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Celebrate Eid Al Adha in Style at The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island, The Pearl Qatar



s the crescent moon marks the beginning of Eid Al Adha, a time of joy, reflection, and togetherness, The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island, The Pearl Qatar, invites guests to immerse themselves in a world of opulence, flavour, and celebration.

Set against the backdrop of Doha Skyline and the marina, the hotel offers a uniquely refined experience where Arabian heritage meets world-class hospitality. This Eid, the destination becomes even more vibrant with a curated selection of exquisite dining experiences, rejuvenating wellness escapes, and joyful family activities tailored to create lasting memories.

An Eid to Remember, The Art of Celebration

A destination that redefines luxury, nestled in the heart of Porto Arabia, The Pearl Qatar, the hotel is a sanctuary of privacy and personalized service, combining old-world elegance with the spirit of contemporary Arabian glamour. Every detail of the guest experience is infused with signature rituals and bespoke care, from the renowned St. Regis Butler Service to captivating lifestyle journeys.

This Eid Al Adha, the island proudly presents a curated line-up of experiences designed to bring families and friends together in celebration of tradition, culture, and indulgence.



Bay View, Eid Al Adha Brunch: A Lavish Feast Overlooking the Marina

For those who appreciate a lively brunch experience, Eid Al Adha Brunch at Bay View on Friday, June 6, is a festive affair not to be missed. From 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, guests can indulge in a joyful ambiance with live DJ entertainment, interactive culinary stations, and a vibrant selection of regional and Mediterranean dishes.

A highlight of the brunch is the traditional Ouzi, prepared to perfection and served alongside global flavours and sweet indulgences. Families are warmly welcomed with children's activities designed to entertain little ones while parents relax and savour the experience.

Brunch by the Bay Continues on Saturday

The celebrations continue. On Saturday, June 7, guests can return to Bay View for Brunch by the Bay – The REAL Brunch, an indulgent weekend experience featuring dishes that span from breakfast to lunch. With the same signature energy and culinary creativity, Saturday brunch invites diners to unwind with marina views, upbeat music, poolside relaxation, and the signature St. Regis service. It's the perfect way to keep the Eid spirit going with family and loved ones.

Eid Al Adha Lunch by Zorba: A Greek Celebration by the Sea

On Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, Zorba offers an indulging Eid lunch filled with authentic Greek flavours. With its vibrant blue-and-white décor and sea-facing setting, Zorba brings a joyful Greek celebration to Qatar.

Guests can enjoy a sharing-style menu, live DJ entertainment, traditional plate-smashing, and engaging kids' activities. It's a true escape to the Greek islands, right here in the heart of The Pearl.

Eid Dining Across the Island: A Culinary Tour of Global Flavours

Beyond Bay View and Zorba, the island offers a wide array of world-class dining destinations throughout the Eid break. Whether you're a hotel guest or a visitor looking to celebrate in style, the island's signature restaurants promise a feast for the senses:

- Babel: A refined Lebanese fine dining experience, where tradition meets modern culinary artistry. Mezze, grills, and Arabic desserts are served in a stunning setting.
- Chotto Matte: A bold fusion of Peruvian and Japanese cuisine, where dramatic interiors and vibrant flavours create a unique Eid dining experience.
- Roberto's: Italian sophistication at its finest, with handmade pastas, fine grapes, and panoramic marina views.
- Ahwet Zeitouna: A nostalgic Lebanese café ideal for relaxed breakfasts or late-night Eid bites, offering street-style classics in a charming setting.
- Lobby Lounge: Indulge in the St. Regis afternoon tea ritual with elegant sweet and savoury selections in a serene atmosphere.
- Sailors Lounge: Ideal for relaxed sunset moments and late-night conversations, this venue offers signature bites and refreshing beverages in a laid-back setting.

Family Traditions: Eid for the Little Ones

At The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island, Eid Al Adha is a celebration for the entire family. Both Bay View and Zorba feature engaging activities for children, from arts and crafts to games that keep them happily entertained.

The island also offers a dedicated Kids Club, enriching creativity, play, and exploration for its younger guests. Whether during brunch or throughout the day, families can rest assured that every member, no matter their age, is cared for with thoughtful attention.

Unwind and Rejuvenate at Longevity Hub by Clinique La Prairie

For guests looking to relax, Longevity Hub by Clinique La Prairie offers a sanctuary of rejuvenation. This world-renowned wellness concept brings together therapies and holistic treatments for those seeking to restore mind, body, and soul during the holidays.

From rejuvenating facials and massages to longevity-focused programs and bespoke wellness experiences, the Hub offers an elevated escape within the island's serene setting. It's the perfect way to balance indulgence with inner harmony during the Eid break.



World-Class Leisure: Beyond the Celebrations

In addition to culinary delights and wellness experiences, the island invites guests to make the most of its exceptional leisure facilities:

- Padel courts for energetic matches with family or friends
- A state-of-the-art fitness center for staying active during the holidays
- Multiple swimming pools surrounded by gazebos and views of the marina
- The vibrant Kids Club ensures little ones are always engaged

Whether guests are looking to relax, recharge, or keep the celebration going, The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island delivers the perfect blend of activity and serenity.



A Resort Like No Other: Where Every Detail Matters

From the palatial Andalucian architecture to sweeping views of the Arabian Gulf, The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island redefines opulence, featuring expansive one- to three-bedroom suites, each with private balconies, elegant living spaces, and round-the-clock butler service. Whether staying for the Eid holidays or visiting for the day, guests are welcomed into a world of refined comfort, discretion, and thoughtful luxury.

Set on its own private island within The Pearl Qatar, Marsa Arabia Island offers a feeling of tranquil seclusion, all while being just minutes away from the energy of Doha's cultural and retail attractions.

Celebrate the Spirit of Eid in St. Regis Style

At its heart, Eid Al Adha is a time of generosity, unity, and gratitude. The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island embraces these values through every detail of its holiday offerings. Whether you're sharing a meal, discovering new traditions with your family, or simply enjoying the tranquil surroundings, the resort invites you to celebrate Eid your way, elegantly, exquisitely, and memorably.

















