# 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar: many things to know with few days to go

The FIFA World Cup, an international men's football competition played every four years between the senior national teams of FIFA member nations, is set to take place in 2022. It will be the 22nd edition of the competition.

The FIFA's commitment to maximizing the use of technology in football is outlined in the Vision 2020-23. FIFA is able to achieve this goal at the FIFA World Cup 2022 through utilizing technology in football. Various technologies will be used and used to enhance the fan experience both on and off the field.

The men's senior national teams of FIFA members compete in the FIFA World Cup, an international football competition. Each tournament's qualifying rounds are held in the years before the event. The six continental zones of FIFA are where they are held: Africa, Asia, North and Central America and the Caribbean, South America, Oceania, and Europe. FIFA determines the number of qualifying positions each zone receives.

Since the 1938 World Cup, hosts have been given automatic qualifying to every World Cup final match. Each competition still needs champions to qualify.

The 2022 FIFA World Cup will be held in Qatar, FIFA confirmed on December 2, 2010, bringing the most prestigious sporting event in the world to the Middle East for the first time in the tournament's 92-year existence. The World Cup, which takes place between November 20 and December 18 and 32 other nations will compete in 64 games among 8 stadiums commencing and concluding in Qatar.

Brazil and England are receiving a lot of attention this year, even though many people have a vested interest in their team winning or whether France, who had won the last FIFA World Cup for men, which Russia hosted in 2018, make their nation proud once more? Even if you can't travel to Qatar, the international soccer tournament is always exciting to watch, regardless of the outcome. Here are all the answers to your World Cup 2022 questions, for both those attending in person and those watching from across the world.

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# World Cup Qualified Teams

The 32 countries qualified for the 2022 FIFA World Cup are Qatar, Argentina, Brazil, England, France, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Germany, the Netherlands, Uruguay, Croatia, Denmark, Mexico, the United States, Senegal, Wales, Poland, Australia, Japan, Morocco, Switzerland, Ghana, Korea Republic, Cameroon, Serbia, Canada, Costa Rica, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Ecuador.

# World Cup Basic Schedule

Opening Ceremony: 20 November 2022 Group A opener Qatar vs Ecuador

Final round of group games: 2 December 2022

Round of 16: 3 to 6 December

Quarterfinals: 9 to 10 December

Semifinals: 13 to 14 December

Third-Place Match: 17 December

Final: 18 December

## World Cup Trophy

The FIFA World Cup trophy, a new edition from 1974, has been awarded to football world winners.

53 sculptures from seven different nations were submitted for the new design, but Silvio Gazzaniga of Italy was ultimately given the project.

The 18 carat (75%) gold FIFA World Cup trophy is 36.5 cm tall and weighs 6.175 kg. 13 cm in diameter and constructed of two layers of malachite, the base is round. Arching lines from the base spiral upward in this design, forming the foundation for a golden world model. The award has a hollow inside.

On the base of the trophy are the words FIFA World Cup. The names of the winning nations are inscribed vertically on a plate that was added to the base of the trophy following the 1994 FIFA World Cup. In order to accommodate more winners, it was altered after 2014 and the names were rearranged in a spiral.

The original FIFA World Cup trophy can no longer be won outright, in contrast to the Jules Rimet Trophy. According to the new rules, aside from ceremonial formalities like the Trophy Tour and during the FIFA World Cup major drawings and the final presentation, it stays in FIFA's ownership and is safely stored at its Zurich headquarters.

# Venues

## Lusail Iconic Stadium:

The Lusail Stadium is the biggest stadium in Qatar.

**Full name:** Lusail Iconic Stadium

**Location:** Lusail, Qatar

**Capacity:** 80,000

**Owner:** Qatar Football Association

**Opened:** 22 November 2021

## Al Bayt Stadium:

It is the second largest stadium in Qatar. It was design inspiration came from the traditional tents of the nomadic peoples of Qatar.

**Full name:** Al Bayt Stadium

**Location:** Al Khor, Qatar

**Capacity:** 60,000

**Opened:** 30 November 2021

## Ahmad bin Ali Stadium:

Design elements from the local culture and customs are reflected in the stadiums and the structures around it.

