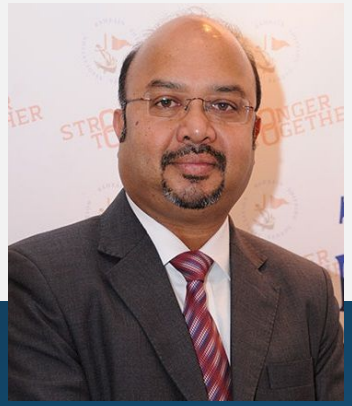
FONASBA ANNUAL MEETING - 2023

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

About BSAA

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

BSAA EXECUTIVE **BOARD**



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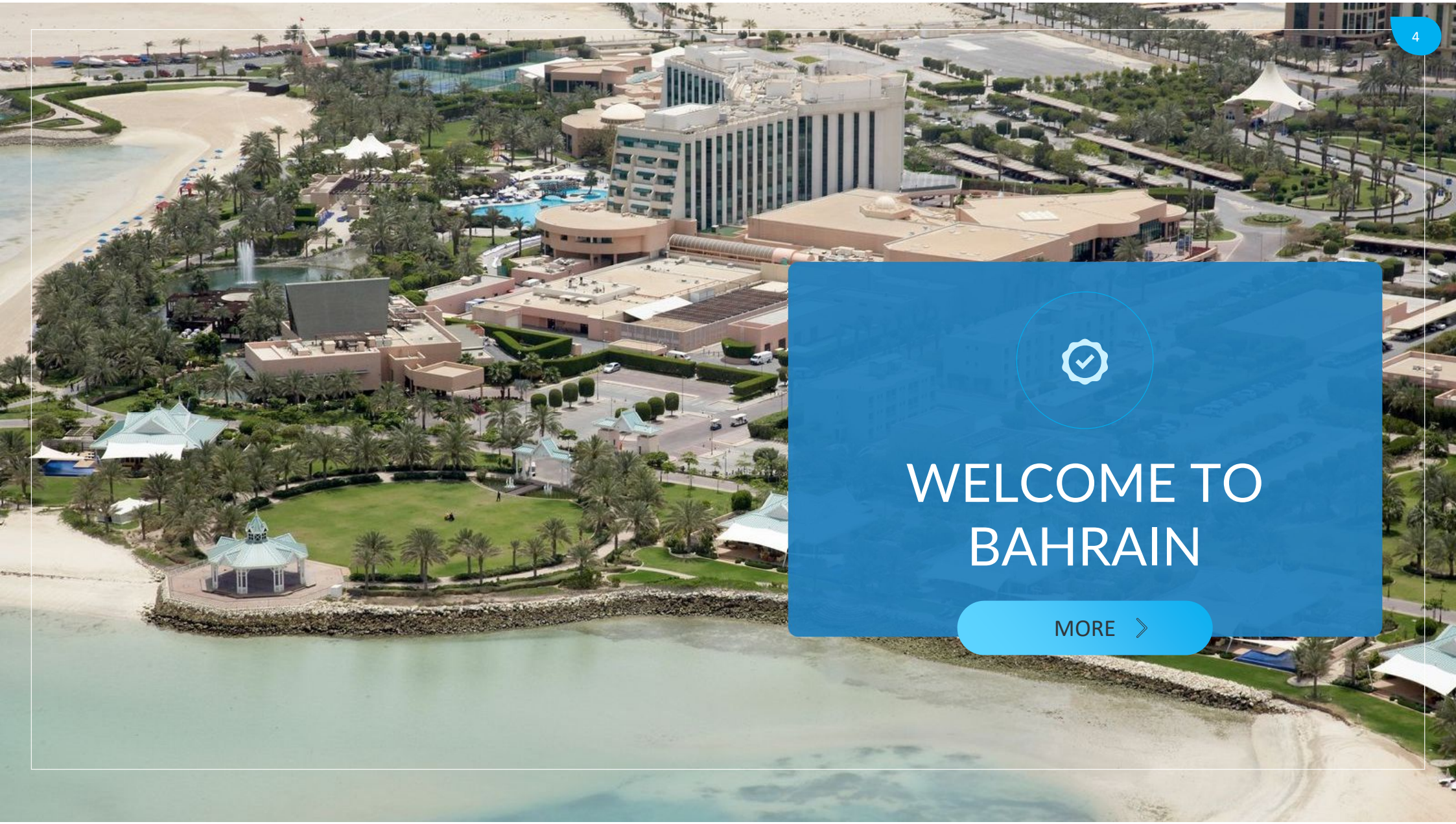


WELCOME TO BAHRAIN

MORE

ANCIENT BAHRAIN

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

- 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.

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

Bahrain is an archipelago of 33 islands

- Bahrain is an archipelago of 33 islands is famous for its thriving economy and rich history.
- Bahrain blends ancient and modern in all aspects and is one of the main tourist destinations in the Gulf.

BAHRAIN'S STRATEGIC LOCATION

Bahrain is the natural gateway to the Gulf. A growing GCC market of 36mn consumers, 1.5tn market, is easily accessible through Bahrain's logistics channels.

THE GOVERNMENT

H.M. King Hamad bin Essa Al-Khalifa

The King of Bahrain

H.H. Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa

Crown Prince and Prime Minister

Capital : Manama.
Population: 1.4 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.

MODERN & DEVELOPED FACILITIES

HIGHLY DEVELOPED ROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

CONNECTING FASTER TO THE REGION

BUSINESS FRIENDLY & WELCOMING

A LAND WITH RICH HISTORY

Al Khamis Mosque

692 AD

Khamis Mosque is one of the oldest mosques in the Arab world, founded during the era of the **Umayyad caliph Umar II** (7th Century).

