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Qatar is a land where tradition meets modernity. It is a country whose people are rooted in their heritage while maintaining an eye on the future, and Qatar's growing global role in business, politics, and education. Qatar holds thrills and novel experiences for all. It offers a window to the past – and a glimpse into the future, all under the umbrella of that famous Arabian hospitality.















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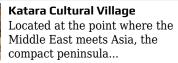
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TOWNS & CITIES OF QATAR



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Qatar is not just about its capital city Doha, and the way it's held on to its heritage even while moving towards the contemporary. It's not just about modern structures and high rise buildings; it's not just about museums and beaches; it's not just about man made islands or purpose built hills. There's a lot more to this small, but happening, country. With a long pristine and beautiful coastal line and plenty of sunshine all year round, Qatar is a destination where you can have it all.

Al Khor



Al Khor is a city in Qatar located in the north. It's the capital of the Al Khor and Al Thakira Municipality, and one of Qatar's main hubs of the

oil and gas industry. The city was established in 1972 and, at the time, pearl trading was one of Qatar's main sources of income. Al Khor started off as a small and isolated settlement that earned its income from fishing and pearl diving, but today, it's approximately 16,000 square metres and one of Qatar's main cities after Doha.

One might think Al Khor is all about oil and gas because most of its 250,000 people are the industry's employees with their families who live here, because it's close to Ras Laffan Industrial City and North Oil. However, Al Khor is actually a treasure trove of exciting things to do and see. Some of Qatar's vibrant natural wonders reside in this area like the the ancient Ain Hleetan Well and the Al Khor Towers, the Thakira Mangroves, Purple Island, Al Farkiah Beach, and last, but not least, the Al Khor Park and Zoo and the Al Bayt Stadium where the first FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022[™] match will take place.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Dukhan



Dukhan is an industrial city in Qatar's western region and that became popular when oil was discovered there. Almost all the people who live

there are employees of Qatar Petroleum. The city is off limits for others and photography is not allowed within Dukhan.

The area around Dukhan is, however, very popular with visitors as there are lots of interesting sites and attraction to see in the area.

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Madinat Ash Shamal



Madinat Al Shamal is located in the northern most part of Qatar, just near the tip, where it came into existence in the 1970s, and though, today,

it is probably Qatar's most least populated area, it is surrounded by dilapidated and abandoned fishing villages, and a range of beaches to relax, soak in the sun and enjoy the experience, and year round, visitors flock to the area to enjoy all

that Madinat Ash Shamal has to offer.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Al Ruwais



Al Ruwais is located in the east of Madinat Ash Shamal and is a small coastal town with some great landmarks. Must-see attractions in

the area include:

Arsan Café

A must-visit if you're in the area. A old and derelict police station has been converted into an artisan café with a great view of the Arabian Gulf and some of the best coffee in the area.

Al Ruwais Beach

A must-visit if you want to watch the sun rise or set in its full grandeur. Nestled in a quiet corner of Al Ruwais, the green-blue water on this beach is clear and shallow, so letting the water run over your feet and walking barefoot in the sand will have you falling in love with this beautiful unadulterated beach, that's a perfect spot to enjoy the day as a family.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Abu Dhalouf



Abu Dhalouf is located on the west of Madinat Ash Shamal and seems to be almost part of it. It's a quiet town but has one of Qatar's nicest parks. Abu

Dhalouf Park is one of Qatar's nicest parks. It has something for everyone to do from little ones to adults. The park is lush green and is filled with trees, hedges and colourful flowers. There are two play areas where the children can have fun and play games while the adults set up a picnic. It's a lovely spot that opens onto a beach with shallow waters so the little children can also enjoy the water. The views here are fantastic and if you're in Madinat Ash Shamal, this park is not to be missed.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Mesaieed



Mesaieed is another oiland gas hub in Qatar that was recognized as an area of prime importance in the 20th century. In 1949, it became

QatarPetroleum's tanker terminal, growing Qatar's oil industry. Other reasons included the deep waters that surrounded the area and its proximity to Doha.Located in the southeast of Qatar, it houses employees of Qatar Petroleum, but that isn't its only claim to fame. Mesaieed is surrounded by golden dunes and beautiful beaches.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Lusail



Lusail City is firmly established on the map of Qatar and has indelibly branded itself in the hearts and minds of Qataris, expatriates and

tourists. Along with its iconic stadium feature in the World CupTM, Lusail City can rightly claim to be the smartest and the most technologically advanced city in the region, if not the world. Lusail's high-speed fibre technology network helps give businesses the edge while residents enjoy an excellent quality of life within a sustainable environment. However, there's far more to Lusail than tech. It is one of the most exciting cities to live, work and play in. Each district offers an array of residential, commercial, hospitality and retail destinations as well as schools, mosques, hotels, medical facilities, sports venues, entertainment and shopping centres.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Internet: www.visitqatar.com/intl-en/things-to-do/get-inspired /eight-things-to-do-in-lusail

ART & CULTURE



Visit Qatar

Qatar is a heart-stirring treasure trove of art and culture like you've never experienced before. With over 80 stunning public art pieces, exquisite architecture stretching up into the sky and over horizons, and sprawling museums that fuse past and present, take your time to discover our cultural riches with these insider guides.

National Museum of Qatar



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Interconnected galleries take visitors on a visual journey through Qatar, telling the story of the country from the pre-historic to the modern era. Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel, the National Museum of Qatar draws inspiration from and recreates the naturally occurring crystal formations known as the "desert rose". The design features interlocking disks that span a whopping 430,500square feet and is built around Sheikh Abdullahbin Jassim Al-Thani's original palace and seat of the government for 25 years.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Museum Park Street. Off the Doha Corniche Public Transport: The nearest metro station is National Museum, Gold line. Opening hours: Saturday to Thursday: 9 AM - 7 PM. Fridays: 1:30 PM - 7 PM Phone: +974 4452 5555 Internet: www.nmoq.org.qa

Fanar — Qatar Islamic Cultural Centre



One of the most widely known landmarks in Doha, the spiral-shaped Fanar building is centrally located near Souq Waqif and the

Museum of Islamic Art. It can be seen from a distance, especially in the evenings when its lighting accentuates the unique design of this beautifully unique piece of architecture. Fanar was once the largest mosque in the country.

While it remains a functioning mosque, Fanar also hosts religious, education-related and social activities. At the cultural centre visitors can enjoy traditional coffee and learn about the Qatari lifestyle, the country's heritage and

culture.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Doha, Qatar Opening hours: Monday to Thursday: 7:15 AM - 1:15 PM. Fridays & Saturdays: closed Phone: +974 4444 7444 Internet: www.binzaid.gov.qa

Fire Station Gallery



Abutting Doha's central Al Bidda Park, the Fire Station Gallery was built in 1982 and used as a fire station for over thirty years. In December of

2012, the last fire engine was removed, and the space became part of the Qatar Museums network. Converted into a contemporary art space, the gallery showcases art and artists, engages the local community, and nurtures emerging talent through its artist in residence program.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Mohammed Bin Thani St, Doha Public Transport: Corniche station, Red line, is the nearest metro station Opening hours: Saturday to Thursday: 9 AM - 7 AM. Fridays: 1:30 PM - 7 PM Phone: +974 4422 4222 Internet: www.firestation.org.ga

Imam Abdul Wahhab Mosque



As the largest mosque in Qatar, Imam Abdul Wahhab, also known as the Qatar State Grand Mosque, was inaugurated in 2011. Its simple lines

and graceful arches are nonetheless eye-catching, and characteristic of Islamic architectural tradition. The mosque houses three libraries, separate prayer and ablution halls for men and women, and special halls for Quran memorisation, and can hold over 30,000 worshippers.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Muhandiseen St, Doha Phone: +974 4470 0000

Katara Cultural Village



Located at the point where the Middle East meets Asia, the compact peninsular state of Qatar has long been a melting pot of cultures. With a

staggering array of cultural venues, including museums, galleries and public art, Qatar offers a potent mix of tradition and modernism. Spelt anciently, Katara is a self-styled cultural village nestled between the gleaming financial district of West Bay and the half-moon towers of The Pearl residential neighbourhood. Bordered by a vast beach on one side and the twin Katara Hills on the other, Katara is Doha's go-to destination for art, culture and cuisine.

