

Thank you for choosing to stay at  
Apartment 34B at the Sao Rafael Beach Resort.

This booklet aims to give you all the  
information you need to ensure your stay is a  
pleasurable one.

The full address of the apartment should you  
require it is;

Apartment 34B  
Sao Rafael Beach Resort  
Sao Rafael  
Sesmarias  
Albufeira  
8200-613

Further detailed information is available in the  
apartment—please read on arrival

## Directions from Faro Airport

***At all times, heading towards Portimao will take you in the correct direction until you approach Albufeira.***

PLEASE REFER TO THE UPDATED TRAVEL DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE DUE TO TOLL ROADS

Exit the airport (there is only one way) and bearing right you will join the road, towards Faro / Montenengro.

You then need to follow signs for A22 Portimao / Lisboa / Loule. You take the slip road after about ½ mile and join the N125. Follow this road for about 2 miles before taking the slip road for the IP1 / A22 Portimao. This is shortly after passing the Algarve Football Stadium on your right.

The IP1 / A22 is the same road – stay on this for approx 25km and you will see sign for Albufeira 1000m ( this is the second exit of two close together.)

Follow the road, heading towards Albufeira\*\*, keeping in the left hand lane before forking off to the right heading to 395 Albufeira. At the roundabout (opposite retail park) turn right and remain on this road heading across a main roundabout until you pass the petrol station on the left. At the next roundabout (2 globes) you turn right up the hill.

Remain on this road through the traffic lights and straight across at the next roundabout (dolphins) up the hill and then heading down the hill (passing the colourful Marina Village on the left.

Go straight ahead at the next roundabout (moon and stars), take left hand lane, and then slip road to left signposted (Sao Rafael). Follow the road round to the left and take first right up the hill. At the brow of the hill you will see the Maritum Hotel on the left and CS Hotel in front of you. Take the left turn there and as you head down the road you will pass a triangular road junction with various signs attached. Parking is just past here so turn right and pull in to the left.

Once parked, apartments are signposted 30 – 79A. Walk along the rear of the properties, underneath one staircase and the next set of stairs is to the apartment, signed 34 (B)

PLEASE NOTE: AT THE TIME OF WRITING, THERE ARE PLANS TO INTRODUCE TOLLS ON THE A22. I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU SPEAK TO THE HIRE COMPANY TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION, HOWEVER IF YOU ARE HAPPY TO TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE, THEN DO NOT JOIN THE IP1 / A22, INSTEAD, REMAIN ON THE N125 UNTIL YOU PICK UP THE DIRECTIONS MARKED\*\*

## Entry into Apartment 34B

When you have got out of the car, you should see the sign post pointing towards Apartments 30—79A. Walk straight forward passing under the first set of steps. When you reach the second set of steps, ascend all the way to the top. The key safe where the keys are located is to the left hand side of the front door.



The code to enter is \_tbc\_

Key in the code then pull the black button down to release the keys – it is timed so you have 10 seconds!

We suggest you leave one key in the key safe at all times in case you lock yourselves out.

If you are arriving at the apartment in the dark, there is a light switch at the bottom of the stairs, which lights up the entire staircase. There is also a torch located in the gas meter cupboard next to the key safe to help you when retrieving the key.

## **Useful information about the Apartment**

### **Smoking**

**This is a non smoking apartment and has been fitted with smoke detectors in every room. If you wish to smoke, please do so on the balcony or back terrace, using the ash trays provided.**

### **Safe**

**A safe is located in the master bedroom. The code is \_\_tbc – same numbers as keysafe(+A). To lock the safe type the same code in. We do have an over-ride facility if there is a problem so contact us in case of emergency!**

**The swimming pools are available for your use. Sunbeds are free to all guests. For security reasons you may be asked to confirm you are entitled to use the pool – simply give the apartment number or contact reception.**

### **Water**

**The hot water in the bathroom takes a short while to come through. Please be patient, this is due to Portuguese plumbing. Once it comes through it is piping hot so be careful.**

### **Electricity**

**Electricity in Portugal is very expensive, please turn off lights and fans when not in the rooms. Also if you are using too many appliances at any one time you are likely to blow the fuse. The fuse cupboard is located next to the front door and contains a torch. Just flick the fuse back on and power will be restored. We suggest you make yourselves familiar with the fuse cupboard on arrival in case of nighttime power failure.**

## **Reception**

**Reception is located within the former restaurant building next to the swimming pool. Florbella and Telma can help you with any problems that may arise during your stay at the resort. They can also arrange excursions, car hire and have lots of information about places to visit etc. They also speak perfect English!**

**If you experience any problems within the apartment ie; problems with boiler etc or the resort ie please feel free to contact reception. They are open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm. They do close for lunch around 1pm for a couple of hours. We are also available, so please call the person you booked through, however please bear in mind we are located in England therefore are not able to sort out the problems as quickly as reception who look after all of our maintenance.**

### **Local Transport**

**If you are not hiring a car during your stay or simply don't fancy driving one night there is a local bus which runs from Albufeira to Gale beach and back. The bus stops outside the Sao Rafael CS hotel at the top of the road and the schedule is as follows. Please check in the apartment as this schedule may have changed.**

#### **To Albufeira from Sao Rafael**

**8.00 9.00 10.15 13.15 14.15 17.15 18.05**

#### **To Sao Rafael from Albufeira**

**7.35 8.35 9.30 12.50 13.30 16.30 17.35**

**Buses run daily in the summer, but not on Sundays or Public holidays from October to May. For further information about the buses please refer to the red file in the apartment.**

**Please note the buses do not run past 6.00pm however you can get taxis from both Albufeira Old Town, Gale and Vale de Parra. Just ask at the restaurant or bar you are in for directions to the nearest Taxi Rank. A taxi is around 5 – 7 euros from Old Town to Sao Rafael.**

**Albufeira Old Town is a leisurely 35 minute walk away and Vale de Parra is about 25 minutes gentle walk away.**

**If you wish to ring for a taxi, the number is in the apartment info book, or available at reception. It is wise to use the Hotel Maritur as a pick up / drop off point as all taxis are familiar with this hotel and is only a short walk from the apartment. Taxis tend to arrive within a couple of minutes! The rank and drivers all speak English so you will have no problem in getting to your destination. For return journeys, use Sao Rafael, Hotel Maritur or Sao Rafael beach. You can then stop him at the right spot!**

## **Amenities in the Apartment.**

**Following is a list of items available for your use in the apartment, hopefully this will help you decide what to pack.**

**2 Hairdryers  
Iron and Ironing Board and ainer  
Washing Machine  
Microwave, Kettle, Toaster  
Fridge Freezer and Gas Cooker  
Bar-B-Que  
Travel Cot and Changing Mat  
5<sup>th</sup> put me up bed (\*contact in advance for prep)  
High Chair  
2 DVD Players & DVDs (limited)  
2 Video Players & Videos  
Playstation & Games  
CD Player & CD's  
2 Televisions  
Selection of Board Games  
Selection of Books and Magazines  
Fans and Radiators  
Reclining Outdoor Chairs (4)  
Towels and cloths (exc. Beach)**

**The apartment does not have air conditioning however because of the build style, the rooms remain cool throughout the summer.**

**We hope you enjoy your holiday in  
Sao Rafael**