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FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. A few words about the base. (where it is located, how long it has been in existence and in what months it operates)

The 2012 is the 19th year that Prasonisi Center has been operating. The base is located on Prasonisi beach on the island of Rhodes in Greece.

Prasonisi beach is famous for its excellent geographical location, for its strong and stable Maltemi wind and for unique coast line making it possible to sail in diametrically different conditions in two different seas; the Aegean and the Mediterranean. These factors make it one of the most attractive and phenomenal places in the world for windsurfing and kiteboarding both at beginner and advanced level.

Our school's team is made up of highly qualified instructors who are always willing to offer help and information on the beach and in the office.

Our base on Rhodes is open from 01.04.2012 to 31.10.2012. Our office operates throughout the year. During the winter months we are available by email: info@prasonisicenter.com

2. Range of the school's activities

Through our base, you can hire the latest equipment, learn to windsurf and also organise a comprehensive trip to Prasonisi. We organize individual and group training. You can also store your equipment with us.

The Prasonisi Center office also organises group and company trips. We have a lot of experience in organising incentive trips and training. We have organised these kinds of trips for IBM, 4fun.tv, Red Bull and Oracle.

3. What are the base's opening hours?

The base is open daily from 10.00 to 18.30 in June, July and August and from 10.00 to 18.00 in May, September and October.

4. What equipment does Prasonisi Center offer?

For the 2012 season we have 160 of the latest models of FANATIC and STARBOARD windsurfing boards and 280 sails from NORTH SAILS, also 2012 models. Sails are rigged on masts with 75% and 100% carbon content that are recommended by the producer (RDM and SDM models). For maximum convenience, all our boards and sails are located 10 metres from the water by our school's observation tower. This is a great convenience when using hired equipment and also when changing boards or sails.

5. How can be equipment be hired?

Equipment can be hired via email.

Only selected models of board can be reserved; sails can always be selected depending on the changing conditions. When reserving equipment, you can (and you should!) view it earlier on our website and send an enquiry with the selected dates and model or ask us to help you choose the right equipment.

In order to confirm your reservation, it is necessary to pay a deposit.

6. What are the conditions for changing equipment?

Equipment can be changed at any time but only for a model that at the given moment is not reserved for another customer. To change equipment, just ask the Prasonisi Center staff on the beach or in the office.

7. What happens if the board I hired gets damaged?

Insurance is included in the cost of hiring the board, so don't worry. You can find details of the insurance by going to the Insurance link.

We ask that you report any damage to equipment to Prasonisi Center staff either on the beach or in the office as soon as possible. The damaged equipment is put in for service and the school's employees will try to find the same board or as similar as possible during the repair period.

We also recommend that take out sports civil liability insurance before leaving for Rhodes.



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8. What does the offer Family - 1 couple 1 board mean?

This is the ideal package for people who spend their holiday as a couple and want to mix windsurfing with parental responsibilities; or maybe for people who only want to windsurf 2 or 3 hours a day. By reserving one board in the family package, two people have the chance to use it.

9. Do you offer any discounts?

Yes, we offer a 10% discount on equipment hired between the 2nd and the 31st of October. Please also check the News on our website where the current Last Minute offers are posted.

Guests of Prasonisi Club hotel can expect 5% discount for equipment hiring.

10. How early should I reserve equipment/training/hotel?

It is best to make your reservations as soon as you decide come and don't wait until the last moment. In the south of Rhodes where our school is situated, the hotel infrastructure is quite sparse, which means that there is a limited number of rooms to rent. In particular, the rooms located on Prasonisi beach are very popular and are reserved well in advance.

11. What is the best time to come in terms of the weather; i.e. that it will be warm and with good winds?

When choosing a time to come, we suggest:

- May

Advantages: good winds, the equipment is factory new „fresh out of the wrapping”, a lot of space in the water making sailing more comfortable, all the Greeks are a lot more energetic, very few regular tourists, the island is still green after the winter so it is very attractive, prices are good everywhere. It is an excellent time to organise a group or company trip. It is a good time to get some practice in before the season. May is often chosen by boarders who plan to come back in September.

Disadvantages: the water and the wind are still a bit cold so a shorty wetsuit is necessary or even a full suit on colder days. There are fewer social events and beach parties.

- June

Advantages: good strong warm winds and warm water and still not too many boarders in the water as well as regular tourists.

Disadvantages: none, it is an excellent month to come.

- July, August

Advantages: it is the height of the season so it is very loud, a good time for singles to come, there is a lot happening. Good winds of course.

Disadvantages: this period is not recommended for people who are looking for discounted prices

- September, October

Advantages: an excellent extension of the summer, excellent water and air temperature, beautiful sunrises. Good winds the whole time, although this is a bit more unpredictable in October. A lot of space in the water.

Disadvantages: The days are a bit shorter and the base is open an hour less (according to Greek law)

12. Should I bring a wetsuit at the beginning of May or is the water already warm?

It is worthwhile equipping yourself with a wetsuit at the beginning of the season because the water is not always warm yet. You can bring your own wetsuit or buy one in our shop at the base. We have a wide range of wetsuits, lycra, gloves, shoes and harness lines. Wetsuits are not heavy so we always recommend that you bring one with you even if you are coming at the height of the season in July and August.

13. Do you organise windsurfing training?

Yes, we organise windsurfing training. For each season, we employ highly qualified instructors.

We organise training for beginners and more advanced windsurfers both individually or in groups of 3 to 7 people (group training sessions are only for beginners)

It is best to reserve windsurfing sessions by email before you come.

Payment of a deposit is necessary in order to confirm a reservation.



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14. Do you organise camps for under 18s?

Yes. Fully supervised two-week camps for under 18s are organised in July and August. Please contact our office for details.

15. Can equipment be stored at your base?

Yes, we have a specially prepared area for storing private equipment that is safe and locked for the night. Included in the storage cost is the transfer of equipment from the airport to the base and back to the airport as well as water insurance.

16. Can I rent a room through the Prasonisi Center office?

Yes, Prasonisi Center also reserves hotel rooms in Prasonisi itself as well as Katavia 8 km away and in Gennadi 25 km from the beach. We also reserve private rooms in Katavia and Gennadi. You can find out about the latest offers with prices on our website on the Hotels tab. We are also able to rent houses by special order.

17. How can I reserve a room?

Reservations can be made by email. We shall first check the availability of the selected hotel and then make the reservation. Payment of a deposit is necessary in order to confirm a reservation.

18. Does the Prasonisi Center office book flights to Rhodes?

Yes, we book flights to Rhodes. Bookings can be made by email based on your travel plans. Payment of 100% of the ticket price is required to confirm the reservation.

19. Can I buy wetsuits, lycra, gloves etc. at Prasonisi Center?

In nearest "Zanetos Market" you can buy all you need!!

20. Are there any restaurants and shops on the beach?

Yes, there are two restaurants and two well stocked shops on the beach.

21. How much does it cost to eat on the beach?

Breakfast in a restaurant costs about 7 euro and is served as a buffet with hot dishes, bread, cheese, cold meats, fruit and drinks – tea/coffee and juices.

Lunch or dinner costs from 10 euro. In the restaurants there is a wide range of traditional Greek and European dishes. The dishes are served in generous portions.

The shops in Prasonisi are very well stocked and all necessary groceries can be bought – bread, cheese, cold meats, fruit, drinks and sweets.

22. Are there any campsites near the base?

There are no campsites nearby the base and pitching tents on the beach and the dunes is forbidden.