

WELCOME TO

# a World Beyond

قطر  
QATAR  
للسياحة Tourism

Where cultural authenticity meets  
modern ingenuity.

Where sparkling sands meet  
a crystalline sea.

Where people come together  
to uncover the unique.

Welcome to Qatar.





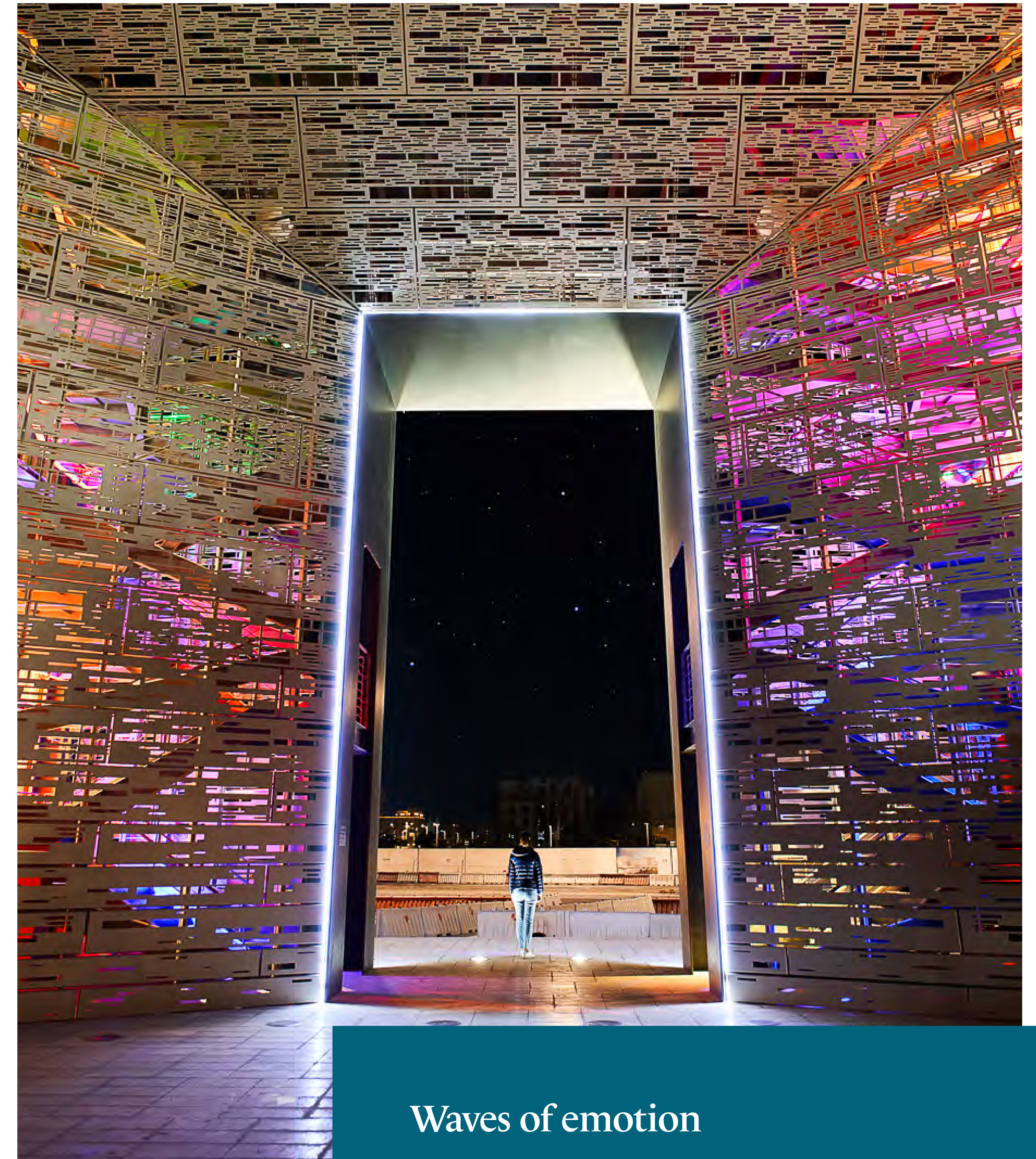
# Where past flows into the future



Qatar is home to neolithic rock carvings, modernist skyscrapers, and gentle dugongs in glittering waters. Ancient dwellings are only a stone's throw away from contemporary cultural institutions, glistening malls, desert adventures, and international sports venues.

We're a nation with an eye on the future. Yet we remain rooted in our heritage, holding a deep respect for our history.

Here, you'll find a window to the past and a glimpse beyond tomorrow, all under the umbrella of our famous Arabian hospitality.



## Waves of emotion

Qatar's seafaring past is legendary. Today, we still revere the crystal waters that surround our peninsula. Fishing remains a passion, and enthusiasts can enjoy a plethora of water sports. From kayaking through the Al Thakira mangroves to the thrill of a desert safari in the majestic Inland Sea, this is a place for everyone to reconnect with nature.



# A pearl in the peninsula



## Safe

The world's second safest city and third safest country.

## Open

95 countries benefit from visa-free entry.

## Spectacular

With reserves including the Al Udaid Inland Sea and Al Reem Biosphere.

## Language

English is widely spoken, along with Arabic.

## Affordable

Yet luxurious, with choices no matter your budget.

## Unique

Home to many rare species including the whale shark, flamingo, hawksbill turtle and dugong.

