



# **CASA NA ILHA**

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## ISLAND LOCATION

Ilhabela Island is located 200 km away from Sao Paulo and 300 km away from Rio de Janeiro. You can look at the map right here:



Ilhabela is the largest island of an archipelago formed of this and other of minor dimension. It is not an isolated island. You can find in town, banks, shops, restaurants and supermarkets. There are also medical services. Different bus services goes around the island, they are very clean, new and efficient. Population is around 30.000, but only on a 5% of the island. The rest are Atlantic Ocean Beaches, woods, and jungle, with tiny fisherman village. Here you can see a map of the island, with all the beaches and waterfalls. The yellow line is the road that goes up and down from the populated area. The rest is the Preservation Area. You access these locations by 4x4, boat or by a walking path.



We are located in the north part of the island, in between Siriuba and Viana. The house is located in a closed high profile neighborhood community that was built in one 'morro' side called Siriuba 1. We are at the end of one of its many roads so we have no cars passing by. We have to close neighbors both of which do not live in their houses since these are their vacation homes. The only come to the island once or twice a year and it is not common, but they could play music and talk loud during their stay.

Being built in two levels, we have stairs from the main floor to the room floor. The bus stops are at the entrance of the neighborhood. We are located 0,7 miles/1 km from the entrance. It takes 15/20 minutes to go down the road and 20/30 minutes to come up the hill, which is steep at one point. Take this under consideration if you have any problems with mobility.

We offer rides when we go to town (usually in the morning), so residents can join us in the ride back and forward, however, we do not provide a personal transportation service on demand for each artist . There is a bus service and taxis available in the island for artists to use.

## **HOW TO GET TO ILHABELA**

To get to the island, there are some ways. Nearest airport is Guarulhos International Airport in the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil. It is a major city and many flights arrive here, it is one of the most important airport in the world. You can check fares in [www.skyscanner.com](http://www.skyscanner.com).

### **PRIVATE CAR TRANSFER OR BUS**

Once you arrive, unless you decide to stay for a couple of days in Sao Paulo, that is an amazing city with lots of cultural and art life, **you can take a bus right there**, without even leaving the airport **or take a private transfer to the house**. You can combine with other artists coming. A car for 4 people is 450 reais (150 usd aprox) that divided into the people sharing is a very good deal taking under consideration that the bus is 65 reais (25 usd aprox). Before arrival, two month before approximately, we will put you and the others artists in touch so you can meet them and organize your trip to the island with them if you wish, as well as giving instructions on how to rent the private car if you wish to and contacting the company that does the service.

The bus is really easy and totally safe. You can buy tickets online in [www.passaromarron.com.br](http://www.passaromarron.com.br) to avoid delays or any inconvenience. You have to buy the ticket to **Sao Sebastiao**, that's the final destination, and the bus stops first in the bus terminal and then leaves right where the balsa that leaves. The balsa is a free service for people and cars crossing to the island, in 15/20 minutes. The bus fare is 25 usd depending on the bus service. They are very comfortable and they have wi fi. The balsa service is free. Is a very big balsa, it does not move at all. The balsa service runs every 30 minutes from 6 am to 1 am.

Here are some instructions to buy take and to move around this journey.

### **BUS STATION IN THE AIRPORT:**

In the airport, going out trough terminal B (arrivals), you walk 50 mts aprox to your right and you will find the bus office and the bus stop (usually number 3). You can also ask in information counters to get there. Once you are in the office, you show them your online tickets and they will change you for the tickets to show to the bus driver. It is really easy and fast.



**TO GET YOUR TICKETS ONLINE:**

Check the website [passaronmarron.com.br](http://passaronmarron.com.br) and you have to fill departure and arrival destination. You can get round tickets or only way:

Check the dates and the schedule depending on your flight. Allow yourself time to get your luggage and do customs.

The bus might stop in different spots in the route, That is 3-4 hours depending on the service you take.

You can tell the driver that you are going to Ilhabela, the balsa stop is the final destination.

