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Qatar ranks high on quality of life index



atar has achieved a remarkable standing on the Quality of Life Index in 2023, securing the top position with a score of 169.77 points, surpassing many nations in the region. The latest update from Numbeo's Quality of Life Index highlights Qatar's exceptional performance in key areas such as purchasing power, safety, and healthcare.

In terms of specific indices, Qatar obtained an impressive 127.79 points in the Purchasing Power Index, 84.56 points in the Security Index, and 73.13 points in the Healthcare Index, establishing itself

prominently in each category. This reflects the country's commitment to ensuring a high quality of life for its citizens and residents.

Comparatively, neighbouring countries in the region trailed behind in the Quality of Life Index, with the UAE scoring 162.41, Saudi Arabia with 149.43, Bahrain at 144.59, and Kuwait at 134.57, according to Numbeo's December update.

Qatar's consistent high rankings can be attributed to its low crime rate and robust healthcare system, solidifying its position as one of the top countries

globally in terms of quality of life.

Numbeo, recognized as the world's largest cost of living database, serves as an authoritative source for global statistics on quality of life, encompassing factors such as housing indicators, crime rates, healthcare standards, and transportation benchmarks.

Furthermore, Qatar has maintained its status as the *safest country* globally according to Numbeo's Crime Index since 2017, with Doha repeatedly acknowledged as one of the safest cities. The country also secured a place among the top 20 nations in the Numbeo Healthcare Index with a score of 73 points.

Continuous investments and strategic initiatives have propelled Qatar to the forefront of international rankings, particularly in areas of security, healthcare, and peace. This success underscores the nation's unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its populace.

The excellence of Qatar's healthcare system is further underscored by five Qatari hospitals being ranked among the world's top 250 academic medical centers in February 2023, as reported by Brand Finance, a prominent global brand evaluation consultancy based in the United Kingdom. Qatar previously attained the 18th position globally in the 2022 Healthcare Index, reinforcing its status as the leading nation in the Arab world.

In 2022, Qatar was acknowledged as the most peaceful country in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region by the Global Peace Index, securing the 23rd spot among 163 countries worldwide. Moreover, a study conducted by the Gulf Center for Studies and Research at the University of Exeter highlighted Qatar's supremacy, ranking first among 20 Arab countries in assessing the quality of life for Arab citizens.

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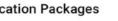
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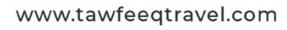




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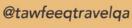


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Available at Qatar Automobiles Company The Fourth generation of The Outlander ... Premium Safety and Design Specifications

- The Exterior - It's confident, it's tough, it's majestic Advanced driver-assistance system and safety features

he fourth generation of the Mitsubishi Outlander flagship SUV is distinguished with a complete design overhaul and features rugged performance that's perfect for today's dynamic environment as well as innovative technology which can enhance the driving experience in more ways than one! Additionally, this premium quality seven-seater and safety-centric model comes equipped with a host of advanced features that ensure occupants always remain safe.

The Mitsubishi Outlander is available at Qatar Automobiles Company, the authorised general distributor of Mitsubishi Motors in Oatar, in its showroom on Salwa Road.

The Outlander is an SUV that's been around for nearly two decades and has grown in popularity year after year. Since 2001, Mitsubishi Motors has sold over 2.6 million units of the Outlander series globally.



The Exterior - It's confident, it's tough, it's majestic

The Outlander's exterior design portrays a confident and strong personality, achieved through the "Bold Stride" design concept. To express a bold aura and a sense of presence and stability, the strong, horizontal-themed proportion from front to rear, is contrasted with broad surface lines paired up by sharp edges and complemented with a large-diameter 20-inch alloy wheels and overhanging fenders that highlight the wide body.

The front of the Outlander enjoys Mitsubishi Motors' distinctive next generation Dynamic Shield which aids in enhancing the vehicle's front look, increasing protection, and improving performance. The sharp looking front combination lights which house daytime running lights and turn signals are positioned higher to provide better



Fuel efficiency has also improved by 2.6% over the previous model, thanks to the 8- speed sport mode continuously variable transmission. The step shift control that changes speeds crisply like a multistage automatic transmission is employed to provide a powerful and agile acceleration, the driver can immediately feel the difference when depressing the accelerator.

Used in the center coupling device that conducts front and rear torque distribution, the 4WD models enjoy an electronically controlled 4WD incorporating a hydraulic clutch operated by an electric motor, in addition to the improved S-AWC integrated vehicle dynamics control system. The Brake AYC (Active Yaw Control) is adopted on the rear wheels as well, to provide front and rear wheeldistributed-control.

Sensors detect the steering angle, yaw rate, driving torque, brake pressure, wheel speed, and other factors to identify driver operation and vehicle status continuously and accurately. When turning, the Brake AYC optimizes the difference in drive force and braking force between the front and rear, right and left wheels to improve tire gripping ability to allow the driver to steer as desired.

In the 2WD option, Brake AYC for front and rear wheel-distributedcontrol was also employed to achieve integrated control with ASC (Active Stability Control) and ABS (Anti-lock Braking System) to maintain driving stability on a variety of road surfaces.

The Outlander has several drive modes that allow the driver to select the vehicle driving characteristics that are optimal for a variety of operation styles and driving situations via a dial located in the center console. There are six modes for the 4WD options and five for the 2WD ones. Drive modes include "Normal" for city commute, "Tarmac" for sporty driving on paved roads, "Gravel" for high traction performance and stability on unpaved roads, "Snow" for snowy and other slippery roads, and "Mud" to increase road handling ability on muddy roads, in deep snow and similar conditions. The drive modes bring out the high road handling of the 4WD models and increase the potential of 2WD models to provide a sense of security and reliability. When a mode is selected, an image representing the driving situation is displayed in the meter to allow the driver to intuitively select a mode.

increasing the legroom of the first and second-row seats. In addition, features such as seat heaters, 3-zone automatic climate control, and rear door sunshades are available depending on the trim to make the rear seats more comfortable for a family SUV.

