



TRAVELLING TIPS

Beloved Friends,

When you are coming from abroad, by airplane, you will probably land in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro or Brasília. From one of these places, you will then take an airplane to Florianópolis. If you have a European passport, you don't need to apply for a visa to visit Brazil.

São Paulo

There are two Airports in São Paulo: Congonhas Domestic Airport and Guarulhos International Airport. It is possible to take a flight to Florianópolis from both of these Airports. Just check for the best time and price options.

Airlines

The three most popular domestic airlines in Brazil are:

- Tam (www.tam.com.br)
- Gol (www.voegol.com.br)
- Azul (www.voeazul.com.br)



Money

Our currency is called Brazilian Real (R\$). If you need to exchange money, it is best to bring Dollars or Euros. Do not bring Norwegian Kroners or other currency. You can check updated rates at: www.x-rates.com

Coming to Barra de Ibiraquera

When you arrive in Florianópolis you will need to take either a taxi or a bus to Barra de Ibiraquera.

By bus

You will need to take a taxi from the Airport to the Bus Terminal, that costs around R\$40,00. You board the bus at the Central Bus Station, downtown Florianópolis. The bus costs around R\$30,00 and it takes around 2 hours to get to a place called Araçatuba (7 Km from Mevlana Garden, the retreat hotel), or a town called Imbituba (15 km from the retreat hotel).

From Araçatuba or Imbituba, you will need a taxi to Barra de Ibiraquera. It will cost around R\$50,00 and it takes around 15 minutes.



By taxi

The taxi from Florianópolis airport to Barra de Ibiraquera will cost around R\$280,00. You can also order the “Happy Taxi” in advance with Nalini: + 55 48 9155 5311 / mystictaxi@gmail.com

Car Rental

There are many options of Car Rental; one option is Localiza. You can make your reservation through 0800979 2000 or www.localiza.com

Staying in Barra de Ibiraquera

If you are planning to stay longer than the retreat period in Ibiraquera, you have the options of many guest houses, hotels or even renting a house. You can get more information at: www.barradeibiraquera.com.br

Weather

Barra de Ibiraquera is a beautiful beach located in southern Brazil. In the months of March, April, November and December, when the retreat happens, the temperature varies between 14 to 28 degrees approximately. It is quite windy and because of that Ibiraquera is known as one of the best spots in the world for the practice of windsurf and kitesurf.



Things to bring (or to buy here):

- Bathing suit
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Rain Coat or Umbrella
- Hat
- Flip-flops
- Blanket for meditations
- Meditation Chair
- Warm shawl or jacket
- White clothes for Sunday Satsangs

Sightseeing/ Tourism/ Sports

- Trekking
- Surf
- Windsurf
- Kitesurf
- Whale watching

Places around Barra de Ibiraquera

- Garopaba
- Praia do Rosa
- Imbituba
- Guarda do Embaú



What you find in Barra de Ibiraquera

- Pharmacy
- Restaurante da Barra (opens everyday)
- Restaurante Tartaruga and Restaurante do Zequinha (open on weekends)
- Bakery
- Mini Supermarket (Mercado Guimarães)
- Bus to Imbituba (a few times a day)

The closest Bank, Hospital, etc are located in Imbituba. (15 min by car).

Welcome to the Garden of the Beloved!