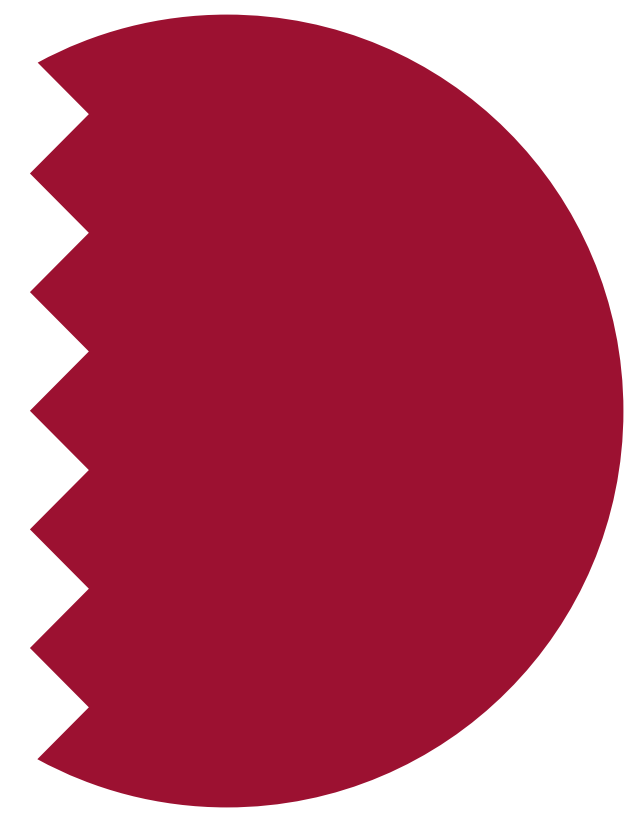
560<sup>+</sup>  
Km

of pristine coastline

320<sup>+</sup>  
Days

of sunshine per year

# Let your heart lead the way



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TO **Fun & Adventure**

Arts & Culture

Food & Drink

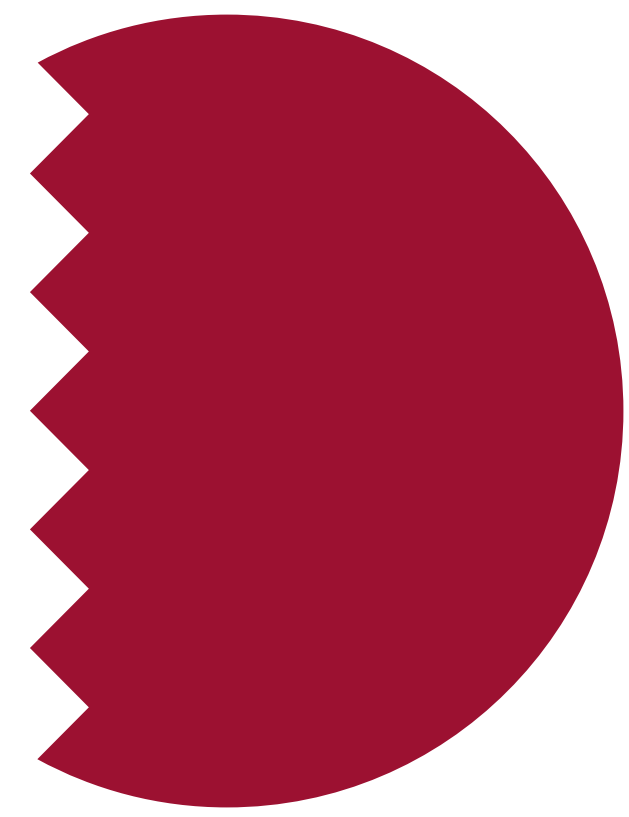
Shopping & Crafts

Rest & Relaxation

**FUN & ADVENTURE**

**Commune with breath-taking nature and experience the awe-inspiring majesty of the desert.**

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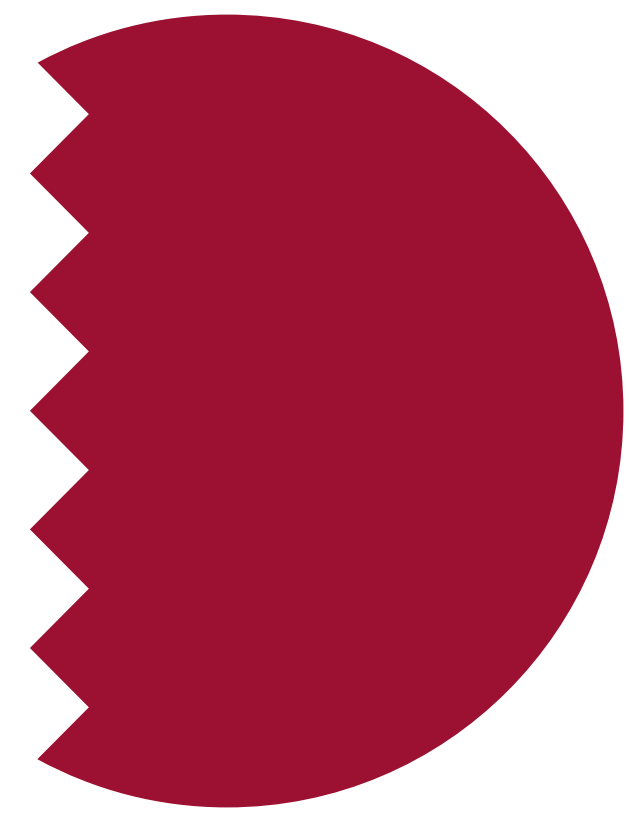
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## ARTS & CULTURE

Throw yourself into a thriving arts and culture scene, showcasing history alongside contemporary Arab art.