Bahrain Fort

2300 BC - 16th Century AD

Archaeological findings testifies Bahrain Fort had **continuous human presence** from about 2300 BC to the 16th century AD, by the time the fort was abandoned.

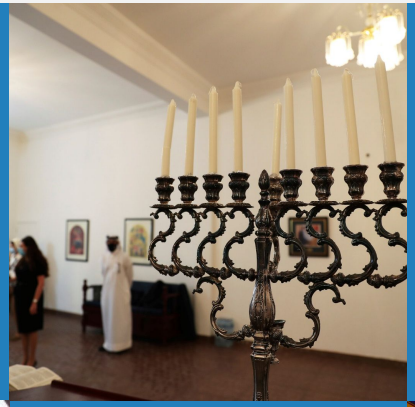
Arad Fort

15th Century

The Fort, **built in typical Islamic style**, believed to be guarding a marine channel to prevent ships from breaking through to the island.

TOLERANT & MULTI-FAITH SOCIETY

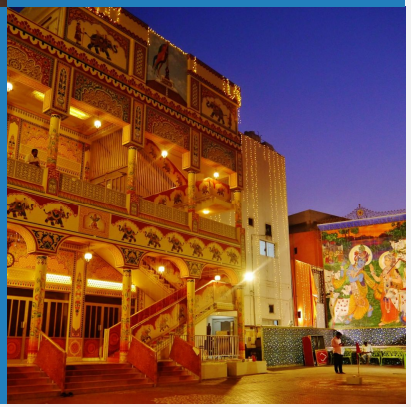
Al-Fateh Mosque, one of the largest mosques in the world, can accommodate 7,000 worshippers at a time.

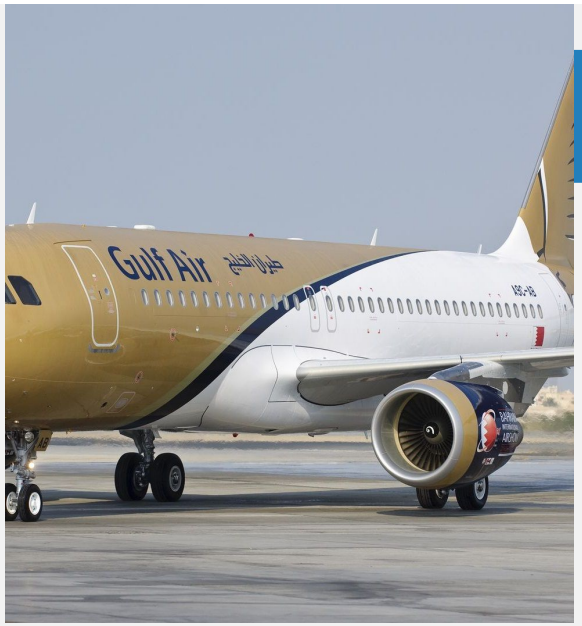


One of the only Arab countries in the Gulf having a Jewish community and a synagogue.

Built in 1940, the first catholic Church in the Arabian Gulf.

The Hindu Temple in Manama was established in the year 1817.





BAHRAIN **FIRST**

FIRST AIRPORT IN THE ARABIAN GULF

Established in 1927 as the first airport in the Arabian Gulf, Bahrain International Airport (BIA) has been a significant aviation hub in the region.

FIRST OIL WELL IN ARABIA

In 1932 Oil Well No. 1 was drilled in Bahrain leading to the first discovery of oil in Arabia.

GULF AIR - THE FIRST COMMERCIAL AIRLINES

Gulf Air, the National Carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain commenced operations in 1950, becoming one of the first commercial airlines established in the Middle East.

FIRST FORMAL EDUCATION STARTED IN BAHRAIN

It was in Bahrain that formal education started in the Gulf States with a girl's school in 1899.

FIRST CIVILIZATION IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

Bahrain was the capital of Dilmun – the first civilization in the Arabian peninsula dates back to 5,000 years ago.

BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Most international carriers have Bahrain on their schedules.

Bahrain International Airport (the only commercial airport) is on Muharraq Island, 12km from the centre of Manama, the capital city. The local airline, **Gulf Air,** is very well connected across the world.

The airport has recently undergone a $1.1 billion expansion which launched on the 28th January 2021, boosting the airport's capacity to 14 million passengers annually.

Gulf Air is the flag carrier of Bahrain

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**

HOTELS & RESORTS

The Kingdom has a wide variety of hotels & resorts throughout all the areas in the country, with no end to the hospitality they provide.

**All the big names are here,
with each vying to outdo
the rest for facilities and comfort.**

MOVING AROUND

Considering its small size, well-developed road network and transportation facilities, getting around Bahrain is very easy by taxi or private transport.

Taxis can be easily hailed along the streets in Bahrain and are a comfortable way to get around. The use of meters is mandatory in Bahrain. Bahrain is also Uber-friendly.

Bahrain does also have public (red) bus service, but a better option is through taxi or private transport.

BAHRAIN SHIPPING AGENTS ASSOCIATION

FONASBA

FONASBA BAHRAIN

OCTOBER 16 – 19, 2023

THE **GOVERNMENT** WELCOMES FONASBA

HE Mr. Yousif Isa Bubshait
Assistant Undersecretary,
Maritime Affairs.

Hello FONASBA
It gives us great pleasure to welcome FONASBA to Bahrain in October 2023. We are proud to have a strong shipping community in Bahrain. I am confident that you will feel the warmth of Bahrain's hospitality.

