

Welcome

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GIRASOL TUBAC



About Tubac and our home

We discovered Tubac in 2007 when we visited Southern Arizona for the first time. From that initial visit, we knew it was a special place for rest, renewal and reflection. We have returned every year, each time renting a host's home in the different Tubac neighborhoods for a month or longer. These longer stays gave us a chance to get to know Tubac and we knew we had to be here each year.

In 2022, we purchased this home and we are delighted to share it with our guests. We hope that you find all of this and more during your stay!

Check in

CHECK IN TIME: 3:00 PM

A day before your arrival date, you'll receive driving directions as well as the front door code that will be unique to just you. It is a timed code that will allow you access during your stay.

Check out

CHECK OUT TIME: 11:00 AM

On your departure date, please remember to check for all your personal items, especially phone chargers. Also please leave the garage remote in the house, place dirty dishes in the dishwasher and please remove all kitchen trash to the garbage can in the garage. That's it! We hope to see you again!



House Rules

DOG FRIENDLY WITH A CAVEAT

We love our dog and most other people's dogs, however, we only accept one dog on a case-by-case basis. We do not allow cats, ferrets (yes, we have had them smuggled in) or other animals. A pet fee will apply and an undisclosed animal will be considered a violation of our rental agreement.

NO SMOKING

No smoking allowed in the house. If you are a smoker, please do so outside and away from doorways and open windows.

NO PARTIES

No parties, events nor overnight guests that exceed four (4) persons.

REPORT ANY DAMAGES

We know that accidents happen, however, if you damage or break something in our home or if an appliance or system is not working properly, please let us know asap.



Important Info

NEAREST HOSPITAL

Northwest Medical Center
16260 S. Rancho Sahuarita
Blvd., Sahuarita, AZ, 85629.
(520) 416-7100.
Police/Medical:
call 911

NEAREST HEALTH CLINIC

MARIPOSA TUBAC
2221 I-19 Frontage Rd
Bldg G -101
Tubac AZ
520 318-5510
limited MD coverage
see page in Welcome Binder

EMERGENCY VETERINARIANS

Civano Hospital
Tucson
520-600-7100

VCA Animal
Tucson
520 748-0331

Veterinary Specialty Center
Tucson
520-795-9955

NEAREST URGENT CARE

FasTrack Urgent Care
175 La Canada Dr.
Green Valley, AZ.
(520) 260-0670

VETERINARIANS

Animal Care Center of Green
Valley. 520-625-0433
animalcarecenter.com

Roberto J Rojas, DVM
Nogales 520 281-0900

Valley Verde Veterinarians
Green Valley 520-393-7387
valleyverdevets.com

ANIMAL CONTROL

Santa Cruz Animal Control
520-761-7860
including snake removal

After hours: call the Sheriff
520-761-7869

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

CAVALIER
520 596-9743

Electronics

TELEVISION

We have FIRETV on each of the televisions in the home with YOUTUBE TV for your regular program viewing and easy access to your favorite streaming platforms.

Please bring your Netflix, Amazon Prime and other streaming subscriptions including user names and passwords with you. And remember to remove your personal information when you depart. Of course, our staff will double check for you as well.

In most cases, just the FIRETV should work to turn on the television and for volume from the tv speakers.

If you use Apple TV, then you can also bring your box and hook up the the HMDI output.

We do this and this way we have our music always with us.

RECEIVER

The television in the living room has a stereo receiver hooked up to FIRETV. In order to push the tv sound through the speakers, the receiver needs to set to CATV/SAT using the receiver remote.

You can also pair with any Bluetooth device.

SOUND BAR - MEDIA ROOM/OFFICE

The television in the media room/office has a sound bar, controlled by its own remote.

Amenities

BEDROOMS

2 King Suites
Bathrooms Ensuite
Hair Dryers
Bedding
Towels
Hangers
Televisions

KITCHEN

Range, Refrigerator/Freezer/Dishwasher/
Microwave/Garbage disposal
Drip Coffee Maker/Toaster/Blender
Pots & Pans/Chef knives
Dishes/Cutlery
Various Glassware:
wine glasses, water, juice etc
Kitchen Utensils:
Spatulas, tongs, oven mitts, sheet pans,
Baking Supplies: Mixing Bowls/Hand
Mixer, Measuring cups & spoons
Dish towels and kitchen cloths
more

ESSENTIALS

Napkins/Paper Towels/Toilet Paper
Garbage Bags
Coffee Filters
Salt & Pepper
Sugar
Laundry Soap
Iron & Ironing Board

Amentities

GAS BBQ

To operate the BBQ, remove cover

- Turn on the gas (open is 3 o'clock)
- Open lid and turn on the red dial
- Once you have ignition, you can turn on the other dials.
- When done, turn off all the burners and turn the gas off to 6 o'clock.
- Kindly use the scraper to remove any food bits.
- BBQ tools can be found on the bottom shelf of the under counter cabinet to the left of the range.