Photo: Visit Qatar Internet: www.katara.net

Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art



Established in 2010, Mathaf providing a uniquely Arab perspective on contemporary art. The museum's permanent collection features more

than 9,000 works by notable artists from Arab world from the 1840s to the present day. Landmark artists from countries and regions connected to the Arab Peninsula are represented, encompassing Africa, Asia and Europe.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Education City Student Center, Doha Public Transport: Mathaf can be reached by the free Mathaf bus service. Mathaf is accessible by the Doha Metro. Education City station is the closest metro station. The museum can be accessed via the Blue line of the Education City tram.

Opening hours: Saturday to Thursday: 9 AM – 7 PM. Fridays: 1.30 PM – 7 PM Phone: +974 44028855 Internet: www.mathaf.org.ga/en

Msheireb Downtown



The world's first sustainable downtown regeneration project, Msheireb Downtown revives Doha's old commercial district with a

new architectural language.

Comprising over 100 buildings with commercial and residential properties as well as retail and cultural offerings, the stunning Barahat or courtyard lies at the heart of Msheireb Downtown. It includes niche retail and a variety of al fresco dining options. The Msheireb Museums are a project by Msheireb Properties and celebrate the history of Qatar through four heritage houses in the heart of Msheireb Downtown Doha. The area includes entertainment venues, Qatar Academy Msheireb and four hotels, Mandarin Oriental Doha, Al Wadi Hotel MGallery, Park Hyatt Hotel and a Boutique.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Msheireb Downtown, Ad-Dawḥah, Doha Public Transport: The nearest metro station is the Msheireb station, located on Wadi Msheireb St. Msheireb is also accessible by metro (Red line, Green line, Gold line), "Msheireb" station.

Phone: +974 4008 8888

Internet: www.msheireb.com

More Info: Al Kahraba (or electricity) Street, was the first

place in Qatar with electricity.

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Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: MIA Park, the Corniche, Doha Public Transport: The nearest metro station is Qatar National Museum, Gold line. Opening hours: Saturday to Thursday: 9 AM - 7 PM. Fridays: 1:30 PM - 7 PM Phone: +974 4422 4444 Internet: www.mia.org.qa

Qatar National Library



Designed by Rem Koolhaas, the diamond shaped exterior of the library belies its spacious interior, which prioritizes light and visibility. The

bookshelves themselves are an integral part of the building, rising out of the floor and blending into the architecture. Innovative technologies are seamlessly integrated throughout the building, enhancing accessibility and efficiency.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Education City Qatar, District of Freedom, Al Luqta St, Doha Public Transport: QNL is accessible by the Doha Metro. Qatar National Library Station is on the Green line. Opening hours: Saturday yo Thursday: 8 AM – 10AM / 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM / 3:30 PM – 8 PM. Fridays: closed Phone: +974 4454 0100 Internet: www.gnl.ga/en

Al Riwaq Gallery



Located within MIA, Al Riwaq Gallery hosts exhibitions by the Qatar Museums network and has featured several groundbreaking

exhibitions by artists such as Mohamed Al Mahdi, Damien Hirst, and Jaffar Al Oraibi.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: MIA Park, the Corniche, Doha Public Transport: Nearest metro station: National Museum, 1.5km walk Phone: +974 4452 5555 Internet: www.qm.org.qa/en/visit/museums-and-galleries/al-riwaq

Souq Waqif



Built on the site of Doha's century old trading market, on the banks of the Wadi Musheireb, Souq Waqif feels like an anachronism, particularly

against the backdrop of Doha's dramatic modernist skyline. With its mud-daubed buildings, the market harkens to a bygone era while remaining a hub of activity, where commerce and gossip collide. Souq Waqif's winding alleys offer a tableau of traditional

street life.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Souq waqif, Doha

Public Transport: Take the east to west Gold Line that commences at Ras Bu Aboud to get off at the Souq Waqif station Phone: +974 6622 5151 Internet: www.souq-waqif-doha.com

Souq Waqif Art Center



Located in Doha's central market, the Souq Waqif Art Centre showcases traditional Islamic and Middle Eastern art, offering workshops and

studio spaces for aspiring artists seeking to learn the fundamentals of various art disciplines. The centre has distinguished itself for its direct relationship with the public through art presentations, exhibitions, and public courses throughout the year.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Souq Waqif Art Center, Ali Bin Abdulla St, Doha Public Transport: The nearest metro station is Souq Waqif, (Gold line), or Msheireb (Red line, Gold line, Green line) Phone: +974 4417 6204 Internet: www.swacqatar.com

Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum



Located outside the city in a traditional style fort at Al Samriya Farm, the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum houses the Sheikh's personal

collection, with a body of works including Islamic art, Qatari heritage, vehicles, handmade carpets, and coins & currency, from over four continents. These diverse and eclectic objects tell the story of the museum's founder, Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim, as well as of humanity in general.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Samriya, 22km west of Doha, just beyond Mall Of Qatar

Public Transport: The museum is only reachable by car Opening hours: Sundays: 9 AM - 4 PM. Monday to Thursday: 9 AM - 4:30 AM. Fridays: 2 PM - 7 PM. Saturdays: 10 AM - 6 PM

Phone: +974 4486 1444

Internet: www.fbqmuseum.org

More Info: A vast collection includes traditional homes from Syria and Qatar, and offer a glimpse into a bygone era

Smoke by Tony Smith



Smoke by Tony Smith sits at the entrance of the Doha Exhibition & Convention Centre (DECC). Open and inviting, profound yet

serene, the giant geometric components of this 24-foot-tall sculpture dominate the space. This striking 24-foot aluminium sculpture comprises many geometric patterns. The assembled piece has five tetrahedrons, triangular pyramids with four triangular faces, six straight edges, four vertex corners, and 45 octahedrons, three-dimensional shapes with eight plane faces and eight triangular faces. Although the structure is painted black, its surface reflects

sunlight and reveals shadows, making the shapes in the shadows even more conspicuous.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Doha Exhibition & Convention Centre (DECC) in West Bay

Public Transport: The nearest metro station is DECC Phone: +974 4033 1111

More Info:

www.qm.org.qa/en/visit/public-art/tony-smith-smoke

Falcon Souq



Visit The Falcon Souq at Souq Waqif to explore Qatar's national bird up close. Not only will you be able to photograph them, but you will also

have the opportunity to have the majestic bird sit on your arm - under professional supervision.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Souq St, Doha Phone: +974 4417 6949 Internet: www.swfh.com

More Info: Falcon Souq is in Souq Waqif, between Al Asmakh and Al Ahmed streets, within walking distance of the Corniche. It has its own entrance with a gilded plaque identifying the location

Al Rekayat Fort



One of several desert forts from the 19th century, Al Rekayat Fort on the northwest coast of Qatar was built to protect water resources.

