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Holiday Apartments News,

Spring trip during Ascension Week

In the week of Ascension Day, from 12 to 19 May, we will be going to Italy, and you can still join us! The lovely village of Antona never ceases to inspire. Holiday apartment 'Il Lussuosa' in the 'Giocare,' house has already been booked and so has 'Il Focolare' and 'lo Studio'. 'Il Primitivo' and 'Nido di Rondine', however, are still available. The guests who rented 'Il Focolare' are great company. Unfortunately, they don't play bridge, so if you are a bridge player and would like to join us, we will only be able to



The view over Altagnana from the terrace of 'Il Primitivo.'

visit local bridge clubs to find some opponents, because we are only class 2 players.

The price should not deter anyone, because a week's stay for two people in 'Il Primitivo' costs € 189.25, and that includes the bedding and final cleaning. As it has a double bed and a sofa bed 'Nido di Rindine' can accommodate 4 people. It also has a proper bathroom with bath, toilet and wash basin, a kitchen, an impressive living room and an Italian balcony with a sea view. The price for a week in 'Nido di Rindine' in May is € 603.

The Callantsoger Staete in June

For the trip to Callantsoog which is scheduled for June, Hans Becker and Wim Hangard will be staying in the large apartment. The 2- and 4-person apartments are still available. Contrary to the stay in Tuscany you will not need a car. The charming villages close to Antona are difficult to get to without a car. For the trip to Callantsoog, however, the train will take you to Schagen, where a coastal bus will be waiting to take you right up to the entrance. In order to get to the beach, you will only need to cross the dunes, and the village square will be right outside your door. Of course, you can rent the apartments any time, not just when we are there, but if you want to be assured of the opportunity to play bridge, it may be a good idea to book for the same period.

Art Suite

'Duin Suites' is a good name for our apartments in Callantsoog, but we would also like to give each individual apartment its own name. The largest apartment offers a view over the dunes from the balcony. The Loggia looks out over the village square, and on a clear day you can look right over the rooftops and see as far as Den Helder. This suite, which has three bedrooms with two double beds and a sofa bed in the enormous living room, comfortably sleeps 8 people and was given the appropriate - although perhaps not wildly original - name of 'Weidse Blik' (Grand View).

The other apartments look out over a street. One has a terrace, the other a loggia. The sheltered loggia is an ideal place for pigeons to roost, with the lantern providing an ideal place to perch. Even a net which was stretched around the loggia could not stop them from turning the loggia into their home.

They love it so much they even tried to nest there in the spring. The apartment in question has been decorated with art. We therefore thought 'Art Suite' would make a nice name for it. The apartment above it, which is similar in terms of layout also has art on the walls, but the lighting is from a commercial lighting shop, whereas the 'Art Suite', has three designer lamps by Roy Jongeling's to add to its charm.



Three pieces of art: A sculpture by Brobbel, an etching of dancing nuns and a self portrait by ... called: 'Is this me?'

What is unique about the apartment on the second floor is the terrace. It's not quite the same when it rains, but when the sun shines Hans always loves having his breakfast on the terrace. The street it looks out on is not particularly special, but it's a nice place to sit and it's much lighter than on the first floor, which is less overlooked. Hans thought 'Een licht ontbijt' ('A Light Breakfast') would make a nice name for this holiday apartment.

All of the suites are like art galleries – there is art everywhere, and all of it is for sale. That is unusual, because how often do you rent an apartment where you can actually buy the art that adorns the walls? In our apartments, you can find work by Annemarie de Groot, Brobbel and many other artists. Some of the art is surprisingly affordable, because the Looier is in an ideal position when it comes to finding bargains. Hans Becker auctioneer and proprietor of Art & Antique Centre the 'Looier' is

always very quick to put in an offer when it looks like a certain piece of art is not going to be sold in their Art & Antique Internet Auction. His Suites offer the ideal opportunity to sell special items that were not snapped up at auction.

So if you would like to spend a week among art, Callantsoger Staete is the place for you.

Prices Callantsoger Staete 2007

Apartments	1.11	2.11	3.01	3.01
Period	2 pers.	4 pers.	6 pers.	8 pers.
05/01 - 30/03/2007	€ 295	€ 360	€ 380	€ 395
30/03 - 13/04/2007	€ 465	€ 555	€ 590	€ 625
13/04 - 11/05/2007	€ 360	€ 435	€ 465	€ 490
11/05 - 22/06/2007	€ 445	€ 545	€ 580	€ 610
22/06 - 25/08/2007	€ 660	€ 795	€ 850	€ 895
25/08 - 21/09/2007	€ 360	€ 435	€ 465	€ 490
21/09 - 26/10/2007	€ 465	€ 555	€ 590	€ 625
26/10 - 21/12/2007	€ 295	€ 360	€ 380	€ 395
21/12 - 06/01/2008	€ 465	€ 555	€ 590	€ 625

Additional costs (compulsory):

Final cleaning costs	€ 55 for the entire stay
Tourist tax	€ 0.81 per person per night

Optional extras:

Bringing a pet	€ 4.00 per night
Use of duvet covers etc.	€ 7.50 per person per change
Use of bath linen	€ 5.00 per person per change

If you are interested in booking, please don't wait too long, because Callantsoger Staete is very popular!