Note:

If you aren't using the BBQ on a frequent basis, please check the grill for packrats. They are known to make their nests in car engines and anything dark and safe.

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OFFICE/MEDIA

- Desk
- B& W Printer
- Television with sound bar
- Library

Getting Around

Bring your walking shoes

It is fairly easy to get around Tubac on foot, however, you'll want a car especially for grocery runs into Nogales or Green Valley.



Cruiser Bikes

We have two cruiser bikes for guest use. If you wish to use the bikes, please let us know and we'll send you a waiver for e-signing and the lock code. Please be mindful when you park the bikes in the village or elsewhere, that you lock them.

Parking

The garage can park two vehicles, and the driveway can park two vehicles as well. Please be mindful of your street parking as our streets are narrow and overnight parking is not allowed.

Charming Tubac

-at a glance

Tubac has become a popular destination in Southern Arizona full of culture, history and art. Located just 2.5 hours south of Phoenix and 45 minutes south of Tucson, Tubac offers a variety of galleries, unique shopping, fine art, and dining.

The Tubac Golf Resort & Spa is a prestigious AAA Four-Diamond rated property set on 500 acres of the historic Otero Ranch. The property is surrounded by mountain ranges, lush green lawns, old growth cottonwood trees and colorful gardens that evoke a connection to nature, relaxation and the true American Southwest.

OUTDOOR DESTINATIONS:

Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory (19.6 miles), Madera Canyon (32.2 miles), Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge (51.2 miles), Saguaro National Park (58.2 miles)

TUCSON ATTRACTIONS:

Mission San Xavier del Bac (38.3 miles), Pima Air & Space Museum (46.0 miles), Reid Park Zoo (47.2 miles), Old Tucson (51.5 miles), Tucson Botanical Gardens (51.8 miles), Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (54.7 miles)

EAT & DRINK (within 5 miles):

Elvira's Restaurant, Melio's Trattoria, Wisdom's Cafe, Stables Ranch Grille, Tubac Jack's, Shelby's Bistro, The Italian Peasant, Habernos, El Barrio Kitchen.

AIRPORT: Tucson International Airport (41.7 miles)

For airport transportation:

- CAVALIER 520 596-9743

Local Places to Visit

TUBAC PRESIDIO & VILLAGE

The first European settlement in Arizona may have been in Tubac, very near Tumacacori, and the first Arizona state park was established there.

Tubac Presidio State Park was once a garrison set up by the Spanish to defend the missions and nearby settlers against Indians. Today the quaint town of Tubac has more than 50 galleries and studios and many art festivals are held here annually.

MISSION TUMACACORI NATIONAL MONUMENT

In the Santa Cruz River area, people have lived for perhaps 10,000 years, starting with the prehistoric Hohokams and followed by the Pima and Papago tribes. The Spaniards came in the 1600s, led by Father Kino, who explored the area and established a mission, Tumacacori. Now the mission is a national monument, about three miles south of Tubac, just off I-19.

Visitors can take a self-guided tour and get a glimpse of what it must have looked like around 1820. The Park Service has developed an interesting museum, in addition to a 14-minute video presentation to assist visitors.

TUBAC CENTER OF THE ARTS

Tubac Center of the Arts is a nonprofit art center in Tubac, a true artistic gem in the southwest. The art center offers changing nationally juried art exhibitions, opportunities for artists to exhibit their work, art workshops, lectures, a performing arts series, special events, and a children's summer arts program.

JUAN BAPISTA DE ANZA TRAIL

In 1775-76, Juan Bautista de Anza led some 240 men, women, and children on an epic journey to establish the first non-Native settlement at San Francisco Bay. Today, the 1,200-mile Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail connects history, culture, and outdoor recreation from Nogales, Arizona, to the San Francisco Bay Area.

The trail is assessable at several points in Tubac and going south about 4 miles will take you to the Mission at Tumacacori.

Things to Do

PICKLE BALL IN TUBAC

The pickle ball courts are behind the Community Center off Bridge Road. There is an active group of local players. Visitors are welcome to play at \$5 per person/ per day. Please reach out to Melissa Wilson prior to playing for details 508 269-3294

CYCLING IN TUBAC & AREA

Southern Arizona area ranks among the greatest road biking destinations in the world. Tucson has a reputation with pros from all over the world come to train and even live. Visit the link below for some serious routes and even some to avoid.

Locally, cycling is excellent in Tubac as Frontage Road has minimum traffic, aside for skirting around the Border Station just north of the town. Roads are flat and straight, however, there is a significant climb from Green Valley to Tubac. And watch out for goatheads.