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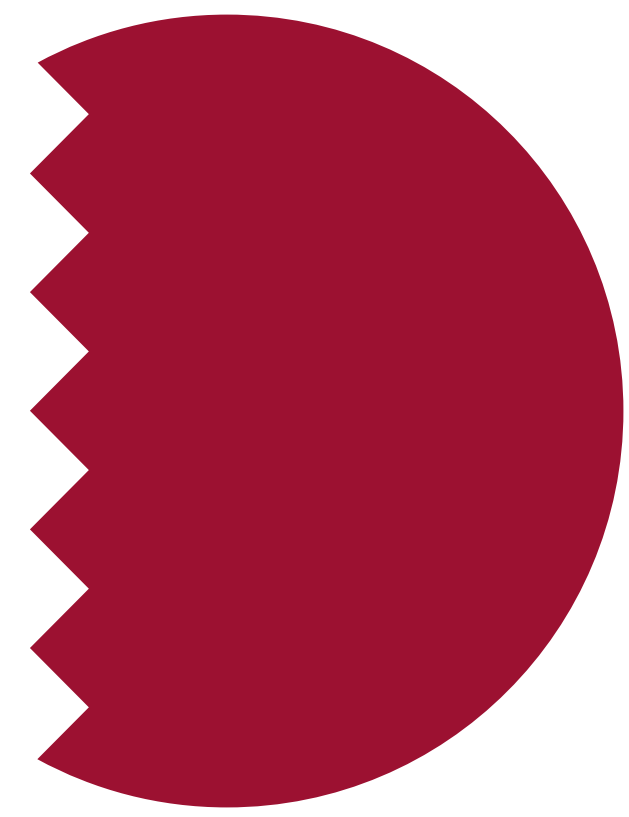
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## FOOD & DRINKS

Taste our rich and diverse gastronomic heritage, drawing on influences from over 100 countries.



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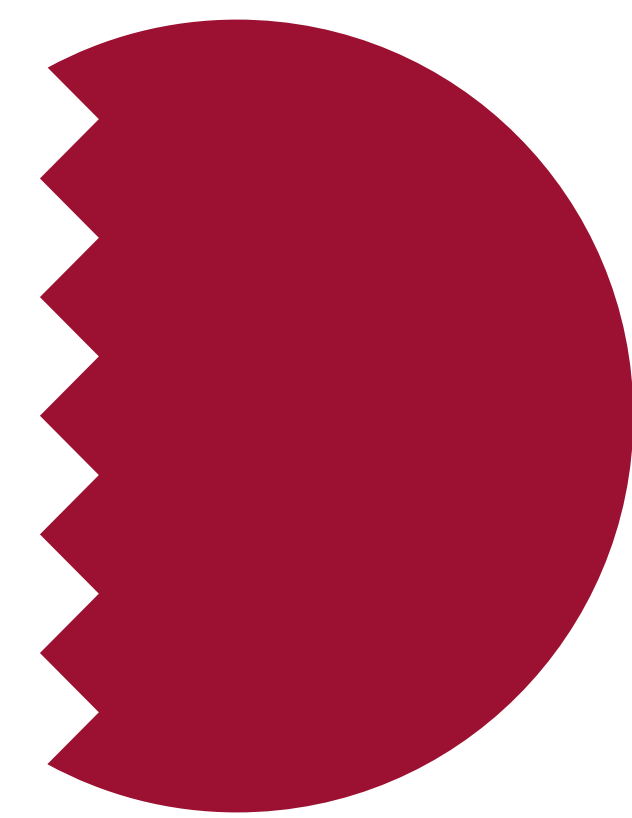
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## SHOPPING & CRAFTS

Discover the art of shopping, from traditional Souqs to exclusive boutiques and world-renowned brands.

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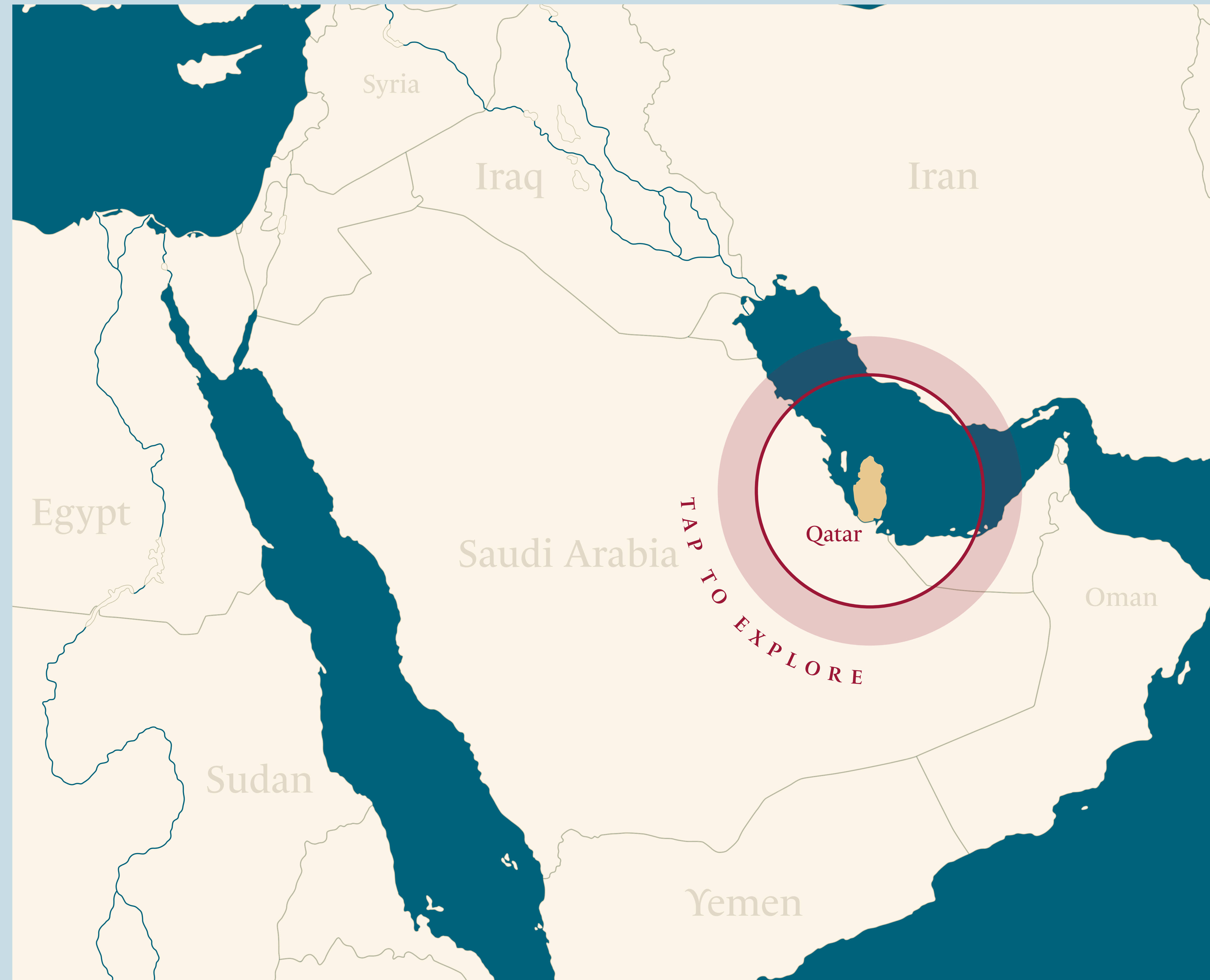
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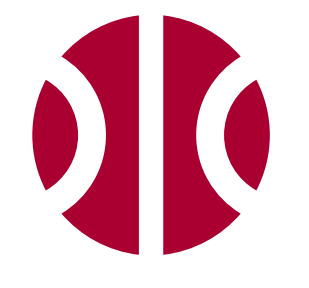
## REST & RELAXATION

