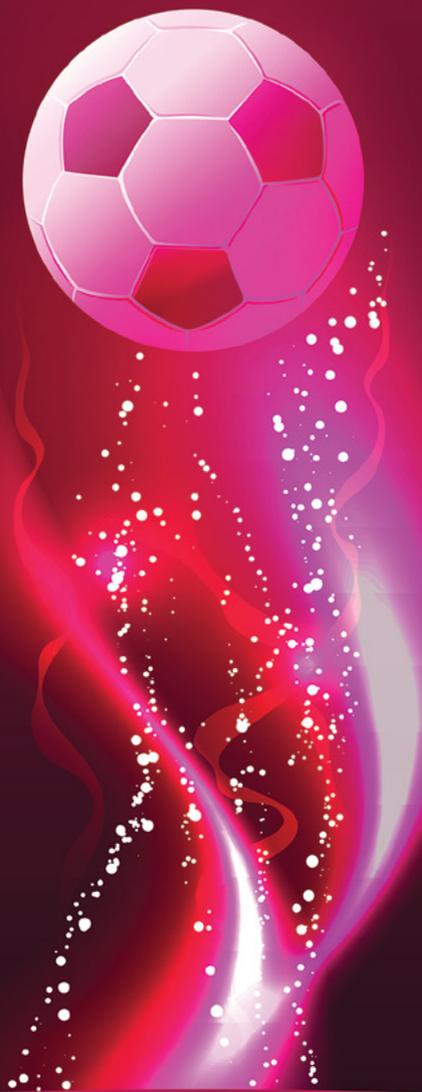


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THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN QATAR



Qatar's football's origins go back to the 1940s when the earliest oil workers organised matches among themselves. For decades, tournaments were organised by the Qatar Oil Company, until the formation of the Qatar Football Association (QFA) in 1960, which launched the country's inaugural league competition in 1963-64.

Qatar made their international debut against Bahrain in 1970 before competing in the inaugural Arabian Gulf Cup that same year. They played in their first FIFA World Cup qualifier in 1977 when they defeated Bahrain 2-0.

Their first notable display on the international stage came in 1981 when the U-20 side reached the final of the FIFA World Youth Championship – now known as the FIFA U-20 World Cup – in Australia. They defeated Poland, Brazil and England before losing 4-0 to West Germany in the final.

Qatar continued to make its mark on the beautiful game in subsequent decades. The Maroons reached the quarter-finals of the Olympic Games in 1992, and that same year, won the first of three Arabian Gulf Cup titles. They also claimed the gold medal at the 2006 Asian Games and a West Asian Football Federation Championship title.

However, it was in 2019 that Qatar pulled off their biggest footballing achievement by winning the AFC Asian Cup in the United Arab Emirates. Qatar's journey to becoming champions of Asia included victories over 2018 World Cup qualifiers Saudi Arabia, Korea Republic and Japan.

In preparing to be World Cup hosts in 2022, Qatar appeared in the 2019 Copa America in Brazil and the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup in the United States as a guest nation. As the host team, Qatar finished third at the FIFA Arab Cup 2021 – the first pan-Arab tournament to be held under the FIFA umbrella.

Domestically, the 12-team Qatar Stars League (QSL) is the country's top professional league and has featured top players like Xavi Hernandez, Samuel Eto'o and Wesley Sneijder in recent years. Al Sadd are the most successful Qatari club, having twice won the AFC Champions League title, in 1989 and 2011.





Here is a timeline tracking the team's, and the sport's journey and how it has established itself in the Asian football pyramid:

1960 The Qatar Football Association (QFA) is formed. Three years later, it becomes an official FIFA member.

1970 The national team plays its first official match against Bahrain in the biennial Gulf Cup, losing 2-1.

1972 The QFA launches the Qatar football league.

1974 Qatar win their first international match, beating Oman 4-0 in the second group game of the Gulf Cup. Qatar finishes third in the six-team tournament.

1975 The Maroon take part in the Asian Cup qualifiers but fail to qualify for the tournament.

1977 Qatar beat Bahrain on its World Cup qualifiers debut but finish third and fail to make it out of the group.

1980 Managed by former Barcelona and Brazil winger Evaristo, Qatar makes its first appearance at the Asia Cup.

1984 The team reaches the Gulf Cup final for the first time but loses 4-3 to Iraq on penalties.

1992 Qatar qualify for the Summer Olympics, where they beat Egypt and hold Colombia to a draw. The same year,

the team wins its first-ever Gulf Cup, winning four out of its five games in the tournament.

1997 Qatar make it to the final round of qualifiers for the 1998 World Cup but miss out on qualification after losing to Saudi Arabia in the last game. A win would have secured a spot in France 1998.

2004 Win a second Gulf Cup, this time as hosts.

2006 The Maroon win their first Asian Games gold, defeating Iraq in the final.

2014 A seminal year in Qatar football as the team loses just one match the entire year and wins the West Asia Football Federation and the Gulf Cup championships.

2019 Against all odds, Qatar wins the Asian Cup for the first time. En route to the title, Qatar defeat South Korea in the quarter-finals and four-time champions Japan in the final. They concede just one goal in the entire tournament. The same year, Qatar was invited to play in the Copa America where, after an impressive 2-2 draw against Paraguay, it loses the next two games and finishes bottom of the group.

2021 The team is invited to play the CONCACAF Gold Cup, where it makes it to the semi-finals before losing 1-0 to hosts USA.

