

PORT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF PORT: **Sharm El-Sheikh**

Phonetic pronunciation: **Sharm El Sheikh**

Is this port city the same as the Cruise Line's advertised destination? Yes No

Please provide a brief OPERATIONAL port description (approximately 50 words)

Sharm el-Sheikh port is 380 kilometers south of Suez Governorate, 156 miles from Suez port and 490 kilometers from Cairo. It is located on top of the triangle of Sinai Peninsula, at the confluence of Suez and Aqaba Gulfs in South Sinai Governorate.

PORT SPECIFICS:

Actual Name of Port (i.e. what a guest would tell a taxi driver): **Meena Sharm El Sheikh**

Do ships dock or anchor? **Offers dock or anchor**

Is this port convenient for Turnarounds? Yes No

Is there a covered and secure luggage holding area? Yes No

Is this primarily a passenger or container port? **Passenger**

If docking, are there preferred berths? Yes No

If anchoring, are there preferred tender landings? Yes No

Is there a terminal building? Yes No

Does the local Tourist Board provide services at the port? Yes No

Can we provide personnel for onboard tourism information? Yes No

DISTANCES (please use kilometers throughout the form)

Port to City Center: **4 kilometers to Old Sharm and 10 kilometers to Na'ama Bay**

Gangway to coaches (tour or shuttle): **at the quayside**

Gangway to port entrance or terminal: **500 meters to the Port Entrance and 20 meters to the terminal**

Is it walking distance from the pier to City Center? Yes No

PIER FACILITIES

Are phones available on the pier? Yes No

If so, are phone cards needed? Yes No

Can phone cards be purchased on the pier? Yes No

Is Internet service available on the pier? Yes No

Are there any issues on the pier that affect wheelchairs? **NO**

TOUR DISPATCH

Generally speaking, is this an easy or challenging port for tour dispatch? **It is easy for tour dispatch.**

Is there space for the coaches to line up efficiently, or must they be called in small numbers by radio from the port gate/holding area? **Yes, coaches can line up at the quayside efficiently.**

How do guests reach the coaches? **Walk across pier**

What is the approximate walking distance to coaches? **3 minutes to the buses at the quayside**

TRANSPORT

SHUTTLES

- Is shuttle service required? Yes No
- Are complimentary shuttles provided by the port? Yes No
- Does the port require shuttling guests to the terminal / port entrance? Yes No
- Can we supply shuttle service on request? Yes No
- Are complimentary shuttles offered by local businesses? Yes No
- Does the port provide dedicated crew shuttles? Yes No
- Do local businesses provide dedicated crew shuttles? Yes No
- What is the recommended shuttle drop-off point? **Na'ama Bay or Old Sharm**
- What is the distance from port to drop-off? **4 km to Old Sharm - 10 km to Na'ama Bay**
- In normal traffic conditions, what is the drive time from port to drop-off? **5 meters to old Sharm and 10 minutes to Na'ama Bay**
- Are there times of day, based on traffic patterns, when shuttle operation is not recommended? **No**
- Is an escort recommended at the shuttle drop? (e.g. difficult to find, problem with pickpockets, etc.) **Yes, because drivers do not speak English and won't be able to communicate with the passengers regarding the areas to visit, distances, the timing and any information that can be helpful for the passengers.**
- In this region, are public restrooms common? Yes No

TAXIS

- Are taxis normally readily available at the port? Yes No
- Must taxis wait at a port gate or terminal building, or can they drive directly to the pier? **If the Taxis don't have entrance permission from the Port Authority, they will have to wait at the Port Gate.**
- Are taxis allowed to post Half-Day & Full-Day rates on the pier? (e.g. sandwich boards) Yes No
- Are most of the taxis good quality cars? Yes No
- What is the hourly rate? **Taxis are not metered, therefore it is always recommended to deal with the Taxi driver regarding the charge for the pre-designated route before boarding. Also please note that Taxi Drivers do not speak English well.**
- What is the taxi rate from the pier to City Center? **10\$**
- Are multiple currencies accepted? Yes No
- Credit cards? Yes No
- Would the taxi usually use the meter for cruise guests? Yes No
- Are there unofficial taxis of which the guests should be made aware? Yes No