Book a session to pamper yourself or relax after a busy day out exploring, in venues that redefine indulgence.

# Curiosities, from coast to coast

Our peninsula features a 563-km coastline, jutting along the western coast of the Arabian Gulf. It has a desert climate with year-round sunshine, hot summers and mild winters.





Sport



Shopping



Nature



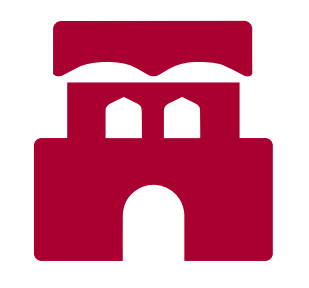
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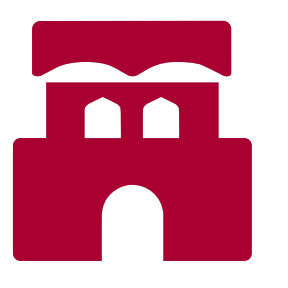

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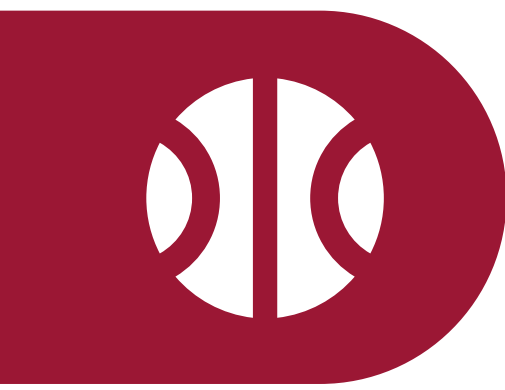
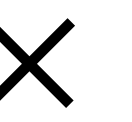


