



# Factsheet on Qatar



## **Where cultural authenticity meets modernity**

### **Qatar: your Arabian gateway to cultural treasures and new wonders.**

Doha, proudly named the Arab Tourism Capital for 2023, is where visitors can experience authentically warm Arabian hospitality amid a backdrop of a rapidly developing economy.

Qatar is renowned for its exemplary warmth, exquisite cuisine, world-class hospitality infrastructure and myriad of things to do, from adventures in the desert to the sea. Combined, Qatar is a rising international tourist destination that offers something exceptional for every type of traveller.

We invite you to explore all that Qatar has to offer, from cultural hubs such as Souq Waqif and Katara Cultural Village, to the thought-provoking museums found in Qatar such as Msheireb Downtown Doha.

In addition, Qatar's year-round calendar of exciting events provides visitors with further inspiration for their time in the country.

Discover more of Qatar in these pages







# Section 1: Quick facts



# History of Qatar



Qatar's history is informed by its geography, as a peninsula in the middle of historical trade routes, the country benefited from a lot of cross-cultural exchange. Almost all of Qatar's history is discovered through oral accounts of people who lived through its history.

Two major groups contributed to Qatar's rich cultural legacy: the nomadic Bedouin tribes and the settled pearl diving Hadar <sup>1</sup> community. Aspects of Qatar's culture, especially the social structures, have been documented from the Bedouin community through oral accounts. By listening to older generations, we have found that a lot of the 'Bedouin' social norms and values were also found in Hadars who settled along the coastlines and traded with visiting merchants.

Learn more about the fascinating history of Qatar through this [video](#) or read more [here](#).

Check out Qatar then and now via pictures [here](#).

1. **Hadar** are significant ethnic group that has played a crucial role in shaping Qatar's history and cultural identity. Originating from a Bedouin tribe, they eventually settled along the Qatari coast. Instead of maintaining a nomadic lifestyle, the Hadar established permanent homes, traditionally constructed from mud brick along the coastlines, while the men embarked on long voyages in search of pearls.



# Fast Facts About Qatar

## Who rules Qatar?

The Al-Thani family has ruled Qatar since 1825, with His Highness The Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani the current Emir of state.

## What does Qatar's flag signify?

Qatar's flag is white and maroon with a serrated vertical divide. The nine-pointed serrated edge signifies Qatar as the ninth member of the "reconciled emirates" following the Qatari-British treaty of 1916.

## What was Qatar's economy based on before the discovery of natural gas and oil?

Prior to the discovery of natural gas, Qatar's economy was largely based on fishing, pearl diving, and trading.

Read more Fast Facts about Qatar [here](#).





# Qatar in Numbers

**+3 MILLION**

Qatar's population as of August 2024

**100+**

Different nationalities living in Qatar

**563 KM**

The length of Qatar's coastline

**>320 DAYS**

Of sunshine per year

**102**

Countries given visa-free entry

**#3**

Rating as the 3rd safest country in the world by NUMBEO Crime Index 2025

**97%**

The country's literacy rate





# Section 2: A CLOSER LOOK AT QATAR

# Hayya Platform

- Travelers from over 102 countries are eligible for **visa-free entry** to Qatar, while others can easily obtain an **e-visa** through the **Hayya platform**.
- Available through the **website and the mobile app** "Hayya to Qatar," the platform offers a variety of services, such as e-visa applications for different visa categories, including **Tourist Visa (A1)** and **GCC Resident Visa (A2)**.
- Visas can be applied for on the [Hayya platform](#) for a cost of QAR 100.
- The platform also enables pre-registration for vehicles, facilitating smoother entry through the Abu Samra border.







## A Fast-Growing Destination

- Qatar is fast emerging as one of the most exciting and premier global travel destinations, featuring a mix of rich Arabian tradition and heritage that has played host to guests across the globe for decades.
- With its captivating landscapes, vibrant culture & heritage sites, pristine beaches, world-class museums, luxurious resorts, and cutting-edge architecture, Qatar offers an array of attractions that cater to diverse interests.
- In 2024, Qatar surpassed five million visitors, exceeding annual visitor numbers of the past five years.
- In the first half of 2025, Qatar welcomed over 2.6 million visitors, representing an increase of 3% compared to the same period last year, setting Qatar in the pathway to break another record.



