


# Qatar

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Qatar. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	[974] 4496-6000; US Embassy Doha, 22nd February Street, Al Luqta District, PO Box 2399, Doha, Qatar; <a href="mailto:PasDoha@state.gov">PasDoha@state.gov</a> ;  <a href="https://qa.usembassy.gov/">https://qa.usembassy.gov/</a>
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	974
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	999
<b>Vaccinations</b>	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Qatar: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, rabies, anthrax, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza.  <a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a>
<b>Climate</b>	Arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Qatari rials (QAR)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G  Type G
<b>Major Languages</b>	Arabic, English commonly used as a second language
<b>Major Religions</b>	Muslim 65.2%, Christian 13.7%, Hindu 15.9%, Buddhist 3.8%, folk religion <.1%, Jewish <.1%
<b>Time Difference</b>	UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
<b>Potable Water</b>	Opt for bottled water
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	Doha (includes Museum of Islamic Art, the Corniche, Doha Fort, National Museum, Golden Mosque); Al Jassasiya Carvings; Al Wakra Museum; Katara Cultural Village
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, cricket, golf, tennis, horse racing
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Not all Arab men and women will shake hands with those of the opposite sex; wait to see if they extend their hands first.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	A service charge of 10% is usually added to hotel and restaurant bills, in which case tipping is not necessary, although for exceptional service many people add a bit extra. If there is no service charge, a 10-15% tip is appreciated. Taxi drivers do not expect a tip, but it is polite to round up the fare.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Pashminas, decorated Korans, incense burners, frankincense, ceremonial swords, dullah and kahwa coffee cups, halawa candy, dried dates
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	Machboos — a rice dish made with a variety of aromatic spices that produce a smoky taste and served with vegetables and lamb or chicken