Sunday 20th November



Team

Timing

Stadium



QATAR

v/s

ECUADOR

19:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium

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Monday 21st November

GROUP B



Team



ENGLAND

v/s



IRAN

Timing

16:00hrs

Khalifa International Stadium



GROUP A



Team



SENEGAL

v/s



NETHERLANDS

Timing

19:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



GROUP B



Team



USA

v/s



WALES

Timing

22:00hrs

Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



STADIUM 974

Qatar's beacon of sustainability

Stadium 974 – the first fully-demountable tournament venue in FIFA World Cup history – was officially unveiled during a digital launch in November 2021.

The stadium hosted its first match during the opening day of the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021 when the UAE defeated Syria.

The venue will host seven matches during Qatar 2022.

Design

Located just 4km from central Doha and perched on the waterfront, Stadium 974 overlooks the stunning West Bay skyline. The modern arena is built from shipping containers and recycled steel. The number 974 represents Qatar's international dialling code and also the number of shipping containers used in the development.

Capacity

The stadium will host 40,000 fans during Qatar 2022.

Location

Stadium 974 is strategically located. It serves as a gateway to the country due to its close proximity to both Hamad International Airport and Doha Port.

The stadium is easily accessible via the Doha Metro. Ras Bu Abboud Station on the Gold Line is only 800m away from the venue.

Legacy

Stadium 974 is the first FIFA-compliant tournament venue that has the potential to be fully dismantled and re-purposed. This includes flexibility in the design and operation, with the entire steel structure set to be reused after the World Cup.

Sustainability

Stadium 974 serves as a pioneer in sustainable stadium development. As well as its legacy potential, the stadium bowl seating avoids the need for air conditioning as it is designed for natural ventilation.



Tuesday 22nd November

GROUP C



Team



ARGENTINA v/s **SAUDI ARABIA**

Timing

13:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



GROUP D



Team



DENMARK v/s **TUNISIA**

Timing

16:00hrs

Education City Stadium



GROUP C



Team



MEXICO v/s **POLAND**

Timing

19:00hrs

Stadium 974



GROUP D



Team



FRANCE v/s **AUSTRALIA**

Timing

22:00hrs

Al Janoub Stadium



'KOREA REPUBLIC FANS ARE FULL OF CONFIDENCE'

Qatar-based supporter Lee Juho shares his excitement ahead of this year's tournament.

Twenty years have passed since Asia staged the FIFA World Cup for the first time. A memorable moment from 2002 was Korea Republic's remarkable run to the semi-finals – joyous memories that few Koreans will ever forget, including Lee Juho, who has lived in Qatar for the past six years.

Two decades on, the Asian continent will again host the tournament when Qatar stages the first World Cup in the Middle East and Arab world. Lee, from Seoul, is very excited for the tournament, which will be staged in eight state-of-the-art stadiums from 20 November to 18 December.

Lee, 37, lives with his wife Kim Minkyung in Al Muntazah and works for a market research agency called Intelligence Qatar. He is looking forward to Korea Republic fans showcasing their pride and passion during international football's showpiece event.

Q: Having seen the impact of hosting the FIFA World Cup on Korea Republic and Japan, how do you think the tournament will benefit Qatar?

A: It will have a big impact and bring Qatar to the forefront of people's minds around the world. When guests visit me, they are amazed by the fascinating architecture and local culture. When people come here for the World Cup, they will experience many interesting things.

Q: What are the expectations of Korea Republic fans heading into the tournament?

A: There is a lot of expectation, as this is the best set of players in our history. The fans have huge hope of advancing from the group. We have players based worldwide and playing in top leagues, which wasn't the case back in 2002, so expectations are high. Our



fans are also looking forward to watching more than one match a day at this World Cup, which hasn't been possible in the past.

Q: All of Korea Republic's matches – against Portugal, Ghana and Uruguay in Group H – will take place at Education City. How excited are you to sample the atmosphere at this venue?

A: I think it's a big advantage to be playing in the same stadium for all three matches. I'm sure it will be electric, with different fan cultures enjoying the action in the same place.

Q: Korea Republic finished fourth in 2002 – the country's best result in a World Cup. How do you think the team will fare at Qatar 2022?

A: Our goal is always to get to the knockout rounds – and it's the same this time. We are facing three tough teams in our group and we cannot underestimate the opposition. Confidence is high though, as we have a strong team.

Wednesday 23rd November

GROUP F



Team



MOROCCO

v/s



CROATIA

Timing

13:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium



GROUP E



Team



GERMANY

v/s



JAPAN

Timing

16:00hrs

Khalifa International Stadium



GROUP E



Team



SPAIN

v/s



COSTA RICA

Timing

19:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



GROUP F



Team



BELGIUM

v/s



CANADA

Timing

22:00hrs

Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



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Thursday 24th November

GROUP G



Team

Timing



SWITZERLAND v/s **CAMEROON**

13:00hrs

Al Janoub Stadium



GROUP H



Team

Timing



URUGUAY v/s **SOUTH KOREA**

16:00hrs

Education City Stadium



GROUP H



Team

Timing



PORTUGAL v/s **GHANA**

19:00hrs

Stadium 974



GROUP G



Team

Timing



BRAZIL v/s **SERBIA**

22:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



VISITING FANS HEALTHCARE INFO

The Government Healthcare Helpline has been expanded and will be available round the clock to give advice to visiting fans about healthcare services available to them during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, the Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) said in a statement.

Fans can access the free **helpline** by calling **16000** for information about accessing medical care at any of the country's private or public hospitals, medical centers, clinics, and pharmacies.

The 16000 helpline – with operators speaking both Arabic and English and staffed 24/7 - can also help fans with information about locations and how to access healthcare facilities, medical support available in the fan zones, Covid-19 information, Ehteraz and more.

