

Info sheet with arrival and accommodation details for volunteers, Master or Bachelor students at the RSEC



Check list before you leave:

- Your passport has to be valid for at least 6 months at the time of departure
- A **tourist visa** is required, either acquired at your Egyptian embassy or better directly at the Egyptian airport (costs 15 \$ = approx. 12 €, valid for 4 weeks plus 2 weeks of amiability; hold small money with you)
- For **long term students**, you will need an extended visa (3, 6 or 12 months) with a current passport photo, which you can acquire for about 100 LE in El-Tur (Capital Sinai) or Hurghada visa offices. You have to pay for the transfer costs to get there.
- During your internship you will declare yourself as **tourist** (not working or volunteering), as we do not have an employer-employee relationship!
- **Money and currency:**
The local currency is the Egyptian Pound (LE). The Euro is equivalent to about 7.5 LE. Cash machines (ATM) accept EC and credit cards (i.e. VISA, MasterCard). Traveler checks and cash can be exchanged in the banks and hotels.
- **Vaccinations & medical care:**
At present, there are no vaccinations required (except yellow fever, if you fly in from infected areas). Vaccinations against polio, hepatitis A & B, Tetanus and rabies are recommended. Pharmacies offer most medicines without prescription.
Dahab: The next advisable hospital is in Sharm el Sheikh.
El Quseir: The next advisable hospital is in El Quseir, serious cases are transferred to Hurghada.
- **Climate & clothing:**
The summer months are very hot and dry, in the winter months it can get relatively cool. Considering the predominant Muslim population, wearing short or transparent clothing as well as deep cut outs should be avoided. For the autumn, winter and spring, you should bring pullovers and trousers.
Electricity & water:
- The voltage is 220-230V; fluctuations and power break downs are casual. From some countries like the UK, you will need an adaptor. Torches and small lamps are often helpful.
The tap water (in Sinai maybe salty; RSEC Staffhouse has freshwater supply) is suited for showers and brushing teeth, but not to drink.
- Please fill in the RSEC – membership and send it to Helen Gerger. E-Mail address: helen.gerger@redsea-ec.org
- Please fill in the contractual agreement and send to office.dahab@redsea-ec.org or office.quseir@redsea-ec.org

Please contact the local field station one or two days before leaving to make everything settled and the flight details are correct.

Arrival:

- **Transfer from and to the airport:**

Dahab:

Sharm el Sheikh-Airport one way: 25 €

(1 h journey)

El Quseir:

Marsa Alam - Airport one way: 25 €

(1 h journey)

Hurghada - Airport one way: 35 €

(2 h journey)

- **Our c/o addresses:**

Dahab:

c/o Sinai Divers Backpackers

El Masbat, Dahab,

South Sinai, Egypt

El Quseir:

c/o Radisson BLU Resort

El Quseir, Red Sea, Egypt

Pascal Kriwy

Our telephone numbers:

Dahab:

Office mobile 1: +20-163921264; Office mobile 2: +20-107847500

Home office: +20-693640922

El Quseir:

Mobile: +20128367225

Accommodation & Meals:

Dahab:

The RSEC Staffhouse in Dahab provides 5 comfortable studios for volunteers and scientific guests. All have their own bathroom, small kitchen and fridge. The cost per month is 160 €, for every additional week 40 €! You can eat cheap in Egyptian restaurants (Chicken man, Falafel, Koshary) or at affordable prices at the restaurants at the beach. Cheapest way is to buy and cook meals yourself or commonly with the other students. Here you can count with 150-200 LE per week for meals!

El Quseir:

Our flats are located in the northern part of the city. The spacious flats have several rooms for 1-3 volunteers each. We do have a roof-top terrace to chill out on in the evenings. The rent including services costs 100 € per month. We do have a communal kitty for food, beverages and household stuff, where every flat mate puts the equivalent of 10 € in the box every week. In the Radisson BLU resort we do have a discount of 50% on the restaurants, which still is quite expensive, therefore we advise you to prepare your lunch in the mornings and bring it with you. . Here you can count with 100 LE per week for meals!