## After the Borghese Museum - February 19, 2018 - Rome, Italy

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We had been smart this morning and took a taxi to the museum saving our legs for the museum and whatever came after. In our case we did some serious steps. First we took a short walk through a very small part of the park surrounding the Villa, next a longer walk through more of the park and on to the Modern Art Museum – and no we hadn't checked to see if it was open on a Monday and it wasn't – so it was on to food.

We found a pizzaria and sat down for an early snack/lunch. This was the direction we had come from:



Looking in the opposite direction:



And looking at a bird person:



Pretty much straight ahead of us was this gate:



Google maps said we had to go through the gate to get home and since home was our next objective, off we go.

The Gate took us into a great plaza – the Plaza del Popolo. We just stopped and began doing a 180-degree look about. Directly in front of us was a very tall obelisk.



The twin churches behind the obelisk.



Between the obelisk and the twin churches is the Fountain of the Lion.



## To our left:



And whatever was to our right must have been boring because I don't have a photo of this side of the plaza.

As we continued our walk home we came across a jacket for want-to-be angels.



I thought this door handle should be for an IZOD store but no it was a jewelry store.



Another much smaller fountain but what is interesting about this fountain other than it looking like chia plant is it is new. Put here in 2015.





Plaza di Spagna and the Spanish Steps.

And finally an early dinner at a restaurant in the nearest plaza to our apartment.