**Full name:** Ahmad bin Ali Stadium

**Location:** Umm Al Afaei, Al Rayyan, Qatar

**Capacity:** 44,740

**Opened:** 18 December 2020

## Al Janoub Stadium:

The 230-meter-long roof arches of the stadium's retractable roof are composed of pleated PTFE fabric and wires.

**Full name:** Al Janoub Stadium

**Location:** Al Wakrah, Qatar

**Capacity:** 40,000

**Owner:** Qatar Football Association

**Opened:** 16 May 2019

## Education City Stadium:

Several university campuses of the Qatar Foundation's Education City contain the stadium.

**Location:** Education city, Al Rayyan, Qatar

**Capacity:** 45,350

**Opened:** 15 June 2020

## Al Thumama Stadium:

Al Thumama Stadium's dynamic and imaginative shape celebrates local culture and traditions just as much as it does a new era for stadium design.

**Full name:** Al Thumama Stadium

**Location:** Al Thumama, Qatar

**Capacity:** 40,000

**Owner:** Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup Supreme Committee

**Opened:** 22 October 2021

Khalifa International Stadium: It was the first place in the world to obtain a four-star certification from the Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS) in 2017.

**Full name:** Khalifa International Stadium

**Location:** Doha, Qatar

**Capacity:** 45,416

**Owner:** Qatar Football Association

**Opened:** 1976

Stadium 974: It is a temporary stadium made by 974 recycled shipping containers.

**Full name:** Stadium 974

**Location:** Ras Abu Aboud, Qatar

**Capacity:** 40,000

**Opened:** 30 November 2021

## World Cup on TV and digital livestreaming

The 2022 World Cup matches may be seen on the following TV networks, which FIFA and the tournament's organizers have partnered with-

Afghanistan ATN, Albania RTSH, Argentina TVP - TyC Sports, Armenia, AMPTV, Australia SBS, Austria ORF – ServusTV, Azerbaijan İTV, Bangladesh T Sports, Belarus Belteleradio, Belgium RTBFVRT, Bolivia, Bolivia TV - Red Uno – Unitel, Bosnia and Herzegovina BHRT, Bulgaria, BNT – Nova, Brazil TV Globo, Brunei Kristal-Astro, Cambodia TVK, Canada Bell Media, Caribbean SportsMax, Cayman Islands Logic,, Central Asia Saran Media, China CCTV – Migu, Denmark DRTV 2, Europe EBU, France TF1 - beIN Sports, Germany ARD - ZDF – Deutsche Telekom, Greece ANT1, Hong Kong PCCW, Hungary MTVA, Iceland RÚV, Indian subcontinent Viacom18, Indonesia Klikdaily – Emtek, Ireland RTÉ, Israel IPBC, Italy RAI, Japan Dentsu – Abema, Latin America Vrio Corp, Latvia LTV, Macau TDM, Malaysia Astro – RTM, Malta PBS, MENA beIN Sports, Mexico TelevisaTV Azteca, Nepal Media Hub, Netherlands NOS, New Zealand Sky, North Macedonia MRT, Norway NRKTV 2, Pakistan ARY Digital Network, Panama RPC – TVN, Philippines TAP DMV, Poland TVP, Portugal RTP Sport TV, Romania TVR, Russia Match TV - Channel One – VGTRK, Serbia RTS, South Africa SABC, South Korea SBS - KBS – MBC, Spain RTVE – Mediapro, Sub-Saharan Africa, SuperSport - New World TV, Suriname SCCN – STVS, Sweden SVT TV4, Switzerland SRG SSR, Taiwan ELTA, Turkey TRT, Ukraine Suspilne,, United Kingdom BBC ITV, United States Fox – Telemundo,

Uruguay,ANTEL - Canal 4 - Canal 10 - TeledoceTyC Sports, Uzbekistan, MTRK, Venezuela Televen.

## Laws and Customs

Entry requirements: Even if you don't want to watch a World Cup game, you must have a Hayya card in order to enter Qatar starting on November 1, 2022. All ticket holders for the Tournament will utilize the Hayya Card as a form of identification, and its users will have access to a range of services designed to improve their stay in Qatar. A valid match ticket and a valid Hayya Card are required to enter a stadium to watch a match. This rule is in effect for all visitors and may last through January 23, 2023.

Health: You should make sure you have travel insurance before leaving for the tournament so that it will cover your vacation and any activities you have scheduled. Although pricey, emergency medical care in Qatar is of a high caliber.