Remnants of a village can be found nearby. Named after the Arabic word for 'well', Al Rekayat Fort contains a five km-deep freshwater well from which villagers painstakingly drew water. The fort is unusual for its low height (only three metres). Each corner of the central courtyard features a staircase leading up to one of three rectangular and one cylindrical watchtower, with expansive views of the rocky landscape juxtaposed against the sparkling waters of the Arabian Gulf.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM. Fridays: 12:30 PM - 5 PM Phone: +974 4402 8513 Internet: www.qm.org.qa/en/project/forts-qatar

Al Zubarah Archaeological Site



Adjacent to the walled coastal town of Al Zubarah, this 20th century fort is the youngest and most prominent feature of the

Al Zubarah Archaeological Site, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A pristine example of a typical Arab fort, its one-meter-thick walls warded off invaders and helped keep rooms cool during the hot summer. This important site houses residential palaces, mosques, courtyard houses, fishermen's huts, streets, double defensive walls, a harbour, a canal, and cemeteries.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Madinat Ash Shamal, Al Zubarah Opening hours: Every day: 9 AM - 5 PM. Fridays: 12:30 PM -5 PM Phone: +974 4402 8888 Internet: www.qm.org.qa/en/visit/heritage-sites/al-zubarah

Al Jassasiya Rock Art Site



Located to the northeast of Qatar, Al Jassasiya is the most impressive of Qatar's dozen rock-carving sites. It comprises a total of 874

carvings, known as 'petroglyphs', the earliest thought to date from Neolithic times. What may appear to be a deserted sandstone quarry is a heritage site packed with mystery. Discovered around 1957, the rocky desert scape has distinct carvings stretching across an area 700 meters wide. The Al Jassasiya rock carvings feature various shapes, including rosettes, fish, ostriches and cup marks. Carvings of dhow boats, which remain in use, offer a direct link to a long-ago past. The cup marks are believed to represent vessels used to store pearls or play ancient board games known as Al Haloosa or Al Huwaila.

The site is located in the North of Doha, an easy drive around 60 km away. You can drive north on Al Shamal Highway until you reach Exit 66. Take a right and continue at the intersection where you take a left turn. After about three kilometres, you will see the large fenced area that is Al Jassasiya, which you will have to walk into from this point.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Jassasiya Opening hours: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 AM – 5 PM. Fridays: 12:30 PM – 5 PM Internet:

www.visitqatar.qa/en/things-to-do/art-culture/heritage-sites More Info: Near the Al Jassasiya rock carvings, the Al Jassasiya beach is a hidden oasis, with mangroves providing a green backdrop to the white of the sand and the crystalline, shallow water.

Dahl Al Misfr



Located west of Doha, in the centre of the peninsula, Dahl Al Misfr is one of Qatar's most exciting natural sites. At 40 meters deep, it is

considered the largest and deepest, yet accessible cave in Qatar. Formed largely of fibrous gypsum, it sometimes gives off a faint, otherworldly glow. Dahl Al Misfr is believed to have been formed 325,000 to 500,000 years ago during the mid-Pleistocene Era. Known for emitting a moon-like glow, this phosphorescence is the result of gypsum deposits found in the centre of the peninsula. These give rise to the geological phenomena known as 'desert roses' (clusters of roughly rose-shaped gypsum crystals).

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Rawdat Rasid area

Opening hours: There are no timings to visit Dahl al Misfir. However, visitors are advised to visit during daylight as there is no electricity in the cave.

More Info: Gypsum deposits give off the faint glow Dahl Al Misfir is known for, lending the site an eerie beauty.

ADVENTURE & SPORTS



Visit Qatar

A paradise for adrenaline-seekers, Qatar is ideal for adventures across land, sea and air - with everything from desert safaris to water and air activities.

Al Shaqab



Al Shaqab, located in Education City as a member of Qatar Foundation since 2004, is Oatar's state-of-the-art equestrian centre. His Highness Father Amir, Sheikh Hamad Bin

Khalifa Al Thani, established Al Shagab in 1992 to build on Qatar's Arabian horse heritage and to help preserve and perpetuate the Arabian horse breed. In honour of his ancestor, Sheikh Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Thani. The Father Emir located the Arabian breeding farm at the landmark Al Shaqab battle site where almost a century prior, in 1893, the Bedouins fought a pivotal battle that led to Qatar's independence. Arabian horses played a very significant role in

the battle and were integral to the local culture which is why the preservation of these animals and their heritage is paramount.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Alshaqab street Public Transport: Al Shaqab Station, on the Green line, is the closest metro station. Opening hours: Sunday to Thursday: 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM Phone: +974 4454 1992 Internet: https://alshagab.com/

Al Shahaniya camel racetrack



Professional camel racing began in Qatar in 1972, and the sports centres around the Al Shahaniya. Here, domestic and international

tournaments take place every Friday from October to February, with major events such as HH the Emir's Main Race held in March and April. Even when there are no races, guests are welcome to stop by to watch the camels getting trained. A visit to Al Shahaniya offers a unique opportunity to admire the best-groomed and some of the most expensive camels in the world.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Ash-Shahaniyah Phone: +974 44 87 2028

Kayaking



The best way to explore the flora and fauna of the country's magnificent natural reserves at the Inland Sea and Al Thakira Mangroves is by kayak.

Tour operators offer sunrise and moonlit trips along with training, equipment and guides.

Book your experience with AquaSports Qatar.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Kite surfing



A sailing sport that combines wakeboarding, surfing and windsurfing, Kite surfing or kite boarding is a popular watersport in Qatar.

Many local tour operators and 5-star hotels with private beaches offer the experience.

Book your experience with AquaSports Qatar or Blue Pearl Experience

Photo: Visit Qatar

Bounce at Tawar Mall



Bounce is a trampoline park and freestyle playground where walls become floors and Isaac Newton's theory of gravity no longer applies.

Packed with wall-to-wall excitement for fans of all ages, visitors indulge in thrilling manoeuvres such as slam dunking and wall running.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Markhiya Street, Al Duhail South, in Tawar Mall Doha, 2nd floor Phone: +974 4408 6500 Internet: https://bounce.qa/

Doha Golf Club



An oasis in the heart of the city, Doha Golf Club, welcomes you to experience a wide range of activities. With two golf courses that cover all

levels of players, walking tracks to explore,

various courts to practice your favorite sports, an exquisite restaurant, and options to host your next event, Doha Golf Club is a must-visit when in Qatar.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: West Bay, Doha Public Transport: The closest metro station is Lusail (Red Line), a 15-minute walk to Doha Golf Club. Phone: +974 4496 0715 Internet: www.dohagolfclub.com/

Gondolania Theme Park



Located within the high-end Villaggio Mall, Gondolania is the most popular entertainment destination in Doha. It boasts Venice-inspired

gondola rides, an Olympic size ice skating rink, and everything from roller coasters with a unique sound and light show, to kiddie rides, and everything else you could imagine in a vast indoor space.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Aspire Park Rd, Villaggio Mall Phone: +974 4403 9800 Internet: www.gondolania.com/

Lusail International Circuit



Located in the fast-moving city of Lusail, race enthusiasts enjoy adrenaline-pumping sessions of go-karting action along the

5.4-kilometre Lusail International Circuit.

Designed at first for motorcycling events, the track is a flowing of 5.4 kilometres of medium and high-speed corners and straights with a couple of quick left-handers that are popular

with riders.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Wusail, North Relief Road Phone: +974 4472 9151 Internet: www.lcsc.qa/

Quest



Quest is Qatar's first-ever theme park in Doha Oasis, Msheireb. Quest is a 32,000 sqm novel indoor entertainment destination which caters

to an audience of all ages, comprising over 30 rides and attractions, featuring a mix of adrenaline-heavy thrill rides, media-controlled simulators, virtual reality experiences, miniature thrill rides for the younger guests, and family-friendly attractions, all offering an experience unlike any other in Doha.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Gate 2, Doha Oasis, Al Khaleej Street, Msheireb Opening hours: Monday to Saturday: 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Sundays: closed Phone: +974 4410 3444 Internet: www.dohaquest.com/en

KidzMondo



KidzMondo Doha is an edutainment park in the Mall of Qatar, and KidZania is located inside Aspire Park, near Villaggio Mall. Both parks

contain child-sized cities for young ones to play at different professions.

Photo: Visit Qatar

BEACH HOLIDAY



Visit Qatar

Plan a perfect getaway in a place where the sun shines all year. Explore Qatar's pristine beaches, enjoy relaxing activities, and pamper yourself at the many wellness retreats.

