# MATURE CULTURE SEEKER

duration 3 days

hotels 4-5 star





A dedicated itinerary for Indian travellers under 50, seeking new cultural experiences in a new and relaxed environment.

During their stay, they can explore the museums and cultural heritage sites, as well as eat local cuisine and attend cultural performances and events.



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





QATARI LUNCH AT NMOQ



FIRE STATION ARTS HUB





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

Begin your tour at the famous 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.

Find out more ...

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

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. While on-site, enjoy rotating activations of the museum courtyards, fabulous cafés, and unique shops.

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

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

# 4 | Explore the Fire Station arts hub

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

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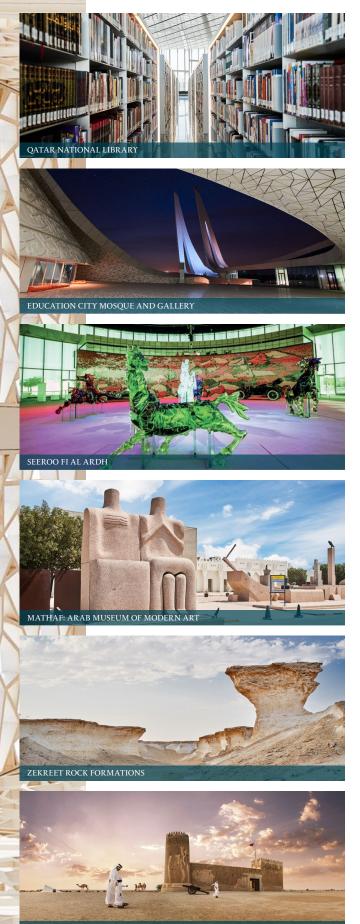
# 5 | Wander through Al Bidda Park

From the Fire Station, take a walk through Al Bidda Park that stretches along the Corniche from the heart of Doha to West Bay. The park showcases 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.

# 6 | Dhow boat dinner cruise

End the day aboard a traditional wooden dhow boat, hailed from the Corniche. If pre-booked you can turn your dhow boat adventure into a dinner cruise and take in the breathtaking views and dazzling sunset during your meal. Head back to your hotel to relax for the rest of your day.

# DAY 2 | QATAR FOUNDATION AND BEYOND



ZUBARAH FORT: UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

## 1 | 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. Find out more...

#### 2 | 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. Find out more...

#### 3 Visit M.F. Husain's 'Seeroo fi al ardh' exhibition

Next, get ready to witness the magic of renowned artist M.F. Husain through his final masterpiece Seroo Fi al Ardh. This creation highlights the progress of humanity on land, air, and sea, and its inclination to utilize surrounding resources to achieve its goals.

#### 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. Find out more...

#### 5 Tour the Zekreet area

Venture out on a tour of the Zekreet area, a village in northwestern Qatar near Dukhan and about 80 km north-west of Doha. Nestled between limestone rock formations outside Zekreet and Ras Abrouq Nature Reserve, you will find Richard Serra's East-West/West-East installation, comprising four steel plates, each of which is over 14m in height, and spanning over 1km. It stands in stark contrast to the soft brown hues of the desert surrounding it and offers a comment on isolation and the passage of time. Other highlights of the tour includes rock climbing, exploring Film City and visiting an Arabian oryx sanctuary, a breeding farm for Qatar's national animal. Find out more...

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#### Tour Zubarah Fort: UNESCO World Heritage Site

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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



KATARA CULTURAL VILLAGE

QATAR PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (QPO)

# 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 handycrafts remain an important part of daily life in Qatar. The newly renovated souq now also offers a myriad of restaurants, caoffee 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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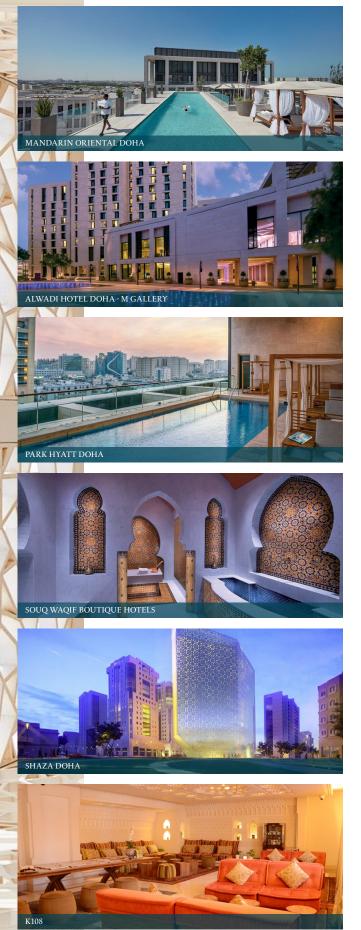
## 5 | Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra (QPO) performance at Katara Opera House (schedule dependent)

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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## 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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## Shaza Doha

One of Doha's newest properties within the city's cultural district. A perfect address from which to explore this fascinating destination, its people and collection of fine art galleries and museums. Alcohol-free property; halal food only.

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## K108

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