

HIGH DESIGN IN ITALY

The country that gave the world Michelangelo, da Vinci and Raphael has been engaged in every major Western art and design movement, from Baroque and Rococo to Impressionism and Expressionism to modernism and post-modernism.



BOTH / MAURO MORI



PENTHOUSE SUITE / ROME CAVALIERI HILTON

EXPERT GUIDE

Joan Reifsnnyder, an art scholar, restorer and historian with **Da Vinci Capers** (a hands-on art-immersion travel company), is an excellent resource for art- or antique-purchasing trips. Reifsnnyder is connected to Italy's creative community, knows antiques well and has an entertaining guidance style.

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HOT SHOP

In Rome's art-rich antiques district, the **Alberto Di Castro Gallery** deals in relief engravings and 16th to 19th century prints depicting Rome, botany and science. The gallery, founded in the late 1800s, is one of Italy's oldest.

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CONTEMPORARY SCENE

Furniture designer **Mauro Mori** creates functional sculptures from wood, marble, stone and metals. His playfully geometric designs have won him connections with major home décor firms Capellini, Minotti and Boffi.

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UP-AND-COMING ARTIST

Stefania Brandinelli is a painter and sculptor who studied with masters Richard Pousette-Dart, Henry Hensche and Nathaniel Kaz.

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DON'T MISS

To find modern and one-of-a-kind home furnishings, attend the **Milan Furniture Fair**, but if you're more into classics, head for the **Fiere di Parma** antique show.

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ART HOTEL

Leonardo DiCaprio, Celine Dion, Carlos Santana and Forest Whitaker have all slumbered at the five-star **Rome Cavalieri Hilton**. The hotel's decadent 2,690-square-foot, \$10,346-per-night **Penthouse Suite** boasts Swarovski water fixtures, Karl Lagerfeld furnishings, an Andy Warhol print series, gold-framed plasma TVs and a view of St. Peter's dome from the expansive rooftop garden.

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