Eid Al Adha at The Best Address

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Escape to The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island, The Pearl Qatar, and experience an unforgettable celebration and moments with your loved ones.

Celebrate Eid Al Adha at Doha's most exclusive island destination at The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island. Overlooking the glistening marina, this celebratory weekend brings together the best of family time, gastronomy, and wellness. Delight in a joyful brunch at Bay View or a Greek-style celebration at Zorba, where the music is lively and the flavors unforgettable.

The journey continues through globally renowned restaurants at Babel, Roberto's, Chotto Matte, and Ahwet Zeitouna, alongside rejuvenating moments at Longevity Hub by Clinique La Prairie and time well spent with loved ones at the pool, kids club, and beyond. Eid on this exquisite island promises memories that linger long after the last moment.

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Experience Unforgettable Eid Al Adha Festivities with Katara Hospitality

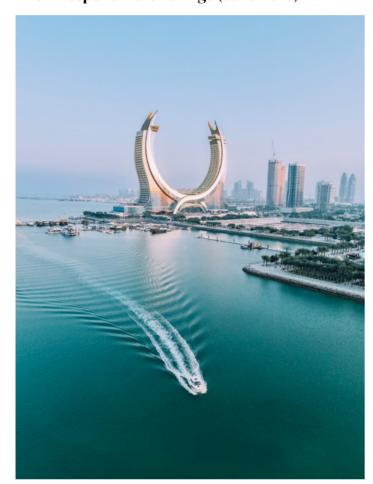
A Journey of Family Joy, Luxury, and Cultural Immersion Across Qatar

s the sacred occasion of Eid Al Adha graces Qatar this week, Katara Hospitality, Qatar's distinguished luxury hotel asset owner, developer, and operator, extends a heartfelt invitation to families and visitors to partake in an unparalleled celebration across its remarkable coll—ection of hotels.

This deeply cherished holiday, synonymous with reflection, generosity, and familial bonds, finds its most magnificent expression within the magnificent settings and warm Arabian hospitality that define Katara Hospitality's diverse portfolio.

From the sunny shores of the Arabian Gulf to the vibrant pulse of Doha's cosmopolitan heart, each property is poised to deliver an extraordinary Eid experience, meticulously crafted to create cherished memories for all ages. Guests can anticipate a harmonious blend of festive culinary delights, engaging activities for children that spark joy and imagination, rejuvenating spa treatments, and full opportunities for cultural discovery, ensuring that this Eid Al Adha is truly a celebration to remember.

Featured Katara Hospitality assets in Qatar & Their Bespoke Eid Offerings (June 2025)



• Raffles Doha (6 Star Hotel at Katara Towers, Lusail Marina District): Representing the pinnacle of refined luxury and bespoke service, Raffles Doha, nestled within the architectural marvel of Katara Towers, offers an unparalleled Eid Al Adha experience for the most discerning guests. As an all-suite hotel, it provides an exquisite retreat where every detail is meticulously curated. For those seeking an elevated culinary celebration, Aqua at Raffles Doha presents a captivating BBQ Night Brunch every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Guests can indulge in a lavish spread with a Soft Package at QAR 300 or an Enhance Package at QAR 400. While specific structured children's Eid activities may be more bespoke and upon request in this ultra-luxury setting, the hotel's commitment to personalized service ensures that families' needs are anticipated and met with the utmost attention. Raffles Doha promises an Eid that is not just celebrated, but truly experienced in an environment of timeless elegance and heartfelt hospitality, creating an unforgettable chapter in your family's story.

RENOWNED FOR ITS BLEND OF LUXURY AND TRADITION, EACH PROPERTY UNDER KATARA HOSPITALITY OFFERS A DISTINCT SETTING FOR JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS, EXCEPTIONAL DINING, AND CHERISHED MOMENTS DURING THIS SPECIAL TIME OF YEAR.

• Fairmont Doha (5 Star Hotel at Katara Towers, Lusail Marina District): Fairmont Doha, also gracing the iconic Katara Towers, presents a spectacular fusion of modern luxury and Arabian allure, creating an inspiring backdrop for Eid Al Adha celebrations. For families seeking diverse and exquisite culinary experiences, Fairmont Doha delivers with its Weekend Brunches.

At Provok, guests can enjoy a dynamic Weekend Brunch every Friday and Saturday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, offering a Set Menu with a Soft Package at QAR 350 and an Enhance Package at QAR 450. Meanwhile, Masala Library by Jiggs Kalra invites families to embark on a culinary journey with its Weekend Brunch, also every Friday and Saturday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, available at QAR 300 for the Soft Package and QAR 400 for the Enhance Package. Beyond the delectable dining, Fairmont Doha offers multiple swimming pools, including serene indoor options and vibrant outdoor areas, ensuring relaxation and fun for all ages. The hotel's sophisticated ambiance and its prime location in Lusail Marina District provide a grand setting for a truly memorable family Eid.



 Dana Club: Dana Club stands as a true beacon of family-friendly leisure and entertainment, meticulously preparing for a vibrant and engaging Eid Al Adha celebration this June that caters specifically to children and families. Their multi-day Eid program is thoughtfully designed to immerse young minds in the spirit of the holiday.