HE Mr. Bader Hood Al Mahmood
Assistant Undersecretary,
Ports Affairs.

Marhaba
We welcome FONASBA to Bahrain in October 2023 and we are sure that you will feel the warm and business-friendly Bahrain. BSAA has all our support to make this event a truly memorable one.

VENUE & HOTEL FOR STAY

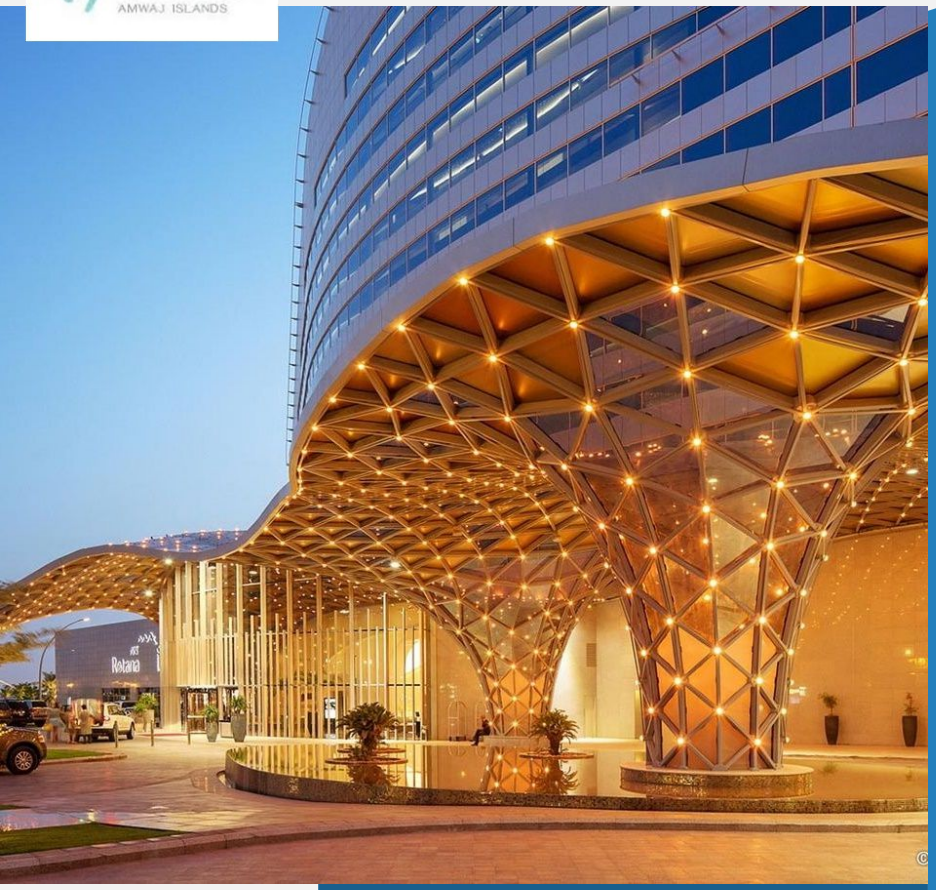
5★★★★★ Star Rating

ART HOTEL, AMWAJ ISLANDS.

Located at Amwaj Islands, a group of man-made islands, ART Hotel is surrounded by the crystal clear blue waters of the Arabian Gulf.

Bahrain International Airport is a 15 minute drive from the hotel.
The Capital City Manama is just 20 minutes away.

THE Art HOTEL & RESORT
AMWAJ ISLANDS



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The Art Hotel

& Resort

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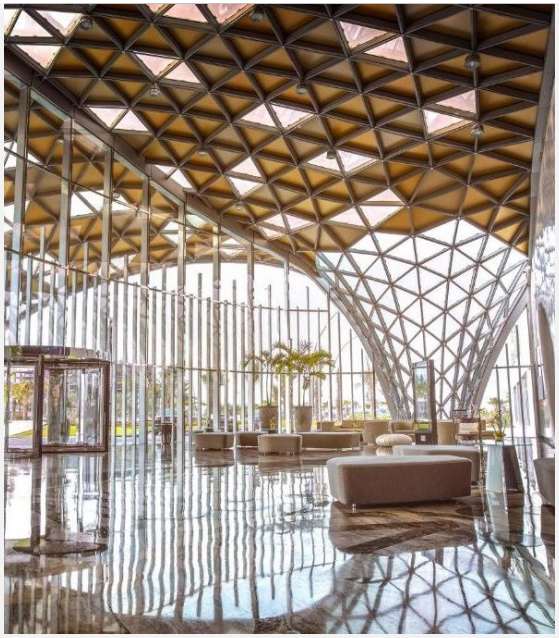
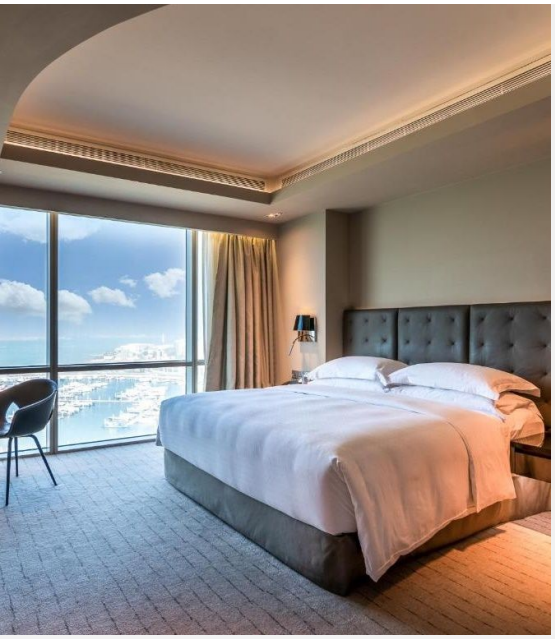
Feel Arabian Hospitality

