

# PORT QUESTIONNAIRE

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## NAME OF PORT: PORT BLAIR

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

Phonetic pronunciation: **PORT BLA-IR**

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

Please provide a brief OPERATIONAL port description:

**Port Blair is both a passenger and cargo port with facilities of a passenger terminal, as every week there are passenger ferries arriving and departing from this port to the Indian mainland. Preference is given to cruise and passenger ships which berth. Distance from gangway to pier terminal building is short and outside the terminal building coaches can be parked. Port does not have disable/wheelchair facilities available.**

## PORT SPECIFICS:

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

Do ships dock or anchor? **Dock**

Is this port convenient for Turnarounds? Yes  No   
If not, why? **NO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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

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

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: **Approximately 4 KMS.**

Gangway to coaches (tour or shuttle): **Approximately 50 metres**

Gangway to port entrance or terminal: **Approximately 120 metres**

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? **Crane tracks, uneven surface and steps.**

## TOUR DISPATCH

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

Please elaborate: **Generally easy, as distance from gangway to coaches is minimal.**

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 limited space available for coaches to line up and park.**

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

What is the approximate walking distance to coaches? **50 - 60 metres**

## TRANSPORT

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### 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? **CITY MARKET**  
What is the distance from port to drop-off? **4 KMS**  
In normal traffic conditions, what is the drive time from port to drop-off? **15 - 20 MINUTES**  
Are there times of day, based on traffic patterns, when shuttle operation is not recommended? **NA**  
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? **At 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? **APPROXIMATELY 05 USD per hour**  
What is the taxi rate from the pier to City Center? **APPROXIMATELY 05 USD**  
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   
Additional note: **Passengers need to negotiate price before use.**

### PRIVATE CARS

Must private cars wait at a port gate or terminal building, or can they drive directly to the pier/gangway? **Only private cars booked in advance can come into port area upto the terminal building.**  
Are late model cars, limos & vans available in this port (Mercedes/Volvo, or basically taxi)? **Toyota Qualis and Deluxe Indian midsize cars.**  
Do the majority of drivers have the language skills to act as guides, or is it recommended to hire both driver AND guide? **Recommend use of Guide. Drivers speak very little English.**

### 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: **NA**

### 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: **NA.**

Are there any serious safety or health concerns about using public transportation in this port? If so, please detail: **NO**

### DESTINATION DETAILS

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

**Port Blair is the administrative capital and only town of any size in the islands. It has the lively air of any Indian market town. Stretching over an area of 500 miles in the azure Bay of Bengal, the 300-odd cluster of islands is a true paradise on earth. The charming harbour town of Port Blair is located on the South Andaman, and is the capital city. The folk of the island are a mixture of Indian and Aboriginal people who coexist harmoniously. Lush green forests teeming with exotic flora and fauna cover most of the land. Rich tropical forests abound in teak and rosewood adding yet more colour to the already myriad hues of the isle.**

**Tourism forms the backbone of the economy while the timber trade and export of coffee, coconut rubber and cashew nuts follow close behind. The virgin, white sands are a perfect foil to the sparkling, ever changing turquoise sea. What more could one want in a land which offers sun, sand and sea.**

**CURRENCY**What is the local currency? **Indian Rupees.**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: **00 91**

City Codes: City Name Code

**PORT BLAIR 3192****VISA INFORMATION**Do any nationalities require visas to enter this port? Yes  No Are ship blanket visas available for this port? Yes  No **MONTHLY TEMPERATURES & RAINFALL**

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

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
Degrees Centigrade	30	31	32	33	31	30	29	29	29	30	30	29
Centimeters	3.6	1.9	0.9	149	403	486	177	314	791	561	79	34
Degrees Fahrenheit	86	88	90	91	88	86	84	84	84	86	86	84
Inches	1	1	0	58	157	190	69	122	308	219	31	13

**IMPORTANT HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS**

Dates, events and possible effect on a ship call

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Effect on ship call</i>
August 15, 2009	Independence Day	All Museums will be closed
September 21, 2009	Ramzan Idd	Shops are closed
October 02, 2009	Gandhi Jayanti	All Museums will be closed
December 25, 2009	Christmas	All Museums will be closed
January 26, 2010	Republic Day	All Museums will be closed
August 15, 2010	Independence Day	All Museums will be closed
October 02, 2010	Gandhi Jayanti	All Museums will be closed
December 25, 2010	Christmas	All Museums will be closed

**IMPORTANT SERVICES**

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hours of Operation</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
Airport	Veer Savarkar Domestic airport		06 kms
Churches			
Catholic	Stella Maria Church, Goal ghar	0500 - 0830 hrs	03 kms.
Synagogue	NA		
Mosque	Juma Masjid, Aberdeen Bazaar	Full day	05 kms
Protestant	Nicobarese church	0500 - 0830 hrs	03 kms
Nearest Banks/ATM	Aberdeen Bazaar.	0900 -1300 hrs.	04 kms
Post Office	Aberdeen	0900 - 1500 hrs.	05 kms
Internet Services	Aberdeen Bazaar	0800 - 2000 hrs	05 kms

## ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The top cultural and historic points of interest:

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
1	Cellular Jail & National Memorial (closed on Mondays).	06 kms
2	Anthropological museum (Closed on Thursdays)	05 kms
3	Ross island (Closed on Wednesdays)	07 kms by ferry boat.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Hours of Operation</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
GOLF	NA		
SWIMMING BEACH	Corbyns Cove Beach	0800-1700 hrs	Approx 12 kms.
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	NA		
Nearest bicycle rental	NA		
Nearest scooter/moped rental	Aberdeen Bazaar	0900-1700 hrs	Approx 04 kms.

## HOTELS, RESORTS & SPAS

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
5-star hotels	NA	
two moderate hotels	Fortune Resort Bay Island	04 kms
	Peerless Resort.	12 kms
5-star resort/spa	NA	
moderate resort/spa	NA	

## SHOPPING

Please specify the days of the week and/or time of day that shops are closed: **SUNDAYS.**

Are there any genuinely unique items for purchase in this region? **Shell, cane and wooden handicrafts.**

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: **NA**

## DINING

Recommended restaurants:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance from Port (km)</i>
Fortune Resort Bay Island.	04 kms
Peerless Resort	12 kms

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR PERTINENT INFORMATION

Port Blair is a small underdeveloped town having limited basic facilities. There are no air-conditioned coaches available. The transport available is a variety of very basic, ordinary Non-AC buses of different size and seating capacity, without reclining seats or any PA system. The steps are high for some buses, so stools/steps are used to assist with boarding the buses.

Buses are not suitable for wheelchair use. Places of visit are not wheelchair accessible. Only English speaking (students) guides are available for tours.