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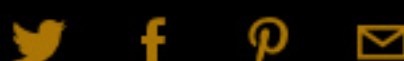


What to Do in Rome in September 2018

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Here's what's happening in the city this month.



Sleep in a Papal Palace on Piazza Navona

From September 2 you'll be able to wake up right on **Rome's** most famous square. Holy Deer San Lorenzo Lodge will open inside a palazzo used by Pope Innocence X to house his mistress. The hotel will have just two bedrooms for a total of four guests (the one with the balcony on Navona was the former Pope's). It's the first city property from former Escada CEO Stefano Barbini and his wife Giorgia (we are huge fans of their **San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge** in the Dolomites), and expect the pair's trademark exquisite taste.

Shakespeare in the Park

Little known fact: the only exact replica of **London's** famous 🏰 **The Globe Theater** is located inside Rome's **Villa Borghese** park. From September 19th through 26th, the theater will host **Shakespeare's Love Sonnets**, where actors perform a selection of the Bard's most famous sonnets to music by Amy Winehouse, Marvin Gay, and Alanis Morissette. "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day" never sounded so soulful.

Get in the Museums for Free One Last Time

After this month, Italy's **Domenica al Museo** program comes to an end following government changes. It means that this Sunday is the last time travelers will be able to enter the Vatican Museum for free (saving around \$19 a head). Our tip: line up early. Like 7:30 a.m. 💎