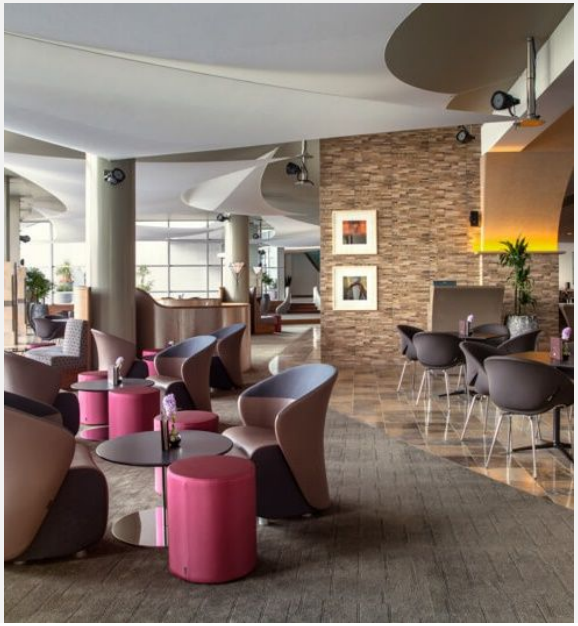
A variety of **restaurants** is available offering a wide range of cuisines.

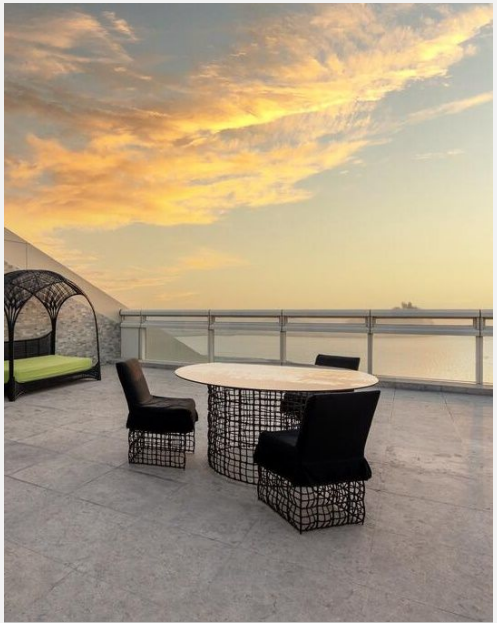




Relax & Stay

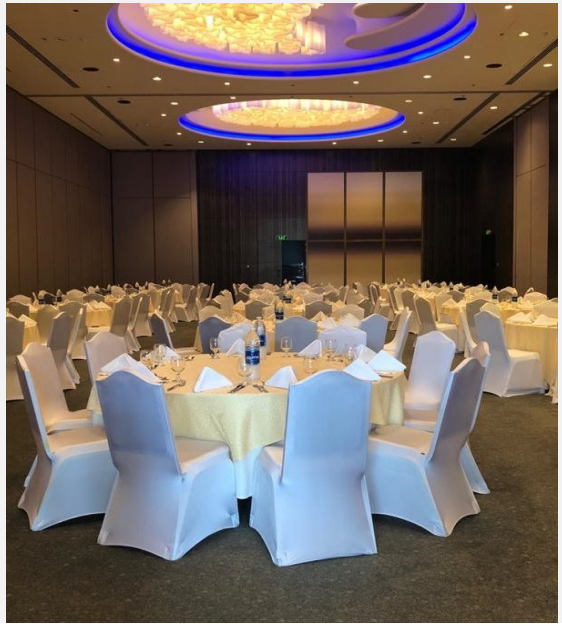
The air-conditioned **accommodations** provides guests with stunning panoramic scenic views.