Dana Club Agenda:

DAY 1:

Recreation:

THE SPIRIT OF EID Theme

- Welcome Circle & Story Time Interactive
- Craft: "My Eid Sheep"
- Drama Role Play: The Story of Sacrifice Kids
- Build Your Own Mosque Diorama By
- Reflection Circle & Eid Goodie Bags Talk

Show

- Puppet Show 1 Hour (6:00 to 7:00 PM)
- Bubble Show 1 Hour (7:00 to 8:00 PM)

Food & Beverage:

- Kiddie Eid Buffet 99 QAR (From I:00 to 4:00 PM, 6:00 to 10:00 PM)
- EID Mubarak Welcoming Station

DAY 2:

Recreation

THE JOY OF SHARING AND KINDNESS Theme

- Kindness Tree Activity
- Art: Design an Eid Card for Someone Special
- Group Game: "Pass the Parcel Kindness Edition"
- Fun Activity Stations
- Closing Celebration & Certificate Giveaway

Show

- Circus Juggling Show 1 Hour (6:00 to 7:00 PM)
- Face Painting 1 Hour (7:00 to 8:00 PM)

Food & Beverage:

- Eid Sofra (Arabic Flavours Buffet), QAR 137 Per Person (From 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
- EID Mubarak Welcoming Station

DAY 3:

Food & Beverage:

- EID BBQ GRILL Set Menu, QAR 99 Per Person (From 2:00 to 10:00 PM)
- EID Mubarak Welcoming Station
- Simaisma, a Murwab Resort: Nestled along the tranquil coastline north of Doha, Simaisma, a Murwab Resort, is poised to offer a luxurious and serene family beach getaway this Eid Al Adha, with special promotions running from Friday, June 6th, until Monday, June 9th. This exclusive resort, with its opulent two-, three-, and four-bedroom villas (many featuring private plunge pools), provides unparalleled space and privacy for families. Guests can indulge in the Eid Brunch with Day Pass from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at QAR 380 per adult and QAR 190 per child, including access to Eid activities. For an enchanting evening, the Eid BBQ Dinner with Day Pass is available from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM at QAR 350 per adult and QAR 175 per child, also inclusive of Eid activities. These offers are further enhanced by their availability on Entertainer, Urban Point, and Murwab platforms, making them even more accessible. The resort's wide array of activities, including watersports, a children's playground, and various sports courts, combined with its focus on relaxation and wellness, makes Simaisma an idyllic choice for a tranquil yet active Eid holiday.



- Sealine Beach, a Murwab Resort: The amazing yet authentic resort which recently celebrated 30th anniversary of historical memories, for families looking for a resort-style Eid Al Adha immersed in nature and adventure, Sealine Beach, a Murwab Resort, is the quintessential choice this June. From June 6th to June 9th, 2025, the resort is offering an incredible Eid Al Adha Family Brunch with Day Use Access for the Pool and Beach. Day use is available from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM, with the delightful brunch served from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The rate is QAR 250 per adult (12 years and above) and QAR 125 per child (6-11 years), with kids below 5 years enjoying complimentary access for both brunch and day use. The celebration is further amplified with vibrant activations: Live Entertainment during Brunch, an exciting Outdoor Bouncy Castle, engaging Face Painting and Balloon Twisting Activity for Kids, lively Kids Pool Game. Located at the edge of the mesmerizing desert dunes, this resort provides a unique blend of beach relaxation and exhilarating outdoor activities, promising a fun-filled and memorable Eid escape for the entire family.
- The Ritz-Carlton, Doha: Synonymous with refined luxury and impeccable service, The Ritz-Carlton, Doha, offers an exquisite Eid Al Adha experience for families who appreciate sophistication and gourmet delights. This June, the hotel is presenting two exclusive culinary offerings:

Eid Brunch at Lagoon Restaurant: On June 6th, from I:00 PM to 4:00 PM, families can indulge in a lavish Eid Brunch at the beautiful Lagoon Restaurant. The price is QAR 250 with soft beverages, and QAR I25 for children aged 6 to I2 years old, making it an ideal gathering point for a festive family meal.

Eid Parisian Breakfast at Sel & Miel: For those who prefer a more relaxed morning indulgence, Sel & Miel will host an Eid Parisian Breakfast on both June 6th and 7th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, priced at QAR 150 per person. This offer is valid during

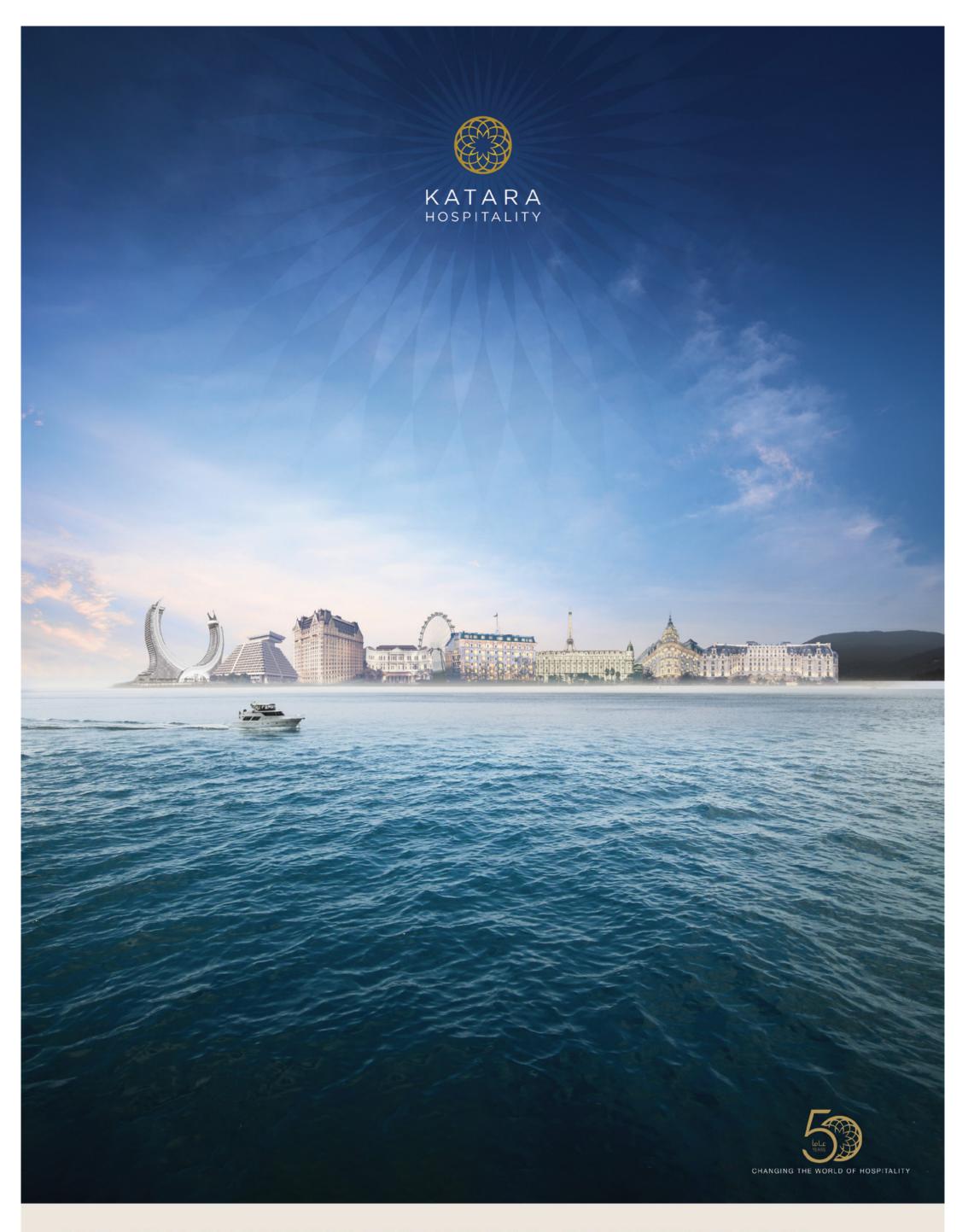
Beyond the delightful culinary journeys, the "Ritz Kids Club" provides a vibrant space with daily activities designed to inspire imagination and creativity, ensuring young guests are continually engaged. The hotel also boasts a dedicated children's pool with a gentle slide and shaded lounging areas, alongside beautiful outdoor spaces like the Ritz Kids Garden & Farm, where children can interact with nature. The Ritz-Carlton, Doha, ensures a luxurious yet family-friendly Eid celebration, blending gourmet dining with enriching activities.

