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Safaga is regarded as a dream location for all levels. Located about 30 miles south of Hurghada, it offers not only numerous diving bases but is arguably one of the best windsurfing and kitesurfing spots. Spacious sandy beaches extend around the deep sea port of Safaga, with the Hotel Shams Safaga and Imperial Shams at the best location: A perfectly crescent shaped sandy bay, sweeping some five miles across crystal clear waters. From here you can travel west through the low range of mountains and across the Sahara to the ancient town of Luxor and the Valley of the Kings to experience some of Egypt's ancient history. The contrast between the azure and turquoise colours of the ocean and desert landscape make this area an impressive holiday setting.

Fact File

Best Time: Spring and Autumn.

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

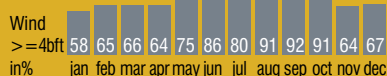
Wind Direction: Cross offshore from left in morning. Swings cross shore in the afternoon.

Wind Type: Thermal, strongest early in day.

Shorebreak: Slight.

Water Conditions: Flatwater with windchop. Flat water training area & beginner's lagoon.

Suitability: All levels.



Air°C	20	22	23	26	30	31	33	33	31	29	25	22
Water°C	22	21	22	23	25	26	27	28	27	27	25	24

CLUB MISTRAL

Windsurf Centre on the beach in front of Hotel Shams Safaga. Clean winds, direct launch. Beginners' area immediately adjacent. Rescue & storage available.

Kit Range: 2009/10 approx 130 Mistral & Fanatic Boards & 170 rigs. Sail sizes: 3.03-8.8m² North Sails.

Board Hire 1 wk £179 2 wks £299

Instruction: Starter, Progress, Advanced, Unlimited, Kids, Private, Combi Kite package.

Other Sports: Diving and snorkelling boat & fishing trips.

Excursions: Classical excursions to Cairo, Pyramids & Luxor, desert safaris, Bedouin camp visits, boat & fishing trips.



Hotel Shams Safaga



Location: Approximately 40 minutes drive from the airport and positioned approx 7km north of Safaga on an endless sandy beach.

Accommodation: 351 tastefully furnished rooms and bungalows with air-conditioning, satellite TV, phone, mini fridge, ensuite bath & WC and balcony or terrace. Family rooms available.



Facilities: 2 restaurants, several bars, BBQ terrace, beach snack bar. Swimming pool with children's pool, fitness room with sauna/massage, onsite dive centre, tennis, volleyball, table tennis, mini golf, billiards and squash. The hotel is **All Inclusive** and includes buffet-style meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner; drinks served by the glass from 11am to 11pm: soft drinks, mineral water, local beer, wine and spirits.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: Club Mistral located at the hotel. Skyriders centre next door at Hotel Imperial Shams.

Imperial Shams



Location: On the beach, approx 40 minutes from Hurghada International airport and 7km north of Safaga. Nestled in the foot of Soma Bay the hotel is next to its sister hotel Shams Safaga.

Accommodation: 322 comfortable air conditioned rooms with sea or pool views, all well equipped with ensuite bath/WC, satellite TV, safe, mini-fridge and balcony or terrace. Some superior rooms are duplex or mezzanine style – ideal for families.



Facilities: 3 restaurants, coffee shop, internet café, pool and beach bars. 3 fresh water pools (one heated), sun terraces, full health centre with massage, jacuzzi, sauna and fitness room. Tennis, volleyball, fishing equipment & horse riding available. Shams Dive Centre located on the beach in front of Hotel Shams next door. The hotel is **All Inclusive** and includes meals buffet style: breakfast, lunch and dinner; drinks served by the glass from 11am to 11pm: soft drinks, mineral water, local beer, wine and spirits.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: Skyriders kite centre is situated in front of the hotel and Club Mistral centre is located just 5 minutes along the beach next door at the Hotel Shams.





Sailing Spot & Conditions

Safaga is perfectly suitable for all skill levels. Tuition takes place in a shallow water area with ideal conditions for practising water starts. The sheltered beginner's lagoon offers very flat water & gentle wind. The launch is directly in front of the centre with access to ideal slalom, freeride and freestyle conditions. The side-offshore wind in the mornings favour an excursion to Toubia Island, a sandy island surround by turquoise water only 3.5km away. Afternoons offer steady sideshore wind and the stronger it blows the longer it stays. The kitesurfing spot is about 300 meters downwind with it's own dedicated, new Skyriders centre. Windsurfing and kitesurfing areas are separate.



SKYRIDERS

Dedicated Kitesurf Centre on the beach in front of Hotel Imperial Shams. New, spacious centre. Kite zone upwind from windsurfing, own area. Sandy, shallow bay with two large training areas with flatwater. Off shore chop for jumping. Some small stones and coral. Rental: North approx 15 boards & 35 kites. Sizes: 3.0 – 18.0m². Rescue available without storage.

Kite Hire 1 wk £199 2 wks £319

Instruction: 3 step system, all levels, tricks, private. Combi rental & instruction packages.



Intercontinental Abu Soma



Location: Located on the beachfront in the bay and approximately 40 minutes transfer from Hurghada airport.

Accommodation: 445 beautifully appointed rooms and suites with air-conditioning, room safe, satellite TV, high speed internet link and a mini bar. Every room in the resort offers breathtaking sea views and is equipped with every amenity you would want to find at a luxury resort.



Facilities: The resort has an impressive collection of 6 restaurants and bars. Private, 1.2km beach, two heated outdoor swimming pools plus children's pool. Spa with sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, massage & extensive range of treatments. Health & fitness centre with exercise programme. Housekeeping, laundry & 24 hour room service. Business services with WIFI (payable locally). New tennis courts and squash courts, nearby horse stables and a purpose built Marina. Onsite diving centre. Golf course 10 minutes drive. Children's club 4-12 years & babysitting available.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: Surf Motion windsurfing and kiting centre 10 minutes from hotel.



SURF MOTION situated 200m upwind from Incontinental Hotel. Sandy launch, tidal lagoon (30cm-1m) 100 x 150m and sandbank. Speed track on outside. Wind sideshore from north. Flat water.

Kit Range: Range of JP & Fanatic boards & Neil Pryde sails. Approx 135 boards, 155 sails 3.5-8.2m². Neil Pryde One Kids sails 2.0-3.0m²

Board Hire

JP 1 wk £209 2 wks £327

Fanatic 1 wk £182 2 wks £273

Kite Riding Area: Wide bay in area upwind of windsurf zone. Sandy beach with shallow water for 200m. 2km track. Rental: Approx 25 Spleene/Deluxe boards & 45 kites 5-15m²

Kite Hire 1 wk £259 2 wks £399

Instruction: VDWS, all levels, gibes, tricks, freestyle, instructor certs. Kitesurf: IKO I, II & III & taster sessions. Rescue & storage.



Prices (7 nights) from:	Low	High
Shams Safaga	£399	£819
Imperial Shams	£429	£859
Intercontinental	£459	£879

Price includes return flights, accommodation & transfers.