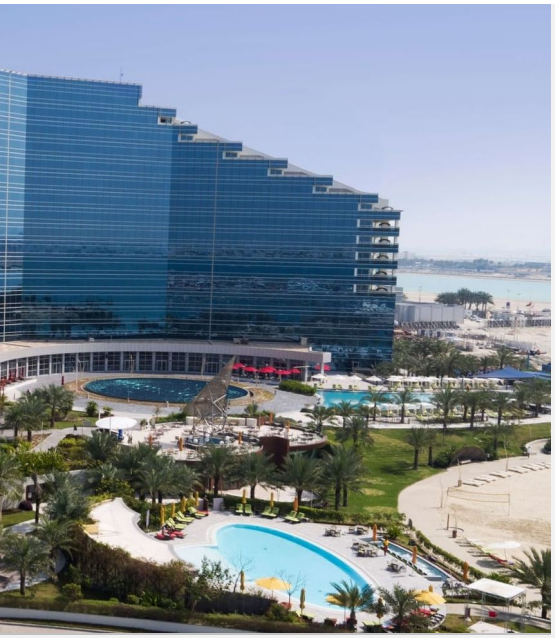


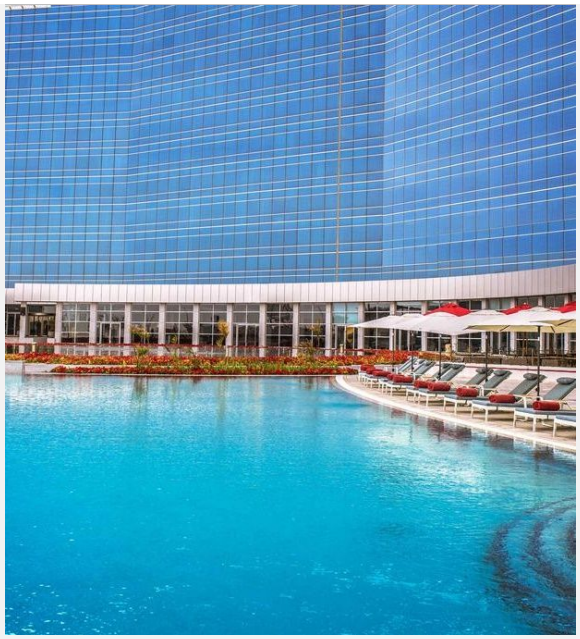


Meetings & Events

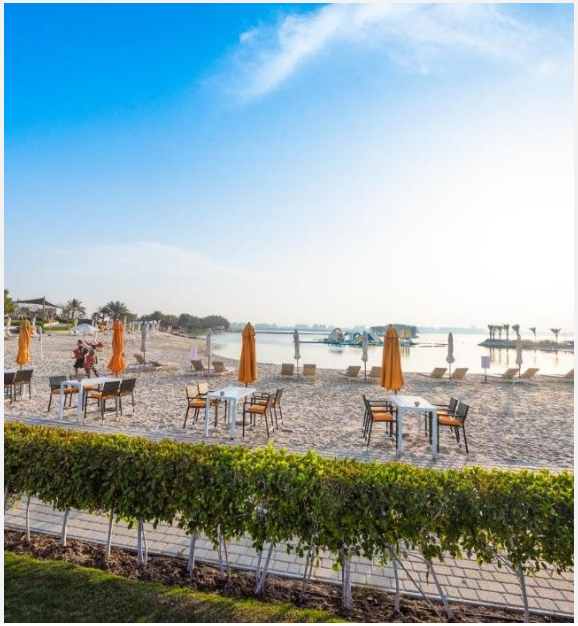
Venues are customised to the requirements.







Private Beach
Luxury Pools
Water Park



Preferred Dates: 16 – 19 October 2023

October 2023						
Su	**Mo**	**Tu**	**We**	**Th**	**Fr**	**Sa**
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Temperature in Bahrain comes down in October and ranges between 34°C (93.2°F) high and 25°C (77°F) low, which is making it an ideal time considering extremely hot summer (Jun – Sep) and (mild) winter in Bahrain (Dec – Mar).

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Mo	Tu	We	Th
16	17	18	19

DAY – 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

DELEGATE

Time	Programme
08:00 – 13:00	Registration/information Desk
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Address by *His Excellency Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications*
09:30 – 13:00	ECASBA Plenary Meeting, (Including Coffee Break)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:30	C&D Plenary Meeting, Discussions, etc. (Including a Coffee Break)
17: 30 – 18:30	Range Committees

PARTNER

Time	Programme
Al Dar Island Trip with BBQ lunch.	
10:00 – 10:40	Drive to Sitra Jetty
11:00 – 11:10	Boat Transfer to Al Dar Island
11:10 – 15:00	Visit Al Dar Island & BBQ Lunch
15:00 – 15:10	Boat Transfer back to Sitra Jetty
15: 10 – 15:50	Drive Back to Hotel

Social Programme: Welcome Reception

Welcome reception with dinner at **Art Hotel, Amwaj Islands.**

Mo	Tu	We	Th
16	17	18	19

DAY – 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

DELEGATE

Time	Programme
09:00 – 13:00	Liner & Port Agency Plenary Meeting (including a Coffee Break)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Liner & Port Agency Plenary Discussion Panel (Including a Coffee Break)

PARTNER

Time	Programme
Free Day to enjoy and explore.	

Social Programme: Dinner at an outside venue

The group will be transferred to **Pool Delights Restaurant** for dinner.
After the dinner return transfer back to Art Hotel.

DAY – 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Mo	Tu	We	Th
16	17	18	19

DELEGATE

Time	Programme
09:00 – 13:00	Local Seminar, Association Best Practices Plenary (including a Coffee Break)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Council Meeting (Including a Coffee Break)

PARTNER

Time	Programme
Partners can opt for either one of the tours below and will be taken according to their options: Option 1. Spa Treatment with Lunch or Option 2. Land Rover Experience and Bahrain Circuit Tour with Lunch (09:00 to 15:00)	

Social Programme: Gala Dinner Evening transfers for **Gala Dinner** and return transfer after the dinner.

Mo	Tu	We	Th
16	17	18	19

DAY – 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Optional Excursion 'Bahrain Delights"

DELEGATE	PARTNER
Time	
09:00 – 10:30	Departure by luxury air-conditioned bus from Hotel & visit Bahrain National Museum
10:45 – 12:30	Manama Souq & photo stop at Twin Towers
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Bahrain Fort (UNESCO World Heritage)
16:15 – 16:45	Royal Camel Farm
17:15 – 17:45	King Fahad Causeway
17:45 – 18:30	Drive back to Hotel

Mo	Tu	We	Th
16	17	18	19

Time Table (Indicative)