# Where It All Starts - Hamad International Airport

**Hamad International Airport (HIA)** is more than just a transit hub; it's a destination. Recognised as the **best airport in the world** three times by the **Skytrax World Airport Awards**, HIA seamlessly blends cutting-edge architecture with unmatched luxury and comfort.

The airport's terminal spans **845,000 square meters**, positioning it among the largest airport terminals globally. HIA is designed to handle over **68 million** passengers annually, ensuring efficiency and comfort.

HIA serves as a hub for over **45 airline partners**, connecting passengers to more than **177 destinations worldwide**.

Home to impressive artworks, including the iconic 23-foot-tall "**Lamp Bear**" by **Urs Fischer**, the airport provides travelers with a unique cultural experience.

The airport boasts world-class amenities, featuring a **25-meter swimming pool**, **gym**, **spa**, and **squash courts** at the state-of-the-art **Vitality Wellbeing and Fitness Centre**, allowing travelers to relax and rejuvenate. It also offers a diverse range of dining options, from local Qatari cuisine to international favorites, catering to all tastes.







## Destinations

Qatar's neighbourhoods boast waterfronts, golden desert views, iconic museums, and retail venues, reflecting the rich diversity of this compact state.



# Natural Wonders

As a peninsula surrounded by the Arabian sea, our beaches are havens for marine and wildlife, and ideal for sailing, diving, and water sports.

Just one hour from Doha, you'll step foot into a different world. Qatar's south-eastern desert is an epic wilderness where you might still spot a Bedouin camp especially during the winter season. In the camp you might spot camels grazing in the distance, and undulating sand dunes as far as the eye can see.

Venture into the rocky northern desert to discover ancient petroglyphs from Neolithic times at Jassasiya Rock Art Site. Admire otherworldly 'mushroom' rock formations at Zekreet or see Al Rekayat Fort at Al Zubarah – an important settlement during the golden age of the pearling trade.

Surrounded by water and blessed with year-round sunny weather, Qatar is an ideal location for water sports. The country's crystal-clear beaches, waterparks and marinas invite everyone to try out new activities and experiences. The best kite surfing is available in Qatar, along a natural lagoon on the north coast, at the Fuwairit Kite Beach Resort.

Qatar is also home to one of the largest whale shark congregations in the entire world. Discover Qatar offers attractive itineraries for all wildlife enthusiasts who want to admire these fascinating creatures.

Discover more on Qatar's natural wonders [here](#).





# Entertainment & Cultural Districts

Qatar is a vibrant hub of culture, entertainment, and heritage, offering a variety of incredible destinations to explore. The iconic **Katara Cultural Village** in Doha seamlessly blends art, culture, and tradition, providing a dynamic space for cultural exchange and entertainment.

Visitors can marvel at the **Katara Amphitheatre**, a majestic open-air venue inspired by classical Greek architecture, and explore the Katara Museums, which highlight Islamic heritage and global cultures. The village also offers luxury shopping at **Galleries Lafayette** and upscale retail at 21 High Street, while hosting vibrant events and activities during National Day to celebrate Qatar's rich heritage.

In addition, the all-new **West Walk** is a modern urban destination that blends residential, retail, and dining experiences, offering a vibrant lifestyle hub in the heart of the city.

Also, for another culturally rich experience, the **Mina District**, a charming waterfront area in the heart of Doha, enchants visitors with its pastel-coloured buildings, vibrant maritime atmosphere, and the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely stroll and coffee at its various coffee shops.





# Cities of the Future

**Qatar** is a unique blend of innovation, heritage, and entertainment, offering destinations that captivate with their cultural richness and modern attractions.

