

Tips & Tricks: Casa del Porticato, Poggiolo in Pontolo 37-38, Borgotaro

Tips & Tricks for a nice holiday..... In la bella Italia !! ☺

General info:

Welcome to our Italian holiday home, Casa del Porticato. We wish you a pleasant stay (with lots of good weather). We are proud of our property and cherish our house: We share the use of our casa with you. Feel comfortable and at home, enjoy it fully, but treat our property and belongings with respect, as if they were your own. We trust that you leave the house in the state it was in, when you arrived (or perhaps even better ☺). Take good care of our house! Thank you. Read these tips and tricks during your stay by a few times.

Garbage:

Garbage can be deposited (in the closed garbage bags) in the container on the road at the entrance of Poggiolo. This container is emptied once every 2-3 weeks. If the container is full, there are still various containers where garbage can be dumped on the route to Borgotaro. There is also a bottle-glass container where bottles can be dumped. Note: sometimes there are wasps in and around these containers. Be aware.

Central heating and hot water:

The boiler is in the kitchen. Left knob/button is for hot water (up to 3-4). The 2nd left is for the heating, this can be put on the desired position, depending on the temperature and season. There is also a winter and summer position button/knob (right). Keep the boiler as much as possible on the summer position (sun): if you want to use the heating in the spring and autumn put it on the winter mode (ice crystal) temporarily. You can also use the existing electric heaters if it is a bit chilly in the evenings or mornings. Gas comes from a large gas tank in the ground, at the front of the house. Beware of the green trap, when parking! Gas is expensive use it sparcely.

Cuisine/ kitchen:

The kitchen has a large 8 seat dining table. Indoor and outdoor tablecloths and placemats can be found in the drawers under the coffee machine. In the kitchen there is also a dishwasher, oven, refrigerator, freezer and various electrical devices (such as juicer, coffee maker, espresso machine and electric water cooker).

Basements:

The basement at the front (bottom left door, if you are in front of the house) is used to store the terrace stuff (sunbeds, umbrellas, etc.) and the belongings of the owners. Upon entering the cellar, turn right and the light switch is on the left around the corner. This basement is going to be refurbished in 2013/2014: with a concrete floor, stucco and tiles and a small extra bathroom. The entrance to the basement in the back is under the balcony at the back of the house. In this basement there is nothing to be found. The goal is to refurbish this cellar in 2016/2017.

Coffee maker / Espresso Machine:

See first if there is enough water in the tank at the right (otherwise pull the entire tank forwards and fill it). Coffee beans in the top compartment. Remove old coffee sludge and clean the drip tray, by opening the device. Pull forward the nozzle and drip tray. If the device stays on during the day, it cleans itself regularly (making some noise). You can use both coffee beans (upper left-hand) or ground coffee (in the container with the lid on top middle): coffee (and self-grind) is obviously better. If you switch it on, put a cup under the nozzle (it will clean itself). In the drawers underneath the device is an instruction booklet and stuff for descaling. If all this is too complicated, there is (located in one of the kitchen cabinets) also an ordinary coffee maker. Do not forget to regularly remove the coffee grounds (especially before you leave, otherwise it goes moldy. If the device refuses and a red indicator light is lit, it means that there is no water, no coffee, or that the device should be cleaned (remove coffee grounds).

Milk for cappuccino: warm milk in a pan and whip with the foamer (in drawer): this is easier and faster than the steam extension on the device (takes a while before there is pressure built up and the cleaning is a real nasty job).

Gas cooker stove:

The gas cooking device has a self igniter: press, open and run the gas a few seconds (and a few clicks) and hold. If no gas comes out, check the bottom of the sink cabinet if the gastap is open. (in the longitudinal direction). If it has not been used for a while, it takes a while before there is gas (self-igniter and hold for a while). If you suspect that the gas runs out or is already run out, tell us at 0031654671171. The gas tank is then filled as quickly as possible.

Gas:

Use the gas economical, use the electric cooker to boil water. If the house is chilly, there are 2 electric heaters in the house (right-hand slide / roll forward out). Also you can use the woodstove if necessary.

Stairs to the bathroom:

The stairs to the bathroom can be a bit slippery, take care (especially with socks). Do also be careful on the other stairs: the stairs in the stairwell (Porticato) is a bit steep.