↓TIME / VENUE →	MONDAY 16/10/2023 @ ART HOTEL		TUESDAY 17/10/2023 @ ART HOTEL		WEDNESDAY 18/10/2023 @ ART HOTEL	
	DELEGATE	PARTNER	DELEGATE	PARTNER	DELEGATE	PARTNER
09:00 - 09:30	Welcome Address by *His Excellency Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications*	Al Dar Island Trip with BBQ Lunch.	Liner & Port Agency Plenary Meeting	Free day to Enjoy and Explore!	Local Seminar	Option 1. Spa Treatment with Lunch or Option 2. Land Rover Experience with lunch
09:30 - 11:00	ECASBA Plenary Meeting					
11:00 - 11:30	*Coffee break*		*Coffee break*		*Coffee break*	
11:30 - 13:00	ECASBA Plenary Meeting		Liner & Port Agency Plenary Meeting		Association Best Practices Plenary	
13:00 - 14:00	*Lunch*		*Lunch*		*Lunch*	
14:00 - 15:30	C&D Plenary Meeting,		Liner & Port Agency Plenary Discussion Panel		Council Meeting	
15:30 - 16:00	*Coffee break*		*Coffee break*		*Coffee break*	
16:00 - 17:30	*C&D Plenary Meeting, Discussions*		Liner & Port Agency Plenary Discussion Panel		Council Meeting	
17:30 - 18:30	Range Committee Meetings					
18:30 - 19:00	*Open*		*Depart for the Dinner at Reef Island*		*Depart for the Gala Dinner*	
19:00 - 21:00	Welcome Reception		Dinner at Pool Delights		Gala Dinner	
21:00 - 00:00						

PARTNER PROGRAMME

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

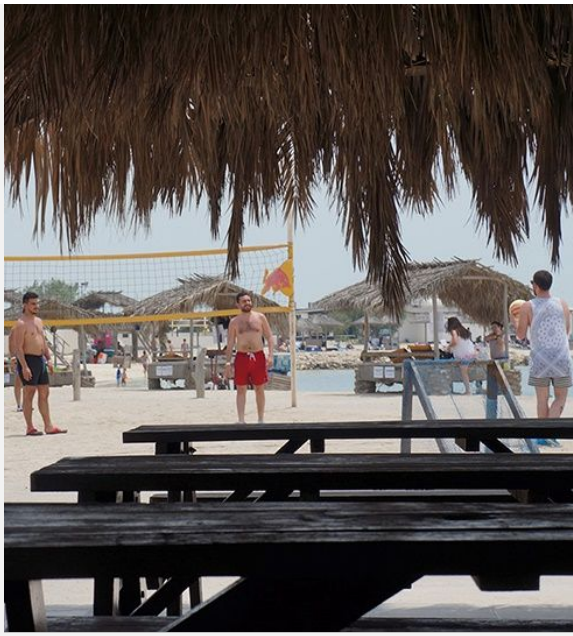
DAY – 1 : PARTNER PROGRAMME

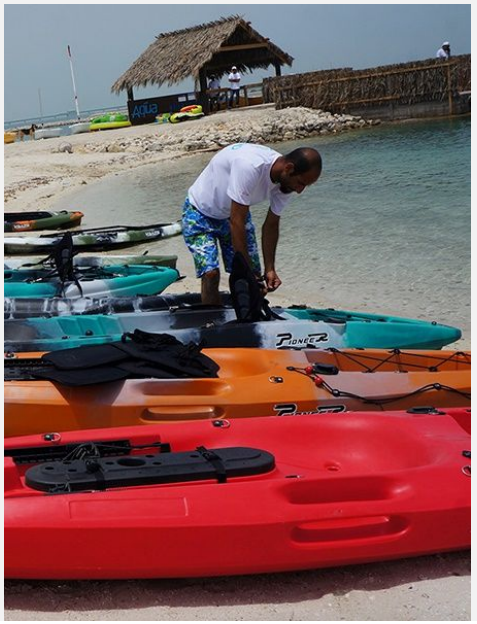
A Trip to Al Dar Islands

- Return Jetty transfers by private vehicle
- Return Island transfers by boat
- Island Entry
- BBQ lunch

*Depending on weather conditions

www.aldarislands.com





OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Dolphin Watch
- Jet Ski
- Banana Boat
- Snorkeling

Note: Optional activities can be booked with additional payment in the island or in advance through us.

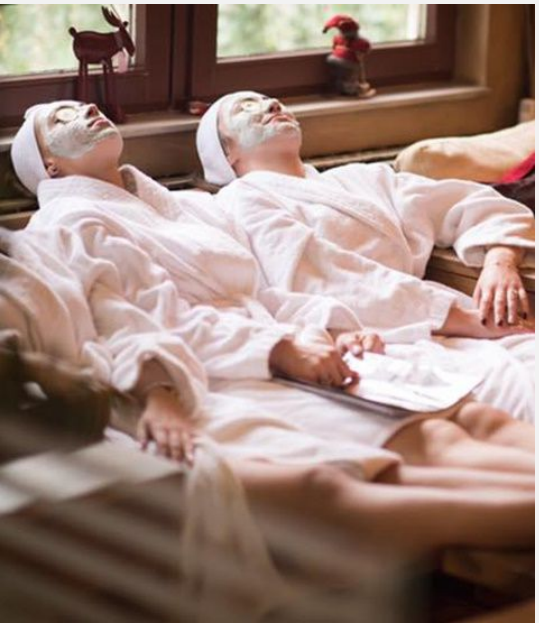
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