• Sharq Village & Spa, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel: Sharq Village & Spa, an enchanting oasis embodying traditional Qatari architecture and unparalleled luxury, promises a truly immersive and rejuvenating Eid Al Adha experience. This sprawling resort, with its private 400-metre beach and three heated pools, is ideally suited for families seeking both profound relaxation and engaging activity. This Eid, the resort elevates its culinary offerings with distinct festive experiences:

Indulge in a delightful Eid Table Brunch at Parisa Restaurant on June 7th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, featuring a special menu and captivating live entertainment, priced at QAR 175 per person. For evening celebrations, a grand Eid Dinner Feast with live entertainment is available all days of Eid Al Adha, from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM, offering a sumptuous four-course dinner at QAR 199 per person. For a refined afternoon, guests can savour the High Tea Experience with Eid Flavours, available all days of Eid Al Adha from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM, priced at QAR 260 for two persons.

The resort frequently highlights "Family Fun-cation" staycation packages during holidays, often including spacious two-bedroom suites, thoughtful kids' amenities, and daily access to exclusive Ritz Kids activities. Parents can indulge in unparalleled tranquility at the award-winning spa while children enjoy a wide variety of enriching and engaging programs, ensuring a festive, culturally rich, and incredibly memorable experience for families.

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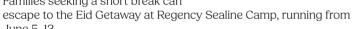


At Mall of Qatar, the Samba Show brings the energy of Brazilian carnival to Doha with live drums, capoeira performances, and roaming parades. Feel the rhythm of the carnival at the Oasis Stage, with shows daily from June 6-14 at 6pm, 7pm, and 8:30pm.





Eid al-Adha celebrations at Msheireb Downtown Doha will take place during June 6-IO, offering a variety of fun-filled activities for families, while the revelries at Tawar Mall offers three-days of various engaging activities. Families seeking a short break can escape to the Fid Getaway at Regen



Until June 5, shoppers can explore the Tajheezat Eid al-Adha Trade Fair at South Parking, Katara. Throughout June, art and culture remain at the forefront of Qatar's offerings. At Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, Wafa al-Hamad: Sites of Imagination continues its run until August 9, offering visitors a glimpse into the artist's imaginative landscapes.

Also at Mathaf, 'Daoud Aoulad Syad, Territories of the Instant' is on display until June 20, showcasing three decades of evocative Moroccan photography.





Katara at Gallery 45 and 46 is hosting Refractions: Tasweer Project Awards, highlighting the visual storytelling of Arab photographers until June 20, while Threads of Light: Stories from the Tasweer Single Image Awards is on view at Company House at Msheireb Museums until June 20.

At Fire Station Gallery 3, 'AlMihrab' Exhibition by Khalid alMusallamany, in collaboration with Tasweer Photo Festival, presents a striking photographic exploration of Qatar's mosques, capturing their spiritual depth and architectural beauty in both black and white and colour, until June 20.



Design enthusiasts can visit Ultraleggera: A Design Journey with Marcello Gandini Between Italy and Qatar, open at National Museum of Qatar - Gallery 13, offering a deep dive into the creative mind behind some of the world's most iconic automotive designs running until June 2.

Theatre enthusiasts can catch Al-Bayt Al-Maskoon Theatrical Play at Drama Theatre at Katara from June 6-12; and at U Venue Theatre, Maskon Laila Theatrical Play on June 7-8. Children can enjoy live performances of Sonic the Hedgehog at Palace Vendome Mall from June 5-14 or explore the creative universe of Blippi's Garage at Doha Festival City from June 8-14; and Lego shows 2025 at the Qatar National Convention Centre from June 7-22.

On June 2, the Fire Station museum is hosting Gond Art: A Folk Art from the Heart of India with Surabhi Gaikwad. Families can also take part in Family Day: Islamic Culinary Traditions. The experience highlights historical influences, the role of trade, and how dining customs helped to shape social and courtly life at Museum of Islamic Art on June 14.



Summer Fun Awaits at Msheireb Downtown Doha, bringing a variety of child-friendly activities, workshops, and games starting from June 16 until August 31, while Scoop by the Sea along the coastlines starting from June 18 until August 13 at West Bay Beach.

For sports enthusiasts, the FIBA 3x3 U23 Youth League - Basketball returns with fast-paced action and elite youth athletes competing at local courts. Taking place from June 12–18 at Qatar Basketball Federation Hall, this championship offers an electrifying atmosphere for fans of all ages.

