

B A B L I

Rules & Regulations

[For **Guest-House Reservations & Visits** to the Project]

BABLI is an experimental space, where we try to follow a cohesive and compatible method of harmonious living.

WE DO NOT DISCRIMINATE against any individual based on their race/ religion/ sex/ ethnicity/ caste/ sexual-orientation/ etc.

- However, we do **RESERVE THE RIGHT** to **RESTRICT ENTRY / EVICT** if necessary, any visitor/ guest, if we find their conduct to be unbecoming in any manner / feel that they are deviating from the ethos of the project.
 - In case of such an untoward situation, the guest shall **NOT BE ELIGIBLE** for any refund, whatsoever.
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- Please verify the **latest tariff** from OUR OFFICE/ [WEBSITE](#)
 - Room-Rates prevailing **AT THE POINT OF BOOKING** will be effective.
 - Car-Rates may **CHANGE** without notice. In case the Car-Hiring-Rates have changed after Advance Payment (Reservation), **ADJUSTMENTS** shall be affected at the point of CHECK-OUT, as per the rates at that point.
 - Guest-house bookings are finalised only after **FULL ADVANCE PAYMENT** of the applicable tariffs.
 - Bookings are accepted up to **NINETY (90) DAYS IN ADVANCE**, &/OR AT LEAST **24-hrs. BEFORE SCHEDULED VISIT**.
 - ‘SPOT-BOOKING’ IS **NOT ALLOWED**
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- **Timings** for room-reservations at the Guest-House are from 1:00 PM (check-in) to 12:00 NOON (check-out) of the following day.
 - **Entry timings** to the project: -
 - **For Guests WITH ROOM-RESERVATIONS** ~ from **5:00 AM to 11:00 PM**. After which the main gate closes and no one is allowed to leave or enter the project.
 - **Non-boarding visitors** are **NOT ALLOWED** within BABLI premises. That is, no one is allowed to enter the project premises without prior guest-house reservation (However, a guest who is boarding at the guesthouse maybe allowed to entertain outside visitors during their stay – provided they **ACQUIRE PRIOR PERMISSION** for the same)
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- **We DO NOT PROVIDE EXTRA BEDS/ COTS** in any of the rooms, under any circumstances
 - However, **ONE EXTRA PERSON** may be accommodated in each room, WITHIN THE BEDS ALREADY PROVIDED (the twin beds are wide enough for three adults, but they are joined in the middle) – against APPLICABLE **EXTRA CHARGES**.
 - **Two children BELOW EIGHT (08) YEARS** are allowed **FREE OF CHARGE** in each room (**age-proof** maybe asked for on-site) – **NO EXTRA BEDS/ COTS** provided.
- **We provide** toilet-soap, towels, hot bath water (**within scheduled timings**), mosquito nets, basic linen and winter quilts in all rooms (**EXCEPT** in **Rm. "D"** & **Rm. "F"**, where mosquito nets are NOT PROVIDED – and **charges apply** for hot bath-water in **Rm. "D"**).
- However, **room tariff does not include** extra linen, utensils, room services, personal laundry etc. – these maybe provided, on request, against charges, subject to availability of resources.
- **GENERATOR BACKUP** during power-cuts **provided for all rooms – EXCEPT Rm. # D**, where it is provided, on request, against EXTRA CHARGES only (in case a guest residing in Rm. # D wishes to use the generator back-up, the office maybe informed of the same on arrival).
- **Car pick-up** from the station can be organised (**6 AM to 10 PM**) ~ IF **INFORMED AT LEAST 48 HRS. BEFORE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL**.
- **Car parking** for visitors - We provide open parking (secured) - within the project premises ~ AGAINST AN **ADDITIONAL CHARGE** ~ **INR 50 per car/ night**.
- **CANTEEN orders** (1st meal after arrival) **must be placed AT LEAST 24 HRS BEFORE ARRIVAL**
 - It is **OBLIGATORY** to have **AT LEAST ONE MAJOR MEAL** (lunch/ dinner) at the CANTEEN everyday.
 - Meal-Items once ordered are liable to be billed – irrespective of final consumption.
 - NO **OUTSIDE FOOD/ DRINKS** are allowed within the canteen premises.
 - Only the items listed in the menu are served at the canteen – We do not prepare any 'special' items (such as instant noodles etc.) on demand
- BABLI has **statutory obligations**. therefore, ALL **INTOXICANTS** ARE **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** within the **COMMON AREAS** of the project ~
 - However, we do not need to intervene into your personal space to enforce the said prohibition ~ So, you are free to indulge in your 'poison' *within* your room, as long as you maintain decorum and do not disturb other boarders and the surroundings.
- **Pet animals** are **NOT ALLOWED** within BABLI premises.