Television:

The television in the bedroom has a DVD player. The DVD goes in it at the back (the laser side to the front / picture, photo back). There are a number of Italian movies. The TV can be turned on through a small black button (hidden) in the middle at the back of the TV set. If no Dutch subtitles appear, press the right button on the remote. The parabolic antenna and decoder to the TV in the living room, provide next to many Arab and Italian channels, English, German and 4 Dutch regional channels. Sometimes when you turn on the tv it says: Nessun segnale. This means, no signal. This is usually temporary. Wind / storm can make the image quality bad.

Pans:

Clean the wok and make it dry (with a little oil after use): this pan is made of iron and will rust. The pans are in the pullout drawer in the kitchen.

Information surroundings and environment:

A book with information about the area is located in the dresser in the living room. If you run into interesting sights, take leaflets and cards with information for our book (please leave places of interest and leaflets in our book). There are also booklets with information about Parma, Cinqueterre, Tuscany and Northern Italy present, and an Italian - Dutch and Dutch - Italian dictionary. There are many Italian magazines with info in the house (usually in Dutch). A small library of books is also there, mostly of Italian writers, or writers who write about Italy.

Lamps, batteries, writing, first aid and other practical matters: can also be found in this drawer. If the light fails there is a flashlight in the stairwell and in the key safe.

Keys:

Keys to gain access to the house are in the key safe. The safe can be found in the grey box of electricity Enel in the left corner of the underpass. The safe can only be opened and closed with the code that you received. Press the "clear" (slide down), than the code and "open" (slide down). To close: press again clear, code and open. The evening to light, there is also a flashlight in this case. In the house is the huge key for the basement at the front. The code for the safe and keys you will receive with your booking confirmation.

Large closet in the room:

In this closet you can hang your coats: it is a little complicated to open the left door. Pull the little thing in the middle on the inside of the door to open.

Cleaning:

For cleaning there is a vacuum cleaner and a bucket / mop. Please vacuum and mop occasionally, so the house stays clean and does not pollute. The environment is (as often in sunny climates) is quite dusty, especially if the weather is dry.

Safety:

Make sure that when you leave the house, doors are shut and the shutters are closed. For safety, but also to keep the house cool in summer.

Terrace:

Deck chairs, umbrellas, etc. can be found in the basement at the front. Make sure that when it rains the equipment is stalled in the front basement or under the covered walkway. At the end of your holiday please store the goods in the front basement. Close the door and leave the big key of the cellar in the stairwell on the edge (or in the top drawer of the dresser in the living room). Use on the terrace our plastic glassware (and round tray). Be careful with the parasol/umbrella: sometimes there is too much wind (before you know it flies in the round).

To go to Borgotaro:

Turn left at the entrance (at the end of the gravel road) of Poggiolo. Down the hill. Downhill turn left to Borgo Val di Taro (street: Via Pieve). You'll run into 2 large landslides (Frane). The first is from 2009 and the second of 2011. The road there is provisionally made. Total distance is about 4 or 5 miles to Borgotaro. Beware the road is not always good. After the railway viaduct keep left, follow the road to the roundabout, turn right over the bridge (at the end left or right) and you're in the center of Borgotaro.

Electricity:

In the stairwell (Porticato) is one of the electricity cases. The other case is located in the gray ENEL unit in the passage (next to the key safe). When the electricity power fails, check these cases and fuses and reset them. In Italy you have a limited amount of kilowatts, so it is possible that if the washer or dryer is used and some other devices, the capacity can be insufficient. Wash and dry during the day if possible outdoors. Washer and dryer cannot be used simultaneously. In the meantime, the capacity of the electricity is increased from 3 kilowatts to 5 kilowatts. That gives a little more air ahum power!

Furniture:

Leave all the furniture and belongings to their original place please.

Plants:

Do not forget to water the plants (when dry on arrival and departure). There is a long water hose. This is even long enough to water the plants on the back of the balcony. In front of the house there is a pit where the hose is connected: when connecting the black valve has to be turned open. At the end of the hose, you can regulate the water supply. Thanks for providing!

Neighbors:

The house on the right (rear) of Casa del Porticato, with the large stones is the permanent home of a young couple (the friendly owner is called Marco). The white house on the left (front) is from an Italian couple, usually they use the house only in summer (vacation) on weekends. The house at the far left is the second house of Sergio (friendly with big mustache). From April 2012, Sergio rented this house to a young couple: The house right on the front (with garage door), is rarely used and we heard it is for sale. They are mostly second homes of people who live elsewhere. In general, it is very quiet. An occasional dog is barking in the distance, crickets and the hum of an insect, work sounds from a farm in the neighborhood or a stray cuckoo: on Sunday church bells of the nearby church of Pontolo). Be friendly to the neighbours and avoid inconvenience. Park your car on our own soil and not in the driveway of the neighbors. The metal door on our floor of the neighbors, but the garage is hardly used.