Women can also enjoy exclusive access to Ladies' Day at Sea Caves Water Park every Wednesday until August 8, with the venue offering a private and family-friendly aquatic experience at Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas.

On June 4, the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra will perform Elgar's Enigma Variations at Katara Opera House, presenting an evening of classical music. Candlelight concerts return with a refined twist at the Museum of Islamic Art: Candlelight: Queen Vs ABBA



on June 13 and Candlelight: Tribute to Adele will take place at Four Seasons Doha on June 21.

A celebration of love, laughter, and lasting memories

By Fathima Shouli

Eid has always meant happiness, warmth, and love to me. Growing up in Qatar, many of my most cherished memories are rooted in the traditions and celebrations that surround this beautiful festival. While some of my friends recall their childhood Eids spent with large extended families back in India, my experiences in Qatar are filled with joy, laughter, and the closeness of a community that has become like family over time.

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The very thought of Eid brings to mind three essentials: Eidi, mouthwatering food, and gatherings with family and friends. As someone who thrives on connection and shared moments, I truly value the way this day brings people together — cousins, neighbours, family friends — all coming over, catching up, laughing, and creating memories that last well beyond the

One of my favourite pre-Eid traditions is the night before; a whirlwind of last-minute prep, trying on my new outfit (with a personal "fit check"), and the much-loved tradition of putting on henna with the girls. These moments are always full of fun, chatter, and that one recurring drama: putting henna on everyone else and then dramatically realizing no one is left to put it on for



me. That's when the sibling fights and fake tears start — just another typical part of our Eid night madness

My father, ever the planner, ensures our Eid shopping is done well in advance. No last-minute mall runs in our household. As a result, the excitement begins days earlier. We decorate the house, order a cake, blow up balloons, and prepare sweets with full enthusiasm. My brothers and I take special pride in helping out, particularly with setting up the dessert table (mostly so we can sneak in a few bites before guests arrive).

One Eid that stands out was during the Covid-19 lockdown; what we fondly refer to as the "Corona Eid." Despite the restrictions, it was one of the most special ones. Our house was bursting with sweets, cakes, and candies. It was a sugar overload in the best way. Ironically, while the

dessert table was overflowing, I had no dress to wear. Thankfully, my aunt lent me one of hers. She tried to alter it, but I ended up looking like I had borrowed my mom's outfit — oversized, loose, and comically ill-fitting. I was practically swimming in it. But the laughter it brought, combined with the intimacy of that quiet family Eid, made it one of the most unforgettable and sweetly imperfect celebrations we've had.

Eid morning is always a mix of excitement and exhaustion. After a night of mehendi and minimal sleep, waking up can feel like a battle. The house quickly turns into a flurry of activity — last-minute ironing, everyone fighting over the bathroom, and my dad yelling from the front yard that we'll miss the prayer if we don't hurry. Despite the chaos, we eventually squeeze into the car and head to the mosque, smiling through our sleepy eyes.

The atmosphere at the mosque is vibrant — a beautiful display of unity and joy. Everyone is dressed in their finest, exchanging warm wishes and smiles. After the prayer, there's a moment of peace, followed by group pictures, laughter, and heartfelt greetings. Once home, we take our family photo — a cherished tradition — and then head out to visit neighbours, friends, and relatives. Some we know well, some we see only once a year, but the spirit of connection makes everyone feel like family.

And then comes Eidi! No matter how old I get, the excitement of receiving Eidi never fades. It's not just the money — it's the tradition, the love, and the little sparkle of childhood joy it brings every year.

One of the most beautiful aspects of celebrating Eid in Qatar is the multicultural spirit. In India, Eid is often centred around large family gatherings, but here, friendships become family. Over time, my father's friends and their families have become an integral part of our celebrations. When we gather, there's laughter, food, and that same warm, familial bond that makes Eid so special

Of course, the Eid holidays themselves are an absolute highlight. It's our time to unwind and enjoy each other's company from visiting resorts and beaches, to going on buggy rides or hosting family barbecues. Nights are often spent playing Monopoly or UNO, teasing each other over who's cheating and who's winning. It's all silly, light-hearted fun that becomes part of the core memories we cherish.

Whether it's the chaos of getting ready, the sweetness of family-only celebrations during lockdown, or the joy of gathering with friends who've become family — Eid reminds me of the beauty of togetherness. It's a time of laughter, love, food, and memories that stay with us long after the decorations are taken down and the sweets are finished.

Eid Mubarak

We extend our heartiest greetings to

His Highness

Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani

Amir of the State of Qatar

His Highness

Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani

Father Amir

His Highness

Sheikh Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Thani

Deputy Amir

and to all the honorable people of Qatar on the occasion of

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Decor and Ambiance

id al Adha is more than a religious observance—it is a celebration of gratitude, unity, and shared joy. While prayers and sacrifice form the spiritual core of the occasion, the festive ambiance at home plays a vital role in enhancing the overall experience.

From elegant décor and warm lighting to charming tablescapes and personalized touches, setting the right mood at home for Eid can transform the celebration into a truly memorable one for family and guests alike.

In 2025, Eid décor trends reflect a blend of tradition and contemporary design. With increasing interest in creating Instagram-worthy corners and cozy, elegant spaces, many households are choosing to invest time and creativity into transforming their living spaces into festive havens.



Welcoming entrances and first impressions

The celebration begins at the doorstep. A thoughtfully decorated entrance sets the tone for the entire home. This year, many are choosing to adorn their doors with wreaths made of eucalyptus, date palm leaves, dried flowers, and moon and star motifs.

Hanging lanterns or fairy lights intertwined around the main entrance or porch railing give off a warm, inviting glow, especially for evening guests. Traditional welcome signs with phrases like "Eid Mubarak" in elegant calligraphy—crafted from wood, acrylic, or woven fabric—are increasingly popular and can be reused year after year.

