

Qatar

US State Dept Travel Advisory	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.
	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html
Passport/Visa Requirements	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.
	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html
US Embassy/Consulate	[974] 4496-6000; US Embassy Doha, 22nd February Street, Al Luqta District, PO Box 2399, Doha, Qatar; PasDoha@state.gov;
	https://qa.usembassy.gov/
LGBTQIA+ Travelers	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html
Telephone Code	974
Local Emergency Phone	999
Vaccinations	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.
	http://www.who.int/
Climate	Arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers
Currency (Code)	Qatari rials (QAR)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	240 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): G
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Major Languages	Arabic, English commonly used as a second language
Major Religions	Muslim 65.2%, Christian 13.7%, Hindu 15.9%, Buddhist 3.8%, folk religion <1%, Jewish <1%
Time Difference	UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist Destinations	Doha (includes Museum of Islamic Art, the Corniche, Doha Fort, National Museum, Golden Mosque); Al Jassasiya Carvings; Al Wakrah Museum; Katara Cultural Village
Major Sports	Soccer, cricket, golf, tennis, horse racing
Cultural Practices	Not all Arab men and women will shake hands with those of the opposite sex; wait to see if they extend their hands first.
Tipping Guidelines	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.
Souvenirs	Pashminas, decorated Korans, incense burners, frankincense, ceremonial swords, dullah and kahwa coffee cups, halawa candy, dried dates
Traditional Cuisine	Machboos — a rice dish made with a variety of aromatic spices that produce a smoky taste and served with vegetables and lamb or chicken