



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SUNSET PARADISE VILLAS...

PLEASE READ The following important information. It is proved to assist you in having a safe and relaxing vacation. If you have ANY questions, or need any assistance please contact Holly 787-340-8319 or Alex 787-823-7183.

We are not a hotel. We try to provide you with a different, more private experience than what you would have by renting a hotel room. Our goal is to have you relax, unwind and get comfortable. We want you to think of this home as your home, "*Mi casa es su casa*", and to experience the casual life style of living on the beach. We have provided you with most supplies, but if you should need more or additional items there are many local stores that will offer anything you need.

Sand is beautiful on the beach, but it is not good inside the house. It clogs drains and it damages the floor. Please make every effort to keep the sand on the beach. There is an outdoor shower by the beach, please rinse off and wipe your feet before coming in the house. If needed, there should be a plunger in the bath or under the kitchen sink. You should have a mop, broom and rags for your use somewhere in the unit, or inside the laundry room. If they are not there, please let us know. Do not use our white bath towels to wipe up spills or as mops! Thank you.

Enjoy - You did rent a beach house to enjoy the sun, the sand, and ocean breezes. Please help us keep costs down by running the air conditioners only when needed. Many past guests prefer to enjoy the tropical, indoor/outdoor living by opening the doors and windows, and enjoy the ocean breezes. They prefer NOT to close up the house and run the air conditioning. Electricity is very expensive on the island, so if you do decide to run the air, please run only the air conditioners in the rooms you are in. Also please shut off ALL air conditioners when you leave. In addition, please turn off lights and fans when you leave or when they are no longer needed. It doesn't take long to cool the house or bedroom down in the evening. But, again, to truly experience the tropics, try opening the doors and windows and let the breezes flow. Once in awhile the electricity might go out for short periods of time. We should have candles in the kitchen that you may want to use. Keep the refrigerator door closed so food doesn't spoil.

Explore - If you go exploring around the island: 1) Watch out for Crazy Drivers! 2) Get a good road map. Back in the states, drivers are taught to drive *Defensively*. Here the drivers drive *Offensively*! Drivers are a lot more aggressive, watch for the unexpected. Do not be afraid to stop and ask for directions. We do have a Tourist map of Rincon available, but because it is not to scale, use it as a guide only. A lot of the local people are not wealthy and live in poorer housing conditions, but they are friendly and are eager to help if you have such a need.

Use Common Sense: Very little major crime occurs in Rincon. Most crime that occurs is "crime of opportunity". Common sense should be used. Example: Do not leave your car unlocked with an expensive camera inside. At night, and when you leave, lock the doors and make sure you do not leave beach chairs on the beach, or anything of value lying around in plain sight. You are held responsible for any loss or missing items. Just use common sense and do not invite trouble. Do not be alarmed by Police cars driving around with flashing lights on. They have them on when they are patrolling the streets.

Culture - The people of Puerto Rico tend to be passionate and LOUD at times. This is certainly true during the holidays, and any special celebrations, and during the election season. If they are celebrating a birthday or holiday with friends, the music is normally played loud. From time to time you will find people driving in groups (like a parade) playing their music VERY LOUD, flashing lights and sirens. You will also hear lots of cars with loudspeakers on their roofs driving around the neighborhoods during the day. This can be disturbing at times, but it is a widely used method of advertising.

Common area There is a smaller common area to be used by all guests. It is located on the main/ground floor between Villa 2 and Villa 3 by the stairs to the rooftop swimming pool area. There is a smaller u shape outdoor couch to relax and we try to have hammocks available for you to use. If none are there, just ask Holly to set one out for you. This space normally has a nice ocean breeze, but it also has ceiling fans in case they are needed. It is a perfect spot to enjoy the sounds of the ocean, read a book, or take a nap.

Rooftop Swimming Pool Is located on the rooftop of Villa 2 and Villa 3. There is a security gate at the bottom of the stairs and the code is 1101. At the top there are multiple levels of deck space and 2 shade areas, plus a full bathroom. You can usually find a nice breeze and the views are great! Also at night go there and view the stars. Lights by the stairs should come on automatically at night. There is another light switch located just outside the bathroom that controls 2 additional lights under the concrete shade area next to the bathroom. The pool lights are set to turn on at 6 PM and turn off at 11 PM. Be extra careful of the stairs to the top, the steps are steeper than a normal step, and some of the steps are not the same size and you could trip if you are not careful. Again, tile can be slippery when wet. Please wash all the sand off your feet before getting to the top swimming level. We try to keep sand off the top deck and out of the pool. There is a shower before the last set of stairs. PLEASE - No Smoking, NO Glass Containers. Watch your children, no running, jumping, or horse play. We do not have set pool hours, please be respectful of other guests at all times and no loud noises at night. You should be able to have wireless internet access all around the pool area.

