



TRAVELLING TIPS

Beloved Friends,

When you are coming from abroad by air, you will probably land in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro or Brasília. From any of these places, you will then fly to Florianópolis.

If you have a European passport, you don't need to apply for a visa to enter Brazil.

We suggest that you plan to arrive in Brazil at least two days in advance, so that you can acclimatize.

We also suggest that you purchase all flight segments in advance, as some Brazilian websites might not accept foreign credit cards.

São Paulo

There are three airports in São Paulo: Congonhas Domestic Airport, Guarulhos International Airport and Viracopos International Airport. It is possible to fly to Florianópolis from all of these airports.

Airlines

The most popular domestic airlines in Brazil are:

- Latam (www.latam.com.br)
- Gol (www.voegol.com.br)
- Azul (www.voeazul.com.br)



By Bus from Florianópolis

You will need to take a taxi or Uber from the Florianópolis Airport to the Central Bus Station downtown. The taxi costs around R\$50,00. Buy your ticket at the counter and board the bus. The bus costs around R\$35,00 and it takes around 2 hours to get to a place called Araçatuba (7 Km from Mevlana Garden, the retreat hotel), or to a town called Imbituba (15 km from the retreat hotel). From Araçatuba or Imbituba, you will need a taxi or Uber to Barra de Ibiraguera. A taxi will cost around R\$50,00 and takes around 15 minutes.

By taxi

A taxi from Florianópolis Airport to Barra de Ibiraguera costs around R\$ 280,00.

You can also book the "Mystic Taxi" in advance. Get in touch with Nalini (+55 48) 99155 5311 / mystictaxi@gmail.com



Car Rental

There are several car rental companies in Florianopolis Airport. One of them is called Localiza. You can book by calling 0800 979 2000 (valid only for calls in Brazil) or on the website www.localiza.com.

Money

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

Exchange rates at the airport are usually very bad.

There are currency exchange services with better exchange rates in Imbituba (15-minute drive from Mevlana Garden) and in Garopaba (30-minute drive from Mevlana Garden) – Casa de Câmbio Turcâmbio (www.turcambio.com.br).

You may also use debit/credit cards to pay for most goods and services and to take out money from some ATMs. You should check with your bank before traveling.



Staying in Barra de Ibiraquera

If you are planning to stay longer than the retreat period in Ibiraquera, there are many options, including guest houses, hotels or houses for rent. You can find more information on airbnb.com.

The number of visitors and accommodation availability is seasonal and varies greatly in Barra de Ibiraquera. During the summer (December, January and February) rental rates are very high and there are many tourists in the area. Outside of the high season, accommodation is easier to find and the village becomes very quiet and peaceful.

Weather

Barra de Ibiraquera is a beautiful beach located in southern Brazil. In the months of March, April, November and December, when the retreats happen, the temperature varies from approximately 14°C to 28°C. It is quite windy and because of this Ibiraquera is known as one of the best spots in the world for windsurfing and kitesurfing.

Sightseeing/ Tourism/ Sports

Trekking

Surf

Windsurf

Kitesurf

Whale watching



Things to bring (or to buy here):

Meditation Chair
Blanket for meditations
Warm shawl or jacket
Bathing suit
Raincoat and/or Umbrella
Hat
Flip-flops
White clothes for Sunday Satsangs
Face mask (covid measures)
Alarm clock
Sunscreen
Mosquito repellent
Reusable water bottle

Places around Barra de Ibiraquera

Garopaba
Praia do Rosa
Imbituba
Guarda do Embaú



What you can find in Barra de Ibiraquera

Pharmacy
Restaurante da Barra
Restaurante Tartaruga and Restaurante do Zequinha
Mini Supermarket (Mercado Guimarães)
Bus to Imbituba (twice a day)

The closest Banks, Hospital, etc. are located in downtown Imbituba (15-minute drive). During the pandemic the best option to get downtown is by taxi since the bus service is very limited. There are no banks or ATMs in Barra de Ibiraquera.

We remind you that during the pandemic in Brazil, it might be compulsory to use a face mask in public places.

Welcome to the Garden of the Beloved!