

BAHRAIN SHIPPING AGENTS ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL MEETING – 19 TO 22 OCT 2022

**WELCOME FONASBA  
TO KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**



# KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

Strategically located to be the natural gateway to the Gulf



Due to its strategic location, Bahrain is the natural gateway to the Gulf. Saudi Arabia lies to its west and is connected to Bahrain by the King Fahd causeway, a 25km long bridge. Bahrain's transport links are so versatile that you can reach every country in the GCC conveniently by road, air or sea.







# ANCIENT BAHRAIN

An Island Nation with A Proud Heritage of 5000 Years of Maritime Trade



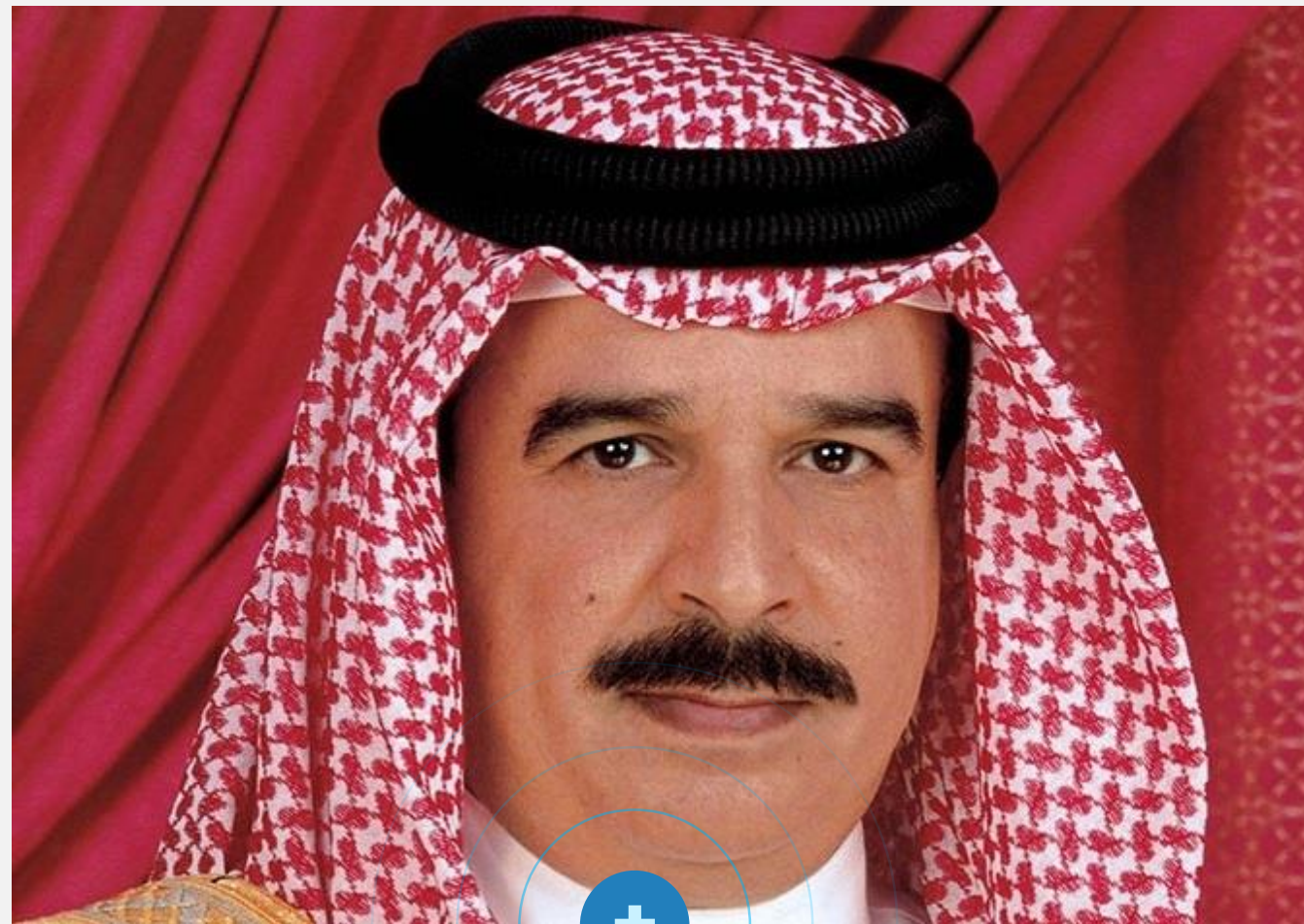
Bahrain has been at the center of major trade routes since antiquity. The history of Bahrain has been traced back 5,000 years to Sumerian times. Known as Dilmun, Bahrain was a thriving trade center around 2000 BC. Bahrain pearls were amongst the rarest in the world.