Callers to the **Hayya Hotline (800 2022)** can also be transferred to the **16000 helpline** if

their query is healthcare related. The Hayya Hotline can also offer assistance in multiple languages including Arabic, English, French, Germany, Spanish, Hindi, Portuguese and Mandarin.

The **16000** helpline was set up in 2020 to answer questions and enquiries related to Covid-19 as well as offering access to a range of key healthcare services at Hamad Medical Corporation and Primary Health Care Corporation to members of the public.

The Government Healthcare Helpline can be accessed by people outside of Qatar by calling **+974 4406 9963** or by email **16000@contactcenter.gov.qa**

Fans visiting for FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 can also find information about healthcare services available by **visiting: <https://sportandhealth.moph.gov.qa>**

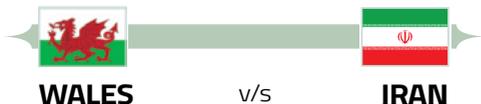


Friday 25th November

GROUP B



Team



Timing

13:00hrs

Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



GROUP E



Team



Timing

16:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



GROUP E



Team



Timing

19:00hrs

Khalifa International Stadium



GROUP F



Team



Timing

22:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium





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Saturday 26th November

GROUP D



Team

Timing



TUNISIA

v/s

AUSTRALIA

13:00hrs

Al Janoub Stadium



GROUP E



Team

Timing



POLAND

v/s

SAUDI ARABIA

16:00hrs

Education City Stadium



GROUP D



Team

Timing



FRANCE

v/s

DENMARK

19:00hrs

Stadium 974



GROUP C



Team

Timing



ARGENTINA

v/s

MEXICO

22:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



AL BAYT STADIUM

A tribute to Qatar's heritage

Al Bayt was officially inaugurated on 30 November last year during the opening day of the FIFA Arab Cup when it hosted the match between Qatar and Bahrain.

The venue will stage nine matches during this year's World Cup.

Design

The stadium's design is inspired by 'bayt al sha'ar', the traditional tents historically used by nomadic people in the Gulf region. It features the 'sadu' pattern, a traditional form of weaving, as a way of honouring Qatar's heritage.

"We wanted to build a stadium that will uniquely represent our culture and heritage to everyone who visits Qatar for the World Cup. It is a unique stadium with a one-of-a-kind design," said Dr. Nasser Al Hajeri, Facilities Management Director, Al Bayt Stadium.

Capacity

The stadium will host 60,000 fans during Qatar 2022.

Legacy

Post-2022, the stadium's capacity will be reduced, with the modular upper tier removed and the seats repurposed. The upper part of the stadium will be turned into a shopping mall and five-star hotel for the benefit of the Al Khor community.

Al Bayt's precinct has been delivering legacy even before the World Cup. Its vast green spaces house food and beverage kiosks, along with exercise facilities, including running, cycling and horse-riding tracks. It is also the only stadium precinct in the world to feature a camel track.

Sustainability

Sustainability lies at the core of Al Bayt Stadium. The stadium was awarded a five-star rating for its design and construction from the Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS), along with a Class A* rating for its construction process.



Sunday 27th November

GROUP E



Team



JAPAN

v/s



COSTA RICA

Timing

13:00hrs

Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



GROUP F



Team



BELGIUM

v/s



MOROCCO

Timing

16:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



GROUP F



Team



CROATIA

v/s



CANADA

Timing

19:00hrs

Khalifa International Stadium



GROUP E



Team



SPAIN

v/s



GERMANY

Timing

22:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium



AL THUMAMA STADIUM

Showcasing Qatari architecture

Designed by Qatari architect, Ibrahim M. Jaidah, Al Thumama Stadium was officially inaugurated on 22 October 2021 when it hosted the 2021 Amir Cup final.

The venue is set to host eight matches during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Design

Located 12km from central Doha, Al Thumama Stadium is designed to replicate the 'gahfiya', a traditional woven cap worn by men and boys across the Middle East and Arab world.

"The design was inspired by the white Qatari gahfiya," said Khalifa Al Mana, Al Thumama Stadium Operations Manager. "The architect used the patterns and lines of the gahfiya as a reference and incorporated them into the design of the stadium."

Capacity

The stadium will host 40,000 fans during Qatar 2022.

Legacy

After the World Cup, around 20,000 seats from the upper tiers will be donated to countries in need of sporting infrastructure. The remaining venue will be used for football and other sporting events.

Further precinct facilities will cater for a number of sports, including handball, swimming, basketball, running and cycling. There are also plans to develop retail units, a sports clinic and boutique hotel in the stadium's upper tiers.

Sustainability

Al Thumama Stadium recently received a five-star rating from the Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS). The stadium's innovative design supports its sustainability goals. During construction, 40% more fresh water was saved compared to conventional stadium developments, while recycled water is used for the irrigation of green areas. The precinct also includes a 50,000m² park, with native vegetation and almost 400 trees.



Monday 28th November

GROUP G



Team



CAMEROON

v/s

SERBIA

Timing

13:00hrs

Al Janoub Stadium



GROUP H



Team



SOUTH KOREA

v/s

GHANA

Timing

16:00hrs

Education City Stadium



GROUP G



Team



BRAZIL

v/s

SWITZERLAND

Timing

19:00hrs

Stadium 974



GROUP H



Team



PORTUGAL

v/s

URUGUAY

Timing

22:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



AHMAD BIN ALI STADIUM

A beacon of Qatari culture

Located in the city of Al Rayyan, Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium is only 22km away from central Doha. The stadium was officially inaugurated on 18 December 2020 when it hosted the 2020 Amir Cup final.

