entries are excellent, original and sometimes delightful, like this description of Velasquez's portrait of Pope Innocent X, in the Galleria Doria

Pamphili: "Innocent X was anything but. ... He looks like he's about to exhale noxious fumes, or pull out a dagger and knife you." Beyond major monuments, entries bring to the reader's attention all sorts of wonderful things: places to go at sunset to enjoy incomparable views of the Eternal City; places for picnics; little-known museums and archaeological sites; churches you've passed dozens of times without appreciating their facades or being aware of the treasures inside; translations of Latin inscriptions; which churches offer free concerts; the hours when certain places that always seem to be closed are actually open, and so on and on. At the beginning there's a page listing useful websites, a particularly valuable inclusion, since it notes the sites where it's possible to buy tickets in advance to always-crowded places like the Colosseum and the Vatican Museums, thus avoiding those dreaded, endless lines. This book shows that there's always something new to learn about Rome, even if you know the city well. As the saying goes: "Rome, a lifetime is not enough."

I recently visited Rome for the first time. I picked up this book along with Rick Steves' more basic guide to the city, "Rome 2012." I wouldn't try to navigate the city based on this book alone, but it was a great resource for restaurant tips and hidden spots. Our best meals and most pleasant experiences were all based on recommendations from this book.

As advertised in the write-up, the book features experts telling us about their favorite hidden corner, building, fountain, in a great city. Organized around specific districts, the book is easy to use. The various expert writers, provide their reasoning for their favorite, fleshed out with gratifying insights. The plain cover and size invite carrying this with you as you explore, sampling the coffee and cakes from the described small restaurants hidden away among those sights. Enjoy!

I can honestly say that all of our favorite things we did in Rome were suggestions from this book. We would have had a very different trip without it.

A great

reference! [https://www..com/Black-Lives-Matter-Lifespan-Perspectives/dp/9382661409/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1498491349&sr=8-1&keywords=Black+Lives+Matter%3A+Lifespan+Perspectives](https://www..com/Black-Lives-Matter-Lifespan-Perspectives/dp/9382661409/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1498491349&sr=8-1&keywords=Black+Lives+Matter%3A+Lifespan+Perspectives)

This tiny book, which will be quite easy to carry on your travels through Rome, is full of insider information from academics and other contributors who live in this fabulous city or know it intimately. I've never seen a guide book this complete. It's a fabulous resource for art, architecture, restaurants

and shops. It's amazingly detailed. A friend recommended it and loaned me her copy. After I started to read it, I ordered a copy for myself and one for a friend who had recently moved to Rome.

The tiny details pointed out by the artists and architects made our recent visit richer. We saw in a new way. And the restaurant recommendations led us to eat one of the best meals ever in Trastevere.

Not as good as the first edition and I recommend to get both.

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