Purple Island



A serene island set amidst nature beyond Al Khor is Purple Island abundant in mangroves and lush greenery. This island brings an

opportunity to reconnect with nature away from the hustle-bustle of the city. From long walks and family picnics to kayaking options, Purple Island has something for everyone in the family.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Khor

Al Safliya island



A natural paradise with almost no facilities, it's the perfect destination for nature lovers to enjoy the sun, simply relax or take on various water

activities.

On the southern part of the island, wooden

umbrellas lie on the beach, letting visitors enjoy the sun. There are no restrooms or other facilities on the island though- so if you are planning a visit, make sure you bring your own supplies.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Off the coast of Doha

More Info: To reach Al Safliya, you can take a dhow boat from either the Pearl Qatar or Doha Corniche and cover the distance in 10 minutes and 30 minutes respectively.

Fuwairit Beach



A pristine natural treasure close to Al Maroona, Fuwairit Beach is stunning; powdery white sand and crystal clear blue waters make

this beach an ideal escape for all. It offers exciting beach activities like kitesurfing or beach volleyball, while being an ideal spot to enjoy nature at its best. Between April to July, the beach is also a hatching site for Hawksbill sea turtles.

Photo: Visit Qatar

More Info: An hour and a half to two hours drive and you will get from Doha to Fuwairit

Inland Sea (Khor al Adaid)



This area of southern Qatar is one of the most unusual yet attractive destinations imaginable. The pristine sea and ever-changing sands

make visits totally memorable.

Wonderful to observe and fun to drive across, the dunes reach dizzying heights of up to 40 metres.

Address: Inland Sea Off Rd, Qatar

More Info: Khor Al Adaid Beach is in the south-eastern region of the country, approximately 80 km from Doha and is best accessed by a 4x4.

The Corniche



One of Doha's most iconic attractions, the Doha Corniche is a seven kilometer stretch of gorgeous promenade overlooking the serene

waterfront. With a crescent shaped walkway around the Doha Bay, the Corniche offers the best views of the city's modern skyline, making the epicenter of various occasions such as the National Day celebrations and the National Sports Day. Watch the dhows lighting up the Corniche in the evenings while on your walk around the bay or simply take a boat ride to soak in the vista of this city.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Public Transport: Nearest metro station: Westbay QIC / Corniche / Al Bidda

Umm Bab Beach



Umm Bab, also known as "Palm Tree Beach", has taken its name from the small clusters of palm trees scattered around the sand by the beach.

Located on Qatar's western coast, Umm Bab is a great camping destination to enjoy a day of swimming and a night of stargazing.

Photo: Visit Qatar

More Info: Umm Bab is considered to be a great day trip destination since it's just over an hour drive from Doha.

The Pearl-Qatar



The Pearl Qatar is a man-made island near Doha's prestigious West Bay District. Featuring Mediterranean-style yacht-lined marinas,

residential towers, villas, and hotels, the area also offers a luxurious shopping experience with premium designer boutiques and showrooms. The Island is also home to modern dining spots from refreshing ice creams to five-star culinary experiences, and stands out for its pedestrian-friendly squares and plazas along with its wide range of landscaped gardens. The Pearl is a popular visitor attraction by virtue of its elegance, inviting descriptions such as the 'Arabian Riviera'.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: The Pearl, Doha, The Oyster Building Phone: +974 8006 222 Internet: www.thepearlqatar.com/

Banana Island Resort Doha



Experience ultimate luxury at the Banana Island Resort Doha by Anantara, situated on the crescent-shaped island with its own marina and

reefs. This resort is your go-to destination for all things entertaining and relaxing. From underwater adventures like diving to land activities such as bowling and golfing, the Banana Island Resort will make your stay a memorable one.

Only 25 minutes from the heart of Qatar's vibrant capital, the resort is located on a beautiful island that feels a world away. Banana Island Resort Doha by Anantara is known for its world-class facilities and endless activities, both above and under the water, providing relaxation and adventure, wellness and pure indulgence.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Banana Island Public Transport: The nearest metro station to Al Shyoukh Terminal is Souq Waqif Phone: +974 4040 5050 Internet: www.anantara.com/en/banana-island-doha

More Info: Add a floating tray of fresh fruits and coconuts to your villa for an Instagrammable poolside snack

Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas



The Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas offer luxurious, lavish, and relaxing stay options with a variety of facilities. This family-friendly resort is

home to a world-class water and adventure park, spas, pools, a sports club, an array of gourmet restaurants, thrilling activities and so much more.

Gently lapped by the pristine waters of the Gulf and located on the southwestern tip of Qatar, Hilton Salwa Beach Resort was designed for lovers of sun, sea, sand and serenity. The hotel boasts 3.5km of powder-soft beach while lush, landscaped gardens are interlaced through the complex.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Salwa Rd exit 86, Learaig Interchange Phone: +974 4423 6666

Internet: www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dohsbhi-hilton-salwa-bea ch-resort-villas

More Info: The timeless British tradition of Afternoon Tea is alive in Qatar, but with a twist. Guests at the Hilton sip on fragrant teas and rose water in a lavish, Arabian-themed lounge

Marsa Malaz Kempinski Hotel



A palatial venue in the Pearl, Marsa Malaz Kempinski features a private sandy beach, outdoor pools, an award-winning spa and

thrilling activities for adults and kids alike, allowing for an absolute dream holiday or a serene day by the beach.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Internet: www.kempinski.com/en/doha/marsa-malaz-kempins ki-the-pearl-doha

Grand Hyatt



A safe, sandy beach with clear shallow waters which are particularly warm in a lagoon-like bay, Grand Hyatt is the ideal spot for a relaxing

day away from any demanding routine. The hotel's spacious club lounge, four outdoor pools, indoor pool and its diverse dining options will ensure a stress-free day with five-star services.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Internet: www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/qatar/grand-hyatt-doha -hotel-and-villas/dohgh

Sheraton Grand Doha



An emblematic building along Doha's central Corniche, this is designed to emulate the sail of a dhow. The Sheraton Grand Doha Hotel is a

premium destination for architecture lovers and offers old-world luxury with five-star service. Enjoy a tranquil day at the private beach, the swimming pool or the jacuzzi. The children's pool and the inflatable castle in the sea will be a hit with young children.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Internet: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dohsi-sheraton-gra nd-doha-resort-and-convention-hotel

Sealine Regency Beach Camp



Why not romance on the beach, under the beautiful umbrella of the Sealine Regency Beach Camp where you'll spend the night in Arabian style

tents fully equipped with modern amenities, and take part in a number of different activities like dune bashing, camel riding, swimming or just relaxing in one of the cabanas that line the golden sandy beach overlooking the pristine blue sea of the Gulf.

Photo: Visit Qatar Phone: +974 4041 5051 Internet: www.regencysealinecamp.com

QATAR – A WATERSPORTS HAVEN



Visit Qatar

As a peninsula surrounded by the Arabian sea and blessed with year-round sunny weather, Qatar is an ideal location for water sports. In the winter season when the average temperature is 26 degrees, the country's crystal-clear beaches, waterparks and marinas invite everyone to try out new activities and experiences. Here are some the top 6 water adventures to try in Qatar.

Kite Surfing



A sailing sport that combines wakeboarding, surfing and windsurfing, Kite surfing or kite boarding is a popular watersport in Qatar.

Many local tour operators and 5-star hotels with private beaches offer the experience.

Book your experience with AquaSports Qatar or Blue Pearl Experience.

Photo: Visit Qatar Internet: www.bluepearlexperience.com/kitesurfing

Parasailing

Initially used as part of the pilot survival training by NASA in the 1960s, parasailing is a thrilling experience of soaring at a height of up to 100 meters on a parachute tied to a speedboat. Best places to try this are Katara Beach Club and Sealine Resort.

Internet: www.katara.net/en/earth-tv/katara-beach

Wakeboarding

For a quick and easy adrenaline rush, try wakeboarding, wakesurfing or waterskiing in the waters of Doha. Sessions include all equipment, safety gear and a professional driver and coach.