Outdoor Shower:

The hose can be clipped to the outside shower .

Bath with jetstream:

The bathroom has a bath with jet stream, make sure the nozzles are under water before you turn on the jet stream.

Beds:

The beds are made up the Italian way: in summer with only a sheet and spread. In the fall, spring and winter as it gets colder, a single or double duvet is used. Both sheets and duvet covers are available. In each bedroom you can find the linens that belongs to that specific bedroom and bed sizes. It is particularly appreciated as the beds (linens washed and ironed) are made when leaving the house. So we do not need to charge this. If not see our words about "cleaning" at the end of these tips and tricks.

Plugs and sockets:

Most Dutch plugs do not fit in the Italian outlets, so throughout the home there are enough custom adapters / adapters available.

Internet:

Above in the stairway is the fixed Internet connection WIFI. You can login here with your laptop. The WiFi connection name (username) vangils and code (password) is 21554xxy. At Hotel Albergo Firenze in Borgo Val di Taro, they also have a WiFi.

Downstairs Toilet and laundry:

Please note that the lock is sealed on the inside, so that the key cannot be inserted on the inside. The door can be on the hook on the inside when you use the bathroom (the door is not accessible from the outside anyway, as it is shut). It's already happened that the key was on the inside, the door was closed, and not to be opened from the outside with a key anymore. The window had to be smashed to open the door Italian "smart" solutions. (note: very small children can easily be locked in).

Owners:

In the house you can find food and other items of the owners (usually in a crate): You could use this stuff, but please replace or supplement.

English and Italian:

In the area very little English is spoken. Therefore make use of the various booklets, which are present in the house. Or use your own dictionaries.

Snakes (Bici):

In the area there are snakes. Most of them are harmless. These eel-like snakes are very fast. But watch out for poisonous snakes (viperi). These are somewhat larger and more slowly and have a triangular head. In attack (if they feel threatened), they roll up and turn their head to attack and bite. If you are bitten by a snake turn as quickly as possible to the emergency room at the hospital of Borgotaro (signposted from the center of Borgotaro). Do not go with your slippers in the tall grass or in arid scrubland. At night and in the evening they can be found on the road and (hot) stones, so watch out at your nighttime walks. Keep the bathroom door on the ground floor closed..... No fear, you see

them very rarely and usually they are not poisonous, but it can happen There are always lots of lizards around the house.

Boar and deer:

In the valley at the back flows a river, this is the watering hole for wild boar and deer. Sometimes you can see or hear them. Especially in the spring when they have youngsters on the look for water and food. The wild pigs sometimes come quite close to the house. Usually they are shy of people, but if they have youngsters, they can be aggressive. Around the house we have found hair of the boar, so they can come near.

Chingiale (sjing-giale = boar) is delicious meat you can eat at Pizzeria trattoria in Baselica Mimosa (see) in the old rectory of the church.

Wolves are also seen in the area, generally somewhat higher in the mountains and in the more remote areas. They are sometimes a nuisance to farmers, because they attack livestock. Large raptors are also found (watch your chihuahua).

Eating/dining in general:

Most restaurants have an original pizza log oven: you can eat pizza perfectly everywhere. Note, when you order pizza, you'll get it with thick (bread) bottom. If you like choose a thin crispy bottom (Sottile = sotielu). Most restaurants have also "ristorante", with a more detailed menu. If you are going to eat pizza, your bill including wine, water and coffee and, dessert, will be about 12-15 euros per person. Advanced food (pasta, meat, dessert (dolce = dolsje), coffee wine and water) will cost you around 30 euros per person. Water without gas is aqua (aakwa) naturale: frizzante = sparkling water. The wine from the area is Lambrusco-like and not really very special or good: If you do not like it, then order vino Fermo (wine without bubbles). Most restaurants are closed on Tuesdays. If you want to eat out on a tuesday, then I due Gatti's Pizzeria in Borgotaro can be recommended.