The stadium will host seven matches during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Design

“Ahmad Bin Ali’s design symbolises Qatari culture. Its glowing façade and geometric shapes tell the story of Qatar and highlight different aspects of the country; the importance of family, the beauty of the desert, the native flora and fauna, and local and international trade,” said Abdulla Al Fehani, Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium Project Manager.

Capacity

40,000 fans will pack the stadium during Qatar 2022.

The stadium is within walking distance of

Al Riffa station, on the Green Line of Doha Metro, offering easy access to the venue for fans during Qatar 2022.

Legacy

Around 20,000 seats from the upper tiers will be donated to countries in need of sporting infrastructure after the World Cup.

During legacy mode, the stadium will become a sporting hub and the home of Al Rayyan Sports Club – one of Qatar’s most popular teams.

Sustainability

Sustainability has been at the core of the development from the start. The complex was rebuilt using 90% of the materials from the deconstruction of the old Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium. The remaining materials are being recycled and will be repurposed to become public art installations. The stadium also features state-of-the-art cooling technology to ensure the facility can be used year-round.



Tuesday 29th November

GROUP A



Team



NETHERLANDS

v/s

QATAR

Timing

18:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium



GROUP A



Team



ECUADOR

v/s

SENEGAL

Timing

18:00hrs

Khalifa International Stadium



GROUP B



Team



IRAN

v/s

USA

Timing

22:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



GROUP B



Team



WALES

v/s

ENGLAND

Timing

22:00hrs

Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



AL JANOUB STADIUM

Designed by the late British-Iraqi architect Zaha Hadid, Al Janoub Stadium in Al Wakrah was officially inaugurated on 16 May 2019 when it hosted the Amir Cup final.

The venue is set to host seven matches during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Design

Located 23km from central Doha, the stadium's design is inspired by traditional dhow boats that pay tribute to Al Wakrah's maritime history, with the futuristic design seamlessly connecting tradition with modernity.

Capacity

The stadium will host 40,000 fans during Qatar 2022.

Transport

Al Janoub Stadium is easily accessible by road or metro. Al Wakrah station, on the Doha Metro Red Line, is just 4.5km away. Shuttle bus services will transport fans to and from the metro on match days.

Legacy

After the World Cup, around 20,000 seats from the upper tiers will be donated to support football development projects overseas. The remaining 20,000-capacity venue will be used for football and other sporting events.

During legacy mode, the stadium will become a sporting hub for the Al Wakrah community. Additional facilities are being developed in the stadium precinct, including a cycling and running track.

Sustainability

Al Janoub Stadium has achieved three sustainability certifications: Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS) Design & Build Certificate (four stars), GSAS Construction Management Certificate (Class A* rating), and a Seasonal Energy Efficiency ratio certificate for the energy centre.

The stadium's roof also contributes to its sustainability. The magnificent steel structure provides shade to parts of the pitch which contributes to the efficiency of the stadium's innovative cooling system.



Wednesday 30th November

GROUP D



Team

Timing



AUSTRALIA

v/s

DENMARK

18:00hrs

Al Janoub Stadium



GROUP D



Team

Timing



TUNISIA

v/s

FRANCE

18:00hrs

Education City Stadium



GROUP C



Team

Timing



POLAND

v/s

ARGENTINA

22:00hrs

Stadium 974



GROUP C



Team

Timing



SAUDI ARABIA

v/s

MEXICO

22:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



LUSAIL STADIUM

The magnificent Lusail Stadium will be the centre of global attention when it hosts the FIFA World Cup™ final on 18 December.

It is the largest stadium in Qatar and will host matches during every stage of this year's tournament.

Design

Located 20km from central Doha, Lusail Stadium is designed to replicate the 'fanar' lantern. Its futuristic design is inspired by the interplay of light and shadow. The magnificent gold façade, shaped like a bowl, highlights motifs and elements from the golden age of artistic expression in the Islamic world.

Capacity

The venue will host 80,000 fans during Qatar 2022.

Transport

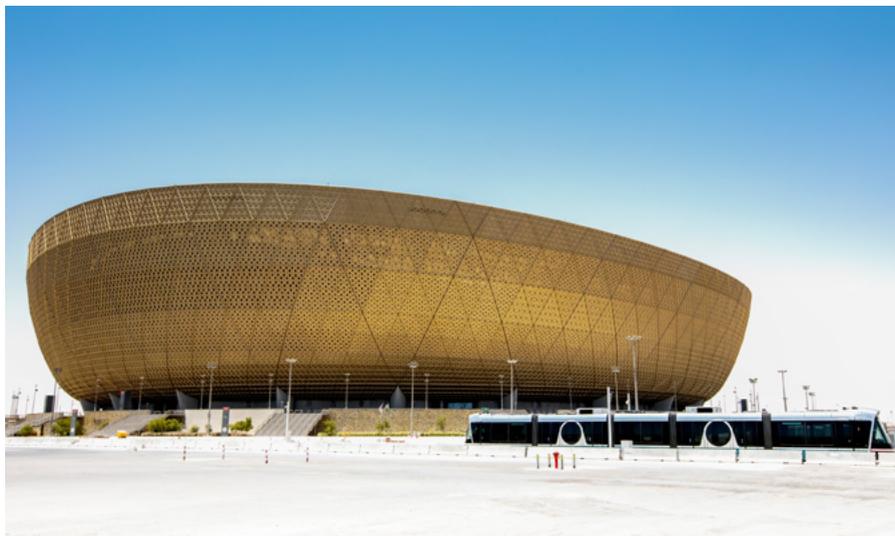
The stadium is within walking distance of Lusail QNB station on the Doha Metro Red Line.