**Msheireb Downtown Doha**, a model of sustainable urban development, merges cutting-edge innovation with traditional heritage. Visitors can immerse themselves in Qatar's history at the **Msheireb Museums**, housed in four restored heritage buildings, and explore **Al Kahraba Street** and the **Doha Design District**, which celebrate creativity and design excellence.

Meanwhile, **Lusail City** stands as a symbol of Qatar's future, boasting futuristic architecture and vibrant districts. Guests can enjoy a panoramic tour of **Lusail Boulevard**, the **Marina District**, and **Lusail Stadium**, the iconic venue of the **FIFA World Cup 2022** final, making it a must-visit destination.





# Iconic Museums

Qatar's unique museums are architectural marvels themselves, telling Qatar's story as much as the exhibits they house.

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. Built around Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al-Thani's original palace, and the seat of government for 25 years, the National Museum of Qatar gives voice to Qatar's heritage whilst celebrating its future.

The **Museum of Islamic Art** (MIA) houses one of the most comprehensive collections of Islamic art in the world, with masterpieces from every corner of the globe representing the diversity found in Islamic heritage. Designed by the renowned Chinese American architect I. M. Pei, MIA is a globally acclaimed museum that stands majestically on Doha's Corniche, with panoramic views of the city's waterfront.

**Msheireb Museums** celebrates the history of four historic heritage houses in the heart of Msheireb Downtown Doha. They reveal unique aspects of Qatar's cultural and social development.

**The 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum**, located next to Khalifa International Stadium, celebrates the history of sports and inspires future





# Souq & Retail Venues

Qatar has a lot of shopping malls around the country, but the love of retail therapy goes back to the country's history as traders in the souq.

The souq functions as a one stop shop for daily necessities, with fabrics, spices and more. **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. Souq Waqif's winding alleys offer a tableau of traditional street life.

**Le Printemps Doha** is the largest luxury department store in the Middle East and the prestigious French brand's first foray into international markets.

**Doha Oasis** is a vibrant destination combining luxury retail, leisure, and entertainment. It is home to **Quest**, a state-of-the-art indoor theme park offering record-breaking thrilling rides, family-friendly attractions, and immersive experiences for all ages.

**Place Vendôme** is an architectural masterpiece where fun-filled entertainment for the whole family is combined with a luxury shopping experience. The mall houses 580 high-end and mid-range stores, alongside plenty of culinary experiences.

Featuring over 400 brands, **Doha Festival City** is more than a shoppers' paradise. With dining outlets catering to all tastes and budgets, it also contains the world's first Angry Birds World and the winter-themed Snow Dunes theme parks.





# Food in Qatar



## Traditional Qatari Cuisine

Qatari cuisine draws its characteristics from the entire region of India, Lebanon, Persia, the Middle East and North Africa.

Popular restaurants include Shay Al Shomous in Souq Waqif, where late risers gather at all hours to sample a homely, hearty all-day Qatari breakfast; Feeh Al 'Afia in Katara Cultural Village, which serves authentic local delicacies, such as Harees, Madhruba, and more; Jiwan at the National Museum of Qatar; and Saasna in Msheireb Downtown Doha, where creative Qatari chefs prepare local classics such as machboos, saloona and luqaimat.

## Michelin Restaurants

Discover more about Qatari cuisine [here](#). Qatar is home to a number of Michelin-awarded restaurants, with IDAM and Jamavar each gaining one Michelin star and a total of 33 restaurants were Michelin selected. Full list available [here](#).

## Dining in Qatar

Home to people from over 100 countries, Qatar is a truly multicultural society. Its varied dining scene reflects this rich diversity, featuring an eclectic range of influences.

Qatar's dining scene ranges from restaurants run by world-renowned and celebrity chefs to budget friendly bites with just a few riyals needed to savour a warm falafel or quick shawarma fresh off the grill.

Find out more about food and restaurants [here](#).



# Arts & Crafts in Qatar

Qatar has a rich tradition of arts and crafts, from being a centre of the purple dye industry, to its unique textiles, pottery, and jewellery. Experience the best of Qatar's art and culture through [here](#).