# THE GOVERNMENT



H.M. King Hamad bin Essa Al-Khalifa

Head of State: The King



H.H Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

Head of Government

*The Prime Minister*



H.H. Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa

Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister

**Capital :** Manama.

**Population:** 1.5 million.

**Total Land Area:** 711 sq km (274 sq mi).

**Climate:** Hot summers and pleasant winters

**Time Difference:** GMT + 3

**Currency:** Bahraini Dinar (BHD)

Exchange Rate (U\$ 1.00) = Bahraini Dinar  
0.3775

**Language:** The official language of Bahrain is Arabic, but English language is widely spoken.

**Main Industries:** Petroleum processing and refining, Aluminium Smelting, Iron palletization, Fertilizers, Banking, Insurance, Ship repairing, Tourism, etc.



# CHAIRMAN'S INVITATION

Bahrain Shipping Agents Association (BSAA)



**Balaji Ardhanari**

CHAIRMAN, BAHRAIN SHIPPING AGENTS ASSOCIATION

On behalf of BSAA and the entire shipping fraternity I take immense pleasure in welcoming each and every one of FONASBA's members to Bahrain.

It's an honour to host FONASBA's 53<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING event in Bahrain and we are committed to making this event a grand success for all of us. Our primary aim is to extend FONASBA's reach far and beyond and we hope we will be able to achieve this with the support of FONASBA. I hope FONASBA and every delegate will benefit as always from the meetings and workshops and networking opportunities scheduled ahead. Let me also take this opportunity to welcome all the partners and delegates as well to enjoy a truly Bahraini hospitality.

We look forward to welcoming you all in 2022 to enjoy a truly unforgettable Bahraini hospitality.



# Major Airlines to Bahrain



Gulf Air from **Bahrain** operates to 50+ destinations in 28 countries worldwide



From **London**



From **Dubai**



From **Amsterdam**



From **Frankfurt**



From **New Delhi**



From **Hong Kong**



From **Istanbul**



From **Amman**



From **Muscat**



From **Abu Dhabi**



From **Jeddah**



From **Cairo**



From **Kuwait**



From **Addis Ababa**



From **Colombo**

Gulf Air is the flag carrier of Bahrain



# Main Attractions & Still More

Bahrain, a favourite tourist destination, receives more than two million tourists a year



## Bahrain Fort

A Historical Landmark of  
Dilmun Civilization



## National Museum

Showcases Bahrain's  
Fascinating Story



## Grand Mosque

One of the largest Mosques  
open to non-Muslims



## Camel Farm

Visit 100s of Camels  
and Enjoy A Camel Ride



## House of Qur'an

Ancient Manuscripts of  
the Holy Quran





# SUGGESTED HOTEL FOR STAY

## ART ROTANA BEACH RESORT & SPA, AMWAJ ISLANDS

Located at Amwaj Islands, a group of man-made islands, ART Rotana is surrounded by the crystal clear blue waters of the Arabian Gulf. Bahrain International Airport is a 15 minute drive from the hotel and Manama city center is just 20 minutes away. Amwaj Island is one of the best-rated locations in Manama!

5★★★★★  
Star Rating



Art Rotana at Amwaj Island is a great location for both business and family events.





# VISA INFORMATION



## eVisas

**113 Countries** are eligible to apply for eVisas.



## On Arrival Visa

**66 countries** are eligible to apply for visas on-arrival.



## Not eligible for eVisa, Don't Worry

If you do not meet the criteria for a Visit eVisa, you may still be eligible for a visa.



Almost all delegates will require a visa to visit Bahrain. Early application is recommended.  
BSAA can provide booking assistance with the visa application.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.evisa.gov.bh/VisaBhrnats.html>



# EXECUTIVE BOARD

## Bahrain Shipping Agents Association (BSAA)

Having been in existence since the early 90's, the Bahrain Shipping Agents Association was officially registered in February 2016 and recognized by the "Ministry of Labour and Social Development" in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



**Balaji Ardhanari**  
Chairman



**Shahrom Falati**  
Vice-chairman



**Anoop Kumar**  
Financial Secretary



**Biswas Narayanan**  
Board Secretary



**Ajith Desapriya**  
Board Member



# WHY FONASBA IN BAHRAIN?

## 1. Expand FONASBA's reach to the Gulf Countries

Due to Bahrain's strategic location, it will be a great opportunity for FONASBA to expand its reach to the Gulf region. We can invite our neighbouring countries, that include two oil giants Saudi Arabia & Kuwait, and other Gulf States to participate in the meeting.

## 2. BSAA along with the Government supports the event

The government of Bahrain is very keen to welcome FONSBA and BSAA has the full support from the Ministry of Transportation & Telecommunications, who are the maritime regulators and licensing authority.

## 3. Experience the most Tolerant, Multi-faith & Business-friendly Country in the Gulf

Bahrain is business-friendly and welcoming. The culture here boasts a multi-faith society that sees Buddhist temples, Christian churches, Jewish synagogues and Muslim mosques sitting side-by-side for years.

Bahrain is  
strategically  
positioned between  
world's two oil giants,  
Saudi Arabia  
& Kuwait.

Saudi Arabia



Kuwait





And it is a heartfelt invitation to enjoy our hospitality in Bahrain.

Thank you.



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