

Travel | Rome Shopping

in Lucina 29 (011-39-06-687-6606; ciampini.net), with a cone of the very best ice cream in Rome. Try chocolate, hazelnut, and chestnut.

Via dei Prefetti A few steps from Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina is another sophisticated shopping street. Stop by **De Clercq & De Clercq**, at No. 10 (011-39-06-6813-6826; declercqdeclercq.com), where two talented sisters, Evelyne and Diane, sell exquisite knitwear and clothes for women. Next door, at No. 11, is **Albertelli** (011-39-06-687-3793), known for men's shirts and accessories. Both shops offer garments of excellent handcrafted quality. To recover, have a glass of Brunello at one of the city's best wine merchants, **Enoteca al Parlamento**, Via dei Prefetti 15 (enotecaalparlamento.it). Life, at this point, will feel rosy, so we suggest heading straight to **Lisa Corti Home Textile Emporium**, Via di Pallacorda 14 (011-39-06-6819-3216; lisacorti.com), a great place for furniture and fabric. Check out Lisa Corti's clothes for women and children.

Pantheon Area

Let's start with **Tazza d'Oro** in Piazza del Pantheon. It has a bar where you can have the world's best coffee granita with whipped cream. The Pantheon area is also famous for shops selling high-quality clothes and accessories to the Vatican clergy. **Ditta Annibale Gammarelli [2]**, Via Santa Chiara 34 (011-39-06-6880-1314), sells fabulous cotton socks in the bright reds and pinks favored by high clergymen.



11. LUCIA ODESCALCHI

Near the Pantheon, you will find several interesting shops. **Ditta G. Poggi**, Via del Gesù 74/75 (011-39-06-679-3674), is the place for art supplies. Memmo Mancini, who runs the shop, has assisted artists from Balthus to Twombly. In front of it, at Via Piè di Marmo 7, is **Federico Polidori's** leather goods shop (011-39-06-679-7191). Farther down the road, at No. 21/22 is **Moriondo and Garillo** (011-39-06-4201-4867), known for its handmade chocolates. If you are feeling extravagant, head for **Palazzo Odescalchi** (a five-minute walk), Piazza Santi Apostoli 80 (011-39-06-6992-5506; luciaodescalchi.com), where you'll find the shop of Princess Lucia Odescalchi, a talented jewelry designer.

Via dell' Orso This street, a stone's throw from the Piazza Navona, has a tradition of excellent craftsmanship. Starting in the middle of the road, at No. 25, is the **Calzoleria**



12. BOTTEGA MORTET



13. CALZOLERIA PETROCCHI

Petrocchi [13] (011-39-06-687-6289; calzoleriapetrocchi.it). Next door to it, at No. 26, is **Vincenzo Piovano [16, 18]** (011-39-06-686-9920), whom many regard as the world's last great woodcarver. His daughter, Alessandra Piovano (mosaicipiovano.com), specializes in traditional mosaics for tables and interior decoration. Farther on, at No. 57, is **Massimo Maria Melis [14]** (011-39-06-686-9188;

massimomariamelis.com), a goldsmith who often includes old Roman glass and metal in his designs. **Bottega Mortet [12]** (011-39-06-686-1629; bottegamortet.com), around the corner at Via de' Portoghesi 18, is another insider's favorite, specializing in Benvenuto Cellini-style miniature Roman fountains in silver.

Old Jewish Quarter One of the most beautiful walks in Rome takes you from the Forum up to the Capitoline hill, where the statue of Marcus Aurelius stands, and then down again past the Roman Teatro di Marcello and into what's known as the old Jewish quarter. Try the almond paste and apricot cakes in one of the traditional bakeries such as **Boccione**, Via Portico d'Ottavia 1 (011-39-06-687-8637). For a huge selection of fine



14. MASSIMO MARIA MELIS