

Beloved Friends,

When you are coming from abroad, via air, you will probably land in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro or Brasília. From one of these places, you will then take a plane to Florianópolis.

- 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 two most popular domestic airlines in Brazil are:

- Tam ([www.tam.com.br](http://www.tam.com.br))
- Gol ([www.voegol.com.br](http://www.voegol.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. You can check updated rates at: [www.x-rates.com](http://www.x-rates.com).

### **Coming to Ibiraquera:**

- When you arrive at Florianópolis you will need to take either a taxi or a bus to Ibiraquera.

- By bus

- You will need to take a taxi from the Airport to the Bus Terminal.
- You board the bus at the Central Bus Station, downtown Florianópolis. The bus costs around R\$17,00 and it takes around 2 hours to a place called Araçatuba (7 Km from the retreat hotel), or a town called Imbituba (10km from the retreat hotel).

- From Araçatuba or Imbituba, you will need a taxi to Barra de Ibiraguera. It will cost around R\$30,00 and it takes around 15 minutes.
- Taxi
  - The taxi to Ibiraguera from Florianópolis airport will cost around R\$210,00.
  - You can also order the “Happy Taxi” in advance with Dayanano: +55 48 9969-0040  
[mystictaxi@gmail.com](mailto:mystictaxi@gmail.com)
- Car Rental
  - There are many options of Car Rental, one option is Localiza. You can you're your reservation through 0800 979 2000 or [www.localiza.com](http://www.localiza.com)
- Staying at Ibiraguera
  - If you are planning to stay longer then the retreat period in Ibiraguera, you have the options of many guest houses, hotels or even renting a house. Some useful web sites:  
[www.barradeibiraguera.com.br](http://www.barradeibiraguera.com.br)
- Weather
  - Ibiraguera is a beautiful beach located at southern Brazil. The month of November, when the retreat happens, it's spring season in Brazil, temperatures are between 15 to 30 degrees approximately. It is quite windy and because of that Ibiraguera is known as one of the best spots in the world for the practice of windsurf and kite surf.
- Things to bring (or buy it here)
  - Bathing suit
  - Sunscreen
  - Mosquito repellent

- Rain coat or umbrella
  - Hat
  - Flip-flops
  - Meditation chair
  - Warm shawl or jacket
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- Sight Seeing/ Tourism/ Sports
    - Trekking
    - Surf
    - Windsurf
    - Kitesurf
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- Places around Ibiraquera
    - Garopaba
    - Praia do Rosa
    - Imbituba
    - Praia do Luz
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- What you find at Ibiraquera
    - Pharmacy
    - Restaurante da Barra (opens everyday)
    - Restaurante Tartaruga (Opens in the weekends)
    - Bakery
    - Mini Supermarket (Mercado Guimarães)
    - Hair Dresser (Cabelo e Arte)
    - Bus to Imbituba (few times a day)

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

Welcome to the Mystic Beach!

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