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2 km





Sport



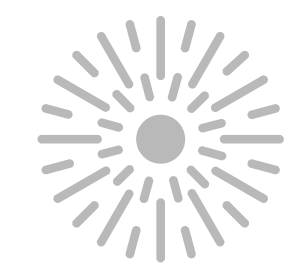
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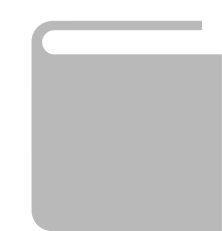
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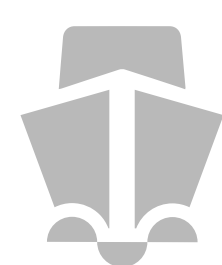
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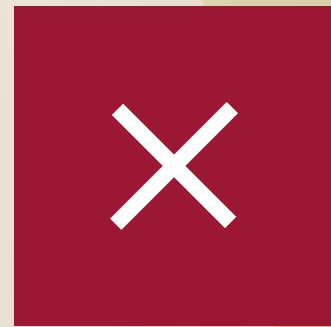
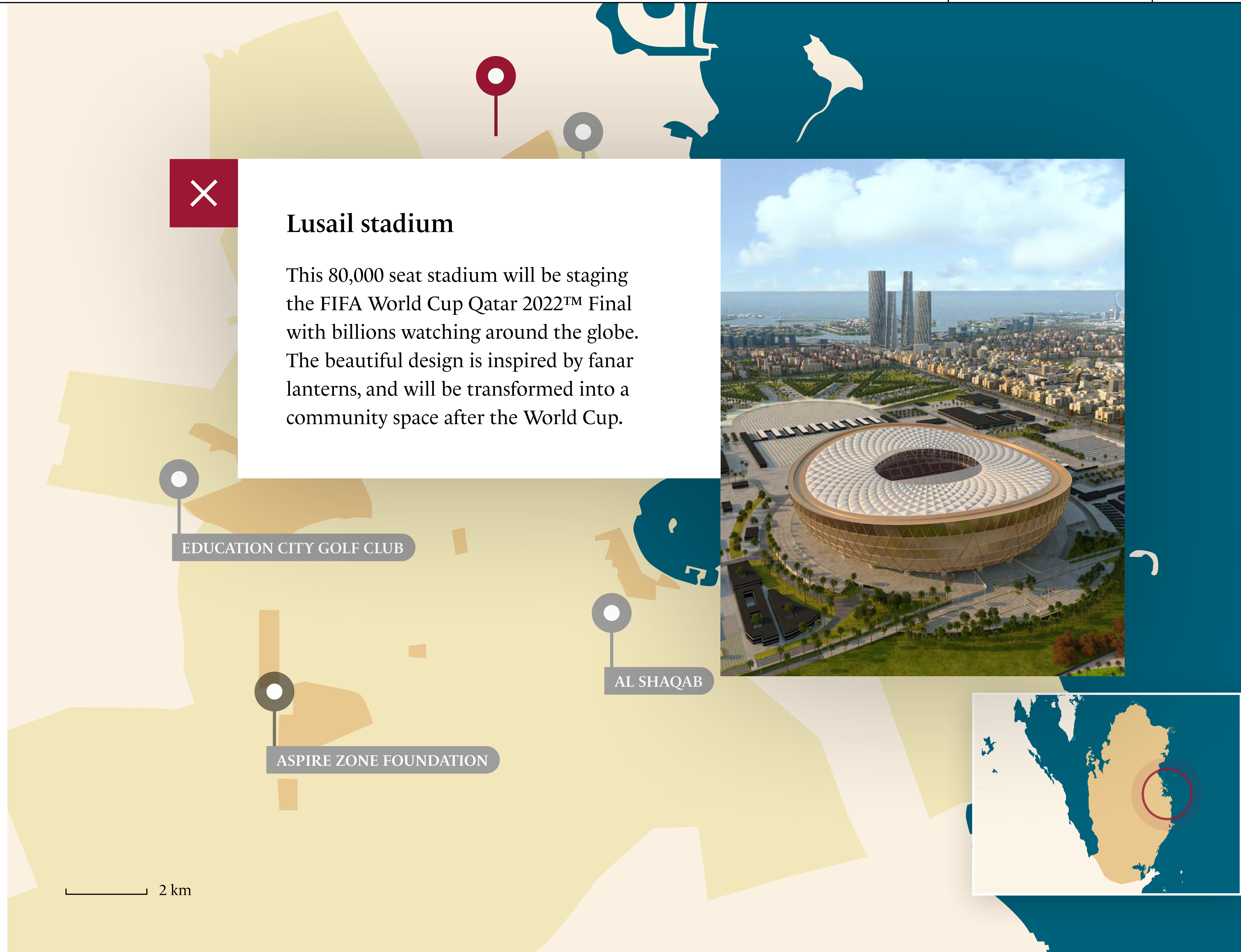
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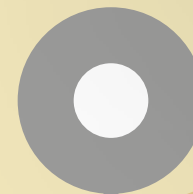


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### Lusail stadium

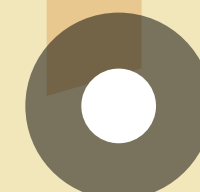
This 80,000 seat stadium will be staging the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Final with billions watching around the globe. The beautiful design is inspired by fanar lanterns, and will be transformed into a community space after the World Cup.



EDUCATION CITY GOLF CLUB



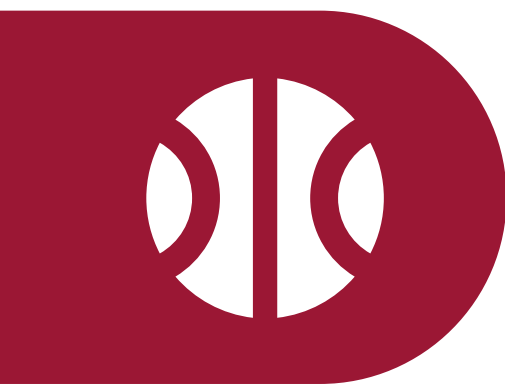
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ASPIRE ZONE FOUNDATION

