

A WELCOME BOOK FOR OUR GUESTS

Casa *Marés*



*A two-bedroom home above the Arabian Sea, kept
just the way we'd want to find it.*

ANJUNA · NORTH GOA

SORANTO VADDO · 403 509

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YOUR HOSTS

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A note before *anything else*

Dear guest,

Thank you for choosing Casa Marés. The keys are in your hand, the sea is a five-minute walk from the door, and there's a bottle of cold water in the fridge with your name on it.

This little book covers everything you might want to know — how the home works, where to eat, where to swim, who to call if a tap leaks at midnight. We've written it the way we'd want a friend to brief us if we landed in a new town. Read what's useful. Skip what isn't.

If you want a recommendation that isn't in here, ask. Send us a message any time — we live ten minutes away and we genuinely like talking about Goa. Anil, who looks after the house, lives 200 metres up the road and speaks English, Hindi and Konkani. His number is on page 11 in case the WiFi router throws a tantrum.

One small ask: treat the place the way you'd treat a friend's home. We'll do the same when you come back.

Make yourself at home.

PRIYA & MATEUS · HOSTS SINCE 2021

SECTION ONE

The essentials

Everything you'll reach for in the first ten minutes — written down so you don't have to text us at midnight.

ADDRESS

House No. 271, Soranto Vaddo, Anjuna, North Goa 403 509

Tell your driver "Soranto Vaddo, opposite Cafe Diogo." Show them the gate with the blue door.

WI-FI NETWORK

CasaMares_5G

WI-FI PASSWORD

arabian-sunset-271

FRONT DOOR LOCKBOX

7 · 4 · 2 · 9

Press # after entering. Lockbox is to the left of the gate, behind the bougainvillea.

BEDROOM SAFE

2 · 7 · 1 · 0

In the wardrobe of the master bedroom. Reset by pressing the inside button.

CHECK-IN

From 2:00 PM

Earlier arrivals welcome — message us, we'll see what's possible.

CHECK-OUT

By 11:00 AM

Need a few extra hours? Just ask the day before.

PARKING

Inside the gate

One car or two scooters fit comfortably. Lock the gate from inside at night.

TRASH PICKUP

Tue & Fri, 7 AM

Wet waste in green, dry in blue. Bins live behind the kitchen door.

How the home *works*

Old Goan house, modern insides. Most things work the way you'd expect — these are the few that don't.

Air-conditioning

BEDROOMS

Both bedrooms have inverter ACs. Remotes live on the bedside tables. We've found 24°C is the sweet spot — anything lower and the humidity feels off. Please switch them off when you leave the house; the power bills here are dramatic.

Hot water

GEYSER

Switch is outside each bathroom door, marked GEYSER. Takes about 8 minutes to heat. We leave it on a timer (6–9 AM, 6–9 PM); flip it manually if you need water at other times.

Drinking water

RO FILTER

Tap above the kitchen sink, marked with a blue dot. Safe to drink straight. There's a glass jug in the fridge if you prefer cold.

Kitchen

INDUCTION & GAS

Two-burner induction (left) and one gas burner (right). Gas valve is behind the cylinder cabinet — we keep it closed when the house is empty. Open it before you cook, close it before you sleep.

TV & streaming

LIVING ROOM

55" Sony, already logged into Netflix, Prime and YouTube. Please don't sign out — log into your own profile instead. The remote sometimes needs a firm thumb on the centre button.

Washing machine

UTILITY

IFB front-loader. Quick wash (30 min) handles most things. Detergent is in the cupboard above. Air-dry on the back balcony — clothes dry in 2 hours, even in monsoon.

Power back-up

INVERTER

Goa has occasional 5-minute power cuts. Lights, fans and Wi-Fi stay on for ~3 hours. ACs and the geyser do not. The fridge keeps cold for much longer than you'd expect.

House *rules*

There are six. We'd rather have a short list everyone keeps than a long one nobody reads.