Below is part 21 of the ongoing story about one of our houses in Tuscany, which is currently offered as holiday accommodation.

Feeling nostalgic at the sight of a shoe shop

(From the book Buon Natale in Antona)

part 21

The centre of Massa has a fairly large and exclusive selection of shops, and as a shopping hub, it actually serves a major part of the region. As we had hardly spent any time shopping in the centre, we decided to use the time we had left doing some shopping here. It was nearly one o'clock, and shops close for

lunch here between one and three. Some of the shops do not open until 4 p.m. We noticed a Standa supermarket, and as we still needed a lot of things, we went in to see what the product range was like. Almost the first thing we saw was the Bata outlet in the middle of the supermarket. There was a large Bata advertising sign about fifteen meters into the shop which you couldn't possibly miss. Although I vaguely remembered having seen the name in the Netherlands, I could not quite picture where this shop would be situated at home. It was quite nice seeing something from the past over here, and I excitedly called out to Wim who was lagging slightly behind "Look Wim, Bata, how nice, let's have a look, perhaps I can find some slippers that fit me properly."

Suddenly nostalgic memories from my childhood come rushing back to me. My mother used to buy Wellington boots there for wet days. Even the special ankle-high boots I needed for my fallen arches were bought here, as were my gym shoes. There was always a vague smell of rubber in that shop, which gave it a cheap feel, and when I got older I never went back there. And now, out of all the shops I could have chosen, this was where I want to buy something. The slippers I bought from Carrefour didn't fit properly, because of my high instep. I don't have club feet, but I still need to buy shoes several sizes bigger than you would expect, considering the length of my feet. Thankfully, it was exactly Wim's shoe size, so he had new slippers, but I needed to look for some different ones. Fortunately, I had come to the right place.

They have a huge selection of slippers, in every possible size, shape, variety and colour. Every type was displayed, with a high stack of boxes above it containing the various sizes in that type. Of course my size (a European size 40) was at the bottom of the stack, but at least they had it. Size 40 is where children's sizes end and adult sizes begin. I pull the box towards me, and six of the boxes that were piled on top come crashing to the floor. Thankfully, staff is immediately at hand. Actually, there is no better method for getting some help or attention. In no time, we are joined by two sales assistants who help us put everything back. It makes sense, because they would have to tidy it up afterwards anyway. They'll catch up on the chitchat later,

because they don't trust the customer to do a proper job at tidying it up. It's the right size, so I decide to buy the slippers. We head towards the cash point, and as I try to pay for them, I suddenly find myself in what could have been a sketch by Wim Sonneveld: "Do you need any shoelaces, dress shoes, climbing boots, other boots, training shoes...". The entire selection was recounted before I was finally told how much I owed. Then suddenly I remember: "Oh, actually, I do need some socks". "Ah, but that is not our department, so we can't help you there." "You will find them around the corner". We pay for our slippers still laughing, and head towards the socks department.

And sure enough, next to the Bata, which is situated inside an enclosed area of the supermarket, is the socks department. This is where we find the plain, 100 % pure cotton socks our Italian teacher so desperately needed. Several rows full, in various colours and sizes. None of them blended with acrylic or polyester fibres, all of them made from lovely, 100 % natural cotton. The colours are a bit more conservative and less flamboyant than at Calzedonia, but *fil d'Ecosse* sounds like such a lovely, reliably old-fashioned brand that we decide to make do with the slightly boring colours.

We buy 25 pairs of long socks for Maarten. I, for one, also love socks so I buy several pairs for myself. Wim doesn't want to miss out on this opportunity either, so with a huge stack of socks we proceed to look for a cash point. This isn't easy, because it is not obvious to us where we are supposed to pay for these items. Thankfully, we manage to find a cash point just as we are getting worried someone might mistake us for shop-lifters. That would have been all that was needed.

In order to get to the food department, you need to go through a turnstile, just like at Carrefour. They had the kind of selection you can find at Albert Hein in the Netherlands. The Pannetones from the tombola basked were stacked up high here. We bought some sugar, because so far we had been relying on the sugar cubes and sachets we got with our tea and coffee, which seemed a bit off, even though you pay for these items. We had been able to provide enough sugar for all my cups of tea so far, because Wim doesn't take any sugar in his coffee. We also decided to buy

a floor cloth so that, in the event of me breaking something else, we wouldn't run out of toilet paper. We paid for our items and when we left the shop it had just turned one o'clock.

How about a week in Amsterdam?

If you would like to spend a week in Amsterdam, you may want to stay in our Bridge Suite. The name Bridge is appropriate for two different reasons, the first being that the apartment looks out over the bridge to the Marnixstraat. The second reason is that as a guest staying at our Suite you can participate in the bridge events organised by Bridge Club the Looier in that week, free of charge. The price for a week's stay in this centrally situated apartment from Friday to Friday is € 430. The apartment has a large living room with an open-plan kitchen and sofa bed, a bedroom with a double bed, and a bathroom with a shower and toilet.