Adding a decorative rug or a runner at the entrance, alongside brass or ceramic pots filled with fresh flowers or fragrant herbs like mint and basil, completes the inviting look. It's about creating a moment of anticipation as one steps into the home.

Living room: The heart of celebration

The living room becomes the central stage for family bonding, guest hosting, and joyous conversation. For this space, décor choices in 2025 lean toward muted luxuryneutral base tones such as ivory, taupe, and soft grey are accented with metallic elements like gold, bronze, or silver. Cushions with Islamic geometric patterns, crescent moon embroidery, or Arabic calligraphy add festive elegance to sofas and chairs.



Layered textures are also trending—think velvet throws, embroidered cushion covers, and jute or woven rugs. These elements not only elevate the aesthetic appeal but also offer comfort. Coffee tables are adorned with trays featuring dates, nuts, and sweets, interspersed with candles, small lanterns, and fresh blooms in low vases.

In many homes, a dedicated Eid corner has become a focal point. This special area might feature a low seating arrangement with floor cushions and poufs, a backdrop of string lights, a decorative crescent moon sculpture, or a miniature mosque made from wood

or cardboard—perfect for photos and family moments.

Tablescapes: A feast for the eyes and the palate

The Eid feast is undoubtedly one of the most anticipated parts of the celebration. A thoughtfully arranged dining table can enhance not only the culinary experience but also the ambiance of the gathering. Tablescapes this year are embracing earthy elegance. Linen or cotton table runners in soft beige, olive green, or dusky pink tones provide a neutral canvas, upon which gold or brass chargers, white ceramic plates, and amber glassware shine beautifully.

Centrepieces are created with seasonal flowers, candles in assorted heights, or bowls filled with dates and fruits. Some opt for a rustic approach with wooden boards, fig and cheese arrangements, and pomegranate-laced garnishes, while others prefer a minimalist aesthetic with sleek candle holders and monochrome



Personal touches matter. Handwritten name cards, prayer cards, or small thank-you notes for each guest placed alongside



cutlery can evoke warmth and hospitality. Miniature lanterns, engraved coasters, or even individually wrapped chocolates in silk pouches can double as memorable take-home tokens.



Lighting: Creating a festive glow

Lighting plays an essential role in setting the Eid mood. In 2025, the preference leans toward warm, ambient lighting over bright overhead fixtures. Layered lighting is

the key—combining floor lamps, pendant lights, table lamps, and fairy lights to create a multidimensional atmosphere.

Moroccan-style lanterns, with intricate cut-outs that cast beautiful shadows, are popular for living areas and outdoor spaces. String lights with crescent and star shapes are perfect for windows, balconies, or stair railings. For dining spaces, cluster candle arrangements and lowhanging pendant lights help create a soft, intimate ibe that encourages lingering conversations and connection.

In children's rooms or family areas, projection lamps that cast crescent moons and stars across the ceiling offer a whimsical, magical touch—reminding everyone of the beauty and serenity associated with the occasion.

Children's corners and interactive elements

For families with young children, decorating a dedicated children's space adds an element of excitement. Small tents or canopies adorned with fairy lights, soft rugs, Eid-themed coloring books, and plush toys make the day even more special for little ones. Some families create a DIY craft station where kids can decorate Eid cards, make paper lanterns, or assemble goody bags.



Including a gratitude jar—where children and adults write what they're thankful for on colorful slips of paper—is a meaningful and engaging addition that ties in the spiritual significance of Fid



The scent of celebration

An often-overlooked but vital part of Eid ambiance is fragrance. This year, oud, bakhoor, amber, and rose-based scents dominate the olfactory palette. Scented candles, oil diffusers, or incense sticks placed in key areas of the home provide a calming, luxurious touch. Many families choose a signature scent for their Eid gatherings, creating sensory memories associated with joy, peace, and family.

In traditional homes, burning bakhoor before guests arrive is a cherished ritual—an aromatic gesture of welcome and purification. For a more contemporary twist, reed diffusers in glass bottles with Eid-themed labels are becoming a staple on side tables and shelves.



Outdoor and balcony décor

With pleasant weather in many regions during Eid, balconies, patios, and gardens become perfect spaces for Eid brunches or evening gatherings. String lights hung between trees or pergolas, outdoor rugs, lanterns, and low seating arrangements with cushions can quickly transform any outdoor space into a cozy celebration zone. A simple table with a tea setup, sweet treats, and floral décor can offer a tranquil escape for quiet conversations or post-meal reflections.

Final touches: Harmony, spirituality, and personal expression

The essence of Eid décor lies not in extravagance, but in intention. Every flower placed, every candle lit, and every light strung is part of a larger message: of love, unity, and celebration of faith. Whether one opts for an elaborate makeover or keeps it minimal, the goal is to create a space that radiates warmth and hospitality.

In 2025, as homes across the world open their doors to loved ones, the ambiance set for Eid ul Adha will speak volumes. It will reflect not just an eye for design, but a heart full of gratitude. With each thoughtful element—from handcrafted tablescapes to the gentle scent of bakhoor in the air—families will come together in spaces that are as beautiful as the memories being made within them.

EID ESCAPES AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR

FOR THOSE CRAVING A SPONTANEOUS ESCAPE WITHOUT COMPROMISING ON COMFORT OR CHARM, THIS HANDPICKED SELECTION OF LAST-MINUTE GETAWAYS PROMISES MEMORABLE MOMENTS AND ENRICHING EXPERIENCES



hether you are planning a soulful solo retreat, a romantic getaway, or a fun-filled family holiday, Eid Al-Adha is the perfect time to press pause and escape the everyday. For those seeking spontaneity without sacrificing comfort or charm, here's a selection of last-minute getaways that promise unforgettable experiences.

From the untamed wilderness of India's safari heartlands to the tranquil, tea-covered hills of Sri Lanka, these destinations offer not only scenic beauty and world-class service but also the peace, privacy, and adventure that transform a holiday into a cherished memory.



