

***** Welcome to Haus Montanara! *****

We are happy to have you as our guests. Please treat this house as you would your own, rather than a hotel room. The following hints will help keep our rental price reasonable and your stay enjoyable.

1. Please take off your shoes in the hall. It prevents expensive carpet cleaning, especially from dirty snow in winter, and mud & cow-pies in summer. Some renters even bring comfortable light slippers!
2. You are welcome to use food and dishes in the kitchen cabinets, but please wash your own dishes. Some non-perishable food (i.e. rice, coffee, sugar, flour) has been left by prior renters. Feel free to continue this practice when you leave. Please do not leave perishables in the refrigerator when your stay is finished.
3. Take only the number of towels and sheets necessary.
4. The laundry room is downstairs, basement level, on the South side of the house. Your apartment key will open the basement. Because of an arcane regional ordinance about using electric stoves/kitchen appliances and laundry appliances at the same time during lunch (and overloading the village's small electrical circuits), the power to the washer and dryer (only) automatically shuts off from approximately 11 am to 2 pm! It affects everyone in the village.
*First: Turn on main power switches on wall above both the washer and dryer.
*Washer: Put clothes (loosely packed) into washer. Leave washer door open. Add 2 capfuls of liquid detergent or 1/3 measuring cup/ball of powdered detergent directly in wash chamber with clothes. Set Righthand dial to "C". Set Left-hand dial to desired temp in degrees Celsius (30 deg for colors, 60-70 deg for whites). Now close washer door. If machine does not start, you may have to pull out Right-hand dial gently until it clicks.
*Dryer: Choose one of the 4 "sun symbol" heat settings. Turn far Right-hand dial to "start". Push power button on far Left side.
*Last: When done with laundry, please turn off the main power switches above the machines.
5. Phone and internet use is free. There are no long distance charges to US or central Europe. Your telephone number here is 541-787-4262. (For techies: it is VOIP based.) To use the phone just dial as if you were in the US. i.e. 1 (xxx) xxx-xxxx. To call central Europe dial 011+country code+number. i.e. Local numbers here in Greich and Riederalp would be 011 41 27 927 xxxx
The WiFi SSID is "montanara". Phone and internet reboot nightly around 3 am so any problems should be fixed automatically.
6. The tram from Morel-Greich-Riederalp stops approximately hourly at Greich. It runs half hourly but does not stop every time at Greich. Be sure to check the timetable. We try to keep a current timetable posted here in the apartment. When riding the tram from Morel or Riederalp to Greich, be sure to tell the tram operator that you want off at Greich. If no one

tells him to stop or no one pushed the button at the base of the tower, the tram will breeze right past Greich. When you are leaving Greich with the tram towards Morel or Riederalp, push the button for 5-10 seconds until the "Bahn Halt" light comes on at the base of the tower, so the operator will know to pick you up. Often a local Greich resident is around to help if there is a problem.

7. If you are staying with us for an entire week, the tram company offers a great deal for a 7 day unlimited ride pass between Greich and Morel for 45 SFr (half-way) or 65 Sfr for entire length Morel-Riederalp.

7. For groceries, use either the Co-op at the top of the tram in Riederalp or along the main road in Morel. Prices are the same at each. The store at the top of the tram is slightly larger (and is open on Sunday morning). Both the Co-op and Migros supermarkets in Brig and Visp are larger full service stores and have standard Swiss opening hours (open until 6:30 pm and closed Sunday).

8. If you are looking for an indoor pool or spa, some of the hotel pools on Riederalp/Bettmeralp and in the valley at Morel (Salina Maris) are available for fee based day use (not real cheap though). There is a indoor pool in Brig about 15 min walk from the train station up Alt Simplonstrasse past Stockalper Palace. Its prices are very reasonable.

9. Please do not put your regular trash in the dumpsters by the tower. Paper, glass, cans, and plastic bottles should be put in the appropriate recycling dumpsters, though. Trash bags in this region require a payment "sticker" or special bag with pre-paid trash fee. (Instead of paying a monthly trash collection fee like in the US, people here pay by the trash bag.) While we appreciate your thoughtfulness, it just gets the village in hot water! Please leave your garbage in a plastic bag, which our cleaner will take care of.

10. Please do not leave your personal belongings! Check before you leave. We don't have any way to send your stuff back.

11. Our caretaker is Alice Inderbitzen. Her phone number is 011 41 27 927 2680. She lives in here in Greich and speaks English well. Unless she or we have told you differently, please contact her in case of problems or questions. I (Marcus Bryner) can be reached at 541-471-7210, 7 am-11pm PST. Please be mindful of the 9 hour time difference between Switzerland and the USA West Coast.

We hope you enjoy your stay!
The Bryners and Catalanos

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