

The Vastu checklist for a flat viewing

Take the bearing from the centre of the flat, against true north. Everything here is decidable on a twenty-minute visit.

FAVOURABLE ENTRANCE ARCS

N3 Mukhya 337.5°–348.75°

N4 Bhallata 348.75°–0°

N5 Soma 0°–11.25°

E3 Jayanta 67.5°–78.75°

E4 Indra 78.75°–90°

S4 Grihakshata 168.75°–180°

W3 Sugriva 247.5°–258.75°

W4 Pushpadanta 258.75°–270°

BEFORE YOU GO

Five minutes of preparation decides whether the visit is worth anything.

- ☐ Get the unit floor plan, to scale the specific flat, not the tower layout
- ☐ Get the site plan and find north on it more reliable than a phone indoors
- ☐ Calibrate your compass app and set it to true north, not magnetic
- ☐ Print this sheet and bring a pen

THE ENTRANCE

Take the bearing from the centre of the flat, looking out through the front door.

- ☐ Bearing taken three times, values agree steel and wiring pull it around
- ☐ Bearing falls in a favourable pada the arcs are printed below
- ☐ Door opens fully, inward, without obstruction
- ☐ Entry is not directly opposite a lift or a refuse chute
- ☐ Corridor outside is lit and clear

THE KITCHEN

The South-East is the fire quarter. Anywhere else is workable with a slab.

- ☐ Hob falls in the South-East if not, note which quarter it is in
- ☐ If in a water quarter, green marble slab will fit under the hob
- ☐ If in the South-West, yellow Jaisalmer will fit instead
- ☐ Sink and hob are not immediately adjacent
- ☐ There is a working extract to outside

SLEEPING AND THE CENTRE

The two things you cannot fix by buying something.

- ☐ Master bedroom is in the South-West, or the most southerly room
- ☐ Bed can be placed with the head to the South or East
- ☐ No bedroom wall shared with a bathroom plumbing stack
- ☐ Centre of the plan is open and walkable no toilet, no heavy structure

BATHROOMS

West and North-West are the settled placements. Two others need work.

- ☐ No toilet in the North-East the one worth walking away from
 - ☐ No toilet in the centre of the plan
 - ☐ Every bathroom vents to outside, not into a hallway
 - ☐ No damp staining at floor or ceiling junctions
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THE SHAPE OF THE PLAN

Regular rectangles are easiest. Cuts are common and mostly workable.

- ☐ Plan is broadly square or rectangular
 - ☐ Any cut corner noted, and which quarter it takes from
 - ☐ Balconies and ducts marked on your copy of the plan
 - ☐ Light reaches the North-East part of the flat
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WHAT THE BROCHURE WILL NOT TELL YOU

Ask these out loud, and write down who answered.

- ☐ Where is the underground tank, and where is the overhead one?
 - ☐ Is there stilt parking under this unit?
 - ☐ Which walls back onto a lift shaft or a services riser?
 - ☐ Which way does the block face, on the approved drawing?
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