Two types of meters are available in the Outlander, depending on the trim. The 12.3-inch full digital driver display equipped with Mitsubishi Motors' first full-screen, full- color liquid high-definition crystal display shows a variety of content in an uncluttered manner on a large screen. The display is also equipped with a customization function that allows for information to be freely combined and exhibited. The other high-contrast meter is a 7-inch multiinformation display which shows simple arrow navigation in the central information display, it utilizes the high recognition advantage of an analog display while producing a high-quality look with a stereoscopic dial and decorated indicator needle.

Available on certain trims, a large 9-inch screen for the center display which is equipped with Smartphone-link Display Audio navigation system. This smoothly provides highly accurate route information using internal maps and navigation functions. Functions including navigation and audio can be easily selected by touching the launch menu icon that is always displayed at the bottom of the screen. By connecting to Android[™] or iPhone smartphones, users can also enjoy the Android Auto[™] and Apple CarPlay applications.

To provide driving information safely and more quickly, Mitsubishi Motors has installed a windshield-type 10.8-inch Head-Up Display (HUD) to project in full color critical information required for driving. The driver can manually turn the HUD ON/OFF and customize the displayed content. Multiple types of information can be displayed simultaneously. In addition to driving information and warnings, such as lane departure, the displayed content can also be navigation and audio information through a link with the center display.

visibility for other drivers as well as pedestrians. On the contrary the low-positioned head lights provide better distant lighting without impairing the vision of oncoming drivers.

The strong horizontally structured side profile exudes power with its sleek lines and enhances the masculine look making it look as if it's been cut from a solid metal block.

Inspired by the rear-mounted spare tire of the Pajero, the Outlander's tailgate has a hexagonal motif that appears to have been cut from one whole surface. This design choice of the upper part is meant to express the stability and security this SUV offers while lower part represents its strong performance capabilities. The horizontal-themed T-shaped taillights emphasize the width of the body and enhance recognition.



Performance – Rugged engineering maximizes performance and driver confidence

The newly developed platform of the Outlander greatly improves collision safety and achieves a high level of steering stability. For the first time ever, Mitsubishi Motors has used an ultra-high tensile strength steel sheet with hot stamping around the cabin to create a high-strength cabin structure with little deformation while also achieving weight reduction. Adopting connected cyclic structures around the engine compartment and cabin increased flexural and torsional rigidity of the body over that of the previous generation. The multi-link suspension and dual pinion electric power steering enhance the overall ride comfort and provide operability with a direct, linear feel. This greatly improves traceability during cornering as well as linear stability and provides driving pleasure.

Available in 2WD and 4WD options, the Outlander enjoys a newly developed 2.5L gasoline engine which produces an improved maximum power of 181/6,000 hp/rpm, 8.9% better than previous generation, and a maximum torque of 244/3,600 nm/rpm.

The Interior – A comfortable sanctuary for the whole family

The linear instrument panel with a powerful horizontal tone gives the vehicle a spacious and roomy look while producing a functional form that makes it easy to see the changes in the vehicle's position. The upper part is covered with a soft padding wrapped in leather, and intricate stitching to project a high-quality feel. The door panels feature a large area of door inserts, and the same soft padding as the instrument panel and floor console sides is used to create a luxurious and comfortable space.

The interior color variations of the P-Line feature genuine leather seats of light grav and black. The instrument panel and door trim are the same color, and real aluminum is used in the shift panel. Saddle tan accent color and semi-aniline leather seats are also available as an option for the P-Line. The H-Line features black suede combination seats and piano black interior material, while the M-Line offers light gray or black fabric material seats and piano black interior material.

The front seats have a two-layer urethane structure to ensure utmost comfort and reduced fatigue during long trips. Roominess and overall comfort are enhanced by widening the body and



Premium materials, require premium technology. The Outlander enjoys 10-speaker premium Bose sound system. Combining large door woofers with dual subwoofers provides a powerful deep bass and a high-quality sound like a live performance.

The Outlander is a three-row seven-seat family SUV, which is unique in its class. The seats can be flexibly arranged with multiple configurations to suit the number of passengers and accommodate their luggage. The second- row seats have a sliding and reclining function, as well as a 4:2:4 split division, allowing two adult passengers to comfortably sit in the second row even when carrying long items such as skis.

Space for storing smartphones is provided in the center console tray, center console side pockets, driver's seat back pocket, and quarter trim pockets. The center console tray has a 15W wireless phone charging function that charges smartphones when placed on it. USB charging ports of both types C and A are provided, respectively, on the front and back of the center console.

Safety – Advanced driver-assistance system and safety features

Safety features in the all-new Outlander are as advanced as every other aspect of this car. Those features include, Forward Collision Mitigation System (FCM), Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), Lane Departure Warning (LDA), Blind Spot Warning (BSW), Lane Change Assist (LCA), Rear Cross Traffic Alert (RCTA), Driver Attention Alert (DAA), Rear Automatic Emergency Braking (Rear AEB) and Multi Around Monitor.

The front center airbag for the driver's seat and side airbags for the second-row seats are equipped as standard, and a total of 7 airbags are installed. In case of a side collision, the front center airbag deploys between the driver's seat and front passenger seat.

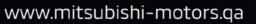
Mitsubishi Connect is installed as a car support system that allows users to enjoy a safe driving experience. To protect the safety of the driver, a button can be pressed to request aid from the call center if the vehicle breaks down or is involved in an accident, and it automatically reports when an airbag is deployed. It also handles a variety of incidents, such as generating a vehicle theft warning and reporting vehicle position information to the user if the vehicle is stolen.

Further, operation by smartphone can be used to display the vehicle's parked position or to cause the vehicle's lights to flash to show where it is parked. Many convenient functions are provided, such as remote operation that can be used to start the engine and turn on the air conditioner before getting in to make the cabin comfortable during cold winters and hot summers, as well as unlocking the doors from a remote location. To manage driving by family, the user can also receive notices when the vehicle is driven outside of a set time period, above a set speed, or outside a set area.

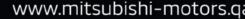


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The Cultural Richness

A Glimpse into Qatari Customs and Etiquette

Qatar, a nation rich in history and culture, boasts a tapestry of traditions that have withstood the test of time. At the heart of Qatari identity lies a set of customs and etiquettes that reflect the nation's commitment to its heritage. In this article, we look into the intricate world of Qatari traditions, exploring the customs and etiquettes that shape the social fabric of this Gulf nation.

