

Doha *urban guide*

Dining

JG Sandwich Cellar

Doha's only traditional British café which is usually filled with expatriate bankers and business people. With a personal and home-cooked touch the food as well as the cafe's ambience is lit up with a warm and friendly atmosphere. The restaurant offers a broad repertoire of salads, soups, sandwiches, meat pies and, of course, fish and chips. The brasserie also accommodates special orders if it isn't on the menu.

J.G. Sandwich Cellar
Ras Abu Abboud St

Balhamar

One of the city's boasted traditional lounge and restaurant is the famous Balhamar. Situated on Doha corniche overlooking a panoramic view of the Arabian gulf where sea waters surround it from three sides Built in the style of a traditional Qatari house.

Balhamar, Al Corniche St

Hotel

La Cigale Hotel

The newly opened hotel, located in the heart of Doha, in the Al-Sadd area (a buzzing shopping and business district) – promises to be one of the city's best new hotels for business and leisure travelers alike. (La Cigale is only a 10 minute drive away from the international airport).

The hotel's prime location allows guests and visitors to be close to important and popular destinations such as: The City Center Mall, The Corniche, The Doha Museum, The Khalifa Tennis Stadium and The Doha Golf Club.

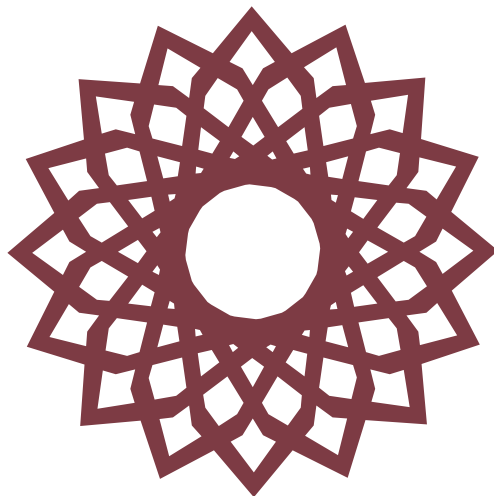
Doha, one of the competing regional economies is slowly gathering momentum and being recognized and appreciated for its current development. The city is a constant construction site, with towers, buildings, culture houses and other ancillary infrastructure being built to accommodate one of the world's fastest growing cities. This sim city style development gives Doha the advantage to preplan its urban development which can currently be seen through the city. There are business towers with cafes and walk ways between districts and business clusters.

Through Doha's strategy the city is more focused on culture, sports, art and other humanities. They have currently succeeded with many of their sport driven activities such as championing the Asia games in the region and has not stopped their.

Escape

Um Salal

Another 20 kilometers up north is the Umm Salal Ali which is known for the ruins of ancient grave mounds dated back to 3rd century B.C. This is a fascinating place especially for people who have interest in archaeology. Close to this place is Al-Khor which is on the coast and has several old ruined watch towers and a mosque which looks into the ocean directly.



Place

Souq Waqf

Originally started as a market for the local Bedouins selling milk, meat, wool and other basic items – Souq Wagif (translated to The Standing Market) is one of Doha's oldest marketplaces. This traditionally styled outdoors market makes a lovely tourist destination – as well as serving the regular customers (locals and foreign residents alike).

The Souq offers a glimpse into how the traditional Qatari merchant dealt with business, from the way they stack up the good to the frequent bargaining with customers. There is a culture of trade to be witnessed.

Sightseeing

The Museum of Islamic Art

Set to open in 2007, the museum is beautifully and elaborately designed to be a part of Doha's new museum grid, in an effort to improve the city's cultural destinations – the museum is hoped to be a popular tourist attraction.

The architecture of the museum is done on a grand scale, which will appeal to art lovers from around the world – and will definitely be one of Doha's top landmarks.

The Museum of Islamic Art is set to exhibit and display an extensive collection of exclusive Islamic Art from around the world.

The Museum was designed by architect I.M. Pei (designer of the glass pyramid at the Louvre).

Shopping

Villagio

Doha's newest shopping mall and said to be the largest, designed to resemble the Italian style of architectural design – is located between the Khalifa Sports Stadium and the Hyatt Plaza (on Al Waab Street).

Guerilla Store

The boutique resembles a beautiful bazaar with something to tempt your eyes everywhere you look. It's an exclusive lifestyle store packed with handmade products from both Arab and Lebanese designers.

Boudoir features a unique selection of ladies handbags, embroidered shawls, original tops, ballet pumps and beautiful accessories all carefully finished and handset with semi-precious stones and crystals.

Royal Plaza, 1st floor, Sadd STR.