The bus stops first in the bus terminal In Sao Sebastiao and then leaves right where the balsa leaves. The balsa is a free service for people and cars crossing to the island, in 15/20 minutes. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR TIME OF ARRIVAL AND TRAVEL PLANS SO WE CAN ORGANIZE.



I want to emphasize that **is it totally safe to travel like this**, and there is no problem with a women travelling alone. I am aware that Brazil has a very bad reputation, but you just have to take care as well as you do when travelling any place. Since you are travelling to the coast of Sao Paulo city, lots of people from the city take the bus to get some days off and rest in the beach. You will go by Maresias, a hot spot for surfers and a trendy place. You can be relax about the trip, and also it is really beautiful since the road (national route recently renewed in perfect conditions) goes up and down jungle and mountains and by the sea.

If you are still not feeling comfortable with this way, we are also currently working with a travel company to arrange a **private transportation service** from Sao Paulo. You can contact them at this number via whatsapp, they speak English: +5511979800208.

Besides sending out the info, we will help you do all the arrangements, you can ask as many questions or doubts or help as you need. We will be happy to help you.

If you wish to stay in Sao Paulo for a few days before the island, you can also take the bus in a bus terminal in the city called **Tiete bus terminal**. While buying your bus tickets online, you have to choose the departure from Sao Paulo TRT (SP) instead of Guarulhos Airport, or if you to come in a private service we can arrange that as well.

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

### **PASSPORT AND CUSTOMS**

Visitors entering Brazil must have a passport valid for at list six months (citizens from the Mercosur - Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay - may enter using their national IDs). A return ticket and proof of sufficient funds may be required.

Upon arrival, foreigners have to report to the passport control and the customs clearance.

### **VISAS**

With regards to visa requirements, as of June 17<sup>th</sup> 2019, Brazil waived **U.S., Canada, Japan and Australian from a visa to enter Brazil. Citizens from most Western European countries do not need a visa to enter Brazil.**

**Visa have been also waived for citizens of the following countries:**

-Andorra	-Chile	-Greece	-Namibia	-Spain
-Argentina	-Colombia	-Island	-The Netherlands	-Surinam
-Austria	-Costa Rica	-Ireland	-Norway	-Sweden
-Bahamas	-Denmark	-Italy	-Paraguay	-Switzerland
-Barbados	-Ecuador -Finland	-Liechtenstein	-Peru	-Trinidad and Tobago
-Belgium	-France	-Luxembourg	-Philippines	-United Kingdom
-Bermuda	-Germany	-Monaco	-Portugal	-Uruguay
-Bolivia		-Morocco	-San Marino	-Venezuela
			-South Africa	

**If your country is not in this list**, you can apply for a tourist visa that will allow you to enter Brazil and stay for a 90 days period.

Visas must be applied to at the Brazilian representations, and it may take a few weeks to issue; check out this link of Brazilian missions abroad: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/brazil>

**VACCINATIONS**

You **do not** need to take any prevention vaccine if you are coming to the area of Sao Paulo. If you are interested in travelling to more regions in the country, like the Amazon, please do check the necessary medical prevention vaccines.

An international certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is compulsory for travelers who, within three months prior to **their arrival in Brazil, have visited or been in transit through any of the following countries:** Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo (Republic of), Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Kenia, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda,

**WEATHER**

The island has no dry or rainy season, but it is humid, since is a tropical weather. Rains can happen both in summer time (more strong and short) as well as in winter time (more drizzling showers). Each year it varies. Remember that summer and winter times in south hemisphere are the opposite of the north hemisphere.

The temperature never falls under 15 C/60 F, which would be the lowest in a winter night. It is warm all year long, but of course it is warmer on summer, late December, January and February being the hottest. The studio has a very cool flow of air and has ceiling fan and black out curtains to keep in cool, as well as the rooms, but note that we do not have AC in our facilities.

The rest of the year, the weather is still nice warm and pleasant as to be outside, do trails and go the beach but you will need a long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt for the sunset and night.

