

PARIOLI

Parioli is a neighborhood in the northern part of Rome, the name comes from Monti Parioli, a series of tufa hills and was given to the area before its incorporation into the city at the beginning of the 20th century. Some suggest that the name comes from 'peraioli' as it was once the site of pears orchards. The area extends approximately from Via Salaria and the end of Viale Regina Margherita, to the slope descending towards the Tiber and its affluent the river Aniene. The other two sides are approximately delineated by Villa Borghese and Villa Ada.

In the 19th century Viale Regina Margherita was a tree lined avenue that led from the neighborhood of the san Lorenzo district to the fields of Monti Parioli.

Parioli began as an upper class neighborhood and during the Fascist regime was the residence of many high ranking party and state functionaries.

Urbanization was completed in the 1950s.

Today Parioli is known as Rome's most elegant residential area. A number of foreign embassies are located here.