DAY – 3: PARTNER PROGRAMME

OPTION 1

Wellness – Spa & Activities

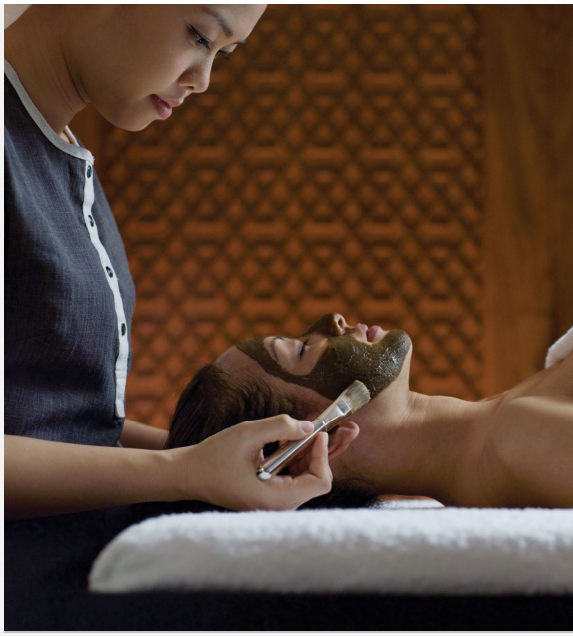
- Inclusive of Lunch

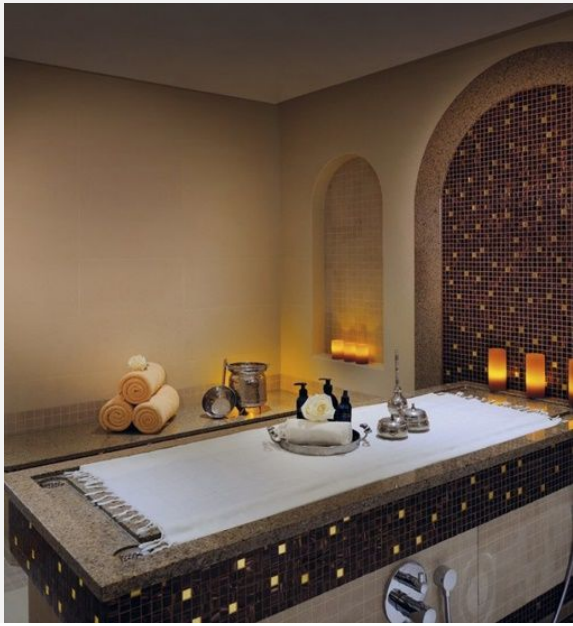


Live Your Life

- ❑ Spa Activities i.e. Zumba/Aqua Zumba/ Yoga with Trainer
- ❑ Nutritionist Workshop
- ❑ Wellness Consultation- Personal Blended Oil
- ❑ DIY- How to do body scrub/mask- Hair Treatment
- ❑ Water Therapy at Hydro Vitality Pool
- ❑ 30 min Back Massage/Foot Massage
- ❑ Welcome Drink, Morning snack/juice/coffee/tea & Buffet Lunch

After the tranquil moments, head back to the hotel.





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

DAY – 3: PARTNER PROGRAMME

OPTION 2

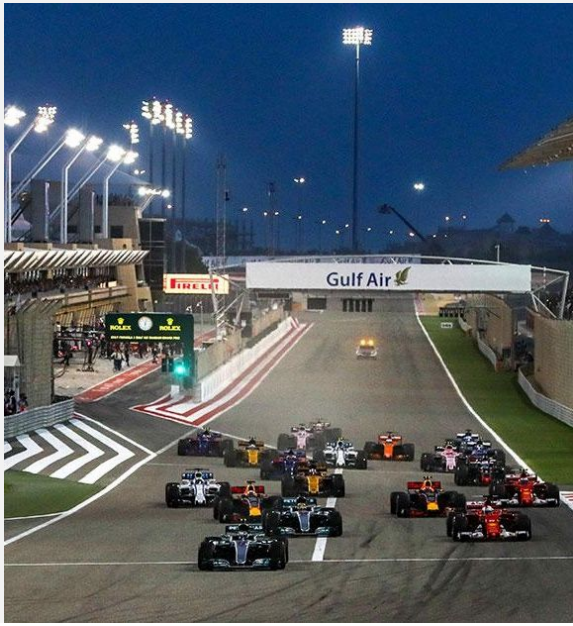
Land Rover Experience & Formula 1 Circuit Tour

- Inclusive of Lunch

Exhilarating Time

- ❑ Seated in a Land Rover vehicle, one of the expert Land Rover drivers will take you through the course.
- ❑ Off-road course covers 3.5 kilometres of varying terrains.
- ❑ Pass through 32 natural and man-made obstacles including slide slopes, humps, rocks, gravel roads and watercourses.
- ❑ Later, **a tour** of the Bahrain International Circuit.

After the exhilarating experiences, head back to the hotel.



SOCIAL PROGRAMME

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

DAY – 1 : SOCIAL EVENT

Welcome Reception At Art Hotel

www.theart.bh

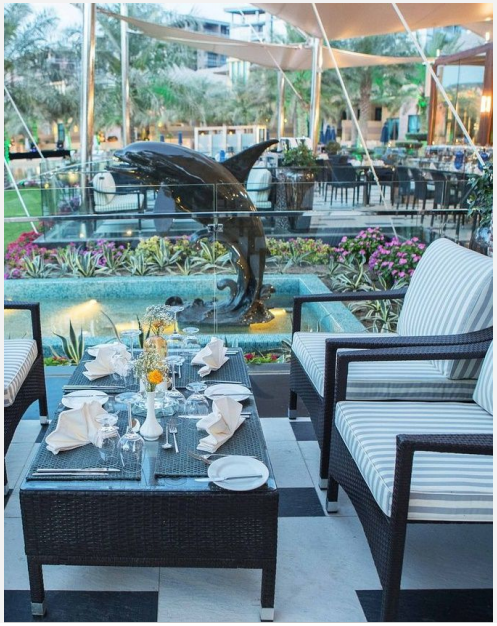
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

