

Eyes of the world

Known as a city of skyscrapers, malls, luxurious cars and modern architecture inspired by Islamic design, Doha offers the perfect heady mix for a high-flying business person – and the eyes of the world will be upon it for the FIFA World Cup in 2022

The commercial capital of Qatar and one of the emergent financial centres in the Middle East, Doha is the fastest growing city with over 80 per cent of the nation's population living in the city or its surrounding suburbs. With areas dedicated to research, education, administration and medical care, Doha attracts foreigners due to high salary rates in the oil, tourism, and construction industry. The city has also been a host to many of the large-scale business events such as the 20th World Petroleum Conference and the 2012 UNFCCC Climate Negotiation. It's also hosting the 2022 FIFA World Cup at an

international sports destination, The Khalifa International Stadium.

WHERE TO STAY

For old school glamour and hospitality, it's hard to surpass The St Regis Doha. One of Qatar's sought-after hotels, from its white gloved butlers to its signature Bloody Marys the palatial hotel has a lot to offer. It has more than 350 minimalist rooms with stunning full ocean views, home to 10 restaurant lounges and bars, the hotel boasts a Gordon Ramsay Bistro as well as a raw bar, making it one of Doha's popular spots for Friday Brunches. The extenuating feature of the hotel is its stunning

olympic-sized swimming pool which opens to its own private white sand beach.

W Doha offers a nice balance of exclusive social club vibe with a proximity to local amenities, it's the perfect fusion of location, ambiance and facilities. With an excellent array of restaurants including The European Style Market, The Asian Street food Spice Market and the Italian outlet La Spiga, a café bar and nightclub round out the hotel's entertainment collection. The rooms are quirky with a touch of whimsy, the design accents include swing-like wicker chairs, with fringed curtains surrounding the ceiling

and the bed. The hotel is usually jam-packed over the weekends due to its stunning location.

Mondrian Doha is the eccentric invention of the dutch designer Marcel Wanders, situated between Lusail and West Bay, the hotel has an exterior inspired by a Qatari falcon. It boasts 211 rooms, 59 suites, a luxurious spa, and an enclosed rooftop pool. The rooms are decorated with a bespoke mural personally created by Wanders with two celebrity helmed restaurants by Wolfgang Puck and Morimoto. The hotel also has a middle eastern restaurant and a popular pub, making it a full package for any traveller.

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WHERE TO DINE

Market by Jean-George is a world-class restaurant situated in the W Doha Hotel offering the finest food, with the menu of the restaurant highlighting dishes from all the different regions of the globe. It allows visitors to try out new flavour blends and explore food in a part a la carte and part buffet style, so guests can get the best of everything.

Seasonal Tastes on Salwa Road provides a remarkable experience when it comes to the best restaurants in Doha. It offers a wide assortment of tempting flavours with a top-notch quality of service of indoor and outdoor dining for delicious snacks, lunches and dinner.

Top: Locals pass the time at the traditional Souq Waqif in Doha
Above: Hamad International Airport Terminal with the Big Yellow Bear Sculpture



Azraq at Banana Island presents energising world flavours with visible kitchens, live cooking stations and changing buffet themes. Offering Middle East Asian and other buffet flavours, the luxury indoor table service is one of the best in the city. It also includes an extensive a la carte section with a choice of lunch and dinner.

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WHAT TO DO

Offering a culturally rich experience Souq Waqif is a standing market, resorted and renovated in 2004 to preserve

its cultural architecture. The market offers a wide range of products from souvenirs for travelers to spices and fabrics for locals. Mia Park is located on the pier of Islamic Art Museum with two hills and cafes located at the very end of the pier – making it the perfect place to see Doha's skyline. It's highly recommended to visit the site before sunset to experience the daytime and nighttime views of the city.

The newest addition to Qatar's attractions list is the Qatar National Museum, which encompasses a former royal palace within it's futuristic design. With state-of-the-art technology the Museum introduces its visitors with everything they ever wanted to know about Qatar, from the country's birth, its political achievements and to what it is today.
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