

A TALE OF TEN CITIES

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dining room where you can enjoy a crisp margarita pizza; dressier fare is served upstairs. (Don't miss the tagliatelle with lamb ragout.) There's also a shop selling hundreds of cookbooks—just remember to pick up a set of metric measuring cups if you're looking to re-create dishes back home.

Drink Rome has no shortage of wine bars, but one of the liveliest is Osteria dell'Ingegno, where locals of all ages cram into packed family-style tables to catch up. (Expect lots of hand gesturing.) Whether you opt for Prosecco as an aperitif or a grappa digestif, don't forget to follow up with a wish and a coin toss at the nearby Trevi Fountain.

Shop The cavernous Leone Limentani, located in the old Jewish quarter, is a warehouse of all things registry, with prices that are discounted up to 30

percent off retail. Check out the Richard Ginori and Versace china, as well as the rows of shiny copper pots and pans, and treat yourselves to all the wedding presents you didn't get.

Sleep The sumptuous 123-room **Hotel de Russie** has emerged as *the* place to stay in Rome, hosting foreign diplomats, tycoons, and the cast of *Ocean's Twelve*, who spent a month there while filming in town. With luxuriously minimalist guest rooms, a lively bar, and lovely, lush terraced gardens, the Russie is a mirror of the city: elegant and fun. Doubles from \$823 year-round; 800-745-8883; roccofortehotels.com. —R.A.-W.

SHANGHAI

(Continued from page 466) cocktails are the house specialty—is nearly as good as the views of the Pudong skyline. Order a couple of ginger-melon martinis, and watch the glitterati go by.

Shop Painter, filmmaker, fashion designer, and visionary—though he worked

in oils, the late Chen Yifei was China's answer to Andy Warhol. His shop, Layefe Home, located in the Xintiandi shopping district, offers chic housewares (graphic print throw pillows, modern square serving platters), along with clothing finds like lovely silk boatneck tops.

Sleep Just five years ago, only a seriously lost tourist would cross the Huangpu River to the Pudong side; nowadays, it's where the action is. The 318-room **St. Regis Hotel, Shanghai**, located in the new city, boasts a decor (dark wood and plum silk) that's best described as contemporary chinoiserie. Every room comes with its own butler who can see to all your needs, from the mundane (getting your laptop running) to the urbane (snagging tickets for a sold-out ballet). After a busy day of shopping—they don't call it Shang-buy for nothing—head to the hotel's spa for a Chinese foot massage. Doubles from \$280 (low season) to \$398 (high season); 877-787-3447; starwoodhotels.com. —Sarah Rose



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have plenty of inner charm, too, including Escher-esque wood floors, a Zen garden, and great seasonal California