

## Our Rome Home – Feb. 14 – 26, 2018 – Rome, Italy

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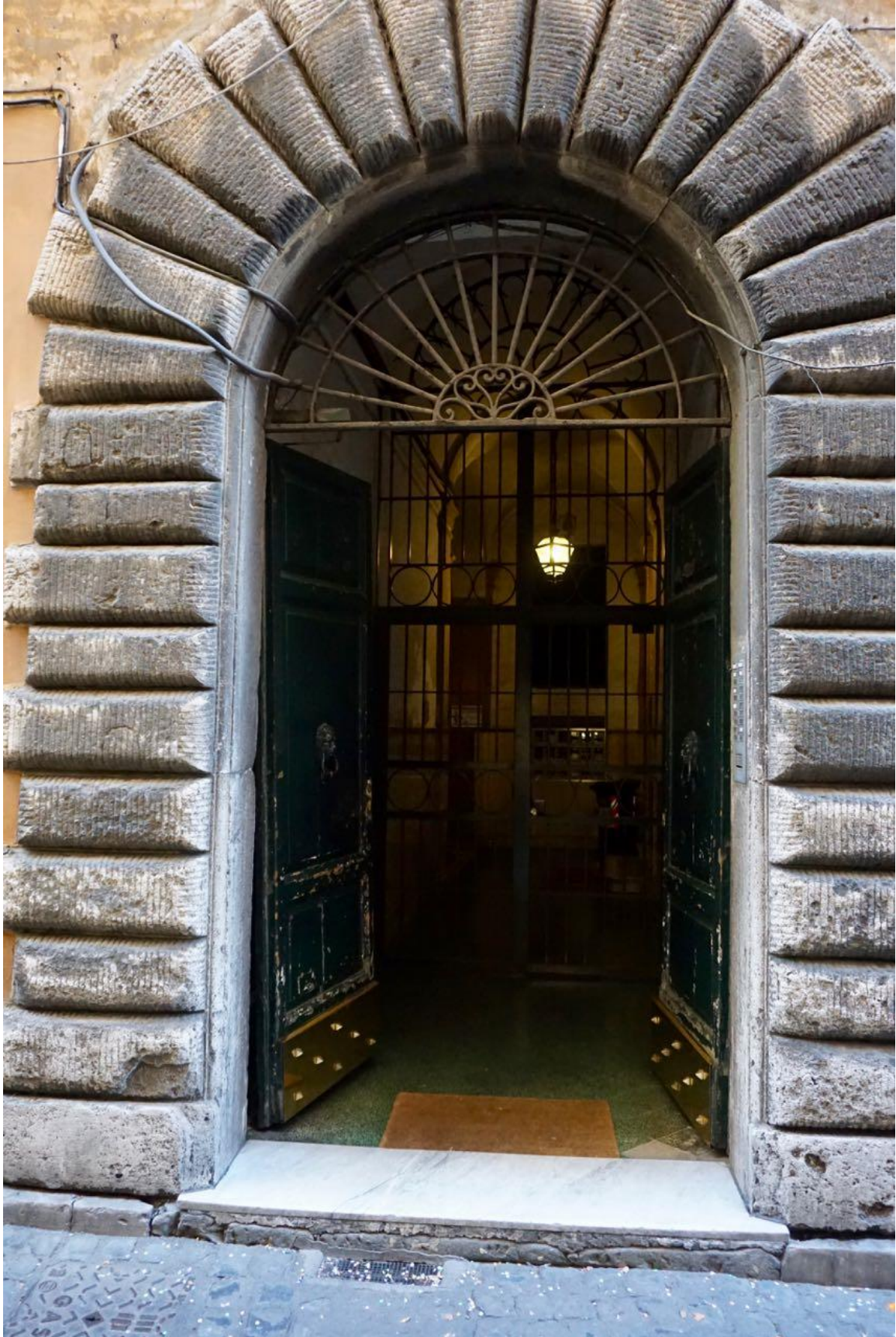
We left rainy London for sunny Rome or at least it was semi-sunny when we landed.

We used a shared van with one other couple from the Rome airport into Rome. Our driver couldn't find the exact address but pointed in the direction he thought we should walk -- wrong. Nancy eventually found our "home". Our street:



Note the person in the photograph is wearing a coat. I said it was sunny not warm.

Our new front door. The wood doors are only closed and locked at night.



The elevator that holds two very good friends or a married couple or one person and a rolling suitcase. I am standing in front of the elevator looking in at the mirrored back elevator wall.