01 **Maximum four guests.**

The house sleeps four comfortably. If you'd like to host a friend for a meal or sundowner, that's lovely — please just message us first.

02 **Quiet between 10 PM and 8 AM.**

Our neighbours are kind but they wake up early. Music indoors is fine; loud speakers on the patio are not.

03 **No smoking inside.**

The garden patio and the back balcony are both lovely for it. Ashtrays in both. Please don't flick stubs into the plants.

04 **No parties or events.**

The house isn't built for it and the village won't forgive us. A small dinner with a few friends is welcome.

05 **Shoes off at the front door.**

We have rattan baskets just inside. The floors are old Goan tile and they're worth keeping clean.

06 **Lock the gate when you head out.**

Anjuna is safe but lazy thieves exist. The padlock is on a hook by the door; key on the kitchen counter.

Where we *eat & drink*

An honest shortlist. We've eaten everywhere on it. None of it is a paid recommendation.

For breakfast & long mornings

Bean Me Up 5 MIN · ₹600

Vegan, gentle, slow service in the best way. Get the buckwheat pancakes.

German Bakery 7 MIN · ₹500

Anjuna institution. Sit upstairs. Cinnamon roll, masala chai, eggs benedict.

Cafe Diogo 2 MIN · ₹300

The local place 100m from the gate. Goan poi, choris pao, perfect filter coffee.

For lunch (the simple kind)

Vinayak Family Restaurant 12 MIN · ₹500

Assagao. Authentic Goan thali — fish curry rice, sol kadhi, prawn balchao. Cash only.

Burger Factory 8 MIN · ₹700

When you've had enough of curry. The truffle burger is unfussy and very good.

For sundowners

Lilliput Beach Shack 5 MIN · ₹800

The classic Anjuna shack. Plastic chairs in the sand. Beer, fish fry, sunset.

Thalassa 10 MIN · ₹2,500

Vagator cliff, Greek food, theatrical sunsets. Reserve a day ahead, ask for a sea-view table.

Dinner, & the *quiet ones*

For long dinners

Olive Bar & Kitchen

10 MIN · ₹3,000

Vagator. Mediterranean done with care. Lamb shank, burrata, the wine list is real.

Suzie's

12 MIN · ₹2,500

Assagao. European bistro, candle-lit. The pork belly is the move. Reserve.

For The Record · Vinyl Bar

14 MIN · ₹2,800

Assagao. Small plates, jazz on vinyl, drinks made by people who care. Quiet enough to talk.

Antares

15 MIN · ₹3,500

Sarjapur cliff. Australian chef, oysters, infinity pool. Splurge night.

If you're up for the drive (worth it)

Edible Archives

8 MIN · ₹4,000

Anjuna. Anumitra Ghosh's heirloom rice tasting menu. Slow, considered, unforgettable.

Bomras

25 MIN · ₹2,500

Candolim. Burmese, decade-old, still the best pomelo salad in the country.

Mum's Kitchen

40 MIN · ₹1,800

Panjim. Old-school Goan home cooking — recheado, vindaloo, sannas. The real thing.

"If you only do one perfect day — Vinayak for lunch, Thalassa for sunset, Olive for dinner. In that order."

Things *to do*

If you do nothing, that's also fine. The sea is right there.

Beaches, in the order we'd send you

Anjuna Beach

5 MIN WALK

Rocky north end is good for photos; south end has shacks and softer sand.

Ozran (Little Vagator)

10 MIN

Smaller, quieter, slow shacks. Best for a long swim.

Morjim Beach

25 MIN

Wider, calmer water, fewer crowds. Olive Ridley turtles nest here Nov–Mar.

Ashwem & Mandrem

35 MIN

Long, empty stretch. La Plage and Sublime are both worth the drive for lunch.

Markets, yoga, & the rest

Saturday Night Market, Arpora

15 MIN

Touristy yes — but the live music and food stalls are still genuinely good. Sat only, Nov–Apr.

