

PORT QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF PORT: **Xin Gang Port (for BEIJING)**

Alternate spelling(s), if applicable: **Xingang**

Phonetic pronunciation: **Sin Gang**

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

Please provide a brief OPERATIONAL port description:

The Xingang Port is located in Tanggu district. It is the largest man-made harbour in northern of China. The Xingang Port covers an area of about 60 thousand square meters, the port frontage around 493 meters long. At present, three regular lines were opened, they are from Tianjin to Dalian, from Tianjin to Kobe and from Tianjin to Inchon. Vehicles are not allowed on the pier.

PORT SPECIFICS:

Actual Name of Port (i.e. what a guest would tell a taxi driver): **Xin Gang Port**

Do ships dock or anchor? **Dock**

Is this port convenient for Turnarounds? Yes No

If not, why? **Location of the port is far from the train station and city center. Also, only few taxi cabs are available in the area.**

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: **60-70km**

Gangway to coaches (tour or shuttle): **60-70meters**

Gangway to port entrance or terminal: **50meters**

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? **Easy.**

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? **There is enough space for coaches in park next to terminal building.**

How do guests reach the coaches? **Through terminal building**

What is the approximate walking distance to coaches? **70-80meters**

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? **Friendship Store in Tanggu or train station**

What is the distance from port to drop-off? **Friendship Store, 15-20km**

In normal traffic conditions, what is the drive time from port to drop-off? **15-20 minutes with no traffic.**

Are there times of day, based on traffic patterns, when shuttle operation is not recommended? **During morning and afternoon peak hours, Friday afternoon (times when people are leaving and returning)**

Is an escort recommended at the shuttle drop? (e.g. difficult to find, problem with pickpockets, etc.) **Yes.**

In this region, are public restrooms common? Yes No

If so, do they require local currency? 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? **wait at terminal building**

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? **Metered**

What is the taxi rate from the pier to City Center? **negotiable**

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

If so, please elaborate: **Official taxis offer machine receipt**

PRIVATE CARS

Must private cars wait at a port gate or terminal building, or can they drive directly to the pier/gangway? **No.**

Are late model cars, limos & vans available in this port (Mercedes/Volvo, or basically taxi)? **No.**

Do the majority of drivers have the language skills to act as guides, or is it recommended to hire both driver AND guide? **No, guide and driver recommended**

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: **No.**

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: **Guests can take light rail to Tianjin city center.**

Are there any serious safety or health concerns about using public transportation in this port? If so, please detail: **NA**

DESTINATION DETAILS

Please provide a DESTINATION description that would be useful for marketing purposes:

Situated at the confluence of five tributaries of the Haihe River, 50 km from the Gulf of Bohai, Tianjin is one of the municipalities in Mainland China. It is located 85 miles southeast of Beijing. Tianjin is best known for its streetscapes of colonial era buildings. It has an extensive modern infrastructure, and is known for the high quality of its industrial products.

CURRENCY

What is the local currency? **Renminbi**

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: **86**

City Codes: City Name Code

Beijing 010

Tianjin 022

VISA INFORMATION

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

If so, please list: **Citizens of following countries do not need visa**

Singapore

Japan

Brunei

(Citizens from other countries need valid China visas)

Are ship blanket visas available for this port? Yes No

MONTHLY TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL

Average monthly temperatures and rainfall for each month of the year:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Degrees Centigrade	-4	-2	5	14	20	24	27	25	20	13	5	-2
Centimeters	0.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	18	18	5.0	2.0	1.0	0.0
Degrees Fahrenheit	25	28	41	57	68	75	81	77	68	55	41	28
Inches	0	0	0	1	1	3	7	7	2	1	0	0

IMPORTANT HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

Dates, events and possible effect on a ship call

Date	Event	Effect on ship call
JAN 1	NEW YEARS DAY	
DEC 30 - JAN 6 (LUNAR MONTH)	CHINESE NEW YEAR	SOME SHOPS CLOSED
MAY 1	NATIONAL LABOUR DAY	
MAY 5 (LUNAR MONTH)	DRAGON FESTIVAL	
AUG 15 (LUNAR MONTH)	MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	
OCT 1	NATIONAL DAY	

IMPORTANT SERVICES

	Name	Hours of Operation	Distance from Port (km)
Airport	Tianjin Air Port		4-6km
Churches			
Catholic	Xi Kai Catholic Church	Mon-Sat:6:00.7:30 Sun:6:00.730. 10:00.19:00	70km
Synagogue	no		
Mosque	not open to public		
Protestant	Cang Men Kou Protestant Church	Sun: 9:30-11:00 Mon:7:30-8:30 Tue 9 00-10 30 Fri:7:30-8:30	70km
Nearest Banks/ATM	Numerous banks and ATM's in Tanggu, ICBC,CCB and Bank of China	9:00-17:00	15-20km
Post Office	China Post, Office in Tanggu	9:00-17:00	4km
Internet Services	Numerous internet in Tanggu, hotel's business center and Coffee shop	10 00-22 00	4km

ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The top five (5) cultural and historic points of interest:

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
1	Tianjin Museum	70km
2	Shi Family Mansin	75-80km
3	Ancient Culture Street	70km
4	Huangyaguan Great Wall	180-200km
5	Jingyuan Park	70km

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hours of Operation</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
GOLF	Tianjin Warner International Golf Club	6:00am - 19:00pm (reservation required)	2km
SWIMMING BEACH - 1	no		
Chair rental?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Changing facilities?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Nearest bicycle rental	no		
Nearest scooter/moped rental	no		

HOTELS, RESORTS & SPAS

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
two 5-star hotels	Renaissance Tianjin TEDA Hotel	4km
	Hotel Nikko Hotel	70km
two moderate hotels	RuiWan JinJiang Hotel	2km
	Victory Hotel	4km
one 5-star resort/spa	Renaissance Tianjin TEDA Hotel	4km
one moderate resort/spa	Dikara Spa	70km

SHOPPING

Please specify the days of the week and/or time of day that shops are closed: **Before 9:00am and After 9:30pm**

Are there any genuinely unique items for purchase in this region? (e.g. pearls, tanzanite, woolens, olives, etc.) **Yangliuqing New Year Picture**

Year Picture

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: **Tianjin Food Market and Ancient Culture Street, 130km from port (approximate),**

DINING

Three (3) recommended restaurants:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
Renaissance Tianjin TEDA Hotel	4km
Kiesslering Fourth Floor French Restaurant	70km
Buffalo	4km

Please list any local food specialties: **Go Believe steamed stuffed bun, twist of dough, Erduoyan fried cake.**