

Technology Related Information

----- The Internet -----

We have a wireless Internet connection and, comparatively speaking, it is pretty fast (3mbps).

The Internet is shared between the upstairs and downstairs apartments, so upload and download speeds depend on the number of active users, as well as the time of day and other “network things” that are beyond our control.

From time to time, the Internet connection will “drop” and you may have to disconnect and then reconnect. It is a hassle, but only takes a minute or two. It seems to be more of a problem on PC’s than on the iPhone or iPad.

Our network name is Sal del Mar. The password is in your Airbnb confirmation email as well as in the House Book.

----- Cell Phone Service -----

Cell phone service varies across the island. AT&T works pretty good in both apartments, but service is better on the front porch and back deck. Verizon isn’t very good in the house, so you may have to go outside to get a good signal.

----- Printing and Fax -----

We print at a small non-profit business incubator up the street. Turn left when you exit the house onto Calle Baldorioty de Castro, take the next right onto Calle Regimiento 65 de Infanteria. Walk to Highway 200 at the top of the street. You will see the bakery (Panaderia Viequense) directly across Highway 200 on the left. Panaderia Viequense is the only sit down bakery in Isabel. They have great donuts, a pretty good breakfast menu, and if you get there early, lots of fresh bread.

Cross the street and turn right. The small business incubator is the second building on the left past the bakery. The hours vary, but it is usually open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You will also find a fax machine there, as well as computers that you can use. Their fees are reasonable and all proceeds go toward the operation of the center.

Their address is Calle Antonio G. Mellado #348 (Highway 200) and their phone number is (787) 741-8787. They employees speak English and are lovely to work with.

----- TV / DVD Player -----

We have a small TV monitor with a built in DVD player and a small selection of DVD's that you are welcome to use. There is also an HDMI cable so that you can connect your PC to the TV. You are welcome to bring a ChromeCast device if you have one, as our TV is ChromeCast compatible.

----- ATM and Credit Card Machines -----

The most inexpensive ATM machines are at the grocery stores and the small neighborhood markets. The most expensive ATM machine is at Banco Popular. Not all vendors take ATM and credit cards, and many have a minimum limit that ranges from \$5.00 to \$15.00. Every once and awhile the ATM machines will be out of money or the ATM and credit card machines won't be able to connect to the Internet or via the phone lines. Cash is your only option at that point!

----- Books -----

Thanks to Gutenberg, paperback books are high on our list of available technologies. We read them at home and we read them on the island. You can find free books to read at many of the bars on the island. Most operate on a take-one-leave-one policy, but if you don't have one, just take one. The small business incubator also has a large selection of used books, as well as the Humane Society Thrift Store. Both request that a small donation be made to help support their respective organizations.

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