BBQ - We provide your own BBQ to use. Please help keep it clean. This is a Gas BBQ. Be sure to turn off the gas after you use the grill. Because of the beach and salt, the automatic igniters go out very quickly, so to light the grill, you need to do so manually. There should be lighter inside the kitchen somewhere. If you have any problems, or can find the lighter, contact Holly. Please - No Charcoal - it will destroy the grill!

Internet - we provide a high speed internet connection for you at no extra charge. Because of all the concrete, wireless does not function very well, so there will be weak signal spots. The best way to connect is to plug in the blue or white wire/cable in the units. For most computers you simply plug in the internet cable and you should get a signal. If you are having problems, try "rebooting" your computer. If that does not work, go to - control panel - network connections. Make sure you see your LAN (local area connection) connection and it is "enabled". You may want to "right" click on it and select properties to see more information about this connection. In that window (or in "networking" tab) you should see something about "Internet Protocol" Click on this and then "properties" make sure your internet protocol is set to "automatically" obtain an IP address. If you still need help, you may call Holly for help. At times the internet does go down, but most times will come back shortly. If you want to use your email software you should keep your current incoming POP3 settings and then you will need to set your outgoing SMTP to: mail1.choicecable.net

Water is precious on most Caribbean islands. Many places even catch rain water for their use. Please conserve and use the water wisely. We have installed water saving toilets that use less water. Hold the handle down longer if you need a longer flush. It is rare, but occasionally the water supply is turned off for short periods of time. The tap water is filtered and should be "safe" to drink. We also installed a reverse osmosis purified drinking faucet at the kitchen sink.

Bugs like warm tropical climates. To minimize bugs (ants etc), keep dishes clean, wipe up crumbs and spills off the countertops, open bags of food should be stored in the refrigerator, and frequently take the garbage outside to the trash can - which is off to the side, in front of the house. In case you do see bugs, or very small ants, we keep bug spray under the kitchen sink. If it gets low, please contact Holly and she will get you more, but the best way to control them is to keep the kitchen area clean. We should have extra trash bags in a kitchen drawer. Mosquitoes are common in tropical places. You might want to use insect repellent, particularly in if it has just rained or the sun is about to set. Wipe up standing water to keep mosquitoes from developing. Most types of flying bugs are attracted to light, so at night, you may want to close the doors, or turn off the lights, so they do not go inside. If you see any small lizards, don't be alarmed. They are harmless and are very helpful by eating a lot of the insects.

Cautions: 1) Tile floors inside and out can be very slick when wet. Be very careful walking on the wet tile. A first aid kit is provided and can be found under the kitchen sink, or in a bathroom. 2) Coconut trees are plentiful on many tropical islands. Please be careful if standing or sitting under a coconut tree. You never know when a coconut may fall. If it hits you on the head it will hurt! 3) The kitchen countertops are made of very expensive real granite stone. Please do not use anything abrasive to clean them, just use water. Avoid any harsh chemicals. Do not stand or set anything heavy on the countertops. They may crack. 4) Use Sunscreen! We'd hate to have sunburn ruin all your fun.

Please, No Smoking. We have a "no smoking" policy inside the house.

Misc. - you may purchase floats, inexpensive snorkel gear and misc. blowup beach stuff at Kmart or Wal-Mart in Mayaguez.

Check Out - we strive to provide you with a clean and attractive place to stay. We would appreciate your help when you leave by taking all garbage to the trash container outside. Please check the unit prior to your departure to ensure you do not leave any items behind. It is helpful if you leave all the dirty towels and sheets in a pile to be washed and all the dishes that you used are cleaned and put away. This greatly assists us in preparing the unit for the next guests. We do charge if excessive cleaning is required. Any left over food items may be left in the refrigerator. We give away anything left behind to the neighbors in the area that are less fortunate. Check-out is by 10 AM.

Now, just sit back, read a good book, take a nap or a walk down the beach and enjoy the ocean breezes

Oh, one more thing..... If you'd like a souvenir of your stay at Sunset Paradise Villas, we now have t-shirts and robes available for purchase. The t-shirts are priced at \$10.00 and the robes at \$40 (which includes shipping and any applicable taxes. Just give us a call at 1-800-875-6399 or email us and we can put it on a Visa or MasterCard. Our shirts are white with turquoise print and come in sizes large and extra-large and are pre-shrunk.