Brahmani Yoga, Tito's White House

8 MIN · ₹800

Ashtanga, Mysore-style. Drop-in classes 7 AM & 9 AM. Walk-ins welcome.

Fontainhas, Panjim

45 MIN

The Latin Quarter. Yellow houses, Portuguese tiles, Confeitaria 31 de Janeiro for pasteis.

Aldona & Corjuem Fort

30 MIN

The Goa most tourists miss — paddy fields, a small fort, a hand-pulled river ferry.

Getting *around*

Goa makes more sense on two wheels. Here's the honest math.

Scooter rental

RECOMMENDED

₹400–500/day for an Activa, ₹700 for a Royal Enfield. We use Rohit (+91 98220 12345) — he delivers to the gate, no deposit needed for our guests. Tell him Priya sent you. Drive carefully — Goan roads are friendly but full of surprises after dark.

Goa Miles

APP

Goa's regulated taxi app. Works like Uber. Cleaner than haggling on the street. Airport rides ~₹1,200 from Mopa, ₹1,800 from Dabolim.

Private driver

DAY HIRE

For a long day out (Old Goa + Panjim + Latin Quarter), we'd use Tony (+91 98201 87654). ₹2,500 for 8 hours, AC sedan, English-speaking. He waits, he's patient, he knows the back roads.

Distance to airports

REFERENCE

Mopa (GOX, new): 35 km · ~60 min · most international flights now land here.

Dabolim (GOI, old): 50 km · ~90 min · still where most domestic flights land.

Petrol pump

NEAREST

HP pump on Anjuna–Mapusa road, 4 minutes by scooter. Open 24 hours.

SECTION SEVEN

If something *goes wrong*

Most things won't. If they do — here's exactly who to call, in order.

FIRST CALL · HOSTS

Priya

+91 98201 23456 · WhatsApp preferred

OR

Mateus

+91 98201 34567 · WhatsApp preferred

HOUSE CARETAKER

Anil

+91 98201 45678 · Lives 200m up the lane · English / Hindi / Konkani

PLUMBER &
ELECTRICIAN

Suresh

+91 98201 56789 · Tell him you're at Casa Marés

DOCTOR (GENERAL)

Dr. Pereira's Clinic, Anjuna

+91 832 227 3456 · 9 AM – 1 PM, 5 PM – 8 PM · House calls possible

HOSPITAL (24H)

Healthway Hospital, Old Goa

+91 832 660 0000 · 30 min by car · Best for emergencies

PHARMACY

Anjuna Pharmacy, Market Road

+91 832 227 4321 · 8 AM – 10 PM · Free home delivery

IN A REAL EMERGENCY — DIAL THESE

Police 100 · Ambulance 108 · Fire 101

All toll-free, all 24-hour, all English-speaking dispatch.

Before you *head out*

A short list. Twelve minutes, tops. Helps us reset the house for the next guest.



Strip the bedsheets & pile them in the bathroom

Pillowcases too. Don't worry about the duvet covers.



Run the dishwasher or rinse the dishes

If the dishwasher's already on, just leave anything new in the sink.



Empty the fridge of anything that won't last

Drinks, condiments, sealed things — feel free to leave. Anil eats well thanks to forgetful guests.



Switch off all ACs, fans, lights & the geyser

The big switch by the front door turns off everything in one go.



Close all windows & lock the back balcony door

Monsoon season especially — even a small open window means a wet floor.



Drop the keys in the lockbox by the gate

Same code as check-in: 7 · 4 · 2 · 9. Spin the dials when you close it.



Send us a quick "we've left" message

So we know to send Anil over for cleaning. WhatsApp is fine.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

Thank you for being *here*.

We hope the house felt like yours for the week. If it did, the kindest thing you can do is leave us a review — a single honest paragraph genuinely changes whether the next person finds us. If it didn't, please tell us first. We'd rather hear it.

*See you soon —
Priya & Mateus*

A SMALL FAVOUR

Book us directly next time at **casamares.in** and skip the platform fees. We'll throw in a bottle of Goan wine on arrival.

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