1. Hospitality as a Virtue

Qatari hospitality is renowned globally, and guests are treated with the utmost respect and warmth. Inviting guests into one's home is a cherished tradition, and hosts go to great lengths to ensure their comfort. A traditional Qatari welcome involves serving dates and strong Arabic coffee, an ancient gesture symbolizing generosity and goodwill.

2. Dressing with Tradition

The traditional clothing of Qatar reflects both the cultural and climatic nuances of the region. Qatari men don the "thobe," a long white robe that is not only a symbol of modesty but also provides comfort in the scorching desert heat. Women traditionally wear the "abaya," a flowing black cloak, often paired with intricate jewelry and a headscarf known as the "shayla." These garments not only showcase the nation's cultural pride but also serve as a visual representation of Qatari identity.

3. Respect for Elders

Respect for elders is deeply ingrained in Qatari society. It is customary for

younger individuals to greet their elders first, and conversations often begin with inquiries about the wellbeing of older family members. This emphasis on respect extends to public spaces, where younger individuals may offer their seats to elders and defer to their opinions.

4. Traditional Cuisine

Qatari cuisine is a delightful blend of flavours, with dishes deeply rooted in Bedouin traditions. Majboos, a spiced rice dish with meat, is a staple at Qatari gatherings. Sharing meals is a significant aspect of socializing, emphasizing the communal nature of Qatari dining. It is customary to eat with the right hand, a practice that extends back to Bedouin customs.

5. Bedouin Roots and Desert Traditions

Qatar's history is closely tied to its Bedouin roots, and many customs have been passed down through generations. The falcon, a symbol of strength and freedom, holds a special place in Qatari culture. Falconry, once a crucial skill for Bedouin hunters, is now preserved as a cherished tradition and even has its own festival in Qatar.

6. Wedding Traditions

Weddings in Qatar are elaborate affairs, marked by a series of traditional customs. These include the "Katb al-Kitab" or the signing of the marriage contract, followed by celebratory gatherings that showcase traditional music and dance. Weddings are occasions for extended families to come together, emphasizing the importance of community bonds.

In the heart of the Arabian Peninsula, Qatar's customs and etiquettes stand as a testament to the nation's rich cultural tapestry. As modernity continues to weave its influence, Qatar remains committed to preserving and celebrating these traditions, ensuring that the echoes of the past resonate harmoniously with the dynamics of the present. In every gesture of hospitality, in the graceful flow of traditional attire, and in the warmth of familial bonds, one discovers the enduring spirit of Qatari customs and etiquette.

Qatari Music, Dance & Art

Qatar, a nation steeped in history and tradition, resonates not only with the echoes of its past but also with the vibrant beats of its music, the rhythmic sway of its dance, and the captivating strokes of its art. In this article, we public spaces and buildings are adorned with calligraphic expressions, serving as a testament to the nations commitment to preserving its cultural and religious identity.

embark on a cultural exploration, delving into the soulstirring realms of Qatari music, the expressive movements of dance, and the diverse forms of artistic expression that collectively paint a vivid picture of the nations rich heritage.

1. Qatari Music: A Tapestry of Melodies

Qatari music, deeply rooted in Bedouin traditions, weaves a tapestry of melodies that reflect the spirit and history of the nation. The traditional music of Qatar often features instruments like the oud (a stringed instrument), rebaba (a bowed instrument), and tabla (drum). Themes of love, nature, and cultural pride are recurrent in Qatari folk songs, creating a musical narrative that resonates with audiences both within and beyond the nations borders.



2. Al Ardah - The Dance of Pride

Al Ardah, a traditional dance form of Qatar, is a captivating display of pride and unity. Dancers, often clad in traditional attire, perform synchronized movements to the beat of drums and other traditional instruments. The dance is often accompanied by recitations of poetry, celebrating Qatari heritage and emphasizing the importance of unity among its people.

3. Modern Expressions

While traditional forms of music and dance hold a special place in Qatari culture, the nation has also embraced modern expressions of these art forms. Contemporary musicians and dancers draw inspiration from their cultural roots while incorporating global influences, creating a dynamic fusion that reflects the cosmopolitan nature of Qatar.

4. Calligraphy and Islamic Art

Qatars artistic heritage is prominently showcased through calligraphy and Islamic art. Arabic calligraphy, an art form that transforms the written word into intricate visual designs, is a revered tradition in Qatar. Many



5. Traditional Crafts and Handicrafts

Qatars commitment to preserving its heritage is evident in its traditional crafts and handicrafts. Weaving, pottery, and embroidery are among the many artisanal skills passed down through generations. These crafts not only contribute to the aesthetic richness of Qatari culture but also serve as a source of pride and identity for the artisans who carry on these traditions.

6. Museums and Cultural Institutions

Qatars dedication to the arts is further manifested in its world-class museums and cultural institutions. The Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, designed by renowned architect I. M. Pei, stands as a testament to the nations commitment to showcasing the beauty and diversity of Islamic art. Other institutions, such as Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, contribute to the vibrant cultural landscape of the country.

7. Film and Literature

Qatar has also made significant strides in the realms of film and literature. The Doha Film Institute supports and promotes emerging filmmakers, contributing to the development of a vibrant film culture. Additionally, Qatari literature, often infused with themes of tradition and modernity, reflects the evolving identity of the nation.

In the rhythmic beats of traditional music, the graceful movements of Al Ardah, and the captivating strokes of calligraphy, Qatar unfolds its cultural narrative, inviting the world to witness the harmony and heritage that define this dynamic nation. As Qatar continues to embrace the future while honoring its past, the realms of music, dance, and art serve as a bridge between tradition and modernity, creating a cultural symphony that resonates across the landscapes of this Arabian gem.



The Rich Flavours of Qatari Cuisine

Nestled on the Arabian Peninsula, Qatar beckons with a cuisine as diverse and flavourful as its cultural tapestry. Qatari culinary traditions are deeply rooted in the nation's history, with a fusion of Bedouin, Persian, Indian, and Levantine influences. In this article, we embark on a gastronomic journey through the vibrant and delectable world of Qatari cuisine, uncovering the secrets of popular dishes that tantalize the taste buds.

