

Helpful Details - Upstairs Apartment

Apartment Key - Only the deadbolt locks are keyed, so you must use your key to enter, exit and lock the apartment. Your key will also open the side gate where you will find a water hose for rinsing feet and beach gear. Please respect the privacy of our downstairs guests.

Key Hanger - The key hanger is on the wall to the right of the bathroom door. We recommend that you hang your key on the hanger every time you come home so that you can easily locate it when you leave or lock/unlock the apartment.

Safety - Lock the doors when you are sleeping or leave the apartment. Place valuable objects out of sight when you are not using them. Do not leave computers, phones, cameras, etc., next to open windows or doors. The front porch light is on a motion sensor; leave the bottom switch turned right when you go out and the light will automatically turn on when you come home in the evenings.

Bugs - We use organic pesticides in and around the house. Bugs will be bugs, however, and do find their way into the apartments. Keeping the kitchen clean will help keep the ants away. At night, keep the lights off when the doors are open. Use bug spray to keep the mosquitos and gnats away.

Dust - Vieques is blessed with beautiful sunsets. The red hues you often see at sunrise and sunset may be caused by dust clouds that have blown in from the Saharan desert. From time to time the island gets volcanic ash as well. Try as we might, things get dusty here, and it is a constant battle to keep the dust at bay.

Front Porch Door - It can be a challenge to lock the front porch door, so as a first step, pull hard and make sure the door knob “clicks”. Pull even harder when you turn the deadbolt key clockwise to lock the door. If you are successful, you should hear the deadbolt move into the door jamb. If the key won’t turn the deadbolt, you haven’t pulled hard enough. To unlock, pull hard and turn the key counterclockwise.

Blender - The blender is under the kitchen sink.

Electricity - In an effort to be environmentally friendly, please conserve electricity. Hang clothes on the porch rail to dry and limit air conditioner use to the bedroom. Please turn off the air conditioner when you are not using the bedroom. The air conditioner is not sized to cool the whole house.

Coffee - There are two ways to make coffee. You can make a single cup and pour almost boiling water over the grounds or use the electric coffee maker; both use the metal coffee filter. Paper filters can be purchased at the grocery store.

Cloth Napkins - Our napkins are washable and multi-colored to keep track of whose napkin belongs to whom.

BBQ - The grill has a built in ignitor and instructions are on the front of the grill. Please clean the grill surface with the wire brush when you are done. After grilling, please turn off the gas at the propane tank; clockwise is off. If you choose to put the BBQ grill cover on, please wait until the grill has cooled off before you do so.

Hot Water - We have “on-demand” hot water heaters. It may take a minute or two for the hot water to show up, and when it does, the water is very hot water. As we have on-demand hot water heaters, the hot water temperature may fluctuate.

Internet - Our wireless network is named Sal del Mar and it is an unmetered, shared network (i.e., used by both upstairs and downstairs guests). The password is located in your confirmation materials from Airbnb. If the network disconnects or drops from your computer, disconnect from the network and then reconnect.

Trash - See Trash Tips.

Questions - Text or call if you have questions. Most importantly, have a great time on Vieques!

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