## Goldsmithing & Jewellery

Jewellery production is one of Qatar's oldest handicrafts. Designers create diverse jewellery items including traditional products such as anklets, rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces and hair ornaments. Visit [shopping malls](#) or [Gold Souq](#) in Qatar to find out more.

## Al Sadu Weaving

Traditionally led by women, Al Sadu is closely associated with the availability of raw materials such as sheep wool, camel and goat hair and cotton. Fabric woven using Al Sadu techniques features vibrant geometric patterns and often uses colours such as red, black and white.

## Henna Art

Henna, a natural reddish-brown dye derived from powdered leaves, has been used by Qatari women for cosmetic purposes for hundreds of years. It is still widely used today to decorate the skin with intricate patterns and designs, especially for occasions such as weddings and Eid celebrations. Get fresh henna temporary tattoo applied by an onsite artist in [Souq Waqif](#).





# Traditions of Qatar

Whether you're planning a visit or simply interested in learning more, Qatar's traditions are sure to leave a lasting impression. Explore and engage with these traditions to gain a deeper understanding of the country's vibrant culture through [here](#).

## Dhow Boats

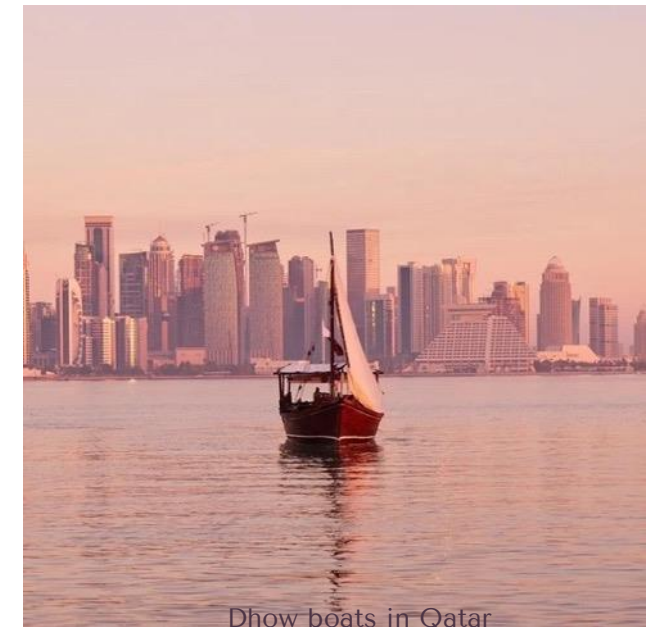
For generations, fishing, pearl diving and trading provided a livelihood for much of the population in Qatar. Traditional wooden dhows, largely unchanged in design over the years, are a remnant of this seafaring tradition and still ply Qatar's waters today.

## Falconry

Falconry helped with hunting wild game and providing food to the family. Although livestock provided the majority of the nomads' food, falconry was regarded as a skillful art, and men would frequently compare how well their birds were trained and cared for. To take a closer look at the Qatari Falconry culture, visit the Falcon Souq in [Souq Waqif](#).

## Bukhoor

Incense is very popular in Qatar and throughout the region. Made from scented wood, it is burned in a special incense burner called a mabkhara to produce a rich smoke to perfume the home and clothing. As a show of hospitality, visitors are often invited to waft the smoke around themselves.



Dhow boats in Qatar



Falconry in Qatar



Bukhoor burner



# Folktales, Poetry, Music, and Dance



HH The Amir Participates in Qatar's Ardha

## Folktales and Poetry

The history of Qatar is based on oral transmission. Storytelling and poetry were the ways that the older generation would entertain themselves and pass down proverbs to their children.

Bedouins were known for their poetry and the Hadar's folktales were based on the unknown vastness of the ocean. One well known folktale was about the conquests of Mai, a female pearl diver. Even though traditionally women weren't involved in the pearling industry her story is one of legends that is repeated to this day.

