











Doha, Qatar, 14 - 17 April 2025









# **ICAO** Facilitation Conference



April 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2025



Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel Meeting room: Al Dafna Ballroom - Lobby floor



### **QATAR'S WEATHER**

April in Qatar offers warm spring weather, with temperatures ranging from 20°C (68°F) in the mornings and evenings to 32°C (90°F) during the day. It's a great time to visit, as the heat hasn't fully set in yet, making it one of the more pleasant months to explore the city before the summer heat ar-rives.







### **VISA INFORMATION**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) of Qatar will work in coordination with ICAO to streamline the processing of visas or attendees of the Facilitation Conference 2025. To help expedite matters, we kindly ask that you follow these steps:

- Complete your event online <u>Registration</u> as soon as possible if you intend to attend this event.
- Please provide sufficient and accurate information when registering to assist in supporting your visa application.

Upon approval of your event registration through the ICAO website, you will receive an email from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar with detailed visa information and instructions. If you have not received a response after one week, for any visa-related inquiries, please contact: FALC25. DOHA@caa.gov.qa.

### **CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE**

The official currency of Qatar is the Qatari Riyal (QAR). The Riyals are subdivided into 100 dirhams.

Official Rates:

1 USD = 3.64 QAR

1 EUR = 3.88 QAR

1 GBP = 4.73 QAR

## BANK SERVICES IN QATAR

Qatar's banking sector features major local banks like QNB, CBQ, Dukhan Bank, and Doha Bank, alongside international banks, ATMs are widely available and support international cards, typically dispensing Qatari Riyals. Credit and debit cards, especially Visa and MasterCard, are widely ac-cepted in commercial establishments. International money transfers are common, with competi-tive rates but varying fees. Banks generally operate Sunday to Thursday, with hours from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, though this varies by bank and branch. Some banks offer limited weekend services in malls and tourist areas.







### Souq Waqif

A traditional market, it's a vibrant place where visitors can explore narrow alleys and enjoy the architecture or indulge in local cuisine.



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#### Msheireb Downtown Doha

It blends Qatari heritage with modern architecture, the area includes shops, restaurants, and mu-seums, focusing on sustainability and the preservation of Qatar's cul-ture.



#### Museum of Islamic Art

Located along Doha's waterfront, It's an architectural marvel with views of the Doha skyline.



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#### Mina District - Old Doha Port

The Mina District is a historic part of Doha's waterfront, It offers a glimpse into the city's maritime past.



### Katara Cultural Village

Is a cultural hub offering a mix of theaters, it hosts a variety of cultural events, from international music festivals to traditional performances.



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#### The Pearl Qatar

A man-made island featuring luxury residential buildings, retail outlets, and dining spots, it's known for its upscale living and Mediterranean-style architecture.



#### Lusail Boulevard

Newly developed area in the Lusail city, It's a great example of Qatar's modern develop-ment.



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#### Al Maha Island

Located in Lusail, it offers visitors a blend of leisure and exclusivity.



#### National Museum of Qatar

The Qatar National Museum is a significant cultural landmark in Doha, symbolizing Qatar's dedication to preserving its heritage while embracing modernity. Designed by French architect Jean Nouvel, its architecture is inspired by the desert rose and blends traditional Qatari elements with contemporary design. The museum offers a comprehensive journey through Qatar's history, culture, and environment, featuring a variety of permanent and rotating exhibits.

#### **Key Exhibitions:**

- Qatar's Past: Ancient history, early settlements, and the nation's evolution.
- The Formation of Qatar: Geography, people, and key historical events.
- Modern and Contemporary Art:
  Showcasing local and international art.
- The Natural World: Displays of Qatar's flora and fauna.
- The Pearl and Oil: Artifacts and stories of Qatar's economic rise through pearls and oil.

#### **Visitor Experience:**

The museum offers immersive and interactive exhibits, high-tech displays, and educational programs, including workshops, guided tours, and children's activities. It also hosts cultural events such as performances and art exhibitions.

### Location and Accessibility:

Located on the Doha Corniche with views of the waterfront and close to other cultural sites like the Museum of Islamic Art, the museum is easily accessible. It is open daily from 9 AM to 7 PM, except Tuesdays, with free general admission (special events may have a fee).







## TRANSPORTATION IN QATAR



#### Doha Metro

A modern and efficient metro system with three lines (Red, Green, and Gold) that covers key areas of the capital, Doha.



#### Buses

There is an extensive bus network operated by Mowasalat, buses are affordable and can be a good option for longer distances.



#### Uber

Offers a convenient and affordable transport option in Qatar.



#### Karwa Taxis

They are easily available around the city and can be hailed on the street or booked through the app.







#### Rent a car

Renting a car is another option for visitors, with various agencies offering services such as, Hertz Qatar, Europear Qatar, Sixt Rent a car, and Mannai Rental.