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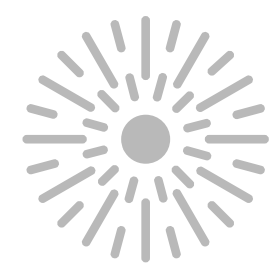
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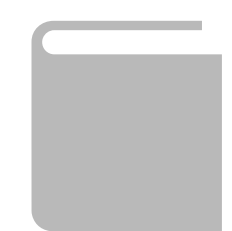
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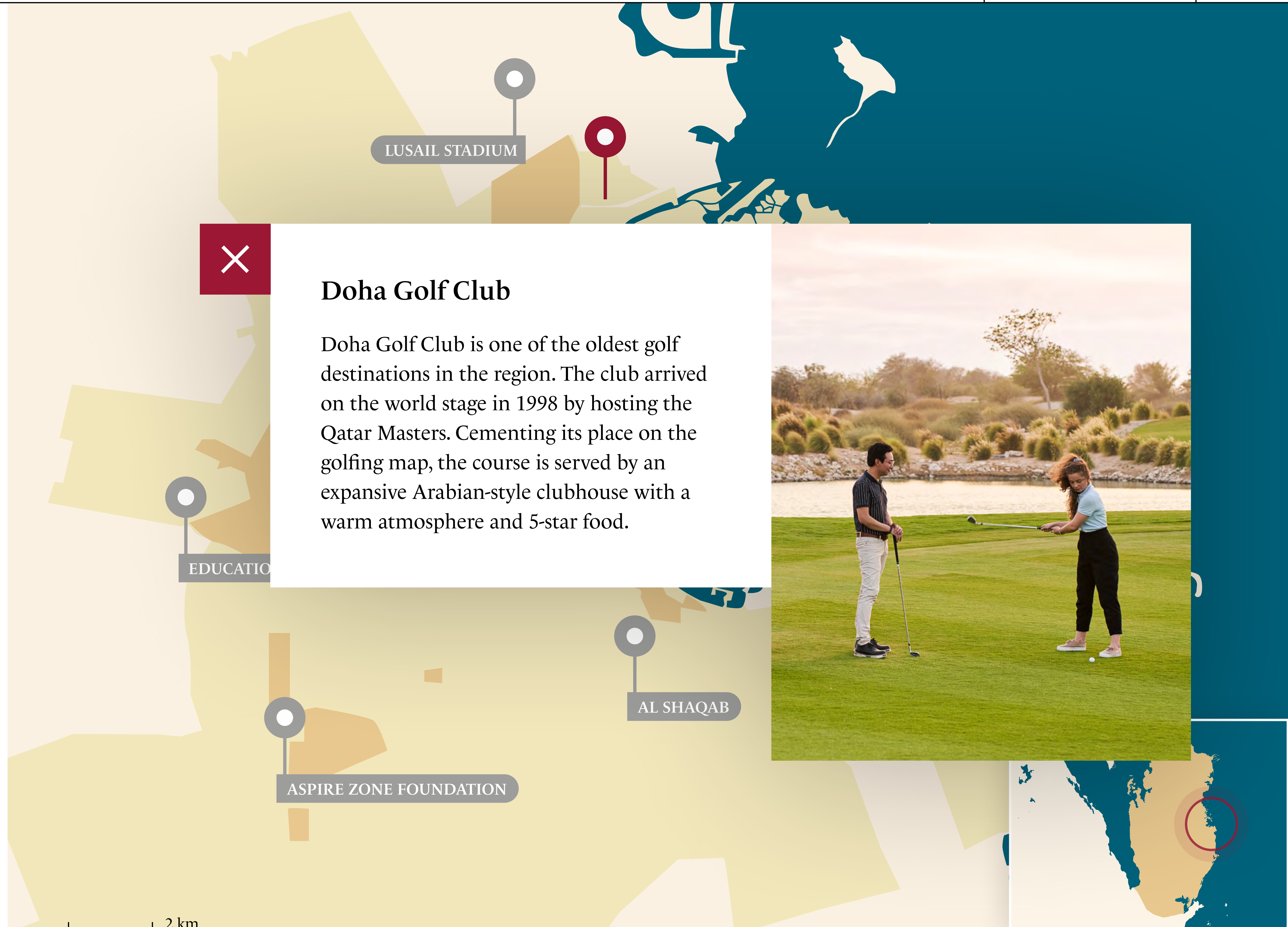
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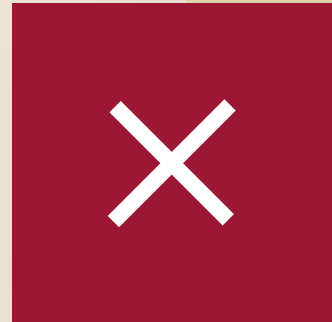
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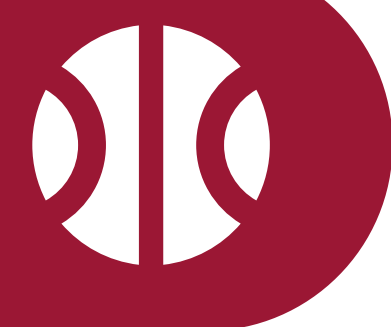
2 km



### Doha Golf Club

Doha Golf Club is one of the oldest golf destinations in the region. The club arrived on the world stage in 1998 by hosting the Qatar Masters. Cementing its place on the golfing map, the course is served by an expansive Arabian-style clubhouse with a warm atmosphere and 5-star food.





