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## Dear Guest /s,

Greetings from Yash Farm Stay, we are grateful for your interest in our farm stay!

We are an **eco and pet friendly "private" farm stay** actively promoting <u>agri-tourism</u>. All our stays are "private" meaning, we don't take more than one booking at any given point in time. We are excited to share more details about our handcrafted farm, the principles we follow and some highlights about the facilities/amenities. We are hoping this will help you make an informed decision about <u>Yash Farm Stays</u>. If you happen to choose us, we can assure you of a wonderful <u>farm stay</u> experience :-)

- Eco & Pet friendly Farm House on hire for private use: we don't operate like a typical hotel or a resort and hence can't offer individual rooms, cottages or villas on rent for multiple guests. Instead we offer the entire farm house built using earth architecture (mud walls and reclaimed wood) that is equipped with modern amenities for rent/hire for the "private" use by a few or a group of people. We accept only ONE booking at any given weekday or weekend, thereby enabling our guests to make the farmhouse (with its amenities) their own exclusive space. Our guests get to live in a 5,000 sq ft farmhouse within the ONE acre organic farm. The farm is rich in its biodiversity with close to 100 species of fruit bearing and forest trees, kitchen garden, food forests where millets & pulses are grown. We practice natural farming and we also have farm animals like 2 "Malenadu gidda" cows, 20 desi chickens and 4 dogs. Farm has been designed and functions based on sustainable living principles. The farm runs on renewable solar energy, we harvest rainwater & conserve water, we depend on natural air conditioners and follow zero waste practices.
- Main Farm house: is a spacious mud house (low carbon footprint) designed based on the fusion between traditional chettinad & modern style architecture. The house has an open to sky courtyard, reading room, lounge, three bedrooms, attic room, open kitchen, indoor kitchen & dining and garden with patio. The farm house can be configured to be home for as small as two people or for as large as twenty people (on a shareable basis) with or without pets living with guests.
- In all we have four bedrooms plus one of the bedroom has an attic room. These five rooms are spacious, with private balconies or sit outs overlooking the farm and the

attached bathroom with latest fittings. We **don't have air conditioners** in the rooms though, however the rooms are designed to be naturally air conditioned, thanks to the mud walls (that breath) and the high ceilings. Bedrooms are equipped with a king size bed and a bunker bed, typically configured for 4 adults to stay on a shareable basis and one of the bedrooms on the first floor has an attic room attached, which can also accommodate 4 people. Attic room is popular amongst the kids. We have two more additional bathrooms in the living areas.

- Farm house is itself very unique and interesting as it is designed and built using earth architecture that uses natural building materials like mud, stone, straw and tiles. One can experience an eco-friendly living in a home that has a low carbon footprint. The interiors and amenities are quite modern and use state-of-the-art technologies. The farmhouse is equipped with good wifi speed and access across most parts of the farm. In and around the main farmhouse activities like yoga / meditation, table tennis, mini volleyball and basketball can take place. Unfortunately the farm is NOT equipped with a swimming pool by choice due to water conservation reasons.
- Typical activities and amenities that our resident guests can indulge in :
  - Guests are most welcome to volunteer, observe and attend talks on various agriculture and farming activities. The type of farming activities are subject to the season and the weather conditions prevalent on that day.
  - Farm Tour a 45 mins tour of the farm to witness the "sustainable living practices" being put to use at the farm
  - Games outdoor games like volleyball, basketball and indoor games like table tennis, carrom, chess, popular board games etc.
  - Dog park the volleyball court can double up as a dog park, where the pet owners can unleash the dog to play frisbee or "fetch the ball' or just chill.
  - Yoga & meditation we have a multipurpose hut (built using natural building material like straw roof and mud walls)) which is right in the midst of the organic farm. This hut is ideal for practicing yoga and meditation in the mornings. We have an in-house instructor who facilitates surya namaskar, pranayama and meditation sessions for our guests at 6:00 am in the morning. You need to book your slot with us for a complimentary session.
  - Feeding the cows and chicken we have two desi cows (Malenadu Gidda), one calf and twenty chicken (Aseel breed), Feeding them can be a fun activity especially for kids.
  - Ample open and closed spaces that can host planned and impromptu
    get-togethers and fun activities like dramas, skits, parties, karaoke, yoga
    sessions etc. We have quite few semi open space options to choose from 1)
    open to sky courtyard 2) lounge cum sitout on the first floor 3) open kitchen
    cum dining 4) patio in the garden area
- Weekend Tariff for check in on Saturday & public holidays we charge Rs. 4.800/per person for a day & night stay with us and for kids between 5-10 years we charge
  50% of that. This an all inclusive price for stay and meals (covering veg & non veg