1. Majboos - The National Dish

At the heart of Qatari cuisine lies Majboos, the national dish. This flavourful concoction is a spiced rice dish, typically made with fragrant basmati rice, meat (often chicken, lamb, or goat), and an array of aromatic spices such as cinnamon, cloves, and bay leaves. The dish is crowned with a garnish of fried onions, raisins, and slivered almonds, creating a symphony of flavours that embodies the essence of Qatari hospitality.

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City Fitness and Wellness Group Premium Affordable Fitness for All

ity Gym stands tall as one of the most esteemed and widely recognized names in the health clubs and fitness industry of Doha, Qatar. Established in 2010, City Gym embarked on a journey with a revolutionary concept - providing cutting-edge facilities, coupled with scientific and professional training in the fitness sector, all at an affordable cost.



Over the years, it has evolved into a prominent Fitness and Wellness group in Qatar, boasting eight state-of-the-art fitness clubs strategically located in major areas of Doha, including Najma, Mansoura, Abu Hamour, Bin Omran, and Wakra. Each club is equipped with modern machines featuring ultimate safety features, alongside certified trainers with international experience and up-to-date knowledge in fitness and health management.



"We prioritize the health and well-being of the people of Qatar, especially those leading busy and stressful lives with limited time for self-care. Our customized exercise patterns, designed by professionals considering various parameters, ensure 100% safety for our members. We receive regular feedback on how our training positively impacts not only their physical health but also their professional lives, boosting confidence and decision-making abilities. We take pride in our clean and tidy environment, the ambiance, safety measures, and top-notch professional training, all offered at an affordable cost," Anil Pillai, Managing Director of City Gym, said.

"City Gym is dedicated to fostering a healthier society with the help of experienced fitness trainers. Achieving your fitness goals requires only dedication, commitment, and discipline from our members. In addition to individual memberships, we offer attractive corporate deals that are widely utilized by leading companies in Qatar for the well-being of their employees," Anil added.

Under the umbrella of "HEALTH & WELLNESS," City Gym encompasses various divisions:

City Gym Ladies: A haven for women seeking fitness, irrespective of language and culture. City Gvm Ladies provides a welcoming and flexible environment with group classes, general training, and veteran trainers, distinguishing itself in the fitness market.



Global Gym: A luxury high-end health club with spa facilities, catering to the Qatari community. Located in Dafna, the gateway of Doha, Global Gym boasts modern facilities and premium biomechanical machines, ensuring a healthy and injury-free workout for all members.

City Spa: Offering rejuvenating and refreshing experiences for men, City Spa represents the epitome of professionalism and luxury spa services in Qatar.

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Gym Care: The unparalleled gym care division that manages equipment irrespective of manufacturers and technologies. With an extensive client base, Gym Care delivers top-notch service, covering warranties and maintenance for various companies in Qatar.

City Beauty Salon: Renowned for innovative and customized hair and beard styles. City Beauty Salon has gained a loyal customer base due to its hygienic and safe practices.



City Diet: The newest addition to the group, City Diet is set to revolutionize the diet industry in Qatar by customizing menus based on individual preferences and desires.

In summary, City Fitness and Wellness Group's commitment to providing affordable fitness for all is reflected in its comprehensive offerings, ensuring a holistic approach to health and wellbeing for the diverse community of Qatar.



The meticulous design of each City Gym club, from the colour schemes to gym posters and flooring, emanates positive energy, creating an environment where members feel a genuine connection, making the gym their second home. The friendly and highly motivated trainers provide personalized attention to every customer, guiding them through tailored fitness routines.

City Gym's focus transcends mere muscle building; it aspires to enhance the overall lifestyle of its members. Unlike many other fitness clubs that promote additional supplements for faster results, City Gym advocates for natural ways to achieve a better physique through proper diet.











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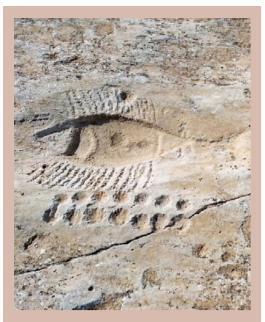
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Heritage Sites

Explore rare archaeological sites and UNESCO World Heritage treasures hidden in the rocky northern desert

atar is a land of diverse landscapes, blending modernity with a rich cultural and historical heritage. Amidst the towering skyscrapers and contemporary developments, Qatar boasts several UNESCO World Heritage Sites that provide a window into the nation's storied past. Exploring Qatar's historical narrative reveals three noteworthy heritage sites: the Al Zubarah Archaeological Site, Zekreet Rock Formation, and Al Jassasiya Rock Art Site, each making distinctive contributions to the nation's rich heritage.



Al Zubarah Archaeological Site

Situated on the northwestern coast of Qatar, the Al Zubarah Archaeological Site stands as a testament to the nation's maritime and trading history. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2013, Al Zubarah served as a bustling port and trade hub during the 18th and 19th centuries. The site features the remains of a well-preserved town with structures such as houses, streets, and a fort, providing invaluable insights into the region's economy and culture during that era. The archaeological site showcases Qatar's significance in the pearl diving and trading industries that once flourished in the Arabian Gulf.



Zekreet Rock Formation

Venturing into Qatar's western deserts, one encounters the captivating Zekreet Rock Formation. This unique geological site, surrounded by the Zekreet Peninsula, presents a surreal landscape of sculpted limestone formations shaped by natural erosion. The juxtaposition of wind-carved rocks against the vast desert expanse creates an otherworldly setting. Visitors can explore the mysterious "Film City," a collection of artificial structures resembling an abandoned movie set, further adding to the allure of Zekreet. This distinctive site not only showcases Qatar's natural wonders but also offers a glimpse into the interplay between human creativity and the forces of nature.



Al Jassasiya Rock Art Site

Located on the northeastern coast of Qatar, the Al Jassasiya Rock Art Site provides a mesmerizing encounter with ancient petroglyphs. Dating back over 4,000 years, these prehistoric carvings on the region's limestone outcrops offer a unique perspective on the lives and beliefs of Qatar's early inhabitants. The petroglyphs depict various scenes, including boats, animals, and geometric patterns, sparking curiosity about the cultural practices and rituals of the ancient Qataris. The site stands as a bridge connecting contemporary Qatar with its distant past, emphasizing the enduring human connection to the landscape.

