

Information for group leaders

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Dear Guests! During your stay in Afacan our team will make sure all the rooms and outdoor areas stay clean and that you get enough to eat and drink. We're here to help you with whatever it is you want to do here.

There is a variety of opportunities available for your group, but it is up to you to choose how you will take advantage of them. If you let us know what you want to do, we will be happy to assist you, make sure you have the proper materials, etc.

We ask the group leaders to make sure that the rooms you spend time in remain in a useable condition, and to keep an eye on how your group treats the space – are the children/young people using it appropriately? We don't employ anyone to put away or sort through materials after use; we only make sure the rooms remain clean.

We are aware that every now and then things break, either because the material is worn out or because people make mistakes. We ask that you let us know if this happens so that we can undertake the necessary repairs or see to it that the items gets replaced. In the case of recklessness we ask that the person responsible pay for the damage.

There are plenty of trashcans around. We ask that all guests help us to keep trash off of the grounds.

Paper, plastic and glass bottles, drink cartons and plastic packaging go into the recycling. Please don't put trash into the recycling containers.

The grounds are watered with reused water from our wastewater treatment plant – don't drink it!

Information about the individual rooms and amenities you can use:

Rooms Our two-bed and three-bed rooms all have a view of the sea and of the green areas, a balcony and a bathroom. Some also have air-conditioning.

- › The water for the showers is heated with solar energy, which also means that it is not always as hot as we would like.
- › There is only one key per room, which can be a problem. We do not have a reception desk where keys can be left behind.
- › We clean the rooms and change the sheets and towels regularly, but do not tidy up after our guests.
- › The rooms aren't very large and there isn't much storage space. It can get a little tight, especially in the three-bed rooms, so it's best to not bring too much luggage.
- › City kids often don't know that insects (mosquitoes!) are drawn to the light. The windows have screens, but the balcony doors do not. It is best to keep them closed at night if you don't want mosquitoes in your room.
- › Please double-check the rooms before you leave and let us know if anything was broken.

Activity rooms There is an activity room for all guests in the red House B and in the yellow house C. The room has a lounge area with a sofa, armchairs and cushions, as well as tables and chairs, a bulletin board and a built-in cupboard with a variety of games, pens, paper, scissors, arts and crafts supplies and a few reference books.

- › The room can be used for seminars, meetings, for work or play or simply as a place to get together.
- › If groups want to make coffee or tea here, we are happy to provide the necessary utensils.
- › The room should always be accessible – if you find it locked, please let Ali or Filiz know.
- › We ask all guests to tidy up before leaving the room.

Cafeteria This is where we eat – outside under the canopy or inside, depending on the weather. The cafeteria also serves as a common room for all guests.

- › We ask our guests to set and clear the tables themselves.
- › Drinking water is always available. Other drinks can be purchased.
- › The cafeteria has a small stage, comfortable armchairs, a variety of games (backgammon, okey, chess, etc.) and a CD player.
- › Outside mealtimes, the cafeteria is also available for gatherings, film screenings (VCR, DVD player, projector, screen and a small collection of films are all available), story telling or reading and performances of music or skits.

Veranda Our large, covered veranda is right on the water and has a ping-pong table, table football, tables and chairs. There are different lighting possibilities as well as a stereo with loudspeakers.

› The veranda can be used for group gatherings, games, parties and dancing. Please bring your own music! It's a great place for a party – loud music until 11 pm is fine, but after that it's quiet time. It's a good idea for parties to have some sort of simple program, particularly when several groups are involved.

Reading room The bright room with large windows right next to the veranda serves as a quiet reading room and has a sofa, a table and chairs. There is a large number of books in several languages (mostly German and Turkish), including a wide selection of literature for children and young people. The books are arranged in an easy to understand system.

- › The books can either be read in the reading room or checked out. Before you leave Afacan, make sure that all the books are back in their proper place on the shelf – each of them has a call number on the back.
- › Please have a look into the reading room every now and then and tidy up if necessary. The more inviting the space, the more children and young people will want to read there or check out books.
- › We are always happy for you to bring us books or leave us some of your own.
- › The reading room should always be unlocked. If you find it locked, ask Filiz or Ali for help.

Workshop The workshop is in a quiet area and is equipped with running water, a sink, tables, and chairs.

- › We provide paper in different sizes, a variety of paints for different techniques, paint brushes, pens, scissors, glue, wallpaper paste for papier-mâché and tools and materials for linocut and other printing techniques.
- › If you are planning to work on a specific project, check with us before you come to find out what is available, what you can purchase here and what you need to bring from home.
- › The workshop and the storage space next to it are always accessible.
- › Please clean up the workshop when you're finished – we don't employ anyone to do so.
- › Feel free to share your talents with the other guests by offering a class in one of the workshops!

Unutmabeni workshop The Unutmabeni or "forget-me-not" workshop is located behind House B and can be used as a quiet seminar/meeting room or work space.

Percussion We keep a collection of percussion instruments in a small shed by the beach. Feel free to use them, but please be considerate of others.

Open-air cinema There are no televisions in Afacan, but there is the possibility of spending warm summer nights outside watching films. We have a DVD player, a projector and three projection areas.

› We have a small collection of films for children, young people and adults. Donations to our film library are welcome!

The sea and the beach The sea here is clean. Sometimes violent winds churn the water, tearing up sea grass and washing it ashore.

› We recommend that people with tender feet wear bathing shoes since the seabed is rocky in many places and there is the occasional sea urchin further out.

› It's worth packing your diving goggles and snorkel as well – there are fish, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, crabs and all sorts of plants to see.

› The littering of the planet with plastic also has an impact on Afacan and its surroundings. Beginning in 2019, we are asking groups to spend about two hours of their stay with us collecting plastic trash. We provide trash bags and gloves.

› The strip of sand along the waterfront is public property. Because this sometimes causes problems, we have marked our property with a little fence (with openings).

› The floating platform off of our beach belongs to Afacan. The water is about two meters deep there.

Swimming pool Our big swimming pool is a popular place to hang out. It is 1.2 meters deep on the shallow end and 1.7 meters deep on the deep end. There are two small goals and a ball for water polo.

› The pool can be used until 6 pm, when it is cleaned.

› Use the swimming pool at your own risk.

› Please keep an eye on non-swimmers!

Sports field The concrete part of the sports field is 13 meters wide and 22 meters long. There are baskets for basketball, volleyball nets, and small goals for soccer. You can also play ball games or other sports on the meadow next to the concrete field.

› Balls are available. If they're not lying around outside, please ask.

› We are always thankful when guests bring balls and leave them for us.