



FUN AND... SIMPLY UNFORGETTABLE!

Imagine how it feels to speed across the water powered by a sail in the sky; you're standing on a board, watching the kite above you, the waves ahead of you, and then you jump right in the air, not just a foot or two, but up to 30 feet. You hang in the air for a long moment and then you're down on the water again rushing across the sea. This is Kiteboarding, an action sport suitable for a wide variety of people.

Kiteboarding is taking the world by storm. A cross between windsurfing, wakeboarding and paragliding, riders harness the power of the wind with a large flying kite and use it to pull them across the water with their feet strapped to a small board.

If you are a confident swimmer with an average fitness level you can learn this sport, but be warned, once you learn, you will gradually spend less time at work and more time chasing the wind and waves. Its qualities include the need for only light wind (7-10 knots) to ride with, compact equipment that is easy to travel with, and the addictive nature of being free to go where you want using the power of the wind.

The sport is easier to learn than it looks, and 90% of Kiteboarding actually involves flying the kite competently. You don't have to be a muscle builder to learn this sport. While strength helps, once you have mastered flying the kite, it becomes easier. It is technique, and not strength that makes a good Kite Boarder. It also explains why women tend to learn the sport better than men. Women are inclined to work with the kite rather than trying to overpower it and beat it into submission. Kiteboarding can be dangerous, and thus it is highly recommended to learn the sport at an IKO certified Kiteboarding Centre where they teach you to become a safe and independent Kite Boarder. Kiteboarding Asia (KBA) is the only IKO certified school centre in Thailand. They also use only certified IKO instructors and

also have 2 mil euro insurance. KBA warns to be aware of imitations.

KBA's 7 IKO certified Kiteboarding centres are the biggest in Asia, as well as the only IKO certified centre in Thailand. Located in Koh Samui, Hua Hin, Phangan, Chumpon, Phuket and Pattaya, Kiteboarding Asia boasts many locations operating all year around. They have searched throughout Thailand to find the best locations for the beginner and intermediate rider, and believe they have found 7 of the best spots in Asia for learning to Kite Board. They offer courses for the beginner up to advanced riders, and stock the largest range of Kiteboarding equipment in Asia.

Not everywhere on Koh Samui is suitable for such a sport, KBA has found the perfect place to learn, a shallow sandy bay with an outlying reef which protects the inner bay and keeps the water flat like glass.

"Samui is a Kiteboarding Location that has been sent to us from the gods," says Raam, who runs the location in Koh Samui. "We receive south and south-westerly to north-westerly winds ranging from 8 to 20 knot range, perfect for beginners and intermediates." Situated right on the beach, Kiteboarding Asia, the only IKO qualified centre on Samui with international recognition is run out of a spacious office and training centre, which includes a shop, an equipment show room, equipment to test before you buy, rental, and second hand equipment sales. They have the largest 2009 and 2010 selection of Cabrinha, Airush, Naish, Best, Ozone and North Kite gear in stock, with the best prices in the world guaranteed.

PLEASE BE AWARE FROM IMITATIONS OR UNCERTIFIED PLACES TO LEARN TO KITESURF!!!

Kiteboarding Asia, please contact Raam at: 08 1591 4592 for conditions and locations. Visit the official KBA website at www.kiteboardingasia.com

WHAT TO DO!

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