What does the average week at the Looier look like?

Saturday

Market 10.30 – 11.00 a.m. Watch the unpacking of items € 5.
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fair or Flee Market. Entrance free.
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Art & Antiques centre is open.
Internet 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free wireless Internet for laptop users.
Bridge 11 a.m. – 5. p.m. Rubber Bridge – if sufficient interest.

Sunday

Market 10.30 – 11.00 a.m. Watch the unpacking of items € 5.
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fair or Flee Market. Entrance free.
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Art & Antiques centre is open.
Internet 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free wireless Internet for laptop users.
Bridge 11 a.m. – 5. p.m. Rubber Bridge – if sufficient interest.

Monday

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open
Internet 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free wireless Internet for laptop users.
Auction 2-4 p.m. Auction – if sufficient supply
Bridge 6.45 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)
7.30 – 10.30 p.m. Looier Individual Players Club.
Participation free.

Tuesday

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open
Internet 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free wireless Internet for laptop users.
Auction 11.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Drop-off, pick-up and payments
Bridge 12.00 – 12.45 12.00 p.m. – 12.45 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)
1 – 5.30 p.m. The Eggnog Drive. Participation € 5.

Wednesday

- Market 10.30 – 11.00 a.m. Find some bargains while the traders unpack € 5
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fair or Flee Market. Entrance free.
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open
Internet 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free wireless Internet for laptop users.
Veiling 11.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Drop-off, pick-up and payments

Wednesday

- Bridge 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Rubber Bridge – if sufficient interest.
6.45 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)
7.30 – 11 p.m. Gay Prize Bridge. Participation € 5

Thursday

- Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. the Art & Antiques centre is open
Internet 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free wireless Internet for laptop users.
Auction 11.30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Drop-off, pick-up and payments
Bridge 12.00 p.m. – 12.45 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)
1 – 5 p.m. 'The Tea Drive'. Participate for € 5.
6.45 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)
7.30 – 11 p.m. 'The Smokers' Club'. Participate for € 5.

Friday

- Bridge 6.45 – 7.15 p.m. Registration (players & stand-by players)
7.30 – 11 p.m. 'The Patton Club'. Participate for € 5.

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Special events at the Looier – dates for your diary

Saturday 10 March

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Fashion & National Dress**

Saturday 17 March

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Authors Debut**

Sunday 18 March

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Authors Debut**

Saturday 24 March

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Glass & Crystal Fair**

Sunday 25 March

Bridge 12 – 5.15 p.m. **The Master Points Drive**

Saturday 31 March

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee market**

Wednesday 2 April

Bridge 7 – 11 p.m. **Start of the 'Gay Prize' Bridge Competition**

Saturday 7 April

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Easter Fair**

Sunday 8 April

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Easter Fair**

Monday 9 April

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Easter Fair**

Bridge 7 – 10.30 p.m. **Open to Individual Looier Syst.**

Saturday 14 April

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Jewellery & Bijoux Fair**

Sunday 15 April

Bridge 12 – 4.30 p.m. **The Alzheimer Drive**

Monday 16 April

Auction 2 – 4 p.m. **General Auction**

Monday 23 April

Auction 2 – 4 p.m. **Coin Auction - if sufficient supply**

Sunday 29 April

Bridge 12 – 5.15 p.m. **The Master Points Drive**

Saturday 5 May

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee market**

Monday 7 May

Auction 2 – 4 p.m. **General Auction**

Bridge 7 – 11 p.m. **The Indiv. Players Competition starts**

Saturday 12 May

Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Old Door & Window Furniture Fair**

Suites From 3 p.m. **Arrival Bridge Trip Antona**

Saturday 19 May
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Tools Fair**

Saturday 26 May
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Whitsun Fair**

Sunday 27 May
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Whitsun Fair**
Bridge 12 – 5.15 p.m. **The Master Points Drive**

Monday 28 May
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Whitsun Fair**

Saturday 2 June
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Flee market**

Monday 4 June
Auction 2 – 4 p.m. **General Auction**

Friday 8 June
Suites From 3 p.m. **Arrival Trip to Callantsoog**

Saturday 9 June
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Militaria**
Bridge 12 – 8.30 p.m. **Bridge at the Callantsoog beach**

Saturday 16 June
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Clocks & Watches Fair**

Saturday 23 June
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Abstract Art Fair**

Sunday 24 June
Bridge 12 – 5.15 p.m. **The Master Points Drive**

Saturday 30 June
Market 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Theme still to be decided - suggestions welcome!**

Monday 27 August
Bridge 6.45 – 11.45 p.m. **Looier Cash Tournament.**

Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September
Bridge 7.45 – 11.45 p.m. **Looier All-Round Tournament**

Sunday 16 September
Bridge 12 – 5.15 **Looier All-Round Tournament**

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