THE HERITAGE VILLAGE

Goa, India

Ideal for: Families, couples, cultural explorers

As the crescent moon signals the arrival of Eid, families across the Gulf are drawn to experiences that blend tranquillity, luxury, and the joy of togetherness. This festive season, discover the perfect escape at The Heritage Village Resort & Spa, Goa—a serene retreat where sun-kissed shores, timeless Goan charm, and refined hospitality come together in perfect harmony.

Located just a short drive from Dabolim Airport and nestled beside the pristine Arossim Beach, this Portuguese-inspired boutique resort is a lush tropical oasis. Guests can indulge in lavish festive feasts under the stars, join immersive cultural excursions like "The Life of Pao" or "Hidden Taverns of Goa," and rejuvenate at the award-winning Spa Villa. Children will love the Eid Kids' Club filled with crafts, stories, and games, while parents unwind at the Ignite Gym or Aruna Salon & Spa. Dining options such as Bonita (globally inspired burgers and cocktails) and Mama Miso (a bold Pan-Asian experience) ensure a flavourful Eid celebration without leaving the resort grounds.

How to get there:

Fly into Goa (Dabolim Airport) 15-minute drive to resort



SUJÁN SHER BAGH

Ranthambore, India

Ideal for: Couples, families, safari enthusiasts, wildlife photographers

Step back in time to the golden era of Indian safaris at SUJÁN Sher Bagh. Located on the edge of the famed Ranthambore National Park, this luxurious tented camp brings 1920s British Raj aesthetics to life—think vintage charm with modern indulgence. Morning drives offer the chance to spot majestic tigers, while afternoons are best spent by the heated pool or under the shade of neem trees with a good book. Evenings are made magical with fire-lit dinners under the stars and traditional cuisine prepared with ingredients from the lodge's organic gardens.

How to get there:

Fly into Delhi 1.5-hour connecting flight to Jaipur Drive to Ranthambore



CAPE WELIGAMA

Weligama, Sri Lanka

Ideal for: Families, surfing enthusiasts, solo travellers

Overlooking the Indian Ocean from a dramatic clifftop, Cape Weligama is one of Sri Lanka's most acclaimed resorts. Recently renovated, it now includes the Cove Beach Club and a Forest Kids Club, ensuring entertainment for all ages.

Each villa and residence opens to lush gardens and breathtaking sea views. Whether you are lounging by the crescent-shaped infinity pool, watching turtles in secluded coves, or learning to surf on Weligama's beginner-friendly waves, Cape Weligama offers laid-back luxury at its finest. Adventurers can also join whalewatching cruises or river safaris, and creative spirits can enjoy traditional wooden mask-making workshops.

How to get there:

Fly into Colombo Airport Scenic drive to Weligama



WILD COAST TENTED LODGE

Yala, Sri Lanka

 $\textbf{Ideal for:} \ \mathsf{Families, wild life photographers, safari lovers}$

Where the jungle meets the sea, Wild Coast Tented Lodge offers a one-of-a-kind safari experience in Yala National Park. Shaped like a leopard's paw from above, the 28 cocoon-style luxury tents—each with a private plunge pool—blend seamlessly into the surrounding wilderness.

Guests can enjoy guided safaris, afternoon teas in the bush, and fine dining inspired by Sri Lanka's diverse culinary traditions. Don't miss a visit to the nearby Uda Walawe Elephant Transit Home,

where rescued elephants are rehabilitated and released into the wild.

How to get there:

Fly into Colombo Airport Domestic flight or road transfer to Yala



SUJÁN JAWAI

Bisalpur, India

Ideal for: Couples, family getaways

Ranked No. 43 in World's 50 Best Hotels 2024, SUJÁN JAWAI by Relais & Châteaux is a celebration of wild luxury. Nestled among dramatic granite formations, this boutique safari camp offers intimate encounters with wildlife—especially the elusive leopard—set against a rugged, cinematic backdrop.

Guests can stargaze under the vast Rajasthani sky, connect with local communities, enjoy horseback safaris, and dine al fresco in curated wilderness settings. With just 10 ultra-luxurious tents, including a Family Suite and a Royal Suite, the lodge seamlessly blends sustainability with opulence to create an unforgettable experience.

How to get there: Fly into Delhi

1-hour connecting flight to Jodhpur



CEYLON TEA TRAILS

Hatton, Sri Lanka

Ideal for: Couples, families, tea & nature lovers

Perched in the cool misty hills of Sri Lanka's Central Highlands, Ceylon Tea Trails is a timeless escape into colonial elegance. Guests stay in one of five restored tea-planter bungalows, complete with personal butlers, gourmet cuisine, and panoramic views of lush tea estates and mountain lakes.

Here, life slows down. Enjoy trekking, biking, white-water rafting, or cruising on Lake Castlereagh. Return to play tennis on clay courts, indulge in high tea, or soak in a Jacuzzi surrounded by flowering gardens. This is refined luxury with a touch of heritage charm.

How to get there:

Fly into Colombo Airport Scenic train or drive to Hatton



Eid Fashion Trends

A grand fusion of tradition and contemporary elegance

¬ id al Adha is not only a deeply spiritual occasion but ◆ also one of the most awaited celebrations where ■ fashion takes center stage. Families prepare weeks in advance, not just with devotion and festive plans, but also with great care for their attire.

In 2025, Eid fashion has taken an inspiring turn—melding classic styles with contemporary interpretations that speak to both heritage and individuality. The result is a season rich in textures, colours, silhouettes, and cultural storytelling, tailored beautifully for men, women, and children.

Women's Fashion: Grace, Glamour, and **Cultural Revival**

Women's Eid fashion in 2025 is a graceful tribute to timeless elegance, subtly updated with elements of modern design. One of the most noticeable comebacks this season is the farshi gharara and sharara sets, drawing inspiration from the Mughal era.

These ensembles, featuring voluminous bottoms and short, fitted kurtis, are once again in vogue, especially for formal Eid gatherings. Often crafted from luxurious raw silk or brocade and adorned with zardozi, gota patti, or mirror work, these garments bring a sense of regality and nostalgia.

Designers are presenting these traditional outfits in updated forms—pairing them with modern capes, structured jackets, or asymmetrical hemlines that allow women to enjoy heritage wear without compromising on contemporary aesthetics.

