



A-Z manual for a house dating from 1937

Mom, we have arrived safely and are about to settle in. Now... where are we?

Address for those at home

Villa Eugénie, Gulden Vlieslaan 36, 8670 Koksijde
www.villaeugenie.be

We're hungry & thirsty!

Some kitchen tips & tricks

Gas stove: the gas connection remains open (to be found in the left corner behind the stove)

Refrigerator: never to be shut down from april-october, to be active on power 4-5

Coffee machine: there is none; coffee can be brewed by using the (whistling) kettle and thermos flask
Kitchen utensils, cutlery and crockery: ample amount of pots & pans; feel free to have a peak in all chests and drawers

Napkins, candles: to be found in the drawer in dinner closet

How to use... the dishwasher and microwave?

Manuals: to be found in the 2nd top drawer in the kitchen, next to the door leading outside - or in the information pack

Dishwasher: Washing tablets under the sink. Preferred program is "ECO" and dishwasher to be used (by preference) at night as from 9pm (night rate advantageous for our wallet... and yours!). Fill up the dishwasher and push button on the left + "start". Normally, the ECO program will be customised (if not, please push the ECO button). You can also pre-program the machine (e.g. program it at 6pm in order to start at 9pm) – but we haven't tested this yet.

Stock – Supplies: Salt, pepper, flour, paper towels, etc. at hand. Feel free to pick some items from the stock (coffee, milk, water,...), put the items past their sell-by-date in the bin (it happens from time to time), and please be so generous as to put some new toilet rolls or bottles of milk in place, should you have been the one to use the last one... 😊

Water: Water supply is always turned on, the main water supply (to be found in the basement) is never to be shut down. Hot water: via boiler in the garage. There is no mass storage barrel, but the delivery is more than sufficient. Toilets work on rain water; should you feel that no water comes, jump into the basement and follow the instructions near the pump.

I am sleepy. What about bed-and bath linen?

(on demand, for direct reservations only)

The beds will be made at arrival; extra bedlinen to be found in the closets in the room, more can be found in the closet in the room with balcony.



Bath linen and towels to be found in the bathroom closet.
Feel free to use it all, and please put it in the laundry basket in the garage (wet towels to be put to dry, please!)

We have a baby with us. What about children's stuff?

Children's stuff to be found in the garage

- Baby chair (1), without safety belt, but a very nice old-fashioned and high one (maybe not so suitable for babies, but rather for toddlers?)
- Nursing pillow
- Children's bicycle (3-wheels)
- Sorry.. no bicycle seat available for very small kids

Cot (1) with a comfortably stuffed mattress to be found in the blue children's bedroom upstairs; linen and blankets on the below left shelf in the closet

I'm cold. How do we get warm?

There's a mobile thermostat on the fireplace in the living room. When no one is staying, it is programmed at 14 degrees, but you can put it higher or lower with the arrows. The thermostat is best to be put in the room where you need warmth at that moment.

The boiler is situated in the garage and is usually on. Central gas supplies are in the basement.

I'm tired and would like to relax. Television? Internet?

For rainy days and lazy afternoons... We have been looking for an old-fashioned black & white TV, but were unable to find one ☺

Digital TV and internet to be used freely; codes to be found in the information pack

I love being outdoors, in the garden.

In and around the house: Bicycle and chariot, hammock, garden furniture and toys.

Please feel free to use the bicycle and chariot (and please lock it if you park it somewhere, and park it somewhere dry if possible)

Hammock & garden furniture: If you leave the house for more than a day, please put everything in the garage (since the garden is not completely closed off) or put the chain on.

Toys: building blocks, dolls, buggies, jigsaw puzzles, board games, ... to be enjoyed by the kids.

Please leave everything neatly behind

I'm hungry & thirsty... but am NOT planning to be in the kitchen myself all day!

Dinner – drinks – restaurants!

Some suggestions listed for you below (child friendly and good food)! For locations, please see the white information binder on the cabinet in the dining room (incl. maps):

- **La Piazzetta** – George Grandplein in St Idesbald: pasta & pizza, very busy but wonderful food, open every day, a bit of sea view
- **Royal**: a fine "brasserie" with friendly staff, ideal for a quick bite, situated at the corner "Zeedijk à klok Koksijde – bad" near the clock. Nice view on the sea and it is the only place on



the avenue which we can recommend. Similar place in St Idesbald: **Palermo**, also near the clock

- **For the kids:** Siska, situated at Tennislaan direction St Idesbald – with a big playing area for small and bigger children
- **Drinks:** The "Normandie" via "wandeling Doornpanne", situated at Koninklijke Baan direction Oostduinkerke. Very stylish place, friendly staff, and less expensive than elsewhere (the price of a "Duvel" is our point of reference ☺). Yummy hot chocolate; unfortunately, no hot soup or pancakes as a snack. Great food too. No indoor playing area for children. On the other Side - direction St Idesbald: De strandcabine or Palermo.

