

Assembly Resource

Read through the information about the resort of Sharm El-Sheikh and the new wall below. Talk about what we think about the new wall, do we think it was a good idea?

Where is Sharm El-Sheikh?



Sharm El-Sheikh is an Egyptian resort town between the Red Sea and the desert of the Sinai Peninsula. It is famous for year-round warm climate, clear waters and coral reefs. It is also world famous for its scuba diving due to the coral reefs there.



Pictured above: A popular beach resort in Sharm El-Sheikh

Why was a wall built around Sharm El-Sheikh?

For the past 5 years the holiday resort of Sharm El-Sheikh has had very few tourists due to it being considered a dangerous place to visit. The authorities there decided to build a wall around the resort to try to encourage visitors from other countries to return.

Who will the new wall affect?

The new wall has taken 3 years to build. It is 6m high, 37km long and made of concrete and wire. It's emblazoned with peace signs every 50m. Its aim is to ensure the safety of tourists, who will fly in and out through the local airport, and not to segregate the people living on the outside of the wall.



Pictured above: A section of the new wall around Sharm El-Sheikh showing a peace symbol.