Qatar's heritage sites, including the Al Zubarah Archaeological Site, Zekreet Rock Formation, and Al Jassasiya Rock Art Site, collectively weave a narrative that spans millennia. These UNESCO World Heritage Sites not only showcase the nation's historical significance but also highlight its commitment to preserving and celebrating its cultural richness. As visitors explore these diverse landscapes, they embark on a journey through time, gaining a deeper appreciation for the intricate tapestry that is Qatar's heritage.

MODERN ARCHITECTURE

The Rise of Dong A Journey into Becoming a Global Urban Powerhouse

humble beginnings as a small pearl fishing village, Doha has emerged as a gleaming modern metropolis, a testament to Qatar's vision, ambition, and commitment to progress. In this article, we explore the dynamic journey of Doha's development, from its historical roots to its current status as a global city of the future.

estled on the shores of the Arabian Gulf, Doha, the capital city of Qatar, has undergone a remarkable ransformation over the past few decades. From its



From Pearl Fishing Village to Urban Hub

Doha's story begins as a modest pearl fishing and trading village, with a history deeply rooted in maritime commerce. The discovery of oil in Qatar in the mid-20th century ushered in a period of economic prosperity, fueling the city's growth and setting the stage for its transformation into a modern hub.

Urban Planning and Architectural Marvels

The development of Doha as a modern metropolis is closely tied to meticulous urban planning and iconic architecture. As Qatar's economic fortunes soared, visionary leaders invested in urban infrastructure and architectural marvels. The skyline of Doha is now punctuated by futuristic skyscrapers, including the renowned Doha Tower and the iconic Torch Tower, symbolizing the city's ambition and progress.

The Pearl-Qatar

One of the most significant projects in Doha's modern development is The Pearl-Qatar, an artificial island that has redefined luxury living and urban design. Boasting upscale residences, marinas, and shopping districts, The Pearl-Qatar reflects a blend of modern aesthetics with a nod to the nation's maritime heritage.

Education and Innovation Hubs

Doha's evolution into a modern metropolis is not just about



physical infrastructure but also about knowledge and innovation Qatar Foundation's Education City stands as a beacon of intellectual progress, hosting branch campuses of renowned international universities and research institutions. This commitment to education has positioned Doha as a hub for knowledge and innovation in the region.

Transportation Infrastructure

Efficient transportation infrastructure has played a pivotal role in shaping Doha's modern identity. The Hamad International Airport, a world-class aviation hub, connects the city to major global destinations. Additionally, extensive road networks and the Doha Metro have enhanced connectivity within the city, facilitating smooth movement for residents and visitors alike.

Cultural and Entertainment Districts

Doha's transformation extends beyond physical infrastructure to include vibrant cultural and entertainment districts. The Katara Cultural Village, a hub for arts and heritage, showcases Qatar's commitment to preserving and promoting its cultural identity. Additionally, the Aspire Zone, with its state-of-the-art sports facilities, has positioned Doha as a destination for international sporting events.

Sustainability and Green Initiatives

As Doha embraces modernity, sustainability and environmental consciousness have become integral to its development. The city is actively investing in green initiatives, including the development of Lusail City, a sustainable urban project that aims to balance growth with ecological responsibility.

Hosting Global Events

Doha's rise as a modern metropolis is further highlighted by its role as a host city for major global events. The city's successful bid to host the FIFA World Cup in 2022 has not only elevated Doha's profile on the international stage but has also spurred infrastructural developments and enhancements to accommodate the influx of visitors.

In short, Doha's journey from a pearl fishing village to a modern metropolis is a testament to Qatar's unwavering commitment to progress and development. The city's skyline, education institutions, cultural landmarks, and sustainable initiatives collectively reflect a vision that balances tradition with modernity. As Doha continues to evolve, it stands as a shining example of a city that honours its past while confidently embracing the future, inviting the world to witness the ongoing saga of its dynamic transformation.

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n the ever-evolving world of global travel, Tawfeeq Travel stands proudly as the unrivaled master of cutting-edge travel experiences. With a dynamic network comprising numerous retail outlets strategically spread across Qatar, Tawfeeq Travel has unquestionably become the preferred choice for discerning travelers seeking unparalleled services and expertise.



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Tawfeeq Travel's unwavering commitment to excellence is vividly reflected in their expansive array of specialized solutions, addressing every facet of travel management. Showcasing an unparalleled menu of services, ranging from meticulously crafted customized holiday packages to the facilitation of international driving licenses, Tawfeeq Travel has firmly established itself as a formidable force in Qatar's travel industry.

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The Rich Flavours of Qatari Cuisine

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2. Harees - A Dish of Unity

Harees, a dish with roots in Bedouin traditions, is a hearty porridge made from wheat and meat. The wheat is slow-cooked until it reaches a creamy







Noteworthy is Tawfeeq Travel's exclusive General Sales Agent status for Costa Cruises, coupled with their preferred partnerships with leading industry players. This positions them as a driving force in the cruise holiday segment and reinforces their stronghold in Qatar's travel market.



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consistency, and meat (usually chicken or lamb) is added, resulting in a comforting and nutritious meal. Harees is particularly associated with the holy month of Ramadan, symbolizing unity and community.

3. Balaleet - A Sweet and Savoury Fusion

Balaleet is a unique Qatari dish that beautifully blends sweet and savoury flavours. It consists of vermicelli noodles cooked with sugar, cardamom, and rose water, topped with a layer of saffroninfused omelet. The result is a delightful medley of textures and tastes, offering a distinctive experience for the palate.

4. Mathrooba - A Culinary Heritage

Mathrooba, another culinary gem of Qatari cuisine, is a dish with ancient Bedouin origins. It features a base of crushed wheat cooked with meat (commonly chicken or lamb), and flavoured with a blend of spices. The dish is slowcooked to perfection, allowing the flavours to meld and create a rich, savoury delight.