Legacy

Post-2022, Lusail Stadium will be transformed into a community hub featuring civic facilities, including affordable housing units, shops, schools, cafes, sporting facilities and medical clinics. The stadium's upper-tier will be re-purposed into outdoor terraces for new homes. Any materials removed will be donated to countries in need of sporting infrastructure.

Sustainability

Stadium recently received a five-star rating from the Global Sustainability Assessment System. The most notable sustainability feature is the arena's roof, which is made from a state-of-the-art material called Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE). This protects the venue from warm wind, resists dust and allows enough light to enter the pitch, while also providing shade. Another sustainability feature is the water-efficient fixtures and leak detection systems operating inside the stadium. Moreover, the construction site conserves 40% more fresh water than conventional stadium developments.



Thursday 1st December

GROUP F



Team



CROATIA

v/s

BELGIUM

Timing

18:00hrs

Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



GROUP F



Team



CANADA

v/s

MOROCCO

Timing

18:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



GROUP E



Team



JAPAN

v/s

SPAIN

Timing

22:00hrs

Khalifa International Stadium



GROUP E



Team



COSTA RICA

v/s

GERMANY

Timing

22:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium



KHALIFA INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

Qatar's home of football

Qatar's home of football, Khalifa International Stadium, was built in 1976 before being redeveloped for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. The stadium reopened in May 2017 when it hosted the Amir Cup final; in the process becoming the first tournament-ready venue for the World Cup.

Take a closer look at the venue that is set to host eight matches during the World Cup.

Design

Khalifa International is known for its magnificent dual arches. Below them a wide canopy has been developed which complements the stadium's innovative cooling technology. LED lights have also been added to boost the exterior of the venue.

Capacity

The stadium will host 40,000 fans during Qatar 2022.

Transport

Khalifa International can easily be accessed via Doha Metro's Gold Line. The nearest stop is Sports City Station, which is just 500m away.

Legacy

Khalifa International Stadium will remain a focal point for Qatari football in the future.

"Khalifa will continue to host future matches and major tournaments. I hope we continue to amaze the world with our state-of-the-art facilities," said Al Thani.

Sustainability

Khalifa International Stadium was the first Qatar 2022 venue to achieve Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS) certification. The stadium's wide roof canopy supports the state-of-the-art cooling system and helps maintain a comfortable temperature for players and fans.



Friday 2nd December

GROUP H



Team



GHANA

v/s

URUGUAY

Timing

18:00hrs

Al Janoub Stadium



GROUP H



Team



SOUTH KOREA

v/s

PORTUGAL

Timing

18:00hrs

Education City Stadium



GROUP G



Team



SERBIA

v/s

SWITZERLAND

Timing

22:00hrs

Stadium 974



GROUP G



Team



CAMEROON

v/s

BRAZIL

Timing

22:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



EDUCATION CITY STADIUM

A perfect blend of Islamic architecture and modernity

Education City Stadium was inaugurated in June 2020 with a virtual event that paid tribute to frontline healthcare workers during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The venue will host matches up to the quarter-finals stage of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Design

Located 13km from central Doha, Education City Stadium is inspired by geometric shapes from Islamic architecture. The stadium façade features triangles forming complex, diamond-like geometrical patterns that change colour with the sun's movement, illuminating the stadium in the evening. It is a perfect blend of Islamic architecture and modernity.

Capacity

The venue will host 40,000 fans during Qatar 2022.

Transport

Education City Stadium is easily accessible via

the state-of-the-art Doha Metro. Fans will be able to reach the venue using the Doha Metro Green Line. Education City Station is located only 500m from the stadium.

Legacy

Surrounded by leading schools and universities, Education City Stadium will become a community hub for students and faculty post-2022. It is considered a great addition to existing sports facilities in Education City, such as Education City Golf Club.

"During legacy mode, the stadium will be used by the Education City community. It will be used for multiple purposes and events, such as graduations," said Al Dosari.

Once the tournament concludes, the arena's capacity will be reduced to 20,000.

Sustainability

Education City Stadium was the first Qatar 2022 tournament venue to achieve a five-star design and build rating from the Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS).



Saturday 3rd December

Team



Timing

18:00hrs

Khalifa International Stadium



Team



Timing

22:00hrs

Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



Sunday 4th December

Team



Timing

18:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



Team



Timing

22:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium



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Qatar
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Monday 5th December

Team



Timing

18:00hrs

Al Janoub Stadium



Team



Timing

22:00hrs

Stadium 974



Tuesday 6th December

Team



Timing

18:00hrs

Education City Stadium



Team



Timing

22:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



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FAN FESTIVAL

Don't miss the FIFA Fan Festival™ in Qatar! Here's what you need to know.

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The Fan Festival will take place at Al Bidda Park – in the centre of Doha, in the heart of Qatar.

The venue will be located between the West Bay area and the Souq Waqif marketplace. It will be accessible via the metro stations Corniche, Al Bidda and The White Palace, and by foot along the Corniche.

The festival will be open every day of the tournament (from 19 November to 18 December) and will be free of charge for everybody.

As the place to be for fans beyond the stadiums, the FIFA Fan Festival offers many

other entertainment highlights. Besides watching all 64 FIFA World Cup matches in a buzzing atmosphere, fans can enjoy the following:

- Performances by top global music acts, as well as local artists
- A food court with unique culinary experiences ranging from local cuisine to international delicacies
- Unique football matches with FIFA Legends, in addition to interactive physical and digital football gaming stations for fans of all ages
- Innovative sponsor activities, dedicated football exhibitions and an official FIFA Store with licensed FIFA World Cup products.