Never heard or saw anyone working but the scaffolding went to the top of the building.



Other than a little sun at the beginning of our two weeks in Rome our Rome time hadn't been all that good: costly ride from the airport, hunting for our new home weighted down with luggage, an elevator for Europeans not Americans and their luggage, scaffolding and then we entered what is definitely one of our top five Airbnb rentals!



It was large, it had great windows; a large living room; high beam ceilings; an entryway to store jackets, gloves, shoulder bags, etc.; a kitchen to make breakfast and store food for late evening snacks (only if we haven't eaten three meals that day); a large bathroom with washer, a heating system that worked so well we turned it off at night to sleep; and a great bedroom with storage.



The kitchen:



And the bathroom:



One of the views from one of the two living room windows.



This small plaza is about three minutes from our door walking toward Vatican City, which is another ten to fifteen minute walk.





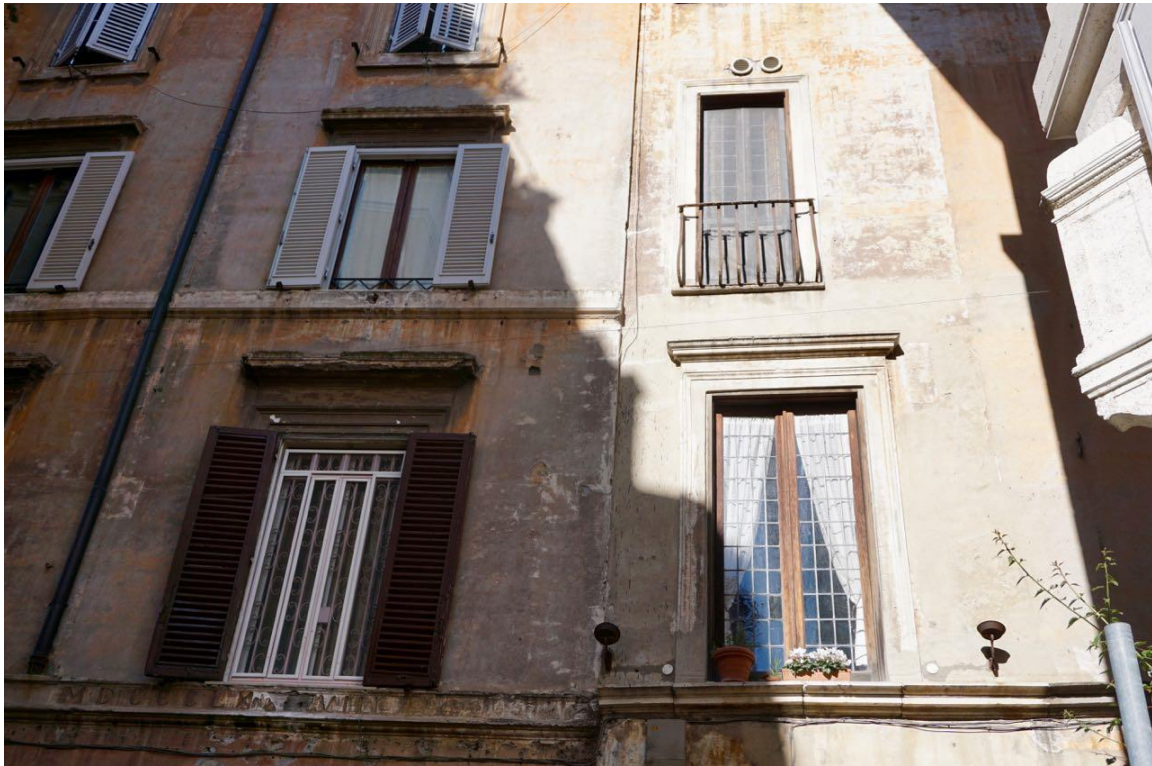
Details of our street.



Colors of our street:



And the windows of our street.



Our new home added US\$76.58 to our budget. Less expensive and much better than a Motel 8! However, what we learned to love about our home was its location. On our five block street there were 15 to 20 places to drink and eat, two small grocery stores, a barbershop I used, 20+ shops to window shop, a taxi stand two minutes from our door and except for our snow day we never had to wait for a taxi, Plaza Navona was three to four minutes, Pantheon a five to seven minute walk, Vatican City 12 - 15 minutes and so many other nearby places! It would have been very easy to spend a month here rather than two weeks.