

# CULTURE ENTHUSIASTS



DURATION  
3 days

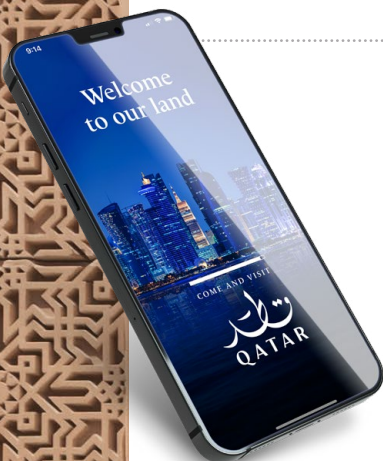
HOTELS  
4-5 star



An itinerary dedicated to travellers of an average age of 45, who want to immerse themselves in a different culture.

During their stay, they can visit museums, cultural heritage sites and traditional parks.

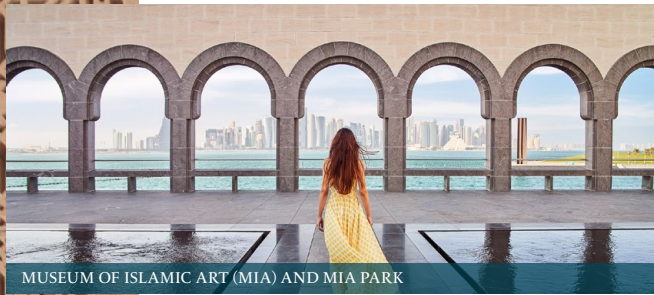
The can explore the city, eat the local cuisine, and attend culture-rich performances and events.



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# DAY 1 | EXPLORE DOHA'S CORNICHE AND NEARBY MUSEUMS



MUSEUM OF ISLAMIC ART (MIA) AND MIA PARK

## 1 | Visit the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) and MIA Park

Commence your tour at the stunning Museum of Islamic Art, an architectural wonder designed by Pritzker prize-winning architect I.M. Pei, covering 14 centuries of Islamic art and artefacts. The museum comprises four floors of permanent and temporary exhibitions, a gift shop, a café and the haute cuisine restaurant IDAM, by renowned chef Alain Ducasse, on the fifth floor. Afterwards, relax and enjoy the surrounding MIA Park where you can stroll, enjoy public art, gardens and cafés and take in the Doha skyline from the best vantage point in the city.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF QATAR (NMQ)

## 2 | Experience the National Museum of Qatar (NMQ)

Be awed by the desert-rose inspired National Museum of Qatar, where interactive displays bring the country's past to life. Built around Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al-Thani's original palace, the National Museum of Qatar charts the country's history and progress through the centuries. Exhibitions combine historical objects and contemporary influences, opening up a dialogue around the impact of rapid change. While on-site, enjoy rotating activations of the museum courtyards, fabulous cafés, and unique shops.

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QATARI LUNCH AT NMQ

## 3 | Enjoy a traditional Qatari lunch at the National Museum of Qatar (NMQ)

Relish an authentic traditional Qatari feast that preserves and displays key aspects of Arabic hospitality, culture, culinary heritage and more at the restaurants on the premises of the National Museum of Qatar.



FIRE STATION ARTS HUB

## 4 | Explore the Fire Station arts hub

The Fire Station, built in 1982, had the last fire engine removed in December 2012 and then became a part of the Qatar Museums network. Converted into a contemporary arts hub, the galleries showcase international and local art and artists, engages the local community, and nurture emerging talent through its artist in residence program.

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AL BIDDA PARK

## 5 | Wander through Al Bidda Park

From the Fire Station, take a walk along the lush Al Bidda Park that consists of three distinct spaces, each of which offers unique panoramic views. The park showcases birds, native trees, including the iconic Sidra tree, and glimpses of Qatar's art, heritage, and architecture. It also houses a wide variety of sports and recreational facilities for all to enjoy.



DHOW BOAT DINNER CRUISE

## 6 | Dhow boat dinner cruise

Conclude the first day of your tour on a traditional wooden dhow boat, where, along with the serene cornice views, you will be treated with a dinner buffet to satisfy your cravings after a long day of sightseeing. Head back to your hotel to relax for the rest of the day.

## DAY 2 | QATAR FOUNDATION AND BEYOND



### 1 | Qatar Foundation art and architecture tour

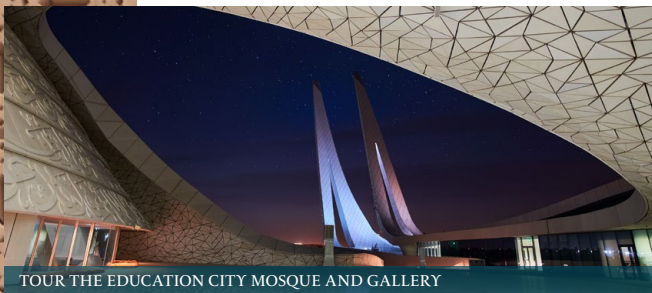
Qatar Foundation (QF) is known to have a thriving art scene that is almost impossible to miss if you're an art lover. Wander along the streets of Education City and register for one of QF's specialized art trail tours and be amazed by the incredibly diverse artistic ecosystem in this intellectual capital within Qatar.