## Music and Dance

Traditional music instruments include tambourines, cymbals and large drums known as al-Mirwass, as well as string instruments such as oud and rababa. The Ardha dance is the most popular traditional dance in Qatar, with men and boys carrying canes or decorative swords facing each other in two rows. The dance was performed by warriors before battle, and remains part of Qatar's culture, enacted during Qatar National Day, at banquets and celebrations and other special events. Watch a video of the Ardha dance [here](#).



# New Attractions in Qatar



## Ras Abrouq

Our Habitas Ras Abrouq is an award-winning and sustainable resort located at the edge of the UNESCO protected Al-Reem Biosphere Reserve. Developed in partnership with Our Habitas and Qatar Airways, the resort is designed for luxury travellers seeking new experiences, looking to discover the natural wonders of Qatar. Visit Qatar will closely collaborate with Our Habitas to deliver transformative travel experiences through art exhibits, unique pop-up dining experiences, film screenings, concerts, and more.

## Gewan Island

Gewan Island, a rare gem rising from the Arabian Gulf, combines stunning architecture with unmatched luxury. Offering a blend of recreational, commercial, and residential facilities, it features exquisite amenities, beachfront living, and private island mansions, in addition to the unique Crystal Walk. Just moments away from The Pearl Island's vibrant districts, Gewan provides a serene waterfront retreat with unparalleled luxury.

## Meryal Waterpark

Meryal Waterpark, located on the newly developed Qetaifan Island, is home to the 85-meter high 'icon tower' and offers visitors a selection of exciting attractions including a total of 36 waterslides.

## Al Maha Island

Al Maha Island is an all-encompassing destination catering to a range of lifestyles. It hosts a lineup of both high-end and casual restaurants, including Lusail Winter Wonderland.



# Cruise Season



- As one of the fast-growing emerging cruise destinations on Arabian Gulf itineraries, Qatar has invested extensively in cruise tourism industry, witnessing tremendous success over the past few years.
- Doha's emergence as a premier cruise destination reflects Qatar's commitment to expanding its tourism offerings.
- Since its inception in 2016 with modest numbers, the industry has seen extraordinary expansion.
- The newly expanded Doha Port Cruise Ships Terminal serves as the hub for cruise tourism in Qatar, offering exceptional hospitality and experiences.
- The 2024/25 Cruise Season witnessed the arrival of 87 cruise ships, marking a 19% increase compared to the previous season. This included five maiden calls and 13 turnaround operations, with more than 360,000 passengers visiting Doha Port. Transfer passengers, those beginning or ending their journey in Qatar, accounted for over 10% of total visitors, highlighting Qatar's role as a key regional cruise hub.
- Looking ahead, Qatar Tourism plans to strengthen its collaborations with more international cruise lines, which is vital for driving further growth in Qatar's the tourism sector and contributing to Qatar's economic diversification efforts.



# Qatar Calendar

- Qatar's annual event calendars are always full, offering year- round entertainment for residents and visitors to enjoy. It includes live ticketed shows, shopping, festivals, and sporting events, as well as seasonal and holiday celebrations.
- Visit Qatar, together with partners from across sectors, has unveiled the Qatar Calendar 2025–2026, which includes 549 events.
- The announcement of the unified national events calendar represents a strategic step towards consolidating efforts under one framework, highlighting the collaborative efforts between local and international partners in strengthening Qatar's tourism ecosystem and enhancing the visitor experience.
- The Qatar Calendar product allows residents and visitors from around the world to plan ahead for Qatar's dynamic line-up of events, while underscoring the country's position as a destination with a diverse offering designed to stimulate economic activity and support the growth of the hospitality and retail sectors.
- In 2024, Qatar hosted more than 80 exciting events, including the country's largest shopping festival, Shop Qatar, the AFC Asian Cup 2023, the 20th anniversary of the Doha Jewellery & Watches Exhibition, and the biggest culinary festival Qatar International Food Festival 2024, to name a few.
- Our monthly events guide, Qatar Calendar, features helpful details on all the events taking place in the country, with timings and locations provided in one place.
- For an overview of the events happening in Qatar visit: <https://visitqatar.com/intl-en/events-calendar>