I'm going out! What to do?

Tourist info

Information to be found on the cabinet in the living room (maps of the area and bicycle paths)
The tourist information office is located at the "Zeelaan" (the main shopping street), rather near to the sea, near the "pit", a space for events; left side when heading towards the sea.

Going for a walk

We can recommend the "Doornpanne-walk" (+/- 8km) direction Oostduinkerke. If you are tired, you can go back by coastal tram.

Swimming pool "Den Blekker"

A real "must do"! Situated in Koksijde-Dorp, Pylyserlaan (there are signs everywhere, accessible from the road when heading direction Oostduinkerke – parking area located across from the hotel school), also accessible from the "Zeelaan" when coming from Koksijde-Bad (next to the tennis courts). It is kind of a mini Sunparks, rates are 2-3 EUR for 90 minutes of aqua pleasure. Don't forget to take 1 EUR pieces for the lockers. There's a toddler swimming & playing pool, a big pool (for the athletes amongst us), an outdoor pool and a rapid whirlpool. It can be quite busy, the most quiet moment in the weekend is Saturday before noon. (Address: Pylyserlaan 32, Koksijde / Tel: +32 58 51 27 08 / Fax: +32 58 52 08 77)

Opening hours (of the cash desks) during school year:

Monday – Friday

- 8.30h – 11.15h (25m pool and instruction pool)
- 14h – 16h (25m pool and instruction pool)
- 16h-19h (all pools: toddler pool, whirlpool, outdoor pool, slides, instruction pool, big pool)
- Swimming until 19.30h

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays

- 8.30h – 11.15h (swimming until 11.45h) and from 14h until 18h (all pools open during the whole day)
- Swimming until 18.30h

Villa Eugénie is rather like an old lady, and thus needs to be treated with a lot of care.

How can I make sure to treat her right?

Windows: Are very old and only have one single layer – please treat carefully. The living room downstairs has guillotine windows (best not to be opened or closed by children)

Shutters: TAKE CARE: heavy old wooden shutters – please be gentle!



We cannot avoid to create waste. What about waste treatment?

We recycle! The garage has a "recycling" system which indicates where to put what (paper, glass, PMD, ...) Please put it where it belongs, and we will make sure that it leaves the garage through the proper channels. Waste bags (green with the name "Koksijde" on it) are to be found in the high cabinet or on the fridge in the garage. The **garbage collection** is done on **Mondays**, so after the weekend, it would be great if you could put the bags outside, clearly visible on the street. If you have forgotten to do so, please bring them to one of the molokov-stations, especially put in place for tourists (see map).

GFT (vegetable & fruit remains) is to be collected separately in the bin outside. Collection is done on **Tuesdays**. Please do not deposit diapers, meat or cooked food in here!

I have spilled some drinks. And my towels could use a wash...

Did you spill anything, or do you want to get rid of those crumbs... All cleaning utensils are to be found in the garage.

Washing & drying – if needed

The launderette is at the corner of the street, some 80m from the house. Washing liquids to be found on the fridge in the garage. Drying horse and clothes pegs also in the garage.

Help... the lights are all out; something's broken

In case of emergency, please find our mobile numbers below:
Lut: +32 474 89 74 60 & Luc: +32 475 45 15 81

We're leaving (sadly enough) – what do we need to do before setting off?

Please leave the house exactly as you found it and please respect the following rules:

- Remove the sheets from the beds and put them in the laundry basket - garage
- Leave wet linen and towels to dry
- Take the shutters down
- Put the heating on 14 degrees (thermostat)
- Empty the bins and put them in the big bin (please respect the recycling habits!) or put them outside if it's almost Monday. Alternatively, you can bring them to the Molokov areas (plans in the information binder)
- Have a quick vacuum clean; we will take care of the rest
- Water the plants (if they are still alive ☺)
- Close the doors
- Do not forget your luggage – check for coats, shoes, gsm chargers, etc. and anything else left behind

We wish you a wonderful stay in our house, and please... make yourselves AT HOME!

