Soma Bay, Egypt is one of the best seaside destinations in Egypt, located at 5-star resorts tailored to meet all your needs. It is awaiting you with many attractions like diving, snorkeling, and water sports like kiteboarding and windsurfing and many others. We collected all the needed informations for you to make your journey special, pleasant and unforgettable.

**Airports:** Hurghada

Approx. flight time: ~4h from Europe

**Transportation:**

30~45 mins from the airport

**Standard time zone:**

UTC/GMT +1

**Official language:** Arabic

English is very commonly used.

**Visa:** Upon arrival. Cost: 25USD for 30 days. Passport must be valid at least 6 months and must have a double blank page for the visa.

**Customs:**

- 200 cigarettes or 25 cigars
- 200g tobacco
- 1l of alcoholic beverages
- 2l wine

The standard of health care is good with doctors speaking fluent English.
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- **CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE**
  Currency in Egypt (1 EUR = 20.5 EGP)
  You can change your currency in Egypt (EURO, GBP, USD) as well as pay with it, however it is always better to pay with local currency. Credit cards like American Express, Mastercard and Visa are widely accepted in most of the places. ATM’s can be found in all major towns and cities.

- **FOOD AND DRINK**
  You should avoid uncooked vegetables and peeled fruits that may have been washed in the tap water. Hotels and restaurants are generally safe to eat and drink in, but it is advisable to avoid street vendors.

- **MUST HAVE’S**
  - Sunglasses;
  - Sun cream;
  - Neoprene shoes;
  - Wetsuit or Lycra and boardshorts according to our weather chart

- **ACCOMODATION & TRANSFER**
  You can choose from a variety of accommodations for every budget. Here is an overview of the accommodations and transfers, we provide daily transfers to the kite spot.
- KITESURFING IN SOMA BAY
Egypt is the ultimate kite destination and known for its windy conditions throughout the whole year, a lot of sunshine and the most comfortable temperature of the wind and water. Sunshine, crystal blue water and constant wind are the best conditions for beginners, intermediate and advanced kitesurfers!

- OVERVIEW WIND AND WEATHER IN SOMA BAY
March - November: around 80%
December - February: 60-80%
WHERE TO STAY

MÖVENPICK SOMA BAY ★★★★★
Stretched alongside white sandy beaches in one of the most serene spots on the Red Sea, the new Mövenpick Resort Soma Bay is set within 15 hectares of landscaped haven only 45km south of Hurghada. The new destination combines genuine beauty & new fashioned luxury which boasts the certitude to satisfy singles, couples, and also families’ travellers.

BREAKERS SOMA BAY ★★★★
Live life to the full at The Breakers Diving and Surfing Lodge, Egypt’s first water sports lifestyle hotel. Take advantage of quality lodging and a range of facilities designed specifically for the dedicated divers, kitesurfers and windsurfers in one of the world’s finest locations for water sports. Enjoy access to top class leisure facilities in the deluxe resort destination of Soma Bay.

KEMPINSKI SOMA BAY ★★★★★
Kempinski Hotel Soma Bay introduces luxurious European service with the Egyptian hospitality at the premier holiday destination on Egypt’s Red Sea coast, embracing the spectacular views of the enchanting lagoons. The hotel is an ideal hideaway, offering comfort and luxury stay. Wake up in the gentle sound of the waterfalls and breathtaking views of the captivating sea.

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- ALI BABA SOMABAY ★★★
Hotel Ali Baba is a clean and familiar hotel, which is run by a Swiss-Egyptian couple. It has 27 rooms, a large restaurant on the ground floor and a second lovely and spacious restaurant with a very particular atmosphere on the roof terrace. The hotel is located at the beginning of Safaga, directly opposite the Hotel Menaville and Lotus Bay and it takes only 3 minutes walk to the sandy beach under the warm Red Sea.

- JAHWAHRA LODGE??

WHERE TO STAY
1) **Will Bigdayz book my flight?**
We will assist and help you to find and book the optimal flight. In case you prefer a travel agency for that, we will forward you to one of our partners. Bigdayz is not a travel agent, but we can advise you how you can travel as an individual or in small groups.

2) **Can I travel with my ID only?**
No, your passport is necessary and it has to be valid at least 6 months upon arrival date.

3) **Do I need a Visa to enter Egypt?**
You will get a Visa-Application Card to fill out during your flight (please ask for it if the crew somehow missed to give it to you! Upon arrival you can find a "bank-counter" where you can exchange money, there you will get the visa as well for 25$.

   After getting the Visa, you can easily go to the passport control and get the immigration stamp. The Visa is valid for 30 Days. You may as well check online about the Visa according to non-stop changing rules in Egypt.

4) **Who will pick me up at the airport and what days/time can I arrive?**
You are going to be picked up by a taxi company that is cooperating with Bigdayz. The driver will be waiting with the "Welcome Bigdayz.com" sign outside of the airport. The transportation company works 24/7, you can arrive at any time and you can count on the promised service!

5) **What can I do if I don’t find the driver?**
Please call +20 10 22 23 00 81 (Bigdayz Office Egypt) or +20 10 61 66 61 40 (Transportation Company Owner). Please check your arrival terminal, as the driver may be waiting in another place.

6) **What if my flight has a delay?**
Please call us +20 10 22 23 00 81 (Bigdayz Office Egypt, WhatsApp), we will inform the driver.

7) **What if my luggage is missing?**
Please call us +20 10 22 23 00 81 (Bigdayz Office Egypt, WhatsApp), we will handle and organize the extra transfer. You should as well go to the luggage claim area for the missing luggage directly!
FAQ

ROUTE, TOURPLAN, SPOTS

1) What gear should I bring with me if I am a freerider and have my own stuff?
It very much depends on the latest forecast. Usually we ride 5–16sqm kites and all kind of boards. You can always contact us and ask for more informations. We will send you an email about more info around 3–5 days upon arrival with the latest news and weather information!

2) How is the weather in Egypt? What type of clothing I should have?
Depending on the seasons, Egypt has summer season that last from April until November and winter season that last from December until March. The weather is warm all around the year, but during the winter time we advise you to take a wetsuit according to the cold wind. During the summer time, it’s always good to kite with boardshorts and lycra. Don’t forget to bring shoes for the water. Also you should have sun cream, sunglasses and lots of positive holiday energy.

3) How does the spot look like? Where is it?
The Bigdayz kite station is situated within the 5-star Mövenpick area in the Soma Bay which makes it the perfect starting point to get to the nearby daily boat where off-shore kite sessions, beginner, intermediate and advanced courses are waiting for you. Chill out areas and sundowners back to the hotel are included! You will be able to enjoy endless kite sessions at the most beautiful spots in the Red Sea as well as daily kite trips to fantastic flat water spots. For additional prices for kite courses, rental, storage, please visit our website or contact us via email office.egypt@bigdayz.com.

COMBINATION KITE SAFARI WITH STATION/BEACH HOLIDAYS AT HOTEL MÖVENPICK OR ANY OTHER DESTINATION IN EGYPT

1) Can I combine 2 days before & some days after the kitesafari at your school?
Sure, we will handle and organize everything for you, with the mentioned 50% discount for Bigdayz-Services. Depending on your arrival time and wind/weather we will optimize your stay accordingly.

2) Where can I go for kiteboarding before/after the kitesafari?
We offer you the full service to optimize your sessions during your stay. Our station/off-shore-spot in Soma Bay is perfect for all sessions before/after. We will handle your equipment and make sure everything goes/comes to the spot, you just go kiting!