# Section 4: Travel Tips from A to Z





# Travelling to Qatar

- Qatar is one of the most accessible countries in the Middle East.
- Citizens of 102 countries, including that of the GCC, can travel to Qatar visa-free.
- Visitors can check the requirements through a simple tool: <https://www.visitqatar.qa/en/plan-your-trip/visas>
- Qatar is uniquely positioned to facilitate travel through multiple points of entry including air, land and sea:
  - **Air**
    - Qatar Airways, eight-time winner of the 'World's Best Airline' title by Skytrax World Airline Awards, offers multiple flights a day across the world.
    - Visitors will land at Hamad International Airport, the 'Best airport in the world,' as voted at the Skytrax World Airport Awards in 2021, 2022 and 2024.
  - **Land**
    - Visitors can access Qatar by land through its border with Saudi Arabia; the Abu Samra border crossing is open and operative
    - The driving distance between Riyadh and Doha is 584km (~6hr 0mins) while the driving distance between Abu Dhabi and Doha is 554km ( 5hr 25 minutes)
  - **Sea**
    - Visitors can travel to Qatar through mega luxurious cruise ships docking at Doha Port.
    - The Grand Terminal, through which passengers will arrive, features multiple family attractions including an aquarium.
    - Qatar's Doha Port Cruise Ships Terminal offers unparalleled connectivity to the city's most prominent tourist attractions, including the Corniche, the Museum of Islamic Art, National Museum of Qatar, Msheireb Downtown, and Souq Waqif.



# Getting Around Qatar



- Visitors can easily move around the country using the accessible and affordable public transport system.
  - **Doha Metro**
    - The state-of-the-art network has been operational since 2019 and features 100 km/h trains, driverless carriages, and a Gold Class for premium passengers.
    - The system's red, green, and gold lines link some of the capital's most prominent cultural, leisure, and shopping attractions.
    - A bus service, [Metrolink](#), provides free shuttle rides across the city to metro station entrances. A van complementary service, [Metroexpress](#), connects specific service zones around metro stations to offer greater flexibility and convenience.
    - For more information on the nearby stations and lines, please visit <https://www.qr.com.qa/home> or download the Qatar Rail mobile app.
  - **Tram**
    - Accompanying the Doha Metro is a series of tram services that operate in specific city districts. These include the Education City Tram, Msheireb Tram and Lusail Tram.
  - **Taxis**
    - [Karwa taxis](#)
      - Karwa Taxis, affiliated with the government-owned Mowasalat company, are one of several public means of transport serving people. Karwa provides a fleet of modern taxis that are comfortable, safe, clean and air-conditioned.
      - Karwa provides a wide range of services to customers; taxis are located outside Hamad International Airport (DOH) and across key locations such as shopping malls, hospitals, and venues.
    - [Uber](#)
      - Visitors can conveniently download the Uber app to book rides and travel around Qatar with ease.
  - **Bus Services**
    - [Mowasalat-Karwa](#) provides a frequent and reliable bus service throughout Doha and to all major communities in Qatar. Buses are accessed through the [Karwa Smart Card](#) which can be purchased and topped at ticket vending machines at Hamad International Airport and Doha Bus Station.
  - **Car rental/Ride-share**
    - There are many local and international car hire firms operating in Qatar, with branches at Hamad International Airport, such as Avis, Budget, Europcar and Hertz. Uber also operates in Qatar.



# DOHA CITY GUIDEBOOK

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## Doha City Guidebook

- A comprehensive Doha travel guidebook can help plan a trip to Qatar's capital, offering advice on attractions like Souq Waqif and the Museum of Islamic Art, dining, transportation, accommodation, and cultural insights.
- This travel guide is curated for visitors and highlight activities in Qatar based on their interests.
- For latest version of this guide, please click here: [Doha City Guidebook](#)





## **Attire**

Attitudes towards dressing in Qatar are relaxed, but visitors (men as well as women) are expected to show respect for local culture by avoiding excessively revealing clothes in public. It is generally recommended for men and women to ensure their shoulders and knees are covered.