With almost all stadiums within a short distance of the FIFA Fan Festival this will be

Friday 9th December (Quarter Finals)

Team



Timing

18:00hrs

Education City Stadium



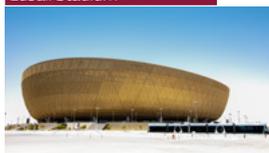
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Timing

22:00hrs

Lusail Stadium



Saturday 10th December (Quarter Finals)

Team



Timing

18:00hrs

Al Thumama Stadium



Team



Timing

22:00hrs

Al Bayt Stadium



W = Winner

49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56 = Match number

the place in Doha where international and local fans will come together to celebrate the FIFA World Cup. It will be a hotspot for all types of fans – from avid or casual football

enthusiasts to lovers of music, food and culture!

Dedicated transport will be provided from the stadiums to the FIFA Fan Festival and vice versa. Visitors with match tickets will not have to miss any of the action as they will be able to travel swiftly and efficiently between both locations.

As the icing on the cake, the Doha skyline will provide a stunning backdrop, offering incredible photography and filming opportunities for visitors, so that everyone can share their personal highlights from this FIFA World Cup experience.

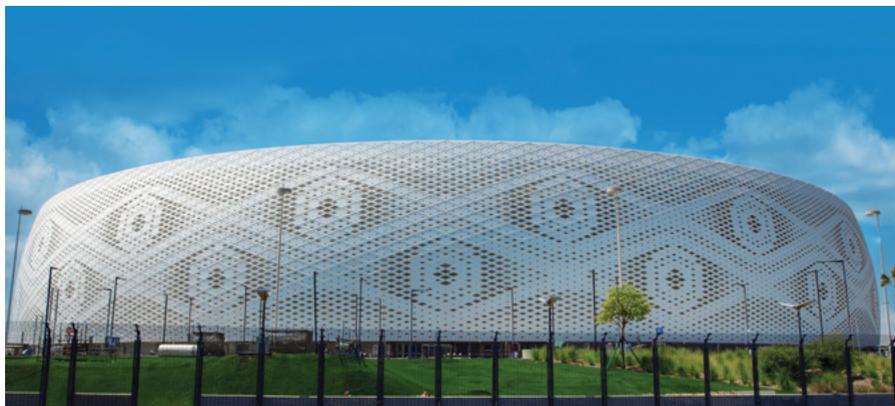


FAN FESTIVAL INFO

Opening hours:

- **FIFA Fan Festival Opening (19 Nov)**
 - ▼ 16:00 – 02:00
- **Group Match (20 Nov)**
 - ▼ 16:00 – 02:00
- **Group Matches (21 Nov – 29 Nov)**
 - ▼ 11:00 – 02:00
- **Group Matches (30 Nov – 2 Dec)**
 - ▼ 16:00 – 02:00
- **Round of 16, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, 3rd Place and Final (3 Dec – 18 Dec)**
 - ▼ 16:00 – 02:00
- **Rest days (7-8, 11-12, 15-16 Dec)**
 - ▼ 16:00 – 02:00

Tuesday 13th December (Semi Finals)



Team

Timing

Stadium

W57

v/s

W58

22:00hrs Al Thumama Stadium

Wednesday 14th December



Team

Timing

Stadium

W59

v/s

W60

22:00hrs Al Bayt Stadium



FAN FESTIVAL INFO

Transport:



Metro

- Al Bidda Park is directly served by the Red and Green Lines of the Doha Metro.
- **Arriving at the site:** Corniche station (Red Line) is the closest metro station to the site, while Al Bidda station (Red and Green Lines) is another option for fans.

- **Leaving the site:** Fans will be directed north to West Bay-Qatar Energy metro station (Red Line), or south to Al Bidda metro station (Red and Green Lines). Corniche station cannot be used for leaving the FIFA Fan Festival site.

Bus services

- The Corniche shuttle service will connect the West Bay and Souq Waqif areas. The B and C ring road shuttle services will transfer fans from their accommodation around these areas to the FIFA Fan Festival.
- Bus operations will start at 08:00 and end at 02:00.



Tournament bus services

- You can catch a direct bus to the stadium from the FIFA Fan Festival stadium express bus hub.
- Bus operations will start four hours before kick-off and end 90 minutes after the final whistle.

Taxis and ride-sharing

- The taxi and ride-sharing drop-off and pick-up points are located at Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex.

Admission:

- **Entry:** the FIFA Fan Festival is free of charge and open to everyone.
- **Re-entry:** you can exit and re-enter at any time during the official opening hours.
- **Minimum age:** there is no minimum age to attend the FIFA Fan Festival. However, children (anyone aged under 18) must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- **Accessibility:** guests with disabilities are very welcome at the FIFA Fan Festival.





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Saturday 17th December (3rd Place)



Timing

18:00hrs

Stadium

Khalifa International Stadium

Sunday 18th December (Final)



Timing

18:00hrs

Stadium

Lusail Stadium

THE CORNICHE



A visual delight awaits spectators at the Doha Corniche during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Running throughout the mega event, from November 20 until December 18, a special water show with the “biggest special effects” will enthral the public at the Corniche.

There will be six shows every day during the World Cup, at 3pm, 3.30pm, 4pm, 4.30pm, 5pm and 5.30pm, in addition to a grand daily evening show at 9pm.

Besides the daily water shows, there will be stellar performances, concerts, arts, culture and storytelling. There will be over 150 food outlets and four live stages, featuring family- and child-friendly entertainment, including daily water and light shows.

Stretching from the Museum of Islamic Art to Hotel Park (Sheraton), the Corniche festivities will take place from 10am until midnight.

