

Chongoene Holiday Resort

Casa Ericka

Here are a few tips and information to make your stay with us more memorable and hassle free!!

Accommodation

- All our casa's are fully equipped with all the necessary kitchen utilities.
- Please DO NOT move cutlery etc. to and from different units as each unit is privately owned and equipped with his/her own cutlery. Moving it around causes loss and mix ups with other units. If you do need to have a “braai” with your neighbour, please ensure you take everything back to your unit.
- You have a houseboy/girl that cleans your unit and will do your washing if requested.
- Fish and prawns will be cleaned by them if requested. You can tip him/her if you wish.
- We do not supply toilet paper or towels, however toilet paper can be purchased at reception.
- There is a washing line under the house and next to the house (on the left when you face the sea).

Insects

- Mosquitoes are always present. Use your insect repellents and sleep under the mosquito nets during the evenings. They tend to be more active in the early morning and early evening hours.
- When the wind blows from the sea close the back doors and windows and open those in front. You should not have mosquitoes in the house.
- Palm Flies they do not actually bite you but cause a small chemical reaction that looks like a round bite mark. These marks do become very itchy so please do not scratch as this will cause inflammation.

Fire Precautions

Please take the following FIRE PRECAUTIONS as most of our lodge consist of wooden houses which are highly flammable.

- NO smoking inside the units
- DO PUT OUT the fire after braaiing. DO NOT braai on the veranda of your house. USE THE DESIGNATED BRAAI AREA.
- Use only charcoal in the braai areas provided
- FIREWORKS and CRACKERS are strictly prohibited, except on old year's eve when these must preferably be used on the beach.
- Keep MATCHES/LIGHTERS away from children
- DO NOT leave cooking on your gas stove unattended.
- Ensure that CANDLES and INSECT REPELLENTS are not burned close to any flammable materials and PUT OUT if not used. Ensure that coils are burnt in a glass plate (or non flammable material).

Tips

- We have 2 restaurants within walking distance, our own on the premises and Montego Restaurant next door. There are also others in the nearby area and Xai Xai town.
- Take- aways can be ordered from the Restaurant on the premises.
- Ice can be bought from the restaurant on the premises.
- The local baker sells bread daily and will knock on your door with his goods. Apart from bread you can order other baked products from him. His name is Richard and he can be contacted on:
- Please do not encourage hawkers onto the grounds. Memorabilia and other items can be bought from the hawkers in front of the restaurant area. We only allow the baker into the resort area. (This is for security reasons)
- Although it is safe in our resort we have 24 hours security. You will see the guardas patrolling amongst the houses at during the day and night.
- We do have POWER FAILURES that can last from 10 minutes to 2 hours or more. Please be patient.
- Our water is drinkable.
- Do not PARK OR DRIVE on the beach. Hefty FINES are issued by the local police if you should be caught.
- Always keep all your necessary documents (driver's licence and registration papers) while driving. Fines are issued if you cannot provide them when asked.
- Always keep to the speed limit and wear your seatbelts.
- Do not leave wallets, cameras, cell phones and other small equipment in plain sight.
- Most products and be bought in Xai-Xai.

Other information

Restaurant: The Restaurant has DSTV, a pool table and full bar. You are welcome to make use of this. We also have a waterslide on the premises. Please request (at the restaurant) that it be blown up should you wish to use it.

Languages Spoken: English, Afrikaans, Portuguese, Shangaan

Temperature: Summer temperature range between 30-40 degrees and winter between 20-30 degrees. Summer water temperature is around 29 degrees and winter 22 degrees

Facilities: We are 15km from the Xai-Xai town with its local markets, local shops and a Shoprite, restaurants, banks, pharmacies, a hospital and open air furniture factories.

The currency in mozambique is meticais, but South African Rand is accepted in most places. You can draw money at the ATM's (meticais). There is a First National Bank and Standard Bank.

Other

- Helipad at Eco Estate
 - Airport (private charters only) – 15km
 - Restaurants nearby and in Xai-Xai town.
 - Liquor store, pharmacy and petrol station in Xai Xai Town – 15km
 - Convenience store nearby – 2km
 - Boat launching and marine slipway – 2km
 - Medical Facilities – less than 15km
 - Market in Xai-Xai town – 15km
 - Shoprite in Xai-Xai town – 15km
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- Loja de Praia (Shop on the beach) – 3km. Here you can purchase Ice Cream, Coffee, Milkshake, ice, swimming costumes, toys, tattoo's, charcoal, tinned food, biscuits, and cell phone airtime. The shop also has internet and fax facilities.



Activities (in and around the resort)

The massive reef running parallel to the beach provides natural protection against the strong waves at high tide and forms several small pools at low tide. Snorkelling and diving are much enjoyed during low tide.

Deep-sea fishing is excellent at Xai Xai and shore fishing is good at certain times of the year, especially from May to July, which is Kingfish time. Fly-fishing can also be enjoyed from the reef that protrudes from the sea, giving the fisherman a great chance to fly-fish in deeper water.

There are a number of fresh water lakes within 30 minutes drive where kayaking; paddle Skiing and windsurfing can be enjoyed. Wenela Tidal Pool, two kilometres South is a fascinating natural treasure having a natural tunnel and blow hole linking the pool to the sea.

The following activities is provided in the area:

- Quad bike tours (Reef Rentals at Reef Estate or Xai Xai Beach Resort)
- Jet Ski Hire (Reef Rentals at Reef Estate)
- Scuba Diving (Montego -)
- Deep Sea Fishing Charters (..... -)
- Waterslide and trampoline (enquire at Restaurant)
- Good fishing from the shore
- Walking
- Swimming
- Snorkelling
- Body Boarding
- Dolphin and Whale watching from your balcony (*whale watching only during the winter months*)
- Outing to the local market is great. You can also replenish your fruit and vegetables there.
- Ocean safari – trip along the backline of the Xai-Xai reef in a boat (Xai Xai Beach resort)
- Visit the Crocodile Farm
- Bird Watching

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL STAY

Please let us know should you experience any problems

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