Sport



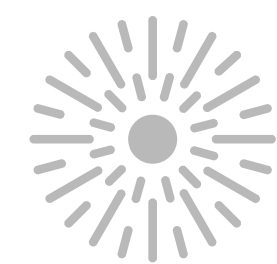
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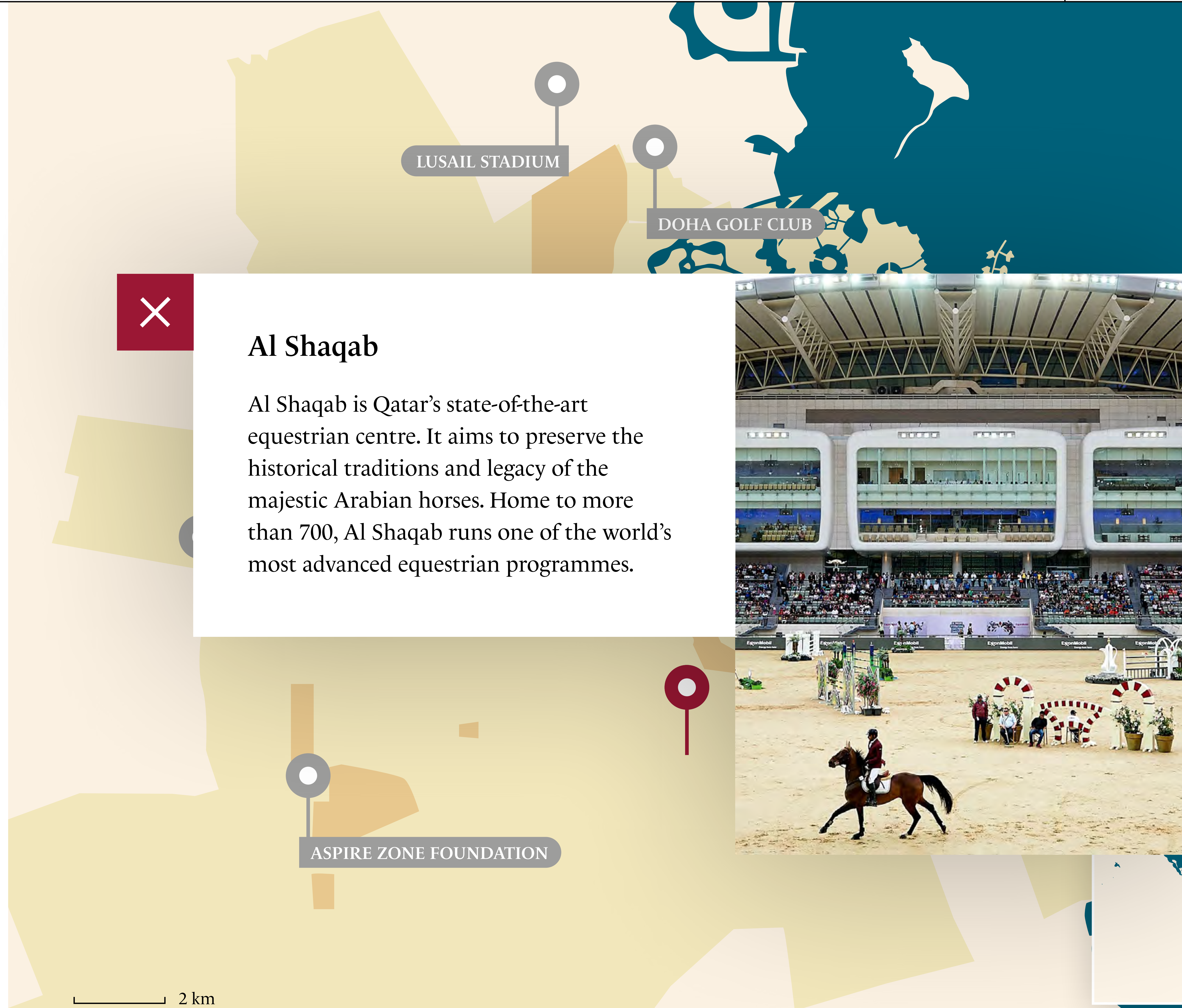
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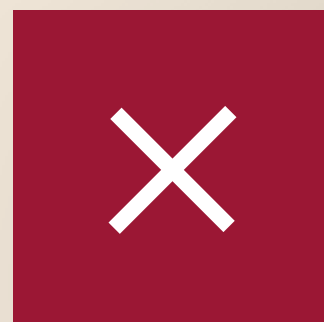


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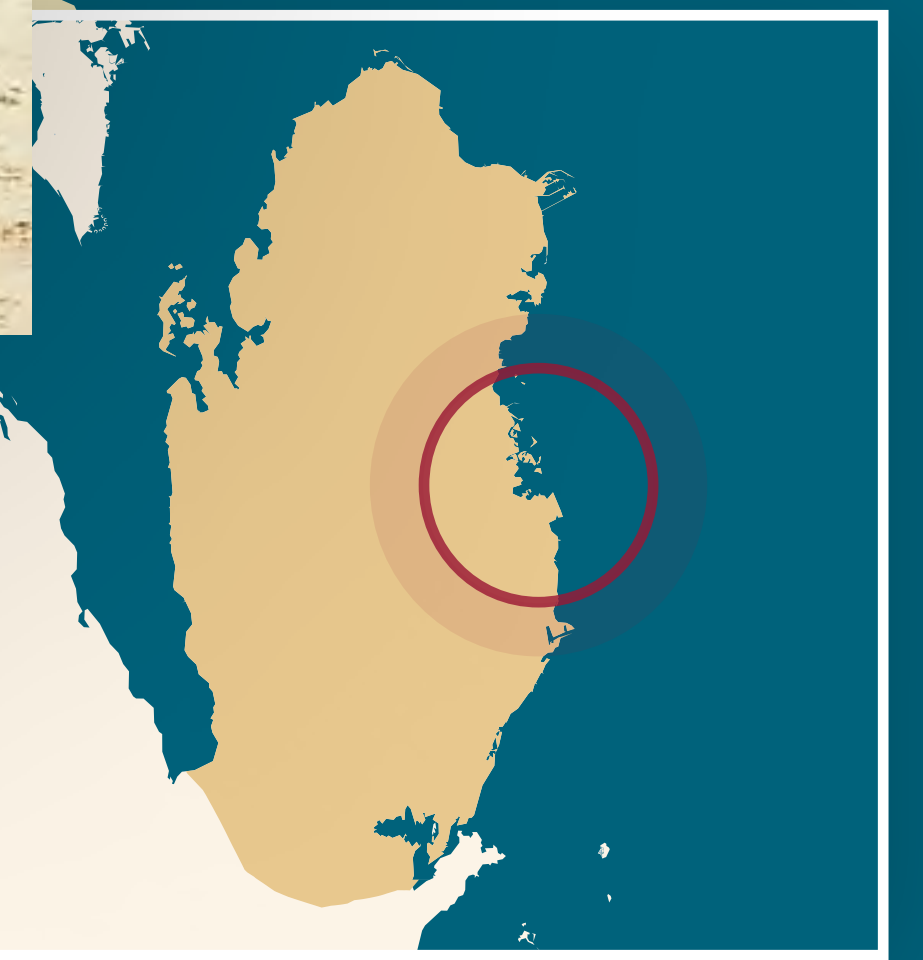
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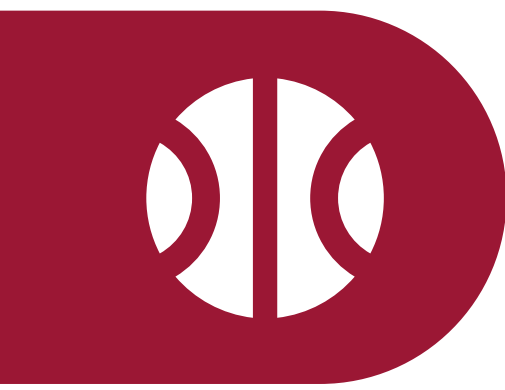


### Al Shaqab

Al Shaqab is Qatar's state-of-the-art equestrian centre. It aims to preserve the historical traditions and legacy of the majestic Arabian horses. Home to more than 700, Al Shaqab runs one of the world's most advanced equestrian programmes.