PRIVATE CARS

- Must private cars wait at a port gate or terminal building, or can they drive directly to the pier/gangway? **If private cars don't have entrance permission from the Port Authority, they will wait at the Port gate.**
- Are late model cars, limos & vans available in this port (Mercedes/Volvo, or basically taxi)? **Yes, Mercedes and taxis.**
- Do the majority of drivers have the language skills to act as guides, or is it recommended to hire both driver AND guide? **Taxi drivers do not speak English well, and in Egypt there is no Driver/Guide service. Therefore it is recommended to hire driver and guide.**

PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS

- Are helicopters, water taxis and/or private planes on or near the pier to take guests to airports, points of interest? If so, please describe: **N/A**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Please describe any ferry, bus or train service that would be of interest to cruise guests, including distance from the pier and destination: **No**
- Are there any serious safety or health concerns about using public transportation in this port? If so, please detail: **Not recommended as it is for locals' use.**

DESTINATION DETAILS

Please provide a DESTINATION description that would be useful for marketing purposes. (approximately 100 words)

Situated between the Red Sea's Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba, the Sinai Desert forms the Peninsula that joins Africa to Asia. At its tip lies Sharm el-Sheikh, a Mecca for divers and sun-worshippers alike. Its location on the Red Sea, called by conservationists and scientists one of the seven wonders of the world, and year round sun make Sharm the perfect holiday destination. Sharm el-Sheikh is one of the most accessible and developed tourist resort communities on the Sinai peninsula. All around are Bedouins, colorful tents, mountains and sea. There are small, intimate hotels with modern designs, larger hotel complexes belonging to international chains, plus practically every amenity one could expect of a tourist center, including casinos, discos and nightclubs, golf courses and health facilities.

Na'ama Beach is one of the centers of tourist activities. Located just north of Sharm, this area is developing into a resort town of its own. Most hotels at Na'ama Bay have their own private beaches, with comfortable amenities such as chairs, shades and even bars. Na'ama Bay has various shops from which guests can purchase foreign and local products like jewelry, leather goods, clothing, pottery and books.

The small harbor known as Sharm el-Moiya, located next to the civil harbor, has accommodations for boats, and includes a Yacht Club with rooms.

Sharm also offers among the world's greatest reef dives, at Shark Reef and Yolanda Reef located in the Ras Mohammed National Park. Only a short boat trip away, the Strait of Tiran is strewn with exciting dive sites that promise an extraordinary glimpse of turtles, sharks, pelagic fish and wrecks. A few hours from the coast of Sharm the world famous World War Two wreck, the Thistlegorm, waits to reveal its treasures to the curious diver.

Approximately one hour from Sharm is one of the most spectacular sites in the Sinai - St. Catherine's Monastery. St. Catherine's Monastery, at the foot of Mount Sinai, is said to be where Moses encountered the burning bush. Many people enjoy climbing Mount Sinai to see a spectacular sunrise and end the journey with a visit to the Monastery. The Monastery dates back to the sixth century and houses numerous works of art. St. Catherine's collection of illuminated manuscripts is the second largest after the Vatican's.

Sharm's entertainment industry is growing rapidly and has been host to several international entertainers as well as DJ's in the last year, putting Sharm on the map as an entertainment destination. Along with casinos and shows, a wide variety of music can be found in the many bars, clubs or outside patios. Desert concerts and parties are a fabulous way to experience the beauty of Sinai and have recently become a draw for many tourists.

As one of the leading resort towns of the Red Sea, Sharm el-Sheikh has something for everyone. Only a few hours from Europe, Sharm el-Sheikh is the ultimate vacation destination.

CURRENCY

What is the local currency? **Egyptian Pound**

- Are US Dollars accepted? Yes No
- Are GBP accepted? Yes No
- Are Euros accepted? Yes No
- Are there exchange facilities on the pier? Yes No
- Are credit cards readily accepted? Yes No

TELEPHONE

Country Code: **002**

City Codes:	City Name	Code
	Sharm el-Sheikh	069

VISA INFORMATION

Do any nationalities require visas to enter this port? Yes No

If so, please list: **All North American, Canadians, Europeans and Australian nationalities can get a quick trip stamp on the Ship upon arrival at the port.**

West & South Africans, South Americans and Russians, should get pre-entry visas.