It's expected that the Doha Corniche will host more than 120,000 fans a day while



featuring various celebrations and live match broadcasts during the tournament. There will be musical and cultural performances from 10 am while visitors can go on boating and heritage walks to explore Doha.



Fans will have a lot to choose from in Qatar during the World Cup when they are not watching matches at any of the state-of-the-art stadiums. These include the Corniche festivities, FIFA Fan Festival at Al Bidda Park, Lusail Boulevard, 974 Beach Club, Arcadia Spectacular, MDL Beast Presents – ARAVIA, Al Maha Island - Lusail, D'reesha Performing Arts Festival, Festival in Motion, Qatar Fashion United by CR Runway, Souq Waqif, Katara - the Cultural Village, Dhow Boat Tours and more.



LUSAIL BOULEVARD

The Lusail Boulevard, located near the iconic Lusail Stadium, will host street performances, parades, and live music surrounded by food and beverage outlets.

- **Timings:** 20 November - 18 December 2022, from 11 am to 12 am
- **Location:** Lusail City
- **Tickets:** Free for the public. *Note:* Some activities require paid admission tickets.
- **Capacity:** 60,000
- **How to get there:** Lusail Station (Red Line)



LUSAIL MARINA PROMENADE

Located near the iconic Lusail Stadium, the Hayya Fan Zone will host street performances, parades, and live music surrounded by food and beverage outlets. Visitors can also enjoy an open ice skating rink with scheduled ice ballet shows, a multimedia pavilion with 3D screens, and a jumbotron.



- **Timings:** 19 November - 18 December, from 12pm to 1am
- **Location:** Lusail Marina Promenade
- **Tickets:** Entry fee and ticketed activations, as per Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy
- **Capacity:** 3,500
- **How to get there:** Legtaifiya (Red line), Marina Tram Station (Orange Line)

974 BEACH CLUB

Located in the beautiful iconic surrounding of the 974 Stadium, an amazing getaway will be created to offer an epic destination for adventures lovers, presenting them unique facilities in every corner. Be ready for unforgettable days and nights by the sea.

The 1.3 kilometre beach can accommodate 5,000 fans in the area which will be filled

with live music and over 10 exhilarating experiences. Food and retail outlets will also be available.

Fans should also note that this destination will not be operational during match days of the FIFA World Cup. The nearest metro station is the Ras Bu Abboud Metro Station.

- **Timings:** 9am to 6pm
- **Location:** Ras Bu Aboud, near Stadium 974
- **Tickets:** Admission ticket required. Ticket prices are to be confirmed.
- **Capacity:** 5,000
- **How to get there:** Ras Bu Fontas metro station (Red Line). Shuttle buses will be available.





AL MAHA ISLAND

More festivities are added in Lusail City with Al Maha Island poised to host fun and extreme thrills for families. A theme park, with a 395-metre tall rollercoaster, will also be placed along with more than 50 attractions. High-end restaurants, lounges and beach clubs will also be available.

Al Maha Island is located off the coast of Marina and Tarfa Lusail area. It can accommodate 14,000 people and will start operations from November 1, 2022.

Admission ticket is required.

- **Timings:** Open from 1 November 2022
- **Location:** Tarfa Lusail
- **Tickets:** Admission ticket is required.
- **How to get there:** The event will provide transportation services that will connect different points of interest in the country.



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MDLBEAST Presents ARAVIA

The exciting 28 Aravian nights is set to take place at Al Wakrah. With a capacity of 5,5000 dance music fans, the event will showcase premiere international talents and rising regional stars during over 160 hours of global shows and 56 spectacular acts. The venue will also boast breath-taking and iconic stages for a full-immersive experience.

This event requires admission tickets to be allowed access. It will operate from 8pm until 2am on November 21 until December 18, 2022.

Fans attending Aravia can take the Al Wakra Metro Station.

- **Timings:** 21 November – 18 December 2022, from 8pm - 2am
- **Location:** Al Wakrah



- **Tickets:** Ticket prices start at QR 179
- **How to get there:** Al Wakrah Metro Station (Red Line)

ARCADIA Music Festival



Located at Ras Bu Fontas, Arcadia Music Festival awaits fans with its A-list line-ups from the global stage of techno and house music. Fans can also expect the iconic fire-breathing Spider along with a line-up of internationally renowned artists and DJs during the 15,000 capacity event.

This event requires admission tickets to be allowed access. Arcadia Music Festival will operate from 10am to 5am on November 19 to December 16, 2022.

Fans may take the Ras Bu Fontas Metro Station to reach this venue.

- **Timings:** 19 November to 19 December 2022, from 10am to 5am.
- **Location:** Near Ras Bu Fontas Metro Station (Red Line)
- **Tickets:** Ticket prices start at QR 306.
- **Capacity:** 15,000
- **How to get there:** Ras Bu Fontas metro station (Red Line)

Cultural Discovery

Qatar's Cultural Discovery sites are an absolute wonder!

Head to Katara Cultural Village and be rewarded with just about every type of art and performance, featuring acts and talent from all over the globe. Visit the enchanting Souq Waqif and meander down its spice and perfume-scented alleyways to feel fully immersed in Arab culture.



Across the whole of Qatar, the rich tapestry of historic buildings and traditional community locations are easily accessible – including on the water with our dhow boats. And then there's the bold presence of Al Zubarah Fort, a must-see UNESCO archaeological site located along the north-western coast.



Souq Waqif



Katara Cultural Village

First launched in 2012, Qatar's Year of Culture initiative is a rich and varied exchange programme, seeing Qatar partner with a different nation each calendar year to work together to enjoy, enhance and educate one another on each country's creative, cultural and artistic offerings.