A PCR test certificate with a negative result valid for 48 hours or a Rapid Antigen test certificate valid for 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Qatar is currently required of all visitors flying to Qatar who are 6 years of age or older, regardless of their vaccination status.

Match Tickets: For information on tickets, visit the FIFA website. You must have a personal FIFA ticketing account with complete and accurate information in order to apply for tickets. There are still 500,000 tickets available for the FIFA World Cup 2022, with the least expensive one costing $69. 2.45 million tickets have been sold during the ticket sale, while 520,000 tickets were purchased on a first-come, first-served basis. Only get your tickets from authorized sellers. Unofficially obtained match tickets might not be valid.

Drugs and Alcohol: In Qatar, drug is absolutely forbidden. Drug usage, trafficking, smuggling, and possession carry harsh punishments. Deportation, lengthy incarceration terms, and hefty fines are all possible forms of punishment.

At the moment, only licensed hotel restaurants and bars may serve alcohol to tourists. The drinking age is 21 in Qatar. Being intoxicated or drinking in public is against the law. Alcohol cannot be brought into the State of Qatar. Alcohol cannot be purchased duty-free in airports and brought into Qatar.

LGBT: In Qatar, homosexuality is forbidden. Though most people in Qatar respect their private lives, any public displays of affection between people might be insulting, regardless of the participants' gender, sexual orientation, or even their intentions.

According to the host authorities, everyone will be welcomed at the World Cup. There will be no limits on non-married friends or couples, including LGBT individuals, sharing a room.

## Accommodation

Eighty percent of the nation's standard hotel rooms were reserved by FIFA organizers and government representatives. They are currently preparing to release them for booking to the general public.

Hotels: As the nation gets ready to welcome more than a million foreign football fans for the greatest football tournament in the world, Qatar has opened up to open three new five-star hotels. According to the website, lodging options range from inexpensive motels (starting at around $160 per night) to upscale lodging (starting at over $700 per night), including the five-star Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas. However, several of the hotels are now displaying low or no availability.

Fan villages: Fan villages are found outside of Doha, yet they are still reachable via public transportation or ride-sharing. Options include the Qetaifan Island Fan Camp, which is 7 kilometers from Lusail Stadium and costs $200 per night. There are 1,800 tents in all, and each one has two

single beds. Access to the nearby Qetai-Fan Beach Festival is free for campers.

Villas and serviced apartments: According to the tournament's official website, there are still villas and serviced apartments to rent, ranging in size from one to six bedrooms. Prices begin at around $200.

Cruise ships: With approximately 4,000 rooms, at least two cruise ships are available to fans. Both the MSC Poesia and MSC World Europa cruise ship hotels, which will be docked at Doha's Grand Terminal and include "a state-of-the-art architectural 11 deck dry-slide, six pools, 14 whirlpool spas, and 13 dining venues," still have availability starting at roughly $350 per night. Prices begin at $180.

# Sad Facts of FIFA 2022

This World Cup will be a little different from previous ones since football's two best talents, **Lionel Messi** of Argentina and **Cristiano Ronaldo** of Portugal, will likely be participating at the biggest show on Earth for the very final time. Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi will forever be associated with one another. Even when both players retire, arguments over who is the best will rage on.

The best football player of all time is undoubtedly Lionel Messi. The legendary seven-time Ballon d'Or winner has always been a unique talent. After leading Argentina to their first successful run in the competition since 1993. He was voted the "Best Player of the Tournament" in the 2021 Copa America. In 162 appearances for La Albiceleste over his international career, Messi has contributed 51 assists and 86 goals. It may be the last time we see him in the competition, but the World Cup is the only prize that is missing from his trophy case.

The all-time highest scorer in men's international football is Cristiano Ronaldo. In 189 appearances for the Portuguese national team, he has 117 goals and 42 assists. One of the best footballers of all time is Cristiano Ronaldo. When he inevitably decides to hang up his boots, we shall miss him terribly. Ronaldo, who is currently 37, is unlikely to be alive for the FIFA World Cup in 2026. Being the warrior that he is, he'll probably give Portugal his best in Qatar.

## Interesting Facts of FIFA 2022

The FIFA World Cup in Qatar is a special event to look forward to for a variety of reasons. Here are a few fascinating facts.