<https://bikeaz.org/orovalley-bicycle-rentals/best-tucson-road-bike-rides-southern-arizona-offers-worlds-best-cycling/>

HIKING IN TUBAC & AREA

Hiking in the area can be as tame as the AnzaTrail or as challenging as the Madera Canyon. Check out the hiking book in the Girasol library, written by a local author.

Be sure to take precautions and put safety first.





Places to eat
-reservations
suggested

ELVIRA'S

Elvira's is a favorite, not only for the inventative Mexican fare but also for the vibrant setting. It's a must on every visit.

MELIO'S ITALIAN

Authentic Italian food presented by the Italian chef and his American wife for the past two decades. Hours/days can be irregular, reservations are a must.

SHELBY'S BISTRO

"A must stop for lunch in Tubac! Deliciously creative salads & sandwiches, with the freshest ingredients! And their wine selections were good too! Try the wine country salad!!" Lynne & Russ

STABLES RANCH GRILL

When you don't want to drive, take a short walk to Stables Ranch Grill at the Resort. Elegant service with varied menu that focuses on , regional specialities in a historic setting. Lunch on the patio is always pleasant.



Places to eat

- casual

EL BARRIO KITCHEN

Opened January 2023: Mexican fare, mostly tacos.

HABERNOS

Mexican food served in an upscale restaurant.

ITALIAN PEASANT

Standard Italian fare from pasta to pizza. Grab a cocktail at the bar when you are waiting for your pizza to take home.

SOTO'S OUTPOST MEXICAN

Straight up Mexican food in a festive setting.

TUBAC JACK'S

Friendly bar and restaurant with outdoor seating. Limited menu includes great burgers, ribs and pulled pork. Our favorite burger place.

WISDOMS - TUMACACORI

Long time favorite. Great margaritas, typical Mexican food with their famous fried ice cream burrito as their signature dessert. Great gathering place for larger groups.

Please let us know if you find another restaurant to add and we always love your reviews.

Bites, Bars & Wineries

ITALIAN PEASANT

Small but friendly bar in the dining room. Great for grabbing a cocktail while waiting for your group or your take-away pizza.

THE BAR AT THE STABLES

Perfect spot to watch the golfers from the shade of their patio or inside out of the heat.

SOTO'S OUTPOST

Shaded patio, refreshing cocktails make this the perfect spot for a quick libation while shopping in the village.

COWGIRL UGLY

Great place for a cold beer or a guest-approved margarita.

Pets welcome.

In the plaza behind the Tubac Market.

Open: Noon - 9:00 PM

520 398-2757



FLYING LEAP WINERY

Here's your opportunity to learn about Arizona wines.

Open: Friday-Sunday

12-5PM

888 431-5777

Wildlife in Tubac

Tubac is open range country so you will see cattle and horses on the golf course. I've seen a large heifer in the park at the Barrio and a herd of cattle on the Anza Trail. Definitely not something you want to see at night!

During your stay, you will see a variety of animals that are native to Southern Arizona, most notably: javelinas, coatimundis, coyotes, mountain lions, packrats, a variety of skunk and of course, snakes and other nasties that I have not seen yet as we are here mostly in the winter. They all seem exotic, but you'll get used to them and quickly learn how to avoid them. if concerned, call the Tubac Fire Dept or Animal Control. I've included these numbers in the Important Info page.

If you walk at night, please take a flashlight and frequently scan your surroundings, We have seen javelinas on our patio at night scrounging for food. However, they scare off easily. They are not a real pig, but another species called collared peccary - they travel in groups, are almost blind but with an ultra-keen sense of smell and sharp fangs/tusks. I think the smells from the BBQ may have attracted them. A good reason to not leave food or garbage out at night.

They are not considered dangerous unless your dog goes after them and there have been incidents of them biting humans.

On this note, always walk your dog on a leash, its a HOA rule and just good sense at night.

There is a dog park off Bridge Road with a considerate group of dog owners. Join them for dog happy hour every day at roughly 4pm and they will make you and your dog feel welcome.

More on javelinas: <https://www.nps.gov/bibe/learn/nature/javelina.htm>

Birdlife in Tubac

Tubac is a birdwatching mecca and it's not unusual to see them (birdwatchers) flocking together on the Anza Trail. We, on the other hand, are content to do our watching from our living room and patio.

Since we put out the bird and hummingbird feeders, we have attracted a wide variety of birds including the Northern Flicker, Wilson's Warbler, Northern Cardinals (both male and female), quail, and doves. And recently, we saw turkey vultures huddled on the power poles one chilly morning.

if you are inclined, please keep the feeders filled. Bird seed is in the pantry and the hummingbirds like a mix of 4:1 water to dissolved sugar.

Please help us add to our list by letting us know what birds you see. And check out the bird book in our library to help identify our avian visitors.



Thank you!

ENJOY YOUR STAY