Sport



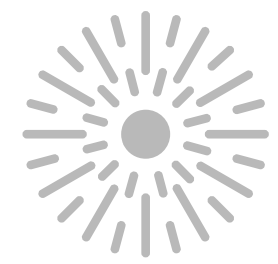
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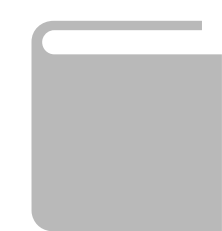
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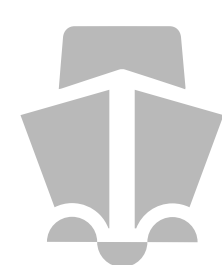
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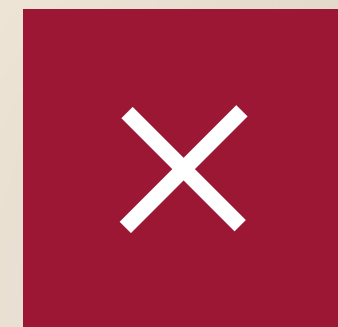
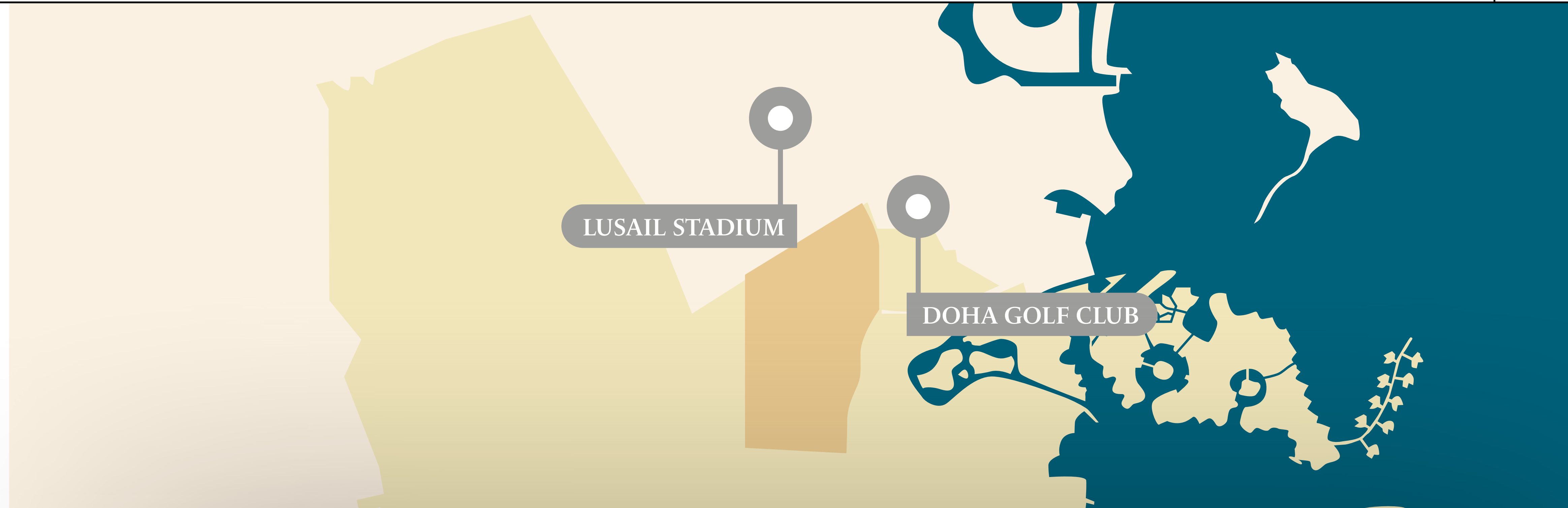
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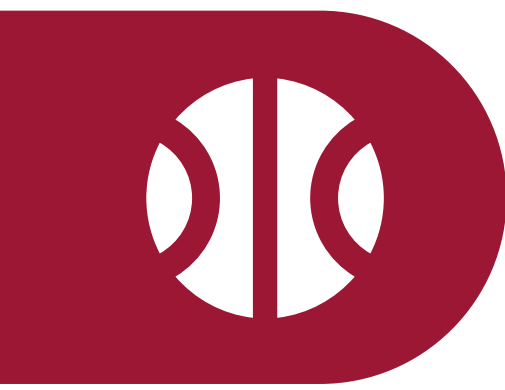


### Aspire Zone Foundation

Located minutes from central Doha, Aspire Zone is marked by The Torch Doha, the 300m tall hotel with panoramic views of the city. The vast green spaces of Aspire Park, spread over 88,000 m<sup>2</sup>, offer respite from the cityscape.



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Sport



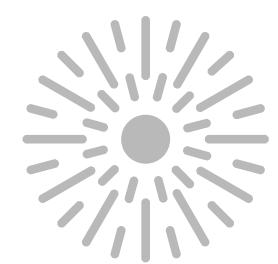
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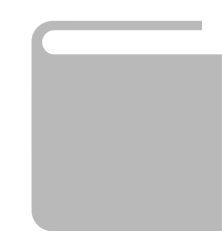
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