

# Year-round holiday sun



OFFERING average year-round temperatures of more than 21C and an average of less than 14 days' rain in a year, El Gouna on the Red Sea is an ideal destination to enjoy year-round holiday sun.

The Red Sea's Premier Leisure Destination, El Gouna also offers a range of activities to offer everything from a relaxing break in the sun to an action-packed activity holiday.

Built on 10kms of beachfront and boasting award-winning architecture, El Gouna is spread across a myriad of islands interlinked by beautiful lagoons. Located just 22km from Hurghada International Airport, the resort is only a short flight away from Europe's capitals and will become increasingly accessible following the introduction of GB Airways' scheduled flights between London Gatwick and Hurghada International on Thursdays and Saturdays from October 22, 2005.

The resort itself offers a variety of activities for guests to enjoy, including windsurfing, fishing, horse riding, go-carting, kite surfing, outings on El Gouna's yachts or glass-bottomed boats, tennis, squash and some of the world's best diving.

In addition, El Gouna is home to the

only professional water skiing centre in Egypt, a Fred Couples and Gene Bates-designed par 72, 18-hole USPGA golf course and a newly-opened Angsana spa.

Similar to the repertoire of activities available, El Gouna also provides a variety of accommodation to suit all needs and budgets.

El Gouna offers 14 hotels, ranging from intimate guest houses to five-star beach front resorts.

A number of the hotels additionally partake in a unique 'Dine Around El Gouna Program', available to guests staying on a half or full-board basis.

The scheme allows guests to eat in a variety of El Gouna's gourmet restaurants, enabling them to sample the many different types of cuisine available during their stay.

Kafr El Gouna is the downtown area where many of the restaurants and bars can be found.

Bustling during the day and night, Kafr El Gouna offers shopping arcades, bazaars, an art village, cafés, bars, pubs, discothèques and a casino.

Such a range of activity is echoed only by the Abu Tig Marina, which offers birthing facilities for 126 boats from all over the world, along with a variety of cafés, bars and shops and numerous

events such as the Friday Street Festival.

For those seeking a more relaxed holiday, El Gouna's virgin sandy beaches offer an excellent alternative.

The glorious beaches with clear turquoise waters range from deserted, secluded hideaways to more lively affairs with bars, entertainment and live music.

El Gouna is also perfect for family visitors, providing dive trips especially tailored to children, a nursery, kids' summer camps, an aquarium, museum and a fish and fowl farm.

Cultural Egypt, including the famous Egyptian sites, is also accessible from a base at El Gouna.

The resort's prime location allows guests to take advantage of a number of excursion opportunities available to them.

Such opportunities include a desert safari, encompassing a camel ride or watching the sunset and sunrise with the Bedouins and organised tours to the nearby pharaohs and Egyptian monuments of Luxor.

Luxor is accessible either by three-hour drive or can be enjoyed as a day trip following a short trip on Orascom Aviation's airplanes.

For further information on El Gouna, please visit [www.elgouna.com](http://www.elgouna.com)

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