

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



## Check list before you leave:

### Visa / extended visa:

- 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 15 (3 month) to 100 LE (for 1 year) in El-Tur (Capital Sinai) 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 8.0 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.

- **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 (RSEC-House has freshwater supply) is suited for showers and brushing teeth, but not to drink.

- **Accommodation & Meals:**

The RSEC-House in Dahab provides space for up to 12 volunteers or scientific guests. The house has three bathrooms, a spacious kitchen and living room as well as lounge areas on the roof top and along the garden. The cost per week is 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!

- Please fill in the [mare-mundi.eu](http://mare-mundi.eu) – membership and send it to Petra Hillinger. E-Mail address: [office@mare-mundi.eu](mailto:office@mare-mundi.eu)
- Please fill in the contractual agreement and send to [office.dahab@redsea-ec.org](mailto:office.dahab@redsea-ec.org)

- **Our c/o addresses:**

Red Sea Environmental Centre  
c/o Sinai Divers Backpackers  
El Masbat, Dahab,  
South Sinai, Egypt

- **Our telephone numbers:**

Nina Milton (Dahab): +20-1064258341  
RSEC Office (Dahab): +20-1007847500  
Christian Alter (Mobile Germany): +49-15117862757  
RSEC-Office Germany: +49-61197144272

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