Also, during summer times, the island is more crowed with visitors, although our privileged location remains in peace and tranquility, the town and beaches are more crowed. From March to November, the flow of visitors is lower, being the least in May, June, July and August.

## WHAT TO BRING

### PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS AND FLASHLIGHT

We will provide you with towels and linen that are changed weekly. You can bring your personal hygiene products, like shampoo, soap, deodorant, dental paste, dental brush. You can also buy them in the island shops. It is very useful to bring a flashlight as well!

### MATERIALS

Bring all the materials you are planning to use, more If you need special material for your stay.. If that's not possible, you can buy from Sao Paulo online and they will delivered it to the house door to door. There are shops in the island, but they might not have specific materials. Let us know and we will help you with that.

### ELECTRICITY AND SOCKETS

Electricity in Brazil is 110 v. The house has both 110 v and 220 v. In general terms Brazilian plugs and sockets come as two pin flat or two pin round, the latter is being standardised for new appliances but variations occur. Most chargers for phones, laptops etc already have a built in power adaptor so don't worry too much about the different voltage. It's things like hairdryers where you might want an power converter/ adaptor. **You should bring an universal adaptor to fit plugs.**

### CASH

Almost everywhere, you can pay with international credit cards, but the island bus.

We recommend you to change money before coming to the island, since you can exchange currency at the bank, but they have a bad exchange rate. There are ATMs and banks in the island, but please make sure to contact your bank and inform them you will be using your cards in Brazil. To avoid inconvenience, you can change pocket money to move around with no problem before arriving.

### WEATHER AND CLOTHES

It has a humid tropical climate, The annual average temperature is around 18 degrees Celsius, with a maximum of 34 and a minimum of 15 degrees. Try to pack comfortable shoes, light clothes and a raincoat wrapped for rainy days. Bring some light sweatshirt, sweaters, long sleeved t shirts and long pants for nights. Then you just need what all beach destinations demand: sunscreen, bathing suit, hat, sunglasses and a beach towel.

### BUG REPELLENT

The island is covered by the mata atlantica and there are some mosquitoes called borrachudos, specially during sunrise and sunset. They are not around at night. They are very small, not dangerous, but yes, they bite. You can buy repellent in the island, but any repellent, cream is better, should be used to avoid being the uncomforness of being bitten. We recommend to bring at least one. Then you can supply yourself in the island shops.

### MEDICAL INSURANCE

Even though there are medical services in the island, we recommend to get a travel medical insurance before arriving, like anytime you go out on holidays. If you are taking any particular medicine, it would be recommended to bring your supplies.

## **FOOD**

As we mentioned before, the island has many shops and supermarkets. Our food service will include 2 meals a day: breakfast (granola, fruits, milk, bread, eggs, marmalade) and dinner based on an vegetarian diet with fish (brown and white rice, vegetables, lentils, soups, pasta, chickpeas, beans, fish, eggs, pizza nights). We also do barbecue nights, according to each diet restrictions, and include meat for non vegetarians.

For lunch, artists can use the kitchen but they have to keep it clean and tidy, or have lunch in town. Artist will have a communal fridge to use.

If you have a specific diet regime, let us know. **Snacks, sodas and alcoholic beverages are not included.** You can buy them in the markets or bring it with you. Coffee and tea will be available 24 hs as well as filtered water.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

You can contact us via e mail to [info@casanailha.org](mailto:info@casanailha.org). Also you can message us to this phone +5512992133869

## **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE CONTRACT**

After confirmation, you will receive an artist in residence contract for you to sign and deliver on arrival to start your residence. This contract is to protect your safety, wellbeing and ensure that you have a smooth explorative creative time while on the residence. We want to ensure that our expectations are shared and understood when it comes to respecting each other. The contract also helps to speed up your integration into the residency as the house rules are explained in the contract prior to arriving. On arrival, we will asked for a printed copy, signed in all pages at the margins and the last one complete with the information asked and signed. **This is a mandatory requirement to start your residence.**