5. Seafood Delights

Given its coastal location, seafood plays a prominent role in Qatari cuisine. Grilled or fried fish, prawns, and squid are popular choices. One iconic seafood dish is Sayadiyah, a fragrant rice dish with fish, caramelized onions, and a blend of spices, reflecting the maritime heritage of Qatar.

6. Dates and Coffee - Symbol of Generosity

Dates and strong Arabic coffee hold a special place in Qatari hospitality. Served to guests upon

arrival, dates represent generosity, while the aromatic coffee, often infused with cardamom, symbolizes warmth and welcome. This age-old tradition showcases the importance of hospitality in Qatari culture.

7. Sweets and Desserts

Qatar boasts a delightful array of sweets and desserts, with a focus on flavours such as rose water, saffron, and cardamom. Popular treats include Luqaimat, small deep-fried dough balls drizzled with date syrup, and Esh asaraya, a luscious cheesecake-like dessert flavoured with rose water and topped with honey.

Qatari cuisine is a celebration of history, community, and the diverse influences that have shaped the nation over the centuries. From the fragrant spices of Majboos to the sweet and savory harmony of Balaleet, every dish tells a story, inviting all to partake in the rich culinary tapestry that is uniquely Qatari. As Qatar continues to evolve, its cuisine remains a testament to the nation's commitment to preserving and savoring the flavors of its past while embracing the diversity that defines its future.



Nurturing minds, igniting futures

Qatar's educational landscape and innovation ecosystem

n the ever-evolving landscape of Qatar, education stands as a cornerstone of progress and development. The nation's commitment to fostering intellectual growth and innovation has propelled its education system into the global spotlight. This article provides an in-depth overview of the education system in Qatar, exploring its foundations, achievements, and the dynamic journey toward a future marked by knowledge and innovation.

The Foundation

Qatar's modern education system traces its roots to the mid-20th century when the nation began its transformation into an economic powerhouse. Aiming to develop a knowledge-based economy, leaders recognized the pivotal role of education in shaping the nation's future. The establishment of formal schooling laid the foundation for a systematic approach to education.



Education City

At the heart of Qatar's educational initiatives lies Education City, a groundbreaking initiative launched by Qatar Foundation. Education City is a unique cluster of branch campuses from prestigious international universities and institutions, offering a diverse range of programs and fostering a dynamic, global learning environment

Primary and Secondary Education

Qatar's commitment to education begins at the primary and secondary levels. The Ministry of Education and Higher Education oversees the public school system, emphasizing bilingual education in Arabic and English. Public schools are complemented by private international schools, offering a variety of curricula to cater to the diverse expatriate population

Qatar University

As the flagship institution of higher learning in the country, Qatar University plays a pivotal role in shaping the academic landscape. Established in 1973, it has evolved into a comprehensive university offering undergraduate and graduate programs across various disciplines. Qatar University contributes significantly to research and development, fostering a culture of inquiry and innovation.

Innovation and Research Centers

Qatar's commitment to innovation is further exemplified through the establishment of research and innovation centers. Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP) serves as a hub for technology-driven innovation, attracting both national and international research initiatives These centers play a crucial role in advancing scientific discovery, technological innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Fostering innovation and technology

In the shifting sands of the Arabian Peninsula, Qatar is crafting a narrative of innovation and technological advancement that echoes far beyond its borders. The nation's unwavering commitment to fostering innovation and embracing cutting-edge technologies has positioned it as a rising star on the global stage. Let's take a peek into the diverse initiatives embraced by Qatar to foster innovation and technology, closely examining the efforts propelling the nation to the forefront of the digital era.

Qatar National Vision 2030: A Blueprint for Innovation

At the core of Oatar's endeavors in innovation and technology lies the Qatar National Vision 2030. Unveiled in 2008, this ambitious blueprint outlines the nation's aspirations to become a diversified and knowledge-based economy. The vision emphasizes the crucial role of innovation, research, and technology in driving economic growth and ensuring sustainable development.

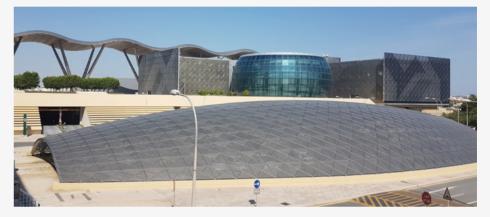


Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP)

A pivotal player in Qatar's innovation landscape is the Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP). Situated within Education City, QSTP serves as a vibrant hub for technologydriven innovation, research, and entrepreneurship. It facilitates collaboration between academia and industry, fostering an environment where ideas can flourish and evolve into tangible innovations.

Research and Development Initiatives

Qatar has placed a strong emphasis on research and development (R&D) across various sectors. The Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS) outlines the nation's commitment to advancing scientific knowledge and technology. Investment in R&D has led to groundbreaking discoveries and solutions in fields such as healthcare, energy, and environmental sustainability.



Smart Qatar Initiative: Transforming Urban Living

The Smart Qatar initiative is a testament to the nation's commitment to embracing smart technologies for the benefit of its citizens. This initiative aims to transform Qatar into a smart and connected nation, leveraging the Internet of Things (IoT) and digital innovations to enhance urban living, transportation, and public services. Smart infrastructure projects are underway to create a seamless and efficient urban experience.

Qatar Digital Government: Enhancing Public Services

Qatar's focus on technology extends to its digital government initiatives, aiming to enhance the delivery of public services. The digitization of government services not only increases efficiency but also ensures accessibility and transparency. The digital transformation is evident in services ranging from healthcare to education, creating a more connected and user-friendly experience for residents.

Investment in Artificial Intelligence (Al)

Qatar recognizes the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (Al) and has actively invested in Al research and applications. From healthcare and finance to logistics and education, the integration of Al technologies is contributing to improved decision-making processes and efficiency across various sectors.

Focus on STEM Education

In alignment with global trends, Qatar places a significant emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. Initiatives like the Qatar National Research Strategy and the Qatar National Vision 2030 aim to develop a knowledge-based economy driven by advancements in STEM fields, ensuring Qatar's competitiveness on the global stage.

Qatar Foundation's Role in Educational Advancement

Qatar Foundation (QF) serves as a driving force behind educational advancements in the country. Beyond Education City, QF's initiatives encompass various educational levels, from early childhood education to postgraduate studies. QF's commitment to lifelong learning is evident through its numerous programs and initiatives aimed at fostering a culture of continuous education.