# Culture and Etiquette of Qatar

## Religion

Qatar is an Islamic country, and Islam plays a central role in the lives of the national population.

## Public Behaviors

Public displays of affection, such as hugging and kissing, should be avoided. Loud and offensive language or gestures are considered disrespectful.

## Photography

Always ask for permission before taking photos of people, especially women and government buildings.

## Friday

All business and commercial activity pauses during Friday prayers in the morning (around 10am -12pm). Several shops remain closed on Fridays while malls open in the afternoon on Fridays.

## Greetings

The common greeting is "As-salamu alaykum" (peace be upon you), to which the response is "Wa alaykum as-salam" (and peace be upon you too). Handshakes are common, but it's best to wait for the other person to extend their hands for a handshake, especially when interacting with the opposite gender.

Read more Travel Tips [here](#).



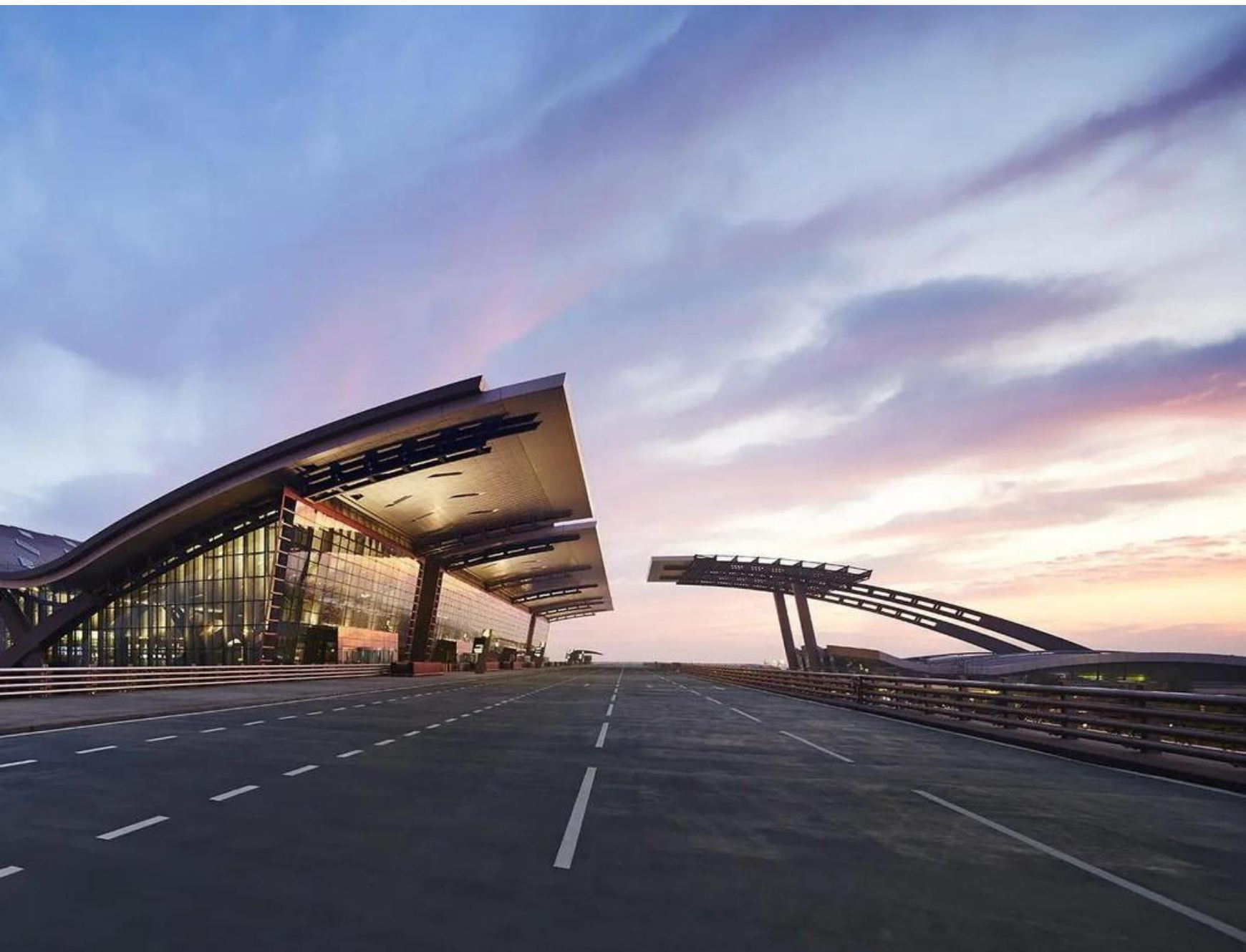


## **Currency**

The Qatari Riyal is the only currency used in the country and can be obtained through ATM's which are widely available in malls, hotels and around Doha. The Qatari Riyal (QR) is pegged against the US Dollar at QAR 3.64.

Currency Import Regulations: Entering the country with more than QAR 50,000 worth of any currency needs to be declared on arrival. This includes jewelry, precious metals or stones valued at QAR 50,000 or higher.





## **Customs Regulations in Qatar**

Please note that all your baggage will be security screened before you can proceed to the baggage claim area.

To read more about customs regulations in Qatar, please click [here](#).





## **Emergency Contacts**

Police/Ambulance/Fire: 999 or 112

Traffic & Patrol Police Department: 4890666

Hayya Visas: 106 locally or at +974 4406 9921 from outside the country

Hamad Medical Corporation: +974 4439 5777

Emergency services for the deaf: 992

- Call 992 using the 3G camera on your computer or cell phone;
- Send an SMS to 992 clearly stating your problem and what service you need (ambulance, fire rescue, police), as well as your name, address, and any details;
- Send an e-mail to 992@moi.gov.qa (it may take some time before you receive a response)

Find out more useful numbers [here](#).





