Holiday Apartment

Costa de Caparica, Portugal

Large living room, one large bedroom, separate kitchen and bathroom Suitable for 4/5 persons

Fully furnished

Rent £150 euros per week

Costa de Caparica is a seaside town situate just a few kilometres from Lisbon on the Atlantic coast. It is 20 minutes from the centre of Lisbon (by car and traffic permitting) and 40 minutes by regular buses (to Arreiro or to Praca de Espanha)

The apartment itself is in a block of flats just 5 minutes from the beach. There are several miles of sandy beaches.

The apartment is fully furnished with a double bed, one sofa bed and a few additional foam mattresses/sleeping bags. Sheets and towels are provided.

This leaflet will give you details of the apartment and the area.



COSTA DA CAPARICA

About the Apartment

1. Address

The address of the apartment is: Avenida 10 de Maio 6-2F 2825 Costa de Caparica - Portugal

2. How to get there

A cab from Lisbon airport should cost around 20-30 Euros from the airport.

If you hire a car, take the 2o Circular/ **Eixo Norte-Sul**, then **A2 Sul** (all sign posted). A2 Sul is the main highway. To get to it you turn sharp right after a road bridge on Eixo Norte/Sul and head towards Almada/Caparica. Cross the bridge Ponte 25 de Abril to Almada and take the first right sign post Caparica (after the toll booths) Note there are no tolls for outgoing traffic. The apartment is situated on the road immediately at the entrance of the town of Costa de Caparica. There is parking in front of the block. Underground parking is also available.

3. Keys

There is a spare set of keys with the estate agent, Mr Barata, who lives in the ground floor apartment(R/C Dir) right hand bell as you come in. If you have difficulty in opening the door or the shutters please contact him. Pull the front door key slightly and turn it clockwise. Pull the apartment door *slightly* towards you when you use the two prong key (anti clockwise) Take the mortice lock off before you do that using the cylindrical key.

4. Water heater

Open the gas bottle by moving it perpendicular to the pipe (horizontal is closed). The gas bottle provides gas for cooking and heats water for the bath/shower and the sink. Then press the **on** switch. Lift the flap and you will see on and off switches marked. Turn the hot water tap on to test that the heater has lit. You should see the flame through the panel. Leave the heater pilot light on during your stay.

If you run out of gas, test first by lighting the cooker, then phone 2910757 and they will deliver. Cost about 20 Euros including delivery charge. You are free to use the gas that is in the bottle but you must replace it if it runs out. If you are unable to get gas delivered, there are a number of shops in the town where you can exchange the bottle. Disconnect the bottle carefully, it has a bayonet fitting. There is a spare bottle in the kitchen.

5. Cooker, Washing Machine, Microwave

Cooker is all gas and it is a standard cooker. To use the washing machine turn the water tap on first then use Economy 5 programme for your normal washing.

6. Windows

Pull open the shutters using the pull cord levers. Please pull down shutters when you leave, using the cord levers. There is no need to pull shutters down while you are

staying in the apartment. When you pull the main living room shutter open, do not pull it completely up, leave it at the marked level.

TV and Radio/CD player

You will get four Portuguese terrestrial stations. There is no Sky/Satellite/cable.. Adjust the aerial appropriately.

8. Cleaning and bed linen

If you use the bed linen or towels, please make sure that used bed linen and towels are put in a pile or a bag for cleaning when you leave. Leave the flat in the state you found it,

9. Sofa bed

The sofa in the living room opens into another bed. Simply pull it out and it becomes a bed. Push it back against the sofa till it clicks for it to become a sofa again.

10. Please do not go out forgetting your keys - if that happens borrow the set from Mr Barata to retrieve your set and then return them.

11. Bathroom

Please ensure that the shower curtain is inside the bath when having a shower.

The shower rail is held by suction only, do not put towels etc. on the shower rail.

12. Traffic Noise

There is noise of traffic at night. You might need to close the bedroom window and use the cool air unit if it is too hot

If there are any problems ring 21 959 4007 and speak to Nelson, Renee, Pedro or Luis who will do their best to help. They speak English.

General information about Costa de Caparica and the area

1. Costa de Caparica

Costa de Caparica is part of the Costa Azul, about 20 minutes by car from Lisbon on the Atlantic coast. It is a small and lively seaside town with great beaches, the best on the east coast of Portugal. There has been a lot of building/development/ seaside improvement work recently.

2. Beaches

The apartment is situated just five minutes from the beach, turn right as you come out of the building. There are miles and miles of sandy beaches. The beaches tend to get crowded in the summer months with day trippers from Lisbon. Try the beaches further down on either side for privacy and space.

3. Laundries

There are number of laundries in the vicinity of the apartment. The laundry on Avenida de 10 de Maio (no 44) charges by weight. Its prices are reasonable. There is also a laundrette in town.

4. Shopping

There are many local shops in the town and mini-markets. The best hypermarket is the Jumbo in the Centro Commercial in Almada, (Forum Almada) at the end of the road to Lisbon past the A2 Sul turning for Lisbon or follow the signs for Centro Commercial.

There is a market in the central square (Pescador) for fresh meat fish and fruits.

5. Churches

There is a Catholic church a few doors away from the apartment but Sunday services are at the main church which is near the Fire Station.

6. Traffic

Rush hour traffic on the bridge 25 de Abril can be very heavy so please allow sufficient time particularly on the day you are going to catch a flight. There can be severe delays if there is an accident on the bridge or near the access roads. There are tolls (current 1.35 euros) for cars going into Lisbon but not in the month of August.

7. Restaurants/Clubs

There are a number of good restaurants in Costa de Caparica, we would recommend "O Barbas" on the beach front) or Pata Roxa, on Avenida Gen Humberto Delgado

8. Buses

Buses run from the bus stop on the opposite side of the street straight to Lisbon. Buses take approximately 30-40 minutes to get to Lisbon (depending on traffic).

9. Changing Money

There are one or two places to change money. You can draw money from the cash dispensers in the town.

10. Telephones

There are a number of public coin boxes in the main market square. There is also a kiosk from where you can make cheap STD calls or use the internet. Rate 1.1 euros for half hour.

Enjoy your stay!