Restaurant: Mimosa pizzeria (Baselica):

This restaurant is near the house (6km): you can eat delicious pizza there. If you want other things to eat, you indicate that you want to eat "ristorante". There is no menu, so Franca the owner at breakneck speed and in Italian mentions all that her mother has prepared that day (everything is made fresh): there is a 4-5 choice of pasta or risotto and a 4 or 5 main courses (usually a choice of wild boar, pork, beef, veal or lamb). The fried mushrooms are a must. In May, you should definitely try prugnoli with pasta or risotto. Prugnoli (proenjolie) are small, young spring mushrooms, with a specific truffle taste (a delicacy). Ivan, the son of Franca, bakes the pizzas. Aurelia the grandmother is in the kitchen. You eat a more than complete meal for 25-35 euros per person. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Directions: at the end of our access path straight up the hill (watch out for stray chickens at the farmhouses). At one point (after about 3 km bendy road going up) turn right towards Baselica (after 1 km left in front of the church is the restaurant). 6 kms (4 miles) from our house. If you mention our names Dionisio and Raymond (from Pontolo) ... then they will be even nicer to you Franca and her mother have won awards for their cooking on TV. When you drive back do not the mistake the mainroad and roads to farmhouses. Turn your main headlights on carefull for crossing wild animals....

Restaurant: Ustaria M'rca (Borgotaro):

Right at the end of the main street in Borgotaro (street with trees in the middle, near the carefour), on the right side there is a small cellar restaurant, which is M'rca restaurant, trattoria con cucina. It is a small simple restaurant, with a huge cook in a tiny kitchen, which cooks very well. The truffle risotto (risotto al Tartuffo) was widely praised and is more than worthwhile.

Restaurant: La Vecchia Compiano (Compiano):

Piazza Scopesi in Compiano, near the castle (can not miss). Extensive menu, 4 courses with wine, water, coffee (about 35 euros p / p). beautiful location: great outside summer terrace. (11 km from Borgotaro: 17 km from the house). This restaurant gets our 4 stars because of location and cuisine!

Restaurant: Trattoria, Pizzeria Al fondo (Borgotaro):

In the via Nazionale, go through the underpass at the right (halfway the street), end left is the restaurant. Fine cuisine, simple, good pizzas. Operation is very nice. They speak a little English there.

Restaurant: Trattoria Vecchia Borgo (Borgotaro):

Via Cassio 14 (side street, off the main street): simple, but good food and cheap: for 20-25 euros p / p you eat more than you want to eat. It looks like a cafeteria in the front, but they have a dining room in the back.

Restaurant: Osteria Parmense:

Restaurant of Ronald and Yasmina. Ronald is originally Dutch and Yasmina Croatian (they both speak Dutch, English and Italian). Ronald has extensive international experience as a cook. You eat well and very special ... between 25 and max. 35 euros p / p. The restaurant is located about 6 km from the house. Direction Ostia Parmense. After driving through Ostia Parmense, keep direction Ostia. Opposite the trainstation you will find the restaurant. Friday and Saturday fresh fish dishes and Sunday pizzas only: closed on Mondays (give greetings from Dio and Raymond!).

Restaurant: Pizzeria I due Gatti (Pizzeria the 2 cats).

Small restaurant in Borgotaro centre at the right of Hotel Firenze, right of the entrance of the main / shopping street. Owners, father and son "Gatti" which means cats. Massimo the son is still studying to be a professional cook. Great pizzas from a huge pizza oven and homemade pastas.

Coast City Sestri Levante:

Is a beautiful coastal city: go there via and through the passo dei Cento Croci (the pass of the hundred crosses), and you'll have a beautiful route (not recommended if you get carsick of all the bends). On weekends (especially Sundays), with good weather (in August), it is very busy on the road. Along the way you can make a stop (and a coffee drink) in Varese Ligure, a nice tiny town, built around a little castle. The trip to Sestri takes about 2 hours. Lunch there with fresh fish. For example, a fritto misto is a dish of fried fish in a layer of dough. Glass of white (vino bianco Fermo) wine and you are all set. Una bottiglia (oena botielja) = one bottle, un mezzo litro = half a liter and un bichiere (oen biekjere) = a glass. If you really want to go on weekends and/or in August, be prepared to the hordes of motorcyclists and cyclists on the way!

Coast City Lerici:

Is the coastal town that is the fastest to reach from Pontolo: via the highway to La Spezia, then towards Pisa, Livorno, then first exit. Duration a good hour. Nearby is San Terenzo Lerici, another small and pleasant seaside resort. Look for Baia Blu: a small, beautiful beach with pool and restaurant The address via navigation= via Santa Teresa, Lerici (drive past residence / hotel / apartments Baia Blu and park your car there).