The kaftan, a long and flowing garment rooted in Middle Eastern tradition, is another leading trend this year. Embellished with metallic threadwork, beaded necklines, or digital prints, the modern kaftan offers the perfect blend of comfort and grandeur.

It's a favourite for women looking for something modest yet fashion-forward. For a more structured silhouette, Anarkali gowns and panelled frocks are in demand. Their layers, flares, and embroidery make them ideal for day-to-night transitions—be it prayers at the mosque, a family lunch, or an evening party.

When it comes to colour palettes, Eid 2025 sees a delightful balance between soft pastels and bold jewel tones. Blush pink, sage green, powder blue, and lavender dominate daytime wear, while emerald green, plum, navy, and classic red are favored for evening festivities. The dupatta,

traditionally an accessory, has now become a focal fashion statement.

Heavy borders, scalloped edges, tassels, hand-painting, and even digital calligraphy prints are being used to turn dupattas into storytelling canvases. Layering different textures—like a net dupatta over a silk outfit—is also a popular styling move this year.

Modest fashion continues to flourish, with abayas and jilbabs being reinterpreted as high-fashion garments. Abayas in satin and organza with ruffles, ombré hues, pleated sleeves, or hand-beaded details offer both reverence and sophistication. These are complemented with contemporary hijab styles that feature soft drapes, under-scarf volume, and jewelry add-ons such as forehead chains or brooches.

Men's Fashion: Tailored Tradition with a Modern Edge

For men, 2025 brings a refined yet dynamic approach to traditional Eid dressing. The classic kurta-pajama and thobe remain staple choices, but the focus has shifted to enhancing cut, fit, and detail. Shorter kurtas paired with cigarette pants or churidars are being favoured for their sleek profile, while long A-line kurtas in flowy fabrics add a regal touch for more formal appearances. The use of hand-embroidery—especially around the collar, cuffs, and placket—adds a layer of elegance without overpowering the garment.

The waistcoat, once an accessory for formal events only, has now become an essential style element. This year, it is being offered in a wide array of fabrics-velvet, jamawar, linen, or even denim blends—for both formal and semi-casual looks. Embroidered waistcoats over plain kurtas or pastel-colored ones with bold floral prints over white attire are highly popular for creating a striking contrast.

Sherwanis and bandhgala jackets are also trending, especially for those who want to dress up for Eid dinners and special photo shoots. Earthy tones like beige, mustard, and olive have been introduced alongside the traditional black, navy, and maroon, allowing for a broader style spectrum. Many designers are now integrating sustainable fabrics and traditional handloom textiles, giving a fashionable nod to eco-consciousness.

Accessories such as embroidered shawls, hand-crafted kolhapuris, leather sandals, and traditional caps like the karakul or fez are being reintroduced to men's wardrobes.

Grooming also plays a significant role—beard oils, styled hair, and subtle scents are part of the complete fashion ensemble.

Children's Fashion: Comfort, Colour, and Celebration

Children's Eid fashion this year is bursting with colour. creativity, and cultural references. For boys, designers are crafting miniature versions of classic outfits such as kurtas with embroidered collars, pintuck shirts paired with dhotis or churidars, and lightweight pathani suits.

Cotton and blended fabrics ensure comfort for long hours of celebration, prayer, and play. Soft hues with bold accents such as mint with gold buttons or grey with a pop of maroon—are widely seen in this age group.

Girls' fashion is all about playful sophistication. While lehenga-cholis and shararas remain favourites, this year's designs are lighter, more breathable, and styled for movement. Tiers of soft tulle, mirror embellishments, floral embroidery, and subtle sparkle are integrated into frocks and peplum sets. Designers are also experimenting with Indo-Western styles—such as a high-low kurti with palazzos or jumpsuits with dupattas—to appeal to the fashion preferences of the younger generation.

Headbands with floral motifs, small bangles, purses, and sparkly sandals are used to accessorize their looks, turning every child into a showstopper at family gatherings. Parents are increasingly choosing coordinated family outfits this year, with matching colour themes, patterns, or embroidery elements, creating beautiful and cohesive family portraits.

The Bigger Picture: Style with Meaning

Beyond the individual trends, Eid ul Adha 2025 fashion speaks of a broader cultural dialogue—honouring the past while embracing the future. Whether it's a designer reviving heirloom stitches, a brand working with sustainable dyes, or families supporting local artisans for their Eid wear, there's a growing awareness of fashion as both an art form and a cultural responsibility.

In an age where identity and self-expression are paramount, this Eid's fashion landscape is inclusive, respectful, and immensely creative. It celebrates modesty with flair, tradition with innovation, and community with colour. As the crescent moon appears and Eid ul Adha begins, wardrobes across the world will not only shine with sequins and silk but also tell heartfelt stories—of heritage, of faith, and of timeless style.



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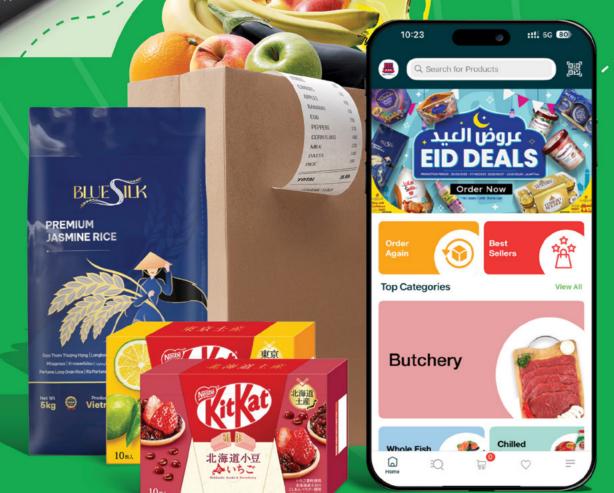
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More than just a digital extension of a trusted supermarket, Family.qa represents Family Food Centre's broader vision of modern retail. With constant updates, regular promotions, and an ever-expanding product range, the platform reflects the company's commitment to innovation, quality, and customer-first thinking.

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