

Roma



Stephanie booked
us an apartment in a
palace in Rome



The front door



The inner gate



the courtyard





and our clock tower



nearby,
Campo
dei Fiori

overseen by a
somber
Giordano Bruno

(he was burned at the stake here)



there's a great
market here
everyday







ZUCCHINE
SCORE
€ 3,50
kg

ZUCCHINE
ROMANESCAE
€ 4,00
kg

ORTOFRUTTICOLA



ZAMPA

IA CAMPO DE FIORI

dal 1929...





it's fun to shop, but...

...there are sights to be seen!





love the newly built next to the original





a walk through the forum, with the ghosts of the ancients







"It's so hard to see the buttons on this remote"





people still leave flowers for Julius Caesar













What do you mean, "I bet those Christians were tasty?"





INSIGNE RELIGIONIS ATQVE ARTIS MONUMENTVM
VETVSTATE FATISCENS
PIVS SEPTIMVS PONTIFEX MAX
NOVIS OPERIBVS PRISCVM EXEMPLAR IMITANTIBVS
FVLGIRI SERVARIQVE IVSSIT
ANNO SACRI PRINCIPATVS EIVS XXIII





An
unassuming
exterior
belies the
marvel
which is the
Pantheon



These are solid granite columns supporting the portal



the Pantheon is the greatest building in Rome, IMHO







there are Egyptian
obelisks all over
the city





often topped with crosses outside churches



(a flayed saint holding his skin)

and inside, wonders of all sorts















and relics, like a piece of the manger



or the column
Jesus was tied
to and whipped



or the chains that bound Peter



and even steps
trod upon by
Jesus himself

not a relic, but a really
big Easter egg!



behind this simple facade...



...a magnificent basilica







but the church of churches is St. Peter's





it is all about grand









HANC PETRAM AEDIFICABO ECCLESIAE

HINC SACERDO

QVODCVMQVE LIGAVERTIS SVPER

DICIT

VI









but the moderns know all about
grandiosity, too



Rome is filled with fountains, all gravity fed





the view from the top of the Spanish Steps





eating is always part of the trip











and sometimes, it's a treasure

Papa Re (or at least his cousin)






and there is
always room for
dessert



some like a different
sort of goody



A photograph of the Villa Borghese in Rome, Italy. The main building is a grand, white, classical-style structure with multiple stories, arched windows, and a central entrance with a staircase. A large, leafy tree stands on the right side of the frame. In the foreground, a person is pushing a stroller. The scene is set in a park-like area with a paved path and a low stone wall. The sky is clear and blue.

The Villa Borghese, home to
three unbelievably beautiful
statues by Bernini





and the grandest
museum in town













VENERI FELICI
SALVSTIA
SACRATA
HELIODORUS P.















half the fun is just walking the streets and squares

















These
clever
drinking
fountains
were life
savers









and window shopping is a treat











a gift for the girl back home



the three sisters at
the Trevi fountain

they say that if
you toss in a
coin over your
shoulder, you
will return to
Rome one day



