



# Walking Tour: Literary Footsteps

This walk through the Tridente district explores the literary haunts, both real and fictional, that litter the area. Discover the cafe where Casanova drank, the hotel that inspired Cocteau and the house where Keats breathed his last.

**Start** Pincio Hill Gardens

**Distance** 1km

**Duration** 2½ hours

**3** Jean Cocteau stayed at the **Hotel de Russie** with Picasso, and wrote a letter home describing picking oranges from outside his window.



**4** Cobbled **Via Margutta** is where Truman Capote wrote his short story *Lola*. Fellini, Picasso, Stravinsky and Puccini all lived here at some point.



**2** Dan Brown's *Angels & Demons* made use of the art-rich **Basilica di Santa Maria del Popolo** in its convoluted plot.



**1** Begin your walk in the panoramic **Pincio Hill Gardens**, where Henry James' Daisy Miller walked with Frederick Winterbourne.

**Classic Photo** Spanish Steps



**6** Leaving the cafe, you're almost at the **Spanish Steps**, which Dickens described in his *Pictures from Italy*. Byron stayed at 25 Piazza di Spagna in 1817.

**Take a Break...** Compose your own whimsical tale in the Hassler Hotel's romantic rooftop restaurant, **Imàgo**.

**7** Overlooking the Spanish Steps, the **Keats-Shelley House** is now a small museum devoted to the Romantic poets.

**5** Head to Via dei Condotti, where William Thackeray stayed, and stop at **Antico Caffè Greco**, a former haunt of Casanova, Goethe, Keats, Byron and Shelley.



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