Coast City and seaport, La Spezia:

From La Spezia you can take a boat that carries you along the Cinqueterre and Portovenere: this is really the best way to get there (also by train from Borgotaro there is a good connection to La Spezia or the Cinqueterre). Parking in the Cinqueterre is not that simple. In La Spezia you can park near the Porto (port) where the boat leaves. On the quay you will find the various options for the boats to the villages of the Cinqueterre. Be there early. With a day ticket you can do to all villages. La Spezia itself is a naval harbour, not very special since it was bombarded in both worldwar 1 and 2.

Coast City Portovenere:

Portovenere is also called the 6th Cinqueterre town. By boat from La Spezia it is the first place that the boat is visiting (see rates for the flyer in the house or search the Internet under boat Cinqueterre La Spezia). If you travel by car, go very early (due to the limited parking). In season (July and August) it is very busy. Beautiful coastal town, worth a visit, beautiful churches, castles, views of cliffs, quaint shops with nice products f.i. original Genovese pesto. You can have a good lunch on the quay, with fresh fish. Route (about 1 ½ hours): Highway La Spezia, La Spezia, Portovenere / Cinqueterre (at some point you'll see signs to the port where the boat to Portovenere / Cinqueterre leaves. Not with the boat? Then follow the signs Portovenere.

Advice beach:

Do NOT and I repeat do not go to the beach at a weekend if the weather is nice, it is very, very, very busy Also in August it is (over)crowded every day. Only go there if you like the busyness..... ☺

Parma:

Parma is an hour drive from Borgotaro (70 km) and is a beautiful city, there is much to see, you can go shopping and eating (eg trattoria il tribunale, at the courthouse) tasty and affordable, Arts, culture and history (museums). When you go shopping then go early, because many shops close at 13.00 (lunch ... the shops open again at 16.00.

Fidenza:

Direction Parma than direction Milan, take the first exit Fidenza. Fidenza Village is a large outlet village with many shops with Italian fashion at reasonable prices (1 hour drive from our house). Fidenza is also a small but very nice town.

Bologna:

This medieval old university town is worth a visit and is more than worthwhile! Take the motorway towards Parma and Bologna, 1 ½ hours. There are sufficient parking places in the city, follow the bypass. See the pictures on our website and the blog.

Walking:

Follow the signs to Baselica and than to Monte Molinatico, the road takes you high up the mountain. There is a large parking lot and a log cabin (food & drink). From there beautiful hiking trails.

Pietro:

Pietro is the kindly old man (our builder) that occasionally tidies some chores around the house. It could be that you come across him. If he is working around the house offer him a glass of water.

Giovanni:

Giovanni is our caretaker (he speaks English!): This indicates if we do not have tenants, he waters the plants. His wife Paola occasionally cleans the house (if necessary, between rental periods).

Sergio:

Sergio is our extremely friendly neighbor (with a big mustache) of one of the white houses on the left. He is occasionally there, taking care of his vegetable garden at the front ... he also gives our plants water as our home is vacant or not rented.

Insects:

You're in the countryside, so that means there are insects. Avoid leaving sweets and sugar around because of the ants: ants smell sweets at more than 100 meters away. Poisons (ant boxes) are available at the firm (hardware store) Baudassi. Ants are formiche (pronounced formieke). Baudassi is found on the Via del Lavoro Caduti from Pontolo, Direction Borgotaro under the railroad overpass and then right after the bend, 400-500 meters on the right. Vacuum at least 1 or 2 times a week, because of the dust of course, but also because of all the dead insects (especially in the Porticato / stairwell).

Windows open, then close the curtains (and possibly the shutters) that keeps insects out. In 2012 there will be some insectcurtains. Shutters, also keeps the house cool, especially at the front.

When wasps are around, the wasps traps can be filled with lemonade or beer with some detergent. Saucers with water and clove buds or some coffee on aluminum foil heated by a tea light (wasps do not like the smell of coffee). In the house are 2 electric fly-or wasprackets present. On the blog on our website is a story about the various insects (in Dutch)

Supermarkets:

Note: the prices in different supermarkets can vary tremendously!

Conad is a good and large supermarket (especially for meat and fish), but a bit on the pricey side.

Route to the Conad: Borgotaro direction. In Borgotaro, under the railway viaduct and immediately turn right through Caduti del lavoro. First right (last street before road), immediate left and right at the gas station, is a small shopping center (there is also the nearest bakery shop).