Book your experience with Code Wake, a company that offers supreme wake boats and welcomes all ages. Code Wake also provides ladies-only sessions.

Internet: www.code-wake.com

Kayaking



The best way to explore the flora and fauna of the country's magnificent natural reserves at the Inland Sea and Al Thakira Mangroves is by kayak.

Tour operators offer sunrise and moonlit trips along with training, equipment and guides.

Book your experience with AquaSports Qatar.

Photo: Visit Qatar Internet: www.aquasportsq.com

Diving



Counted among the world's top pearl diving centres, Qatar is an ideal destination for diving year round. Divers can explore the fascinating

marine life, boat wrecks and limestone formations. PADI training courses and trips are offered by many diving centres and tour operators at a variety of locations.

Book your experience with Poseidon Dive Center or Qatar Marine.

Photo: Visit Qatar Internet: www.pdcqatar.com

Sailing



With 563 kilometres of coastline, sailing is one of the best ways to see the country. With sailing clubs offering training in dinghies, keelboats to

traditional dhow boats, luxury yachts, and even dragon boating for large groups, Qatar caters to

all types of mariners.

Book your experience with Regatta Sailing Academy or Doha Marine Sports Club.

Photo: Visit Qatar Internet: www.regattasailingacademy.com

DINING



Visit Qatar

Looking for the best eateries in Qatar? Find a variety of Arabic, Asian and international restaurants, hand-picked by local insiders, that cover all cravings.

Kailash Parbat



Kailash Parbat stands out for its array of North Indian street food. Situated in the middle of bustling downtown Msheireb, the

all-vegetarian menu features a wide selection of snacks and main courses. Dishes are accompanied by sweet and tangy sauces and chutneys, allowing for a delightful taste experience.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Matar Qadeem Street, Old Airport Area, Doha Phone: +974 4427 1113 Internet:

www.zomato.com/doha/kailash-parbat-old-airport-area

Shay Al Shamoos



Owned and operated by a Qatari, this rustic corner restaurant in Souq Waqif serves up home-style local cuisine. Try one of the five types of

khobizregag (crepe-like bread) with karak tea, a local favourite.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Beside Qatar Airways, Al Jasra Street, Souq Waqif, Doha

Phone: +974 5551 5561 Internet: www.instagram.com/shay alshomous

Turkey Central



One of the oldest BBQ establishments on teeming Al Nasr street, this restaurant is always abuzz with people coming for the famous kebabs

and kofte on tomato bread accompanied by cold starters (mezze) and their signature creamy avocado juice.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Mirqab Al Jadeed St, Doha Phone: +974 4443 2927 Internet: www.zomato.com/doha/turkey-central-restaurant-al-nasr

Sabah w Masa



This Lebanese joint boasts some of the best falafel in town. An extensive menu offers fresh Lebanese dishes on-the-go, well suited for

breakfast, lunch & dinner.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Pearl Qatar, Porto Arabia 16 Phone: +974 4436 6519 Internet: www.sabahwmasa.com

Al Bisana Restaurant



This is the perfect spot to have a quick authentic meal of shawarma and kunafa while exploring Katara Cultural Village. The restaurant offers

affordable mezzeh, bread, grilled meats and plenty of indoor and outdoor seating.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Katara Cultural Village Phone: +974 4408 1200

Bander Aden



This Yemeni restaurant in Souq Waqif offers a traditional dining experience with floor seating and dishes such assalta and fahsa stews

slow cooked in stone pots in clay ovens.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Souq Waqif, Abdullah Bin Jassim St, Doha Phone: +974 4437 5503 Internet: www.bandaraden.com

Yasmine Palace



Serving Andalusian, Levantine and Qatari-inspired food, this restaurant affords majestic views of the water as well as The

Pearl locale, while the jasmine scented interior seems to stop time.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Pearl Qatar, Marina Way 31, Doha Phone: +974 7711 1504 Internet: www.yasminepalace.com

Halul Café



Also known as the 'Fishermen's Café', this humble café along the Corniche is a popular hangout for local fishermen, expats and

tourists; offering staples such as foul, sandwiches, burgers, tea, coffee and juices, along with shisha.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Corniche Street, Doha Qatar Phone: +974 4111 1251 Internet: www.zomato.com/doha/halul-al-salata

Chapati and Karak



For some of the best karak in town, or warm flatbread (chapati) with sweet or savoury fillings, head to this popular tea shop in Katara. Open 24/7

search for long car queues for this café's famous ginger flavoured karak.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Katara Cultural Village Phone: +974 4408 1408 Internet: www.chapatikarak.com

IDAM



Situated in Qatar's iconic Museum of Islamic Art, with spectacular views of the Doha skyline, IDAM by culinary maestro Alain Ducasse, offers

contemporary French Mediterranean cuisine with an Arabic twist.

Photo: Victor Bellot/Visit Qatar Address: Museum of Islamic Art, 5th Floor Corniche Promenade, Doha Public Transport: The nearest metro station is National Museum. IDAM is a 15-minute walk from National Museum Station Phone: +974 4422 4488

Internet: www.mia.org.qa/en/visiting/idam

Nobu Doha



Chef Nobuyuki "Nobu" Matsuhisa's blending of traditional Japanese dishes with Peruvian ingredients fits right into Doha's international

culinary scene. There are a handful of Nobu restaurants around the world and the Doha location is the largest, a freestanding shelllike beacon on its own pier in the Arabian Gulf. Inside, it is sleek, luxurious and has a spectacular view. It's a memorable experience from start to finish, from the architecture to the excellent, knowledgeable service. There are many reasons to love Nobu's signature dish, the black cod in miso-it's sustainably fished, rich in flavour, silky in texture and deceptively simple. But the miso cod isn't the only hero of Nobu, and might not even be your highlight. The foie gras shiitake dumplings (on the tapas menu) and the light and flawless whitefish sashimi are unmissable.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Diplomatic St, Four Seasons Hotel Doha Public Transport: Nearest metro station: DECC via M105 metrolink bus Phone: +974 4494 8600 Internet: www.noburestaurants.com/doha/home

SMAT



With its name translating to 'dining table' in Khaleeji dialect of Arabic, the restaurant promises to redefine the feel and taste of the local cuisine

and take dining guests on a culinary journey through the unique gastronomic heritage of Qatar and the GCC, characterized by their distinctive origins, signature dishes as well as exclusive ingredients, spices, textures, and tastes.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Second Floor Corniche Doha Near Rass Abu Aboud Signal, Orient Pearl Restaurant, Emrair St Public Transport: Nearest metro station: National museum Phone: +974 6666 4448 Internet: www.instagram.com/SMATRestaurant

Morimoto Doha



The Morimoto Doha is the first restaurant in the Middle East by renowned Chef Masaharu Morimoto, where patrons can enjoy signature

omakase and the finest sushi along with Japanese Wagyu beef. Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto's Japanese finedining spot is as lavish and dramatic as you'd expect from his TV show.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: 101 Lusail Expy Public Transport: Nearest metro station: Legtaifiya Phone: +974 4045 5555 Internet: www.sbe.com/hotels/mondrian/doha/dining/morimoto

Parisa



Located in the alleyways of Souq Waqif, Parisa is a feast for the senses, with its elaborate interiors studded with intricate mirror work and

hand-painted artworks. Serving up a range of Persian specialties, the restaurant is a must for visitors. Reservations are recommended.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Souq Street, Souq Waqif Public Transport: Nearest metro station: Souq Waqif Phone: +974 4441 1494 Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/qatar/sharq-village/d ining/parisa-souq-waqif

CUT



With an ambiance that replicates the golden Qatari sunset, CUT offers a refined selection of beef and produce, along with locally-sourced

ingredients. A popular Friday brunch spot, CUT serves mouthwatering New York striploin, smoked local trevally, and gooey mac and cheese. Kaiserschmaren, a light and sweet pancake with berry compote and a selection of sorbets, is recommended for the perfect end to CUT's contemporary culinary journey.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: West Bay Lagoon Mondrian Hotel Public Transport: Legtaifiya Metro Station on the Red line Phone: +974 5045 5555 Internet: wolfgangpuck.com/dining/cut-doha

B-Lounge



With breathtaking marina views, an assortment of culinary and mixology events, celebrity guest DJs, and nightly entertainment, B-lounge

provides an unforgettable experience to please any and all tastes.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: The Ritz-Carlton, Doha, Pearl Blvd Phone: +974 5080 4421 Internet: www.bloungedoha.com

Jiwan



Jiwan Restaurant is a unique culinary wonderland that presents fusions of the desert and the sea, and the classic with the modern.