- options for breakfast, lunch, dinner and high tea/coffee). We may need a minimum occupation of 5 people to have the entire farmhouse to yourself.
- Weekday Tariff on weekdays we charge Rs,3,800/- per person / night including all three meals and high tea
- **Weekly off** we don't take bookings for a stay with us on a Monday. It is our weekly day off and it helps us to attend to farm related maintenance work.
- Check in at: 1:00 pm and Check out at 10:30 am
- **Stay duration** apart from weekend stays with or without pets, we can manage stays upto a maximum of 4 days/nights. Some of our guests have been staying at our farmhouse for "work-from-farm", staycation, hosting friends and family related purposes.
- Home cooked Indian food we serve farm fresh food, with most of the ingredients sourced from our organic farm or the farms in the neighborhood. We offer egg and chicken options for non vegetarians. We are always open to discuss and agree on the menu options for your meals from the items listed in our <u>"typical menu"</u>. The options are limited to the dishes we know best to prepare.
- **Outside catering** If our guest count goes beyond *ten*, we may source some dishes / food items from our approved caterers.
- Dining area we have multiple dining spaces as options to enjoy your meal breakfast could be served in the open kitchen area where you can enjoy a nutritious
  farm fresh meal soaking in the early morning sun rays, lunch could be outdoors in
  patio located in the garden area and dinner could be in the lounge or the indoor dining
  area
- **Barbeque** we have an option for an outdoor barbeque, and this is priced extra and is subject to weather permitting.
- **Food from outside** you can bring in your own food and snacks into the farm. You could also swiggy or zomata (if needed).
- **Pets are welcome :-)** we have NO particular restrictions for pet movements within the main farm house. They can stay in the rooms with their handlers/owners. In case you chose to take them on a stroll into the farm areas the pet needs to be leashed.
- Food for your pets we offer complementary chicken rice for pets twice a day.
- **Dogs of Yash Farm** we have four dogs living with us on the farm, One Siberian Husky (Max), One Mudhol hound (Cuba) and two Indies (Rosie & Chintu), and they are in their kennels / hangouts during the day and are let out at 8:30 pm in the night. And are secured into their kennel by 6:00 am next morning. Unfortunately they are not that friendly or social and not the best of playmates for your pets.
- Day outing we charge Rs.1,800/- per person including lunch for an 8 hour day outing with us. Guests have access to the entire farm, farmhouse and its amenities. The day outings are only available on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Wednesday and Thursdays</u>. On weekends if our resident guests invite their guests to spend the day with them, then this tariff is applicable to them too.
- **Location -** we are located in the south-eastern suburbs of Bengaluru. We are roughly 6 kms from the elevated highway's tollgate exit on **Electronic City phase 2** side and