International Collaboration and Exchange Programs

Qatar's education system actively engages in international collaboration and exchange programs. Students and faculty members benefit from partnerships with renowned institutions worldwide, contributing to a cross-cultural exchange of ideas and knowledge. These collaborations enrich the educational experience, promoting a global perspective.

As Qatar continues its journey toward becoming a knowledge-based society, the education system stands as a beacon of progress. The integration of international expertise, investment in research and innovation, and a commitment to nurturing talent at all levels position Qatar as a hub for intellectual growth and discovery. The educational odyssey in Qatar not only shapes the minds of its citizens but also fuels the nation's aspirations for a future defined by innovation, excellence, and global leadership.

Qatar Foundation's Role in Technological Advancement

Qatar Foundation (QF) plays a pivotal role in driving technological advancements through its various initiatives. Education City, under the umbrella of QF, hosts branch campuses of leading international universities, ensuring that students have access to cutting-edge knowledge and research. Additionally, QF's support for research and innovation initiatives contributes significantly to Qatar's technological progress.

Collaboration with International Tech Hubs

Oatar has actively sought collaboration with international tech hubs and innovation ecosystems. Partnerships with renowned institutions and companies facilitate knowledge exchange, collaborative research, and the integration of global best practices. These collaborations bolster Qatar's position as a global player in the technology landscape.

> As Qatar marches confidently into the future, its commitment to fostering innovation and technology is unmistakable. From the corridors of Education City to the high-tech initiatives shaping urban living, Qatar is not merely embracing the digital era; it is pioneering it. The nation's dedication to research, development, and the seamless integration of technology into everyday life positions Qatar as a beacon of progress, inviting the world to witness its technological renaissance unfold.

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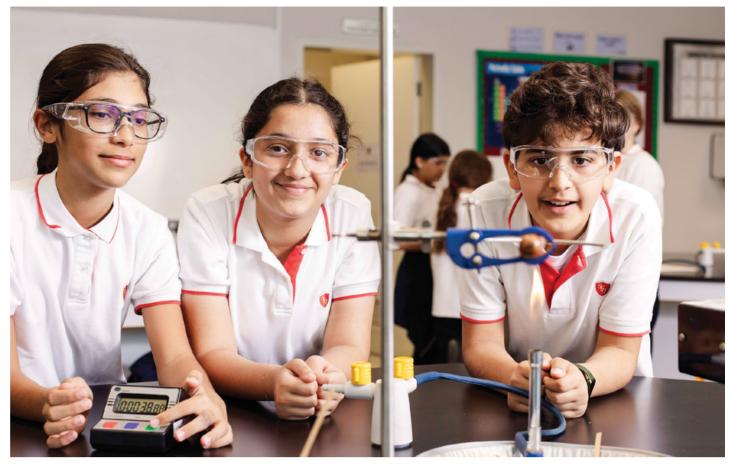


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Qatar's Cultural Tapestry A Kaleidoscope of Unique Festivals and Celebrations

n the heart of the Arabian Peninsula, Qatar pulsates with a rich cultural tapestry that comes alive through vibrant celebrations and festivals. These unique events not only reflect the nation's deep-rooted traditions but also serve as a testament to its commitment to preserving and sharing its heritage. In this article, we embark on a journey through the major cultural celebrations and festivals that paint a vivid and captivating picture of Qatar's cultural identity.

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Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha

Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha are two of the most significant Islamic festivals celebrated with great fervor in Qatar. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting, and is a time for joy, feasting, and giving to the less fortunate. Eid al-Adha, also known as the Feast of Sacrifice, commemorates the willingness of Ibrahim ((<alaihis salaam) to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God. Families come together to share festive meals, exchange gifts, and engage in acts of charity during these joyous occasions.

Qatar National Day

Qatar National Day, also known as the Founder's Day, commemorating the country's unification in 1878, marks the day that Sheikh Jassim Bin Mohammad Bin Thani succeeded his father as leader of the tribes of Qatar. The day is filled with patriotic fervor, featuring parades, fireworks, and cultural performances. Qatari citizens and residents alike proudly display the national flag, and the skyline is adorned with dazzling lights, creating a spectacular atmosphere of unity and pride.





Garangao

Garangao is a unique Qatari celebration that takes place on the 14th night of Ramadan. Particularly popular among children, this festival involves a traditional door-to-door procession where children sing songs and receive nuts, sweets, and small gifts from neighbors. The streets come alive with laughter and joy as families partake in this cherished tradition, creating a sense of community and shared festivity.

Qatar International Food Festival (QIFF)

The Qatar International Food Festival is a gastronomic



extravaganza that celebrates the diverse culinary landscape of the nation. Held annually, this festival brings together renowned chefs, food enthusiasts, and visitors to explore a myriad of flavors, culinary traditions, and innovative dishes. It serves as a platform to showcase Qatar's commitment to hospitality and its evolving food scene.



Souq Waqif Spring Festival

Souq Waqif, the bustling traditional market in Doha, hosts the Souq Waqif Spring Festival, a cultural celebration that combines traditional Qatari music, dance, and art with modern entertainment. The festival features live performances, cultural displays, and a lively atmosphere, attracting locals and tourists alike to immerse themselves in the spirit of Qatar's heritage.

Dhow Festival

The Dhow Festival pays homage to Qatar's maritime heritage and the historic importance of dhows, traditional wooden sailing vessels. Held in Katara Cultural Village, the festival showcases beautifully crafted dhows, cultural performances, and maritime-themed activities. It offers a glimpse into the significance of seafaring traditions that have shaped Qatar's history.

Qatar International Jazz Festival

For music enthusiasts, the Qatar International Jazz Festival is a standout event. Held annually, the festival brings together jazz



musicians from around the world for a series of performances, workshops, and masterclasses. The event not only adds a contemporary flair to Qatar's cultural scene but also fosters a global exchange of musical expressions.

Qatar's major cultural celebrations and festivals weave a vibrant narrative of tradition, unity, and diversity. Each event contributes to the nation's cultural identity, inviting both residents and visitors to partake in the joyous celebrations that reflect the spirit of Qatar. As the country continues to evolve, these festivals stand as living expressions of its rich heritage, serving as bridges that connect the past, present, and future of this dynamic Arabian gem.