These are the current published regulations and they are subject to change at any time.

Are ship blanket visas available for this port? Yes No

MONTHLY TEMPERATURES

Average monthly temperatures for each month of the year:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Degrees Centigrade	24	25	26	31	35	37	40	42	38	32	26	26
Degrees Fahrenheit	75	77	79	88	95	99	104	108	100	90	79	79

IMPORTANT HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

2007 dates, events and possible effect of a ship call

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Effect on ship call</i>
7 January	Coptic Christmas Day	No
20 January	Islamic New Year	No
31 March	Birth of prophet Mohamed	No
8 Apr	Coptic Easter	No
25 April	Sinai Liberation Day	No
1 May	Labor Day	No
23 July	Revolution Day	No
13 September	First Day of Ramadan	No
6 October	Armed Forces Day	No
13-15 October	Bairam Feast (end of Ramadan)	No
20-23 December	Grand Feast	No

IMPORTANT SERVICES

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hours of Operation</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
Airport	Sharm el-Sheikh		20 km
Churches			
Catholic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Synagogue	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mosque	El Sallam	During Prayers time (5 times a day: 5:00am, 12:00noon, 3:00pm, 5:30pm & 7:00pm)	10 km
Protestant	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nearest Banks/ATM	CIB	08:00-14:00	10 km
Post Office			
Internet Services	At the Na'ama Bay Hotels	24 hours	10 km

ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Top cultural and historic points of interest:

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
1	Camel Safari at the Desert	
2	Snorkeling at Ras Mohamed	22 km
3	Glass bottom boat	10 km
4	St. Catherine Monastery	250 km

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hours of Operation</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
GOLF	Movenpick Golf	Daylight	12 km
SWIMMING BEACH - 1	Trazzina Beach	9:00am - 17:00	4 km
Chair rental?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Changing facilities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other fees, if applicable	Day Use fees include entrance at the hotel, the use of the swimming pool and the beach facilities, with an option to have a room at the hotel for the day use with extra fees.		
SWIMMING BEACH - 2	Public Beach	09:00 - 17:00	6 km
Chair rental?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Changing facilities?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Other fees, if applicable	Day Use fees include entrance at the hotel, the use of the swimming pool and the beach facilities, with an option to have a room at the hotel for the day use with extra fees.		
Nearest bicycle rental	Na'ama Bay	10:00-22:00	07 km
Nearest scooter/moped rental	Na'ama Bay	10:00-22:00	07 km

HOTELS, RESORTS & SPAS

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
two 5-star hotels	Four Seasons	30 km
	Ritz Carlton	10 km
two moderate hotels	Iberotel Palace	5 km
	Dreams Beach Resort	10 km
one 5-star resort/spa	Four Seasons	30 km
one moderate resort/spa	Dreams Beach Resort	10 km

SHOPPING

Please specify the days of the week and/or time of day that shops are closed: **Shops are opened during Weekdays from 10:00am to 8:00pm, except for Sundays when some of the shops are closed.**

Are there any genuinely unique items for purchase in this region? (e.g. pearls, tanzanite, woolens, olives, etc.) **Brass and copper, Arabic & Pharaonic souvenirs, silver and gold jewelry, papyrus.**

Can personal shoppers be booked through us? Yes No

Are there any unique and colorful bazaars or food markets in the regions? If so, please give name, location and proximity to the port: **The Shops located at Na'ama Bay.**

DINING

Three (3) recommended restaurants:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
Little Buddah - Far Eastern Cuisine	7 km
Abu El Sied - Oriental local food	10 km
Red Sea - Seafood	4 km

Please list any local food specialties:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR PERTINENT INFORMATION

ST. CATHERINE MONASTERY IS CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

January 6th, 18th and 19th
February 19th, 20th and 21st
April 5th, 6th, and 9th
May 17th and 28th
July 12th
August 28th
September 27th
November 14th
December 7th and 8th

**** The Monastery can be closed or working for reduced hours on other dates that are decided by the Monastery fathers without prior notice.**