Previous Years of Culture have included: Qatar-Japan 2012, Qatar-UK 2013, Qatar-Brazil 2014, Qatar-Turkey 2015, Qatar-China 2016, Qatar-Germany 2017, Qatar-Russia 2018, Qatar-India 2019, Qatar-France 2020, and Qatar-USA 2021.



AL ZUBARAH

Qatar's model for social and economic transformation

Al Zubarah, Qatar's largest heritage site, remains a witness to the history and heritage of the Qatari people. It is a Qatari landmark and a unique model for the social and economic transformation in the country. There, the pearl trade flourished, making the place a cultural hub that embraced many literary figures who expressed the authentic Qatari sentiment and human interaction between the sea and the desert. Due to the importance of this heritage site and its place in the conscience of the Qatari people, the efforts to include it in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list were successful on June 22, 2013.

UNESCO's decision was supported by the universal value of Al Zubarah site and its connection to human development and the growth of society in Qatari history.

At the height of its prosperity, the heritage site was a trade bridge between the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Peninsula, and Western Asia. The coastal and walled city of Al Zubarah flourished in the northwest of Qatar as an important commercial center between the 18th and 19th centuries.

Al Zubarah includes an amazing city wall, residential palaces, homes, markets, industrial areas, and mosques. The first to classify Al Zubarah as a heritage site was a team of Danish archaeologists in the fifties. Afterward, a team of Qatari and Danish archaeologists carried out excavations at the site.

After conducting studies and research on the site, a large group of archaeological items dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries



were found. Those items are displayed in the galleries of Al Zubarah City Museum.

Al Zubarah is distinguished because it presents prominent evidence of the active trade and pearl diving that preserved the main coast of the region from the early Islamic period until the early 20th century.

It is also an embodiment of a series of cultural and architectural institutions in the region. This heritage site remains a witness to human interaction between the sea and desert environment in northern Qatar and the region.

The weights used by pearl divers, ceramics, sailboats, fisheries, wells, and agricultural activity appear at the site. The site is also a witness to how the city of Al Zubarah was a major center driven by trade, which made it a historical site that indicates that the people of the town engaged in various business activities since ancient times.

The city of Al Zubarah is the largest heritage site in Qatar and the Arabian Gulf between the 18th and 19th centuries.



The site is distinguished by its wall, residential buildings, and markets. It includes three major features, the largest of which are the archaeological remains of the town, dating back to the 1760s, the settlement of Qaf'at Murair, which goes back to the Abbasid period due to the way fortifications were built, and Al Zubarah Fort built in 1938. The archaeological and cultural site of Al Zubarah represents a unique model of social and economic transformation because it was a thriving port for the pearl trade and a cultural

hub through the literary figures that emerged in the city.

FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 visitors will be able to visit the showroom at Al Zubarah heritage site to discover more about the Fort's history, its surrounding environment, and ongoing projects for its maintenance and restoration.

Al Zubarah Fort was built by Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al-Thani in 1938 to guard and protect the northwest coast of Qatar.

Al Zubarah Fort is currently managed by Qatar Museums. It has been renovated and converted into a museum to display various artworks, especially for contemporary topical archaeological findings.

Al Zubarah Fort is located in the ancient city of Al Zubarah on the northwest coast of the Qatar Peninsula in the Al Shamal Municipality, about 105 kilometers from Doha, the capital of Qatar.

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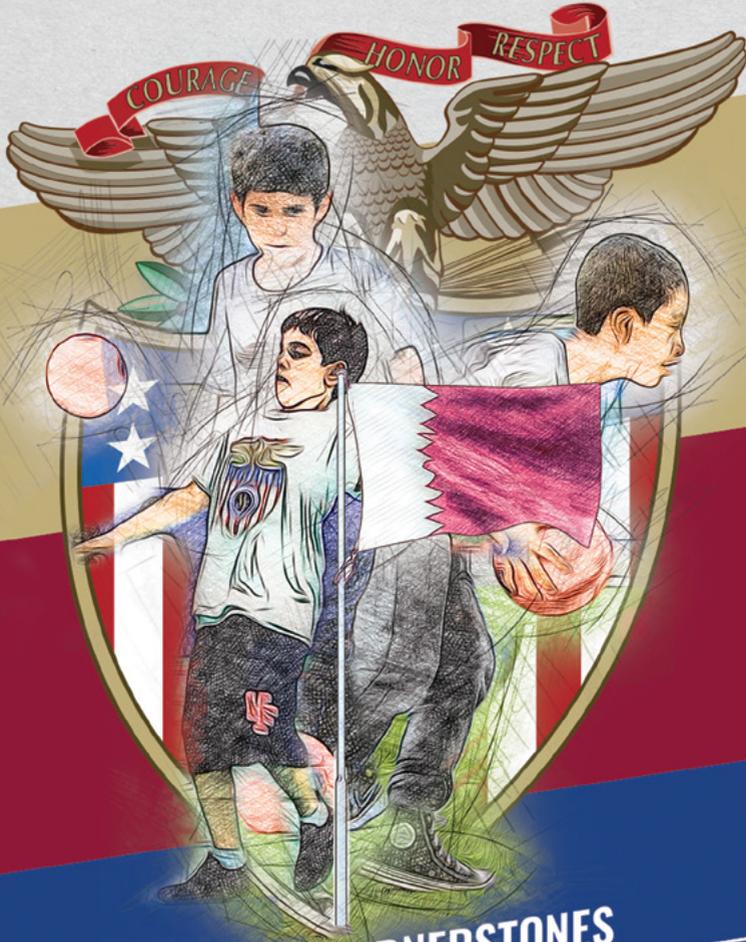
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