How to spend holidays in Qatar

Go back in time at **Katara**



Katara Cultural Village stands as a testament to the convergence of architectural marvels, artistic endeavours, and natural beauty. Let's embark on a guided tour of the various attractions that make Katara a cultural haven and a must-visit destination in Doha.

1. Katara Mosque: A Blend of Tradition and Elegance

Designed by Turkey's pioneering architect Zeynep Fadilloglu, the Katara Mosque is a masterpiece that showcases the fusion of Persian and Turkish aesthetics. Complemented by shades of blue and gold, the mosque's intricate tile and enamel work draw inspiration from famous mosques across the Muslim world. Adjacent to the mosque, the unmistakable pigeon towers add a touch of charm with their oblong structures.



2. The Gold Mosque: A Radiant Gem Facing the Amphitheatre

The smaller yet captivating Gold Mosque is adorned with shimmering gold tiling, creating a radiant spectacle, especially under the sun. Facing the amphitheatre, it adds a touch of opulence to the cultural landscape of Katara.

3. The Amphitheatre: Where Culture and Nature Converge

Spanning 3,275 sqm, the classical Greek-style amphitheater in Katara reflects Islamic influences in its architecture, particularly evident in its arched entrances. With a seating capacity for 5000 spectators, it offers stunning views of both the sea and the cultural village. The adjacent art installation, «The Force of Nature,» symbolizes humanity's powerlessness in

Qatar beckons travelers with a unique blend of modernity and tradition. As a destination that seamlessly marries luxurious experiences with cultural immersion, a holiday in Qatar promises a rich tapestry of adventures. In this comprehensive guide, we will explore various facets of spending a memorable holiday in Qatar, from exploring iconic landmarks to savouring the local cuisine.



• Discover Doha's Skyline

Begin your Qatari holiday by immersing yourself in the futuristic skyline of Doha, the capital city. lconic structures like the Torch Doha, the Aspire Tower, and the unmistakable skyscrapers lining the Corniche create a breathtaking panorama. Take a stroll along the Corniche to enjoy the stunning views of the cityscape against the azure waters of the Arabian Gulf.

• Cultural Exploration at Souq Waqif

Indulge in a sensory delight at Souq Waqif, Doha's bustling traditional market. This vibrant souq offers a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and aromas, where visitors can shop for traditional Qatari garments, spices, handicrafts, and souvenirs. Immerse yourself in the local culture by savoring traditional Qatari dishes at the numerous restaurants and cafes within the souq.

• Historical Sojourn to Al Zubarah

Embark on a journey through time by visiting the Al Zubarah Archaeological Site on the northwestern coast. This UNESCO World Heritage Site preserves the remnants of a once-thriving 18th-century trading port, offering a glimpse into Qatar's maritime history. Explore the well-preserved town, forts, and artifacts that showcase the nation's rich heritage.

• Nature Retreat in Zekreet

For a tranquil escape, head west to Zekreet, where the unique rock formations captivate visitors. Wander through the mysterious landscapes shaped by natural erosion, and explore the enigmatic «Film City,» an abandoned set amidst the desert rocks. Zekreet offers a serene respite and an opportunity for contemplation amidst nature's wonders.

Artistic Exploration at the Museum of Islamic Art

Marvel at the architectural brilliance of the Museum of Islamic Art, designed by the renowned architect I. M. Pei. Located on the Corniche, the museum houses an extensive collection of Islamic artifacts spanning centuries. The serene surroundings and breathtaking exhibits make it a must-visit destination for art and history enthusiasts.



• Relaxation on The Pearl-Qatar

Indulge in luxury and leisure at The Pearl-Qatar, an artificial island featuring upscale residences, shops, and restaurants. Stroll along the marina, explore designer boutiques, and dine in style at waterfront restaurants. The Pearl-Qatar is a haven for those seeking a sophisticated and cosmopolitan atmosphere. the face of nature, depicting Mother Nature guiding the world with a piece of cloth.

4.21 High Street: A Luxurious Shopping Experience

Embark on a shopping spree along the ultra-luxe 21 High Street, marked by a giant gift box. Witness high-end cars dropping shoppers off at the iconic French department store, Galeries Lafayette. With a powerful outdoor cooling system and Murano glass decor, Katara High Street invites visitors to dine al fresco at its numerous cafes, providing year-round comfort.

5. Art Galleries: A Haven for Creativity

Katara is a haven for art enthusiasts, featuring numerous galleries, workshops, exhibition areas, and performance arenas. The Qatar Museum Gallery showcases local and international artists exploring human-centered themes, while the Katara Art Center (KAC) independently runs platforms dedicated to contemporary art and trans-disciplinary creative endeavors.

6. Al Thuraya Planetarium: Celestial Delights for All Ages

For celestial enthusiasts, the Al Thuraya Planetarium beckons with its full-dome digital system, capable of taking up to 200 visitors on a cosmic journey. Engage with exhibits delving into astronomy, atmosphere, geology, and oceans, while discovering the role of astronomy in Qatar's history and religious traditions.

7. Beach Activities: Seaside Serenity

Relax at Katara's spacious public beach, offering activities from strolling to engaging in water sports. Beach equipment rentals provide affordable options for speed boat rides, knee boarding, parasailing, and water skiing.

8. Katara Hills: A Tranquil Escape

To the north and south of the cultural village lie Katara's hills, featuring lush landscaping, water features, and walking tracks. Picnickers and serious walkers alike can explore multiple levels, culminating in breathtaking views of the village and the sea, especially during the enchanting sunset.

9. Taste Local Flavours: Culinary Extravaganza

Katara is a gastronomic delight, hosting some of Doha's most popular eateries. From Chapati and Karak's wraps to fresh seafood at Lawazar, visitors can savor diverse choices from across the Levant, including Mamig (Lebanon), Khan Farouk (Egypt), Ard Canaan (Syria), Sukar Pasha (Turkey), and Saffron Lounge (India). Tasty Street offers cabins for those seeking a quick, flavorful bite on the go.





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