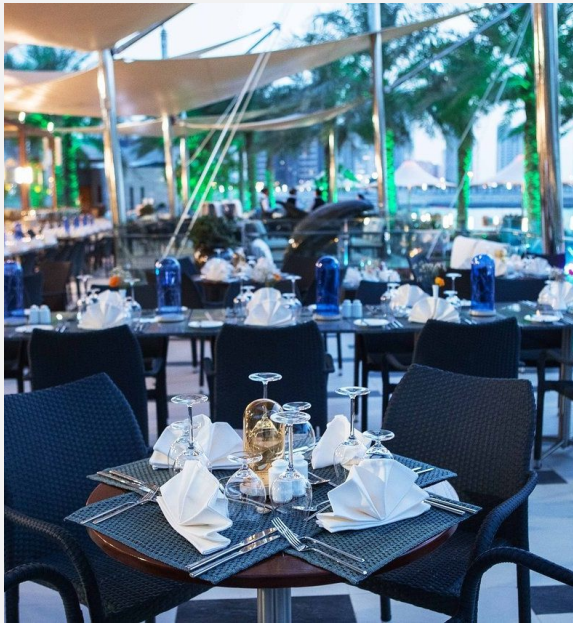
DAY – 2 : SOCIAL EVENT

Dinner at Pool Delights

Pool Delight is a bright, lively and interactive restaurant in Reef Hotel at Reef Island.

www.reef-island.com





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

DAY – 3 : SOCIAL EVENT

Gala Dinner
"Gulf Night Out"

- Featuring live cooking stations
- Live band with belly dancer
- One unforgettable night!

www.gulfhotelbahrain.com

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

DAY – 4 : OPTIONAL EXCURSION

"BAHRAIN DELIGHTS"

8-hour tour is Inclusive of: Lunch . English Speaking Guide . Air-conditioned Vehicle . All monuments Entrance fees

Bahrain Fort
An abandoned Fort in 16th Century. Artefacts found at the site date back to 2,300 BC.

National Museum
Showcases Bahrain's Fascinating Story.

King Fahad Causeway
A 25km bridge through the sea linking Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Camel Farm
Visit 100s of Camels and enjoy a camel ride.

Manama Souq
Visit the traditional market place and enjoy a shopping.

REGISTRATION FEES*

Fees are inclusive of EURO 50 payable to FONASBA

DELEGATE FEE	PARTNER FEE	OPTIONAL DAY-4 EXCURSION FEE
*EUR 650 (excl. 10% VAT)	*EUR 615 (excl. 10% VAT)	*EUR 150 (excl. 10% VAT)
OR	OR	OR
USD 750 (excl. 10% VAT)	USD 710 (excl. 10% VAT)	USD 170 (excl. 10% VAT)

***Rates for October 2023 are currently unavailable, but should be available by the end of 2022. Rates shown above were calculated in USD. Hence, the USD to Euro conversion rate may vary.**

- All fees are subject to 10% VAT, unless stated otherwise.
- The rates shown above were as of the end of 2021.

HOTEL & ACCOMMODATION*

The Art Hotel and Resort, Amwaj Islands

SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM
*EUR 156 (excl. 10% VAT)	*EUR 181 (excl. 10% VAT)
OR	OR
USD 180 (excl. 10% VAT)	USD 210 (excl. 10% VAT)

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- Room rates are per room per night including breakfast.
- All fees are subject to 10% VAT, unless stated otherwise.
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Covid-19 Vaccination in Bahrain

- **100%** of all eligible adult population have been vaccinated with **2** doses, and with an additional **booster** dose.

Approved Vaccines:

- Pfizer/BioNTech
- Covishield – AstraZeneca
- Sinopharm
- Sputnik V
- Johnson & Johnson
- Moderna
- Covaxin

Note: The above information is available as in April 2022, which is subject to change. We will monitor and keep you updated.

Face Mask is No More Mandatory in Bahrain

- Wearing a face mask would remain an option, both indoors and outdoors and not mandatory.

- This rule would not apply to workers at health facilities, who have to continue wearing masks.

Bahrain: COVID-19 Information

Arrival to Bahrain

No PCR Test or Quarantine from 20 February 2022:

- Bahrain has removed the requirement for mandatory Covid-19 PCR test upon arrival for all passengers arriving in Bahrain.
- Bahrain has cancelled the precautionary quarantine for all passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Bahrain: COVID-19 Information

Departure from Bahrain

You will need to ensure that you follow the arrival procedure of the country you are travelling to.

- To some countries, you may need to present a PCR certificate before boarding the plane, administered within 72 or 48 hours of departure.

VISA INFORMATION

Kingdom of Bahrain, Ministry of Interior
Nationality, Passports & Residence Affairs

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www.evisa.gov.bh

eVisas

209 Countries are eligible to apply for Visas online (eVisas).

https://www.evisa.gov.bh/list-of-online-visa-country.html

On Arrival Visa

69 countries are eligible to apply for visas on-arrival.

https://www.evisa.gov.bh/list-of-onarrival-visa-country.html

Almost all persons, except GCC nationals, will require a visa to visit Bahrain.
Early application is recommended.

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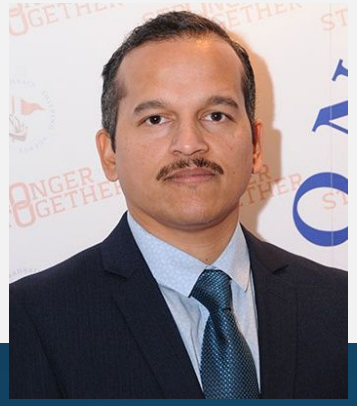

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A Warm & Hearty Welcome

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