- **20 kms from the Forum Mall in Koramangala.** You can find us quite easily on Google Map by typing Yash Farm Stays
- Car Parking we have a maximum parking area inside the farm for 10 12 cars. For more than 12 cars we need to work on other alternatives like parking in our neighbors farm etc.
- Security The farm gates will be locked and dogs will be unleashed by 9:00 pm at night. Post 9:00 pm guests need to be escorted (by the owner's) to step out of the farm house. The farm area is under surveillance with the help of CCTV cameras. No CCTV cameras are installed inside the man house or any rooms to ensure privacy.
- Insect, reptiles and bugs Farm is home to lots of these dangerous species and they can be harmful and life threatening at times. Guests need to be careful and take all possible precautions before walking into the farm. In general staying at the farm is a risky proposition and guests have to make informed decisions of staying at their own risk. The owners of the farm are not liable for any dire consequences like injuries or fatal infections that may happen when one comes in contact with such species.
- Mosquitos guests will need to keep the mosquitos mesh doors and windows always closed. The mosquitos normally peak between 5-7 pm, and we recommend our guests to bring their own mosquito repellent that can be applied on their skins.
- Alcohol consumption we don't serve alcohol in our farm, however guests can bring
  their own alcohol and consume it within the main house. Guests need to refrain from
  playing loud music and drinking outdoors as this could disturb the farm animals.
- **Smoking** the main house is strictly no smoking, we have designated areas within the farm for smoking.
- As we have taken a pledge to be kind to "mother earth" and treat her with respect, we urge our guests to follow these rules during their stay at Yash Farm
  - We practice zero waste principles, any single use plastic brought into the farm needs to be taken back.
  - We run the farm on sustainable living principles, the farm is powered by solar energy, harvest rainwater and water conservation. We expect cooperation from our guests to help us in this cause by switching off lights / fans and taps/ showers after use.
  - Saving trees we make available reusable napkins & towels and we don't allow the use of paper tissues or paper napkins.
  - To reduce the risk of exposure to the pandemic, we have minimal staff on the farm, hence residents need to cooperate with us in doing some basic chores like - segregating food waste after your meal, rinsing the plates and switching off lights / fans (after use).
  - **Chemical free soaps** on request we can make available on a complimentary basis "Kayakalp branded" handmade soaps.
  - Towels & toiletries we offer towels for baths and change them once every 24 hours. Toiletries like toothpaste and toothbrushes are provided on request for free.
- **Booking confirmation**: We will need 50% of the total amount as booking advance to be paid via Google Pay to +91 7676773750 or UPI ID yashfarm-1@okaxis or IMPS to

- Sailaja R, Savings Account # 5250101025570575 IFSC code UBIN0931152 for us to confirm your weekend booking. We will send your booking confirmation cum receipt.
- Payment during check out we'll provide you with an invoice, and we would need you
  to pay the balance 50% and other incidentals (if any) during the check-out process.
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- Events spaces for get-togethers and celebrations we are one of few farm houses
  that not only offer events spaces for hire but also help our clients design and execute
  events that follow zero waste principles. Please do contact us for pricing and related
  packages for your events and get-togethers. Typical events that happen regularly are -
  - Birthday & wedding anniversary celebrations maximum of 20 25 people staying in the farm and you can host additional 30 - 40 external guests for an event with meals being served in an open garden area.
  - Wedding and engagement ceremonies ideal for gathering of 50-60 people and with built-in kennel for pets owners to leave their dogs during the ceremony
  - Get-together with or without pets friends and families upto 20-25 people with their pets can enjoy a residential get-together.
  - Music video shoots we have had few caranic music video shoots happen in the past.
  - Photo and video shoots kids birthday, maternity, pre-wedding, and commercial shoots for product placements within ads /social media handles
- Staff on the farm the owners (husband & wife duo) and their children live on the farm in a separate dwelling (outside of the main farm house). The family runs and manages the farm stay operations with support from two female staff and one male staff. Some of the staff may live in their quarters.
- **Vaccination and sanitization** all residents of the farm are vaccinated at least with one jab, and we sanitize the entire farm house including bedrooms) after every check out.
- **Maintenance & repair work** on certain occasions maintenance / repair activities may happen, we'll ensure that this work doesn't come in the way of you having a great farm stay experience.

For more information on Yash Farm Stays you can check out the following options -

- for recent recent reviews, photos (uploaded by guests) you can Google us by typing Yash Farm Stay
- for latest happening and events check our **Instagram handle** yashfarm stay
- for booking and additional information you can visit our website : <u>vashfarmstay.in</u>

Please feel free to call us or Whatsapp us on +91 76767 73750 or write to us on <a href="mailto:vashfarmstay@gmail.com">vashfarmstay@gmail.com</a> for more information or clarifications.

Best wishes Shyla & Karthik