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

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, and flights to Jaguaruna are possible to take only from Congonhas Domestic Airport and Viracopos International Airport. Check it out 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

Arriving in Ibiraquera

If your flight lands in Florianopolis Airport, you can take a bus (from the bus station downtown) or a taxi to Barra de Ibiraquera.
If your flight is to Jaguaruna, we suggest that you book a transfer in advance, since there might not be any taxis available at the time of your arrival and also it is not easy to go by bus to Imbituba.

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 Florianopolis Airport to Barra de Ibiraquera costs

around R$ 280,00.
The taxi from Jaguaruna Airport to Barra de Ibiraquera costs

around R$ 240,00.
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.
In Jaguaruna Airport you can rent a car from the following companies: Localiza, Gemix, Unidas. For more information, please get in contact with the airport (+55 48) 3624 8824.

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
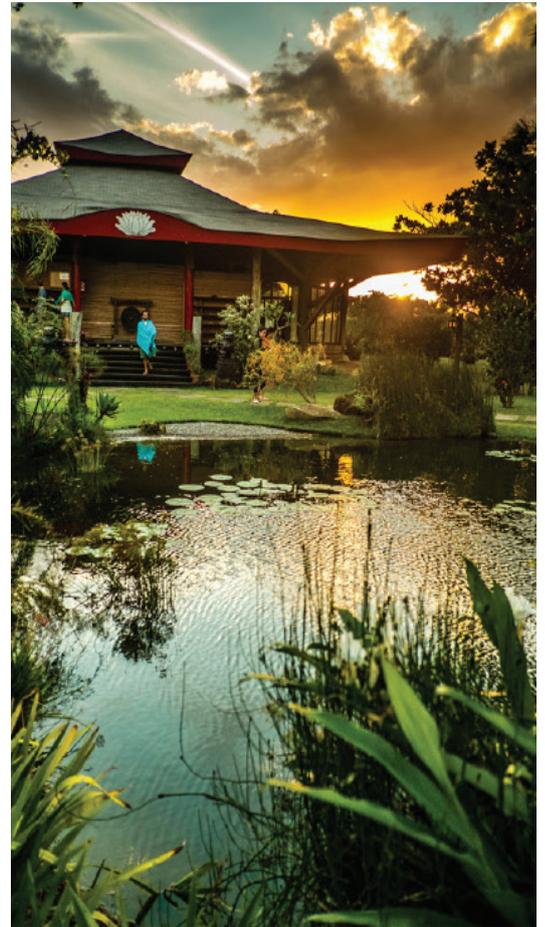
Sightseeing/ Tourism/ Sports

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)
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!