- **Plug-points** provided in the rooms ARE **NOT TO BE USED** FOR HEAVY-DUTY APPLIANCES such as electric heaters, pressing irons, immersion heaters etc. Any such use SHALL BE STRICTLY PERSECUTED.
- **Video-Photography**, for personal/ professional use, is **PROHIBITED** within BABLI premises. Anyone found to be partaking in any kind of movie/ video recording within the project **SHALL BE STRICTLY PERSECUTED**.



General Mores & Codes

- **BASA (Babli Shanti Aalaya) is NOT intended to be a typical Tourist Resort or Lodge.**
It is offered as an experiment in living in a natural and rural ambience.
So, please do not expect urban luxury
- Our **Canteen is a part of BABLI's action programme** and it is an enterprise by locals. Sahadeb Gupta is the primary "entrepreneur". BABLI management supervises and guides the team.
 - BABLI staff also use the same canteen.
 - As we are not within easy reach of a well-stocked market, the canteen has to design its menu within the locally available ingredients.
 - Your special orders will be entertained – but again, within the limitations of availability and, most important, expertise and capability of the team.
 - Also, for the same reasons, it is **MANDATORY** that you give us at least a day's notice to prepare the meal of your choice.
- As we have already mentioned, **BABLI** is an enterprise which **attempts to function in harmony with the rural life and pastoral surroundings** of the local people.
 - Therefore, it is imperative that **PLASTIC WASTE** be organised and disposed of with extra care.
 - Please try to **GENERATE AS LITTLE PLASTIC LITTER** as possible. If you bring along **PLASTIC PACKAGING** (bottles, packets etc.), please try to

carry them back with you – so as not to add to the already heavy load of plastic waste that is killing the rural face of the country!

- For the same reason, it is also very **important that our guests also try to understand and adhere to the basic mores and codes** that exist within such rural communities: –
 - **“Partying”** out in open areas of the project invariably entails a substantial amount of noise, which disturbs not only the peace and quiet, but more importantly, the ethos of rural life.
 - **Santals, Bauls and other exclusive communities** of this area had a philosophically rich and aesthetically unique lifestyle, till city-culture barged into their social spaces. Requesting such local communities to come and “stage their show”, even when made with the best of intentions, tantamount to subjugating them to the status of performing-monkeys!
 - **BASA quarters are situated in the lap of unadulterated Nature.** House lizards attracted by insects around light sources, various kinds of frogs, mice, bees and wasps, spiders, cockroaches, street dogs and even the occasional snake are things we must learn to live with. Even though we take various precautions, it is practically impossible to insulate the quarters from such creatures. However, they never harm you unless you harm or scare them first – trust us, we have to live with them around the year!



~ CANCELLATION POLICY ~

- In case of **CANCELLATION** refund of advances shall be applicable as follows:~

◇ UP TO ONE MONTH BEFORE SCHEDULED VISIT:	.....	REFUND: 75% of room-rent
◇ LESS THAN 30-DAYS BUT MORE THAN/ = 15-DAYS:	.....	REFUND: 60% of room-rent
◇ LESS THAN 15-DAYS BUT MORE THAN/ = 7-DAYS:	.....	REFUND: 40% of room-rent
◇ LESS THAN 7-DAYS BUT MORE THAN/ = 4-DAYS:	.....	REFUND: 25% of room-rent
◇ 3-DAYS OR LESS:	.....	REFUND: NIL

THERE IS A **SPECIAL PROVISION** FOR **RECHEDULING A BOOKING** ~

THE SAME BOOKING MAYBE POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE – WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE ORIGINAL BOOKING – SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

SUCH A RESCHEDULING WILL BE RULED BY THE **FOLLOWING EMBARGOES:**~

- THE RESCHEDULING MUST BE INFORMED AT LEAST FOUR (4) DAYS IN ADVANCE – VIA EMAIL
 - SUCH A RESCHEDULED BOOKING WILL NOT BE ELLIGIBLE FOR CANCELLATION – THAT IS, ONCE A BOOKING HAS BEEN RESHEDULED, IF IT IS CANCELLED LATER, THEN NO REFUND WILL BE APPLICABLE TO THE BOOKING.
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