A cheap (boxes), supermarket is called **IN's** :

Route to the IN's: direction center, at roundabout (not to the right over the bridge to the center) straight ahead, towards Sestri Levante and Chiavari, next roundabout straight ahead. After the tire trade right.

In the center of Borgotaro you can find a Carrefour, this supermarket is good but a bit on the expensive side.

Swimming:

In Borgotaro is a municipal swimming pool: follow the signs. In summer, however, inhabitants of Borgotaro are frequently found in the cool river Taro. The river has many shallow and crystal clear pools, especially where the locals frequent make use of it. Seek and you shall find. According to one of our tenants it is beautiful and the water of the river is crystal clear.

Tip of a tenant: Direction Bedonia Compiano, move towards Pieve di Campi Campi. After the dam and church to the right a seemingly impassable path. Keep the lake on your right, drive and you are almost at the river. Short walk: seems to be a super place to be.

Tip2: Taro Dine is a tributary of the River Taro: there seem to be many beautiful pools. After the station, take road, Taro Dine (along the river): after a few miles are several paths towards the river. The drier, however, the summer, the less water, and the smaller the pools.

Newspapers:

In Borgotaro Dutch and english newspapers are hardly or not available (at least we have not found). In Parma and Sestri Levante, these are sparsely available in some bookstores.

Hotel Albergo Firenze:

The bar of Albergo Firenze on the edge of downtown Borgotaro is a good place for a coffee (espresso, cappuccino) or Crodino drink. The owner is called Mariella (approximately 32-34 years): Do not forget to do her greetings of Dionisio and Raymond! (Auguri di Dionisio e Raymond). The hotel bar is also the place to hang Borgotarese elderly and has a nice terrace.

Population:

Like a number of areas in France, the area is also depopulating: young people move away to the big city and the old people are left behind. The average age in this area is high ... a true gray wave. The people are extremely friendly and polite and curious. The people live mainly on animal husbandry and some agriculture and therefore have a low average income. Many people own by inheritance 2 or 3 houses, or houses are inherited to the younger generation in the cities. These youngsters have no interest in these inherited houses and therefore so many empty houses are neglected and empty (and sometimes for sale, at good prices).

Market:

Every Monday there is (along the main street with trees in the center) a lively market in Borgotaro. During the summer there is an antique and flea market on the same spot (First or second Sunday every month).

In the area during the summer at various locations there are markets and antique markets (on our website is a summary of them to find).

Gas Station:

The nearest gasstation is located in Borgotaro: Take direction Borgotaro, under the railway viaduct and turn right. Bend to the right. Almost at the end right left (at the small shopping center) is the gas station (about 6 km away from the house). Please note that many gasstations are closed on Sundays and holidays (except on the highways), also sometimes they close between 13.00 and 16.00 (as are the shops). Another gasstation can be found just before going on the highway to La Spezia and Parma).

Banks:

In Borgotaro are several banks with banco mats, where you can get money out of the wall.

Ferrari:

For car enthusiasts, a visit to the Ferrari museum in Maranello (just south of Modena) is a must and highly recommended. Combine with a tour of the factory. For 80 euros you can drive a Ferrari for 10 minutes.

Cleaning:

In principle, we do not calculate the final cleaningcosts (unless otherwise agreed), because we assume that our guests clean the house and wash the bed linens (and make up the beds). If the house is not cleaned by our guests, there is 60 euros payable. If the linens are not washed or can not be washed is 8 euros per person per week payable: the total amount for the cleaning lady (and linens) should be put in an envelope to be deposited in the gray mailbox beside the front door. Paola the cleaner, usually appears on your check out day between 10.00 and 12.00 o'clock AM.

End of your holiday?

Please close when you leave all the windows and shutters very well, store the garden furniture (in the basement and the balcony seats in the kitchen), remove as many plugs from the sockets (to avoid damage from lightning or electrical fluctuations to occur); be sure all doors are properly closed and put the house keys back in the key safe. Leave the house clean for new tenants. Wash bedding linens if possible and make up the beds beautifully (we make no charges for the use of linen and we do not charge a cleaning fee then).

Coffeemachine cleaned? Coffee Drab removed (because of mold)?

Garbage in the container?

Bon voyage back, hope to see you again!

When you get home, please write something in the guestbook on our Casa del Porticato website and give a review on Zoover..... Thank you!