The Most Expensive: The amount of money spent by the host country to get ready for the event is another intriguing information. An estimated $200 billion is being spent by Qatar on infrastructure projects, including the building of hotels, motorways, and stadiums. As a result, the forthcoming event will rank among the priciest World Cups ever held.

First-ever Winter World Cup: If the tournament were viewed from the northern hemisphere, the 2022 edition would be the first-ever winter World Cup. Normally, the World Cup is held in the middle of the year, but when it came to Qatar, an exception had to be made. Qatar, which is tucked away in the Middle East, endures agonizingly hot temperatures that sometimes reach up to 50 degrees Celsius. Hosting any kind of international event is seen as being nearly difficult under such circumstances. As a result, the FIFA World Cup was shifted from its typical summertime location.

Stadiums with air conditioning: The fact that Qatar experiences distressingly high daytime temperatures is one of the most significant things to keep in mind about the country serving as the FIFA 2022 host. Qatar devised a bold method to address the problem. The FIFA World Cup will be held in stadiums with complete air conditioning for the first time ever. All eight of Qatar's stadiums will be fully air-conditioned, ensuring

that spectators have a comfortable viewing experience and that players have favorable circumstances in which to compete on the field.

Least stadiums: There may be some or many questions about the quantity of venues. The World Cup will be held in Qatar at only eight stadiums, which is the fewest World Cup sites in recent memory. In actuality, only one of the eight sites chosen to host the competition underwent a thorough renovation, while the other seven are being built from scratch across the nation.

Visitors at a Record Level: The number of tourists anticipated to enter the nation during the event is one of the most intriguing statistics. A record number of spectators may arrive for the Qatar FIFA 2022 World Cup by the time the competition is through, according to estimates. This has an understandable cause. Qatar, one of the best countries in the Middle East, is near to most other countries due to its advantageous geographic location.

Asia's Second Country: In addition to becoming the first country from the Middle East to host the FIFA World Cup, Qatar will also organize the event for the second time ever in Asia in 2022. When Japan and South Korea jointly staged the FIFA event for the first time in Asia in 2002, it was the first time it had ever happened.

The Most Commutable: Qatar is a tiny nation. In actuality, it is far smaller than Russia, which is hosting the 2018 World Cup. Traveling around this little nation is not a major issue because of how compact it is. Cities that serve as hosts, such as Doha, Lusail, Al Wakrah, and Al Rayyan, are situated near to one another. As a result, traveling from one location to another wouldn't be too difficult for visitors. Another noteworthy fact is that Al Bayt and Al Wakrah, Qatar's two most isolated stadiums, are only 90 miles apart.

Bad news for party freaks: Any intimate relationship in public may result in arrest. In Qatar, homosexuality is similarly prohibited and is punishable by seven years in prison. After games, it is completely forbidden to drink and party, which is the custom in most countries.

# Official Soundtrack

The official song or anthem is the pulse of each major event. It creates the mood for the competition. especially in football, where fans have a stronger emotional connection to their squad. Anthems and songs for World Cups in the past have lit the world on fire.There are now four songs on the World Cup 2022 official soundtrack. These are what they are:

- The World Is Yours to Take - Lil Baby, Tears for FearsArhbo

- Ozuna, GIMS, RedOneHayya Hayya (Better Together) - Trinidad Cardona, Davido, AishaLight
- The Sky - Nora Fatehi, Rahma Riad, Manal, RedOne
- Arhbo - Ozuna, GIMS, RedOne

## Final Words

We are officially a few days out from the start of FIFA 2022. There are several controversies about this World Cup. Qatar has no previous history of football, as a reason why it has small numbers of stadiums. During 2009- 2019, people were expecting the country could not arrange their venues. Suddenly, other controversies were given birth when the country took a million poor, migrating workers, particularly from South Asia and Africa. High numbers of workers died from extreme heat and workplace accidents. It is a subject of human rights. Though the World Cup and Qatar owe it to the workers.

During the World Cup, the number of football fans will be half of the population of the country. It is a big number for any country like Qatar, though the country overcame all the controversies and FIFA is knocking

on Qatar’s door finally. Qatar added several laws and restrictions for fans as it is an Islamic-based country, though it would not be a big problem. Because the number of fans will increase than 2018.

In the end, all I can say that is FIFA the World Cup dries out all the controversies as well as issues and has given the hosting country beauty and courage to welcome the fans with hospitality from all over the world.