

# marsa alam

Here you will discover the location of your dreams on the southern Red Sea coast. Around 1 hour from the new airport at Marsa Alam, this superb untouched area has to be seen to be believed. Set among the Wadi Gamal National Park it is a diving & snorkelling paradise. (Turtles/Dugongs – ref Windsurf article). It is a great windsurfing spot with constant sideshore wind from the left. A lagoon with shallow water offers ideal conditions for windsurfing beginner courses. Intermediates and experts will also enjoy the clean, consistent winds and perfect slalom area. With the lack of crowds and space, it's been described as being like 'Dahab 20 years ago'

## Sailing Spot & Conditions

The launching area is in a shallow, flat water lagoon. As soon as you sail out of this lagoon, moderate waves invite you to jump and play. The height of the waves depends upon the wind strength, but they are always easy to control and safe. On your way back to the lagoon you can really plane through all manoeuvres. The conditions offer a unique mix of shallow water and waves further out. Here in Marsa Alam, the wind blows particularly steadily and consistently and does not turn, thus maximizing the effective wind hours you can spend on your board.

### Fact File

**Best Time:** Spring and Autumn.

**Launch:** Sandy beach running into shallow training area with some coral heads.

**Wind Direction:** Cross offshore from left.

**Wind Type:** Thermal. Strongest early in the day.

**Shorebreak:** Slight shorebreak.

**Water Conditions:** Flatwater inside bay. Ideal for training. Slight swell outside bay.

**Suitability:** All levels.

### CLUB MISTRAL

New Windsurf Centre opened 2008 on the beach upwind from the Hotel Shams Alam.

**Kit Range:** 80 Mistral/Fanatic boards, 40 rigs. 3.0-8.8m<sup>2</sup> North sails.

**Board Hire** 1 wk £179 2 wks £299

**Instruction:** All levels. Starter, Progress, Advanced, Unlimited Premium, Kids, groups & private. Rescue & storage. Video analysis.

**Other Sports:** Excellent diving & snorkelling. The location is unsuitable for kitesurfing due to the location of the fringing reef.

**Excursions:** Boat trip to Wadi Gamal Island. Jeep safari. Desert trip with Bedouin dinner. Excursions to Luxor & Aswan.

Wind >=4bft in%	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	51	55	75	65	74	89	81	85	88	79	70	58

Air°C	21	22	23	26	30	31	33	33	31	29	26	23
Water°C	22	21	22	23	25	26	27	28	27	27	25	24



## Hotel Shams Alam



**Location:** 50 km south of Marsa Alam in the heart of Wadi Gamal National Park, surrounded by the beautiful desert landscape on 1km of private sandy beach.

**Accommodation:** Designed in ancient Arabic architecture with brick domes and arches, its 160 rooms are distributed over 11 two-storey buildings. Each room is spacious and comfortably furnished and offers bath/WC, air conditioning, satellite TV, mini bar, safe and telephone and balcony or terrace with sea view. Interconnecting rooms and disabled rooms are also available.

**Facilities:** The hotel features an elegant lobby with domed roof, restaurant with open-air dining area, main restaurant, shops, fitness centre and 24 hrs medical service & pharmacy. Outside is a heated pool, pool bar and a dive and snorkelling center. Kids can enjoy a separate pool and playground. The swimming area at the beach provides complimentary sun beds and parasols right next to the snack bar and Bedouin tent.

**Board basis:** You can choose between half board and all inclusive. Enjoy the buffet breakfast and dinner at the main restaurant or the open-air dining area overlooking the sea. The coffee shop is open 24 hrs and offers a great selection of drinks and snacks.

**Windsurfing:** Club Mistral windsurf centre on the hotel's 1km private, sandy beach.



Prices (7 nights) from:	Low	High
Shams Alam	£599	£769

Price includes return flights, accommodation & transfers.