#### **Trams**

They are located at Lusail, Education City, and Msheireb Downtown.

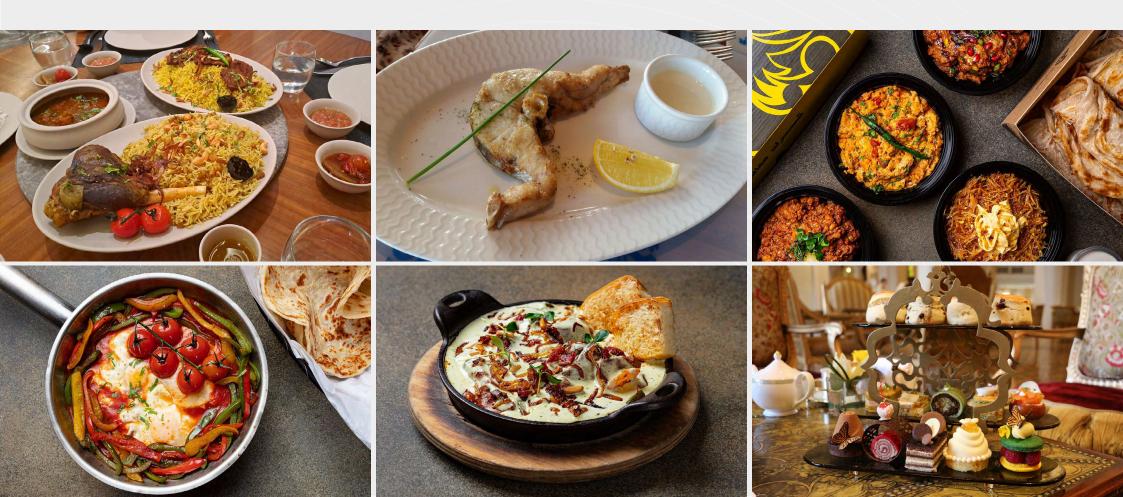


#### **Scooters**

Electric scooters are becoming popular, simply download the apps Falcon Ride, Loop Mobility, or Wer2 to figure out where you can find them.

# QATARI RESTAURANTS

- Sasna, Basta, Al Tawash, Sultan's Lounge, and Lwzaar offer authentic Qatari and Middle Eastern cuisine, with options ranging from traditional dishes like Machboos and Harees to fresh seafood.
- Karak Mqanes serves popular karak tea, reflecting Qatari traditions, while Walima and Bayt Al Waldah offer upscale dining with traditional flavors.



## **QATAR'S TRAVEL GUIDE**

- The Doha Corniche is a seven-kilometer waterfront promenade offering spectacular views of the city's skyline, popular for events like National Day and National Sports Day. Visitors can enjoy sce-nic walks, admire illuminated dhows in the evening, or take a boat ride around the bay.
- Banana Island Resort Doha by Anantara is a luxurious private island retreat featuring 141 rooms, suites, and over-water villas. The resort offers diverse dining options, a spa, fitness center, surf pool, kids' areas, and various watersports, providing a unique Arabian island experience just off the Qatari mainland.
- Meryal Waterpark is an extraordinary adventure awaits at Qatar's largest waterpark, located in Qetaifan Island North, that combines unforgettable experiences and celebrates the sporting spirit of Qatar.
- The Inland Sea is one of the Arabian peninsula's most unusual sights: a landlocked lagoon sur-rounded by picture-perfect sand dunes. Discover unforgettable things to do in this nature reserve.
- Purple Island, Bin Ghannam Island located in the northeast of Qatar, is a must-visit spot. An hour's drive

- from Doha, near Al Khor city, the island is famous for its natural beauty, exotic flora and fau-na, and is ideal for a day trip for the whole family.
- Al Thakira Mangroves is a wetland on the edge of the desert, this oasis of green is one of Qatar's most treasured natural sites to go kayaking or explore this fascinating ecosystem.
- The souqs of Qatar offer a vibrant experience of traditional shopping, blending rich heritage with modern flair and showcasing an array of local handicrafts, spices, textiles, and authentic Qatari cuisine.

## **HEALTH SERVICES IN QATAR**

Qatar offers high-quality public healthcare through Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), with hos-pitals and clinics nationwide. Emergency care, accessible to everyone including tourists, can be reached via the toll-free 999 ambulance service, available 24/7. Pharmacies are widely available for over-the-counter medications, while prescriptions are required for more serious treatments.

## **ADAPTERS AND CONVERTERS**

If your devices use a different plug type or voltage, you may need:

Plug Adapters: To fit your plug into type G sockets. These can be easily found at airport shops, hardware stores, or convenience stores across Qatar.



**Voltage Converters:** For devices that do not support 240V input. Many modern electronic devices, such as laptops and smartphones, are dual-voltage and only require an adapter.