## **Healthcare Facilities**

In case of emergency, visitors can go to Hamad General Hospital's network of hospitals and healthcare centers for care.

Find out more hospitals and facilities [here](#).





## **Telecom Providers**

[Ooredoo Group](#) - Ooredoo has a dedicated kiosk in the Arrivals Hall of Hamad International Airport.

[Vodafone Group](#) - Vodafone has a dedicated kiosk in the Arrivals Hall of Hamad International Airport.





## **Tipping**

Most hospitality outlets in Qatar include a service charge in the bill. However, a tip of 10- 15% as a gesture of satisfaction is appreciated. It is advisable to carry cash for tipping.





## **Travel Necessities**

**Electric Supply:** The standard voltage is 240 V at 50 Hz. Plug points are the same as in the UK. To use electric appliances made for the range of 100 V - 127 V (as is in the US, Canada and most South American countries), one needs a voltage converter or a combined power plug adapter/voltage converter.

**Sun Protection:** Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, jacket, etc.

Read more about packing check-list [here](#).



# FAQs

**Is it currently safe to travel to Qatar?**

Yes, Qatar remains a safe and welcoming destination for all visitors. The country continues to operate normally, and all tourism-related services are fully functional.

**Are hotel operations, tours and attractions in Qatar continuing as usual?**

Yes, all hotels, tours, and attractions across Qatar are operating as usual with no disruptions. Visitors can continue to enjoy the full range of experiences the country offers.

**Have there been any changes to visa policies or entry requirements for travelers to Qatar?**

No, Qatar’s visa policies and entry requirements remain unchanged. All existing procedures for international travelers continue to apply.

**Have any major events or conferences in Doha been canceled or rescheduled?**

No major events or conferences have been canceled or rescheduled. Qatar’s event calendar remains active and continues to welcome participants and audiences as planned.

**Are group tours and MICE continuing without disruption?**

Yes, group travel, business events, and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) activities are proceeding as scheduled, with full operational continuity across the sector.





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Qatar!