### 2 | Tour Qatar National Library

Go on a guided tour of the Heritage Library at Qatar National Library and learn more about the history and inheritance of the State of Qatar through rare manuscripts, maps, and more. A number of the printed materials date back to the 15th century, and these antiquarian books are among the rarest and most valuable features of the Heritage Library's collection.

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### 3 | Tour the Education City Mosque and Gallery

Head out to visit The Education City Mosque and the Quranic Botanic Gardens. The mosque is housed within the Minaretein building that gracefully rests on five large columns, representing the five pillars of Islam. Take a tour of the mosque and adjoining gallery to learn about the basic tenants of Islam and how they reflect in the masterful piece of architecture as well as inspiring art being created by young innovators across Education City.

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### 4 | Explore Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art

Head to Mathaf to receive a unique Arab perspective on contemporary art in Qatar. The museum's permanent collection features over 9,000 works by notable artists from the Arab world from the 1840s to the present day. Various landmark artists from countries and regions connected to the Arab Peninsula are represented, encompassing Africa, Asia, and Europe.

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## ALTERNATIVELY

### Dine and spend the evening at a unique Qatari farm (optional overnight stay)

On your way back from Zekreet, stop at Heenat Salma Farm to wind down after a long adventurous day. Heenat Salma is dedicated to holistic methods in agriculture, architecture and community development. Enjoy an organic farm-to-table meal at the large family-style dining table, and sit around a campfire under the stars to enjoy music and shared story telling. For an exceptionally special experience stay the night for one of the traditional tent dwellings.



### Tour Zubarah Fort, A UNESCO World Heritage Site

Al Zubarah is a window into what was once the most significant pearl harvesting and trading centre in Qatar and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the north of Qatar. The historic Zubarah Fort was transformed into a museum displaying diverse exhibits and artworks. Visitors can explore partial excavations dating to the 17th century, with the remains of palaces, courtyard houses, mosques, defensive walls, streets, a canal and cemeteries. Murair Fort, a ruined and abandoned castle built by Al Bin Ali of the Utub tribe in 1778 is adjacent to the site.

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# DAY 3 | WANDER MSHEIREB DOWNTOWN & SOUQ WAQIF



## 1 | Msheireb Museums

Dive deep into Qatar's untold stories and intriguing history at the Msheireb Museums. Explore the four historic heritage houses that have been restored and transformed into museums to explore key actors and periods in Qatar's history and evolution. The Msheireb Museums provide visitors with a walk through Qatar's history in an up-close and personal way.

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## 2 | Doha Design District

Qatar's newest hub for creativity and innovation is the Doha Design District. The district is home to new galleries, showrooms, creative services, stores, as well as restaurants and cafes on offer by Qatar's up and coming designers, artists, and entrepreneurs.



## 3 | Souq Waqif

Built on the site of Doha's century-old trading market, Souq Waqif's winding alleys with merchants selling traditional garments, spice and handicrafts remain an important part of daily life in Qatar. The newly renovated souq now also offers a myriad of restaurants, coffee shops and lounges. Souq Waqif is also home to the Falcon Souq, where you can see the majestic birds up close and pose with a falcon perched on your arm. Continue the tour to the Gold Souq across the street where all that glitters is, in fact, gold. Shoppers can find a rich variety of jewellery, both traditional and contemporary pieces, at competitive prices.

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## 4 | Katara Cultural Village

Take a stroll at Katara Cultural Village, Doha's ultimate destination for culture and entertainment. Enjoy the perfect combination of art galleries and workshops, theatres and performances venues, along with a wide variety of exceptional cafes and restaurants.

Katara Cultural Village is also home to Galeries Lafayette which features unique partnerships with local designers for shopping enthusiasts.

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## 5 | Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra (QPO) performance at Katara Opera House (schedule dependent)

While at Katara Cultural Village, enjoy a live performance by the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra at the Katara Opera House, where classical Western and Arabic music are performed by internationally acclaimed music professionals and conductors. With renowned musicians and artists from across the world. QPO will leave you in awe of the level of music on offer in Qatar, which is on par with major orchestras in cities around the world.

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# RECOMMENDED STAY OPTIONS



## Mandarin Oriental Doha

Heart of Msheireb Downtown Doha, an intimate and stylish urban retreat. Full service spa. Unique culinary experiences. Rooftop swimming pool, restaurant and bar.

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## Alwadi Hotel Doha - M Gallery

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## Park Hyatt Doha

Sophisticated retreat in the heart of Msheireb Downtown Doha featuring a two-story luxury spa, a semi-covered pool, fully equipped fitness center and unique culinary experiences.

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## K108

Not-for-profit, charitable organization that donates 100% of all profit. Alcohol-free and smoke-free property. 108 rooms and suites in close proximity to Souq Waqif & Msheireb Downtown.

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## Souq Waqif Boutique Hotels

A collection of small, boutique hotels dispersed throughout Souq Waqif, immersing guests in the traditions and history of Doha with modern design interpretations, and comforts. Centrally managed, the collection of hotels has a swimming pool, fitness centre and spa available to all guests. Alcohol-free property.

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