Spearheaded by the famed chef, Alain Ducasse, the restaurant is named after the Qatari word for the perfect pearl, Jiwan. The restaurant experiments with traditional Qatari dishes and deconstructs them to shed light on the individual flavours of local ingredients. Each bite is different than the other, taking diners on a contemporary journey of the rich Qatari cuisine.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Hitmi, Al Corniche, National Museum of Qatar Public Transport: National Museum Metro Station on the Gold line Phone: +974 4452 5725 Internet: www.jiwan.ga

Al Jasra



Hidden inside the alleys of Souq Waqif, Al Jasra is a cosy bistro run by five Qatari women who serve traditional home-style cuisine. Decorated with

local handicrafts and a plasma screen which regularly streams camel races, it offers a culturally enhancing experience, with diners treated to more of the country's famed hospitality.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Ali Bin Abdullah St, Doha Public Transport: This restaurant is accessible by metro. The closest stop to this restaurant is the Souq Waqif metro station on the gold line. Phone: +974 5529 8871

NIGHTLIFE



Visit Qatar

For much of the year in Doha, life begins after the sun sets. As the city lights shimmer, its beautiful people head out to enjoy bites, music, and dance.

St. Regis Doha



Located in the West Bay, Doha's business heart and close to one of the most beautiful neighbourhoods, the Pearl, the St.Regis goes

the extra mile to accommodate and entertain guests. With rooms and suites that introduce bespoke luxury services, complemented by customized amenities, eclectic dining options that exceed expectations and leisure facilities that provide the perfect getaway for all family members, the resort will surely be one to remember.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: West Bay

Public Transport: The nearest metro station is Al Gassar (Red line). From there, the St. Regis is a 10-minute walk Opening hours: Open 24 hours Phone: +974 4446 0000 Internet: www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dohxr-the-st-regis-d oha/overview

The Ritz-Carlton Doha



Located in the West Bay Lagoon, Doha's business heart and close to one of the most beautiful neighborhoods, the Pearl, The Ritz-Carlton, Doha

celebrates the city's enlightened spirit with renowned dining, stylish rooms and suites, an exclusive Club level, a unique spa concept and immersive outdoor pools.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: West Bay Lagoon Phone: +974 4484 8000 Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/qatar/doha

W Doha



W Doha is where casual glamour meets urban energy. The property is known for its luxury, service, offerings and its contemporary food

scenes. The hotel features 240 guestrooms, 51 suites, and 153 W branded Residences, each with an iconic design.

Experience creative cuisine and the best sushi in town at Spice Market and Market by chef Jean-Georges, Italian flair at La Spiga by Paper Moon, the gems of Peru at COYA Doha or try the W Café for some healthy drinks, scrumptious snacks and to sit back and enjoy the best coffee in town.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Building 262, Street 831 Public Transport: Nearest metro station: DECC Via M105 metrolink bus Phone: +974 4453 5000 Internet:

www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/dohwh-w-doha/overview

Banyan Tree Doha at La Cigale Mushaireb



Exquisitely designed by renowned interior designer Jacques Garcia, this property is renowned for featuring extravagant accommodation options

with a phenomenal architectural design. The design foundation signifies the four elements of life; earth, fire, water and air and is accentuated by the trees of life at the hotel's lobby. Banyan Tree Doha offers a tranquil haven to rejuvenate the mind, body and soul in an inspirational ambience, allowing guests to appreciate the warm hospitality while creating authentic and memorable experiences.

The prime location of this property offers guests convenient access to the Doha metro line as well as other key commercial and residential areas. The Hamad International Airport is a 20-minute drive away and in close proximity are also Doha's top cultural attractions, nightlife venues, vibrant shopping malls and entertainment hubs.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Khaleej St Phone: +974 4410 3333 Internet: www.banyantree.com/qatar/doha

Mondrian Doha



The Mondrian Doha is an iconic hotel that represents luxury, intricate styling with a touch of the local culture. Developed over a six-year

period, the Mondrian Doha features a distinctive falcon-inspired design. An important part of Qatari culture, the falcon is a recurring symbol at the Mondrian, with the entrance modelled like the beak, and the podium covered with a bird's nest pattern.

Nightlife venues:

Black Orchid - Mondrian Doha's popular nightclub

Smoke & Mirrors - Doha's royal cigar lounge which boasts a selection of the world's finest cigars

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Mondrian, West Bay Lagoon Public Transport: Nearest metro station: Legtaifiya Phone: +974 4045 5555 Internet: www.sbe.com/hotels/mondrian/doha

SHOPPING



Visit Qatar

From traditional Souqs to exclusive boutiques and world-renowned luxury brands, Qatar offers an unmatched shopping experience.

Shopping in Qatar is an art. Marbled promenades sell the finest jewellery, perfume, and fashion, while time-honoured Souqs house everything from textiles, handicrafts, musical instruments and perfumes tailored to the wearer.

Al Hazm Mall



Al Hazm, which means "the higher ground", certainly delivers on this, offering an elevated experience. Built in Italianate style with

shops, cafes and restaurants ringing a central promenade, this is a favourite spot for locals. Combining art, culture, and gastronomy, this opulent complex embodies luxury, paying tribute to Italy's timeless classism and Arabia's finest hospitality.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Markhiya Street Opening hours: Saturday to Thursday: 9 AM - 12 AM. Fridays: 10 AM - 12 AM Phone: +974 4411 1444 Internet: www.alhazm.com/ More Info: The best way to reach Al Hazm is by car.

Al Khor Mall



Located on Qatar's northeast coast, AlKhor Mall boasts 55,0016 square meters of the finest retail shops and services. With more than

100 outlets including a range of dining options, clothing outlets, a cinema and a family entertainment centre, the mall allows visitors to indulge and be entertained.

The building's traditional Arabic architecture is contrasted by its modern interior, with convenient and stylish facilities. The mall also boasts a wide selection of international and regional budget-friendly stores such as Lifestyle, The Body Shop and Splash. The dining options at the mall leave nothing to be desired, with a selection of dessert shops, cafés and fast-food options including Batteel Café, Chilli's and Papa John's.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Khor Public Transport: You can also get there by bus (102, 102X). Opening hours: Sunday to Wednesday: 10 AM – 10 PM. Thursdays & Saturdays: 10 AM – 11 PM Phone: +974 4453 3445 Internet: https://alkhormall.com/ More Info: The easiest way to get to AlKhor Mall is by car via the AlKhor coastal road.

Explore Doha Festival City



Featuring over 400 brands, and home to the country's first Harvey Nichols and IKEA stores, Doha Festival City is more than a shoppers'

paradise. With dining outlets catering to all tastes and budgets, it also contains the region's

first Angry Birds World and winter-themed SnowDunes theme parks, and Virtuocity, the country's first e-gaming hub.

Doha Festival City is a popular dining destination with restaurants catering to all tastes and budgets. From family and wallet-friendly options such as Nando's, Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang's to Jamie's Italian, La Duree and Le Petit Train Bleu, DFC has everyone covered. Prefer a meal on the go? Popular fast-food chains let shoppers grab a bite before wandering the mall and enjoying its many attractions.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Umm Salal Mohammed, near the Al Shamal Road Public Transport: The closest stop to get here is the Lusail-QNB station on the Red Line. Opening hours: Saturday to Wednesday: 10 AM - 10 PM. Thursdays: 10 AM - 11 PM. Fridays: 10 AM - 11 AM / 1 PM -11 PM Phone: +974 4035 4444

Internet: www.dohafestivalcity.com/home/ More Info: The Doha Festival City can be reached by car easily

Ezdan Mall



With locations around Doha, Al Wakra, Gharaffa and Al Wukair, Ezdan Mall boasts a range of retail, dining and

entertainment options for the entire family while remaining budget friendly.

Strategically located at the most accessible locales around the capital city of Doha, Ezdan Malls offer visitors a convenient and entertaining shopping experience. Spread over three stories with over 200 stores, 50 irresistible dining options that include restaurants, cafes and stalls, and an exciting gaming zone Ezdan Malls makes a complete destination in itself. Children visiting these malls can learn as they play at Funville, an expansive 'edutainment' outlet dedicated to them.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Juthay St

Public Transport: Ezdan Mall Gharaffa is accessible by buses (156A), (56) and (57). Ezdan Mall Al Wakra is accessible by bus (119). Ezdan Mall Al Wukair, Al Mashaf St is accessible by buses (119), (M130) and (M131)

Opening hours: Sunday to Saturday: 7:30 AM - 12 AM.

Fridays: 7:30 AM - 11:15 AM / 12:30 PM - 12 AM

Phone: +974 4433 4141

Internet: www.ezdanmall.qa

More Info: Ezdan Malls are easily accessible via car or taxi (Uber is widely used, alternatively Karwa or Careem)

Villagio Mall



A shopping and entertainment centre, Villaggio mall sits within Aspire Zone, and contrasts the sporty offerings therein with

pure decadence. From budget to luxury, there are options aplenty. Clothing to jewellery, quick bites to leisurely meals, movies or theme parks, Villaggio is a one-stop family (though maybe not wallet) friendly destination.

An indoor canal complete with gondolas takes shoppers along one wing of the mall, depositing them right by Via Domo – a high end high street with every luxury lovers favourite brand names. Dior, Dolce & Gabbana, Gucci and Louis Vuitton, Fendi, Bulgari and Cartier, are just some of the brands found along the rich gold decked hallways of Via Domo.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Waab St Public Transport: The mall can be reached by metro (Gold Line, Al-Aziziyah Station). Opening hours: Sunday to Wednesday: 9 AM - 10 PM. Thursdays & Saturdays: 9 AM - 11 PM. Fridays: 9 AM - 11 AM / 12:30 PM - 11 PM Phone: +974 4422 7400

Internet: www.villaggioqatar.com/en

More Info: Villagio Mall is easily accessible via car or a taxi (Uber is widely used, alternatively Karwa or Careem). Parking spaces are available. The distance from Hamad International Airport is approximately 30 minutes.

Place Vendôme



Place Vendôme is an extravagant 1,150,000 square meter mall inspired by classic French architecture. The four-floored,

open-concept mall houses 580 high-end and mid-range stores, including every global fashion brand. Within the nooks and curves of the grand mall, you will find plenty of culinary experiences within cafes, restaurants, and food courts.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Wadi Al Gaeya, Lusail

Public Transport: Place Vendôme Qatar is located in Lusail Entertainment City. The mall is easily accessible through public transport. Arrive at Legtaifiya Metro Station and take the Lusail Tram on the Orange Line to Lusail Central Station. This station exit is located right outside the mall.

Opening hours: Sunday to Wednesday: 9 AM - 10 PM.

Thursday to Saturday: 9 AM - 12 AM

Phone: +974 4144 0000

Internet: www.placevendomeqatar.com/

More Info: You can take a taxi or drive a car there, as plenty of parking spaces are available.

Lagoona Mall



Marking the entrance to The Pearl, Lagoona Mall is a destination for lifestyle and retail. With over 180 stores, ranging from one-of-a-kind

boutiques to high-end couture, cafes, a grocery

store, a gym as well as a stage for live performances, Lagoona Mall offers novelty and exudes comfort, with plush seating allowing patrons a place where they can drop while they shop.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: 66 West Bay Lagoon Street Public Transport: Nearest metro station: Legtaifiya Opening hours: Saturday to Wednesday: 10 AM – 10 PM. Thursdays: 10 AM – 12 AM Fridays: 2 PM – 12 AM Phone: +974 4433 5555 Internet: www.lagoonamall.com/

Mall of Qatar



Situated next to Al Rayyan Stadium, the Mall of Qatar offers 500 retail, dining, and café options. Every section of the mall, from its distinctive facade

to its exciting interiors, holds an element of surprise, promising a memorable experience. The most defining feature of the mall is the 'Oasis', a 30-metre high atrium landscaped with planted beds and living, tree-like support structures, surrounded by numerous restaurants and cafés. At the centre of the Oasis lies MOQ Live, a professional theatre with live entertainment shows and performances organised on a 360-degree multi-lift rotating stage surrounded by dancing water fountains in the Oasis.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Villa 25, Street 605, Zone 51, Al Gharaffa, Al Jahhaniya Interchange, Street 373, Ar-Rayyan Opening hours: Saturday to Wednesday: 10 AM – 10 PM. Thursdays & Fridays: 10 AM – 12 AM Phone: +974 4034 6000 Internet: www.mallofgatar.com.ga/

Hyatt Plaza



Located in Al Waab, one of Doha's fastest-growing neighbourhoods, Hyatt Plaza Mall provides the perfect atmosphere to shop, relax, dine and

enjoy. The newly refurbished mall houses Homes r Us besides 74 other global and local retail and food outlets and a variety of kiosks that sell items such as customized handicrafts, beauty items, confectionary, as well as the latest technologies and accessories.

Photo: Visit Qatar Address: Al Waab St Opening hours: Saturday to Wednesday: 8 AM - 10 PM. Thursdays: 8 AM - 1 PM. Fridays: 2 PM - 11 PM Phone: +974 4499 9666 Internet: www.hyattplaza.com/ More Info: This mall is easily accessible via car, bus or metro.

Landmark Mall



Located in Al Gharaffa, north of Doha, this spacious single-story mall provides a relaxed shopping experience. Landmark Mall contains a

diverse selection of well-known international fast-fashion brands such as Zara and H&M, along with a host of other retail outlets at varying price points. Shoppers can find brands that will fit every budget type.

Landmark Mall is home to world-class restaurants, ranging from local to international cuisine, with places such as Casper and Gambini's, Simit Sarayi and Paul Bakery & Restaurant. The mall also has a fine selection of fast-food, cafés and dessert options, making it the perfect pit-stop for any dining needs. Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Al Shamal Road

Opening hours: Saturday to Wednesday: 9 AM - 10 PM. Thursdays & Fridays: 9 AM - 11 PM

Phone: +974 4487 5222

Internet: www.landmarkdoha.com/

More Info: Landmark Mall is located on Al Shamal Road to the north of Doha City in Al Gharaffa. You can easily access it by car, bus (101, 55), or local taxi service.

City Center Mall



City Center is one of Qatar's largest and oldest shopping centres. Offering experiences for all, the mall offers a range of family-friendly

outlets, including a putting green, children's play area, and a 14-screen cinema complex. With year-round shows, seasonal events and activities, the whole family is bound to be entertained.

The mall offers convenience, with retailers and service providers including financial services such as money transfers, a courier service, cobbler, and a small photographer's studio, providing a one-stop spot for almost every need. Visitors can choose from a wide array of dining options, taking their pick from over 38 international and regional restaurants and cafés, ranging from contemporary to casual dining.

Photo: Visit Qatar

Address: Doha City Center 4th Street Public Transport: The mall can be reached by metro, DECC Station. Opening hours: Sunday to Wednesday: 10 AM - 10 PM. Thursdays & Saturdays: 10 AM - 12 AM. Fridays: 10 AM - 11 AM / 1 PM - 12 AM Phone: +974 4493 3355

Internet: www.citycenterdoha.com/en/home/

INSIDER TIPS



Visit Qatar

Qatar Tourism has revealed its top 10 tips for those seeking an authentic Middle Eastern experience in Qatar. From centuries-old hosting traditions to Eid al-Fitr celebrations, Qatar prides itself on maintaining high hospitality standards and leaving visitors feeling welcome and cared for.

The welcoming and friendly spirit of locals is embedded deep within the country's culture. It can be found not only in the tourism sector but across all aspects of everyday life – from food and drink to social life, culture, religion, and beyond.

The Art of Qahwa



Sharing coffee is an important part of Qatari social life and the traditions around serving it are a testament to Qatar's famed hospitality.

Coffee is always served from a traditional coffee pot known as a 'dallah' and poured in the 'finjaan' (a delicate cup). Locals always hold their cup in the right hand and avoid filling the drink right to the top. Coffee drinking is so embedded in Qatari culture that it is considered impolite to refuse a cup!

Photo: Visit Qatar

A Handy Tip for Dinner Guests



Hosting guests for shared meals is a fundamental part of Qatari culture, with dining together a foundation of family and social life. A key tip to

remember is that locals will only pass food with their right hand – so following this tradition will impress Qatari hosts. One of the best places for a traditional Qatari meal is Shay Al Shoomos, located within the Souq Waqif. Guests can sample a range of local specialties including margoga, small pieces of bread mixed with sauce and cooked vegetables, and regag, a traditional Arabic crêpe.

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A Sip or Two



Tourists can enjoy their favourite beverage in hotel restaurants across the country, of which there are plenty. For a special evening, it's

worth visiting Nobu Doha, which overlooks the Arabian Sea and the capital's skyline, making it the perfect setting at sunset. Alternatively, La Cigale, voted the leading dining and entertainment experience in both Qatar and the Middle East, has a rooftop terrace to enjoy the Doha skyline by sunshine or starlight, located on the 15th floor.

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The Holy Month



Ramadan takes place for 30 days every year and begins and ends depending on the sighting of the Moon. The holy month is observed by

Muslims in Qatar and around the world and is used as a time of prayer, community and fasting. When the month ends, all come together for Eid al-Fitr – a period of celebration filled with feasting, storytelling and games. Ramadan and its fasting is one of the five pillars of the Islamic faith and it's respectful for those not observing it to be mindful of worship and fasting times. Should a visit to Qatar fall at this time, it's worth checking the fasting times so you can celebrate breaking the fast with the locals each night!

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Dress to Impress



Qatar is relatively relaxed around dress, although it's recommended for both men and women to cover their shoulders and knees. For those wanting

to hop into a swimsuit and catch some rays, there are plenty of places to do so, at one of the many private hotel pools or beaches. These include the Aleph Doha Residences by Hilton, which features Doha's highest swimming pool, or the St Regis Doha, with its pristine white sand private beach.

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And, Relax



Wellness is well-rooted in Middle Eastern and Arabic culture, with the use of hammams dating back to the Middle Ages. For anyone looking to sit

back and unwind on their visit to Qatar, there's an abundance of spas to choose from with a wide range of relaxing treatments and amenities. The Sharq Village & Spa in Doha is recommended for its Ultimate Hammam Experience while the award-winning Zulal Wellness Resort, located in the most northern point of the country, is the largest of its kind in the region.

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Mother Tongue



While the majority of people speak English in Qatar, there is a large number of expatriates who bring a wealth of languages and dialects to

this cosmopolitan destination. The official language, however, is Arabic – and learning a few words or phrases can demonstrate an interest in the country. The word for 'hello' is 'marhabaa' and 'thank you' is 'shukraan'. For guests wanting to immerse themselves in Arabic culture, a visit to the National Museum of Qatar or the Museum of Islamic Art is not to be missed.

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Hand-drawn Henna



Considered a sunnah (a commendable Islamic practice), and used to decorate women's hands, henna tattoos are mostly worn for special

celebrations, such as weddings or Eid. Each pattern is unique and many families host henna night celebrations. To get a henna tattoo, visit the Souq Waqif where henna stalls operate throughout the year.

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Holiday Fun



Halfway through Ramadan, on the 14th day, Qataris celebrate Garangao, a fun tradition for children to recognise their fasting efforts.

During Garangao, after the sunset prayer, children dress up in traditional clothes, carry a decorated bag, and visit their neighbourhoods singing Garangao songs, and collect treats, such as sweets or nuts. For those visiting Qatar with children during this time, there are ways to get involved with celebrations held across the country, including at the National Museum of Qatar or the Mall of Qatar.

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Bird spotting



Falconry plays a vital role in the region's history and is recognised by UNESCO as a living human heritage. The birds are trained to hunt

and follow the commands of their handlers - the

Bedouins. Travellers can visit the Falcon Souq, where these elegant birds sit on perches. There is an annual Qatar Falconry Festival, which is an unmissable event held in January, if you are lucky enough to be visiting at that time.

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Ehteraz — the official contact tracing health app of Qatar

You will need to have this Covid-19 status tracing app downloaded and ready on your phone on arrival at the airport. This Qatari health status tracking app generates a QR code that shares your vaccination status, current virus-free state, risk of contagion and more. You will be required to present the Ehteraz app before entering closed spaces and establishments in the country, such as shopping malls, restaurants, cafes, hotels, groceries stores.

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Hamad International Airport



The state-of-the-art Hamad International Airport (HIA) is Qatar's gateway to the world and is home to the national carrier Qatar

Airways.

Inaugurated in April 2014, the state-of-the-art, award winning HIA is located a mere 15 minutes from the heart of the city. With 138 check-in counters, it can handle 8,700 passengers per hour and immigration formalities, baggage claim and other passenger services are designed to be seamlessly efficient.

HIA also houses a hotel, two squash courts, a gym, a 25-metre swimming pool and spa, all within easy reach of the departure lounge

The five-star airport has already completed the first phase of the Smart Airport programme, having won numerous international accolades, and has launched its second phase of expansion which will enable it to accommodate over 53 million passengers annually by 2022.

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Bus Services

The bus network connects Hamad International Airport to various destinations across the city, offering a convenient transport option. Bus fare can only be paid with a Karwa Smartcard, available at HIA help desks near baggage claim belts 5 & 6.

Taxis

Karwa taxis offer a convenient and flexible way

travel to and from Hamad International Airport. The taxi pavilion is located to the left of the arrivals hall. All taxis are metered and the minimum flag down fare at the airport starts at QAR 25 (USD 7), with cash payments in Qatari Riyal only. Transfer time to the city centre is 30 minutes on average.

Internet: www.karwa.qa

Car Rental / Driving

There are many local and international car hire firms operating in Qatar, including several with branches at HIA, such as Avis, Budget, Europcar and Hertz. Uber and Careem also operate in Qatar.

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Doha Metro



The state-of-the art Doha Metro is largely operational, connecting various points of interest across Doha. While currently mostly

underground, a tram system is under development, and expected to open shortly.

Boasting some of the fastest driverless trains in

the world, the Doha Metro rapid transit system has three lines: Red, Green and Gold, with 37 stations across 76 km which converge at the centrally located Msheireb Station, close to Doha's main cultural attractions.

Red (coastal) Line connects Hamad
International Airport to West Bay, Katara
Cultural Village, Qatar University and Lusail.
Green (educational) Line connects Hamad
Hospital, Al Bidda park, Qatar Foundation's
Education City and Mall of Qatar.
Gold (historic) Line runs through Khalifa
Stadium, Villaggio Mall, to Souq Waqif and
National Museum of Qatar.

Most stations offer free feeder buses.

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Population 2.931 million (2021)

Currency

The Oatari riyal is the only currency used in the country and can be obtained through ATMs which are widely available in malls, hotels and around Doha. The Oatari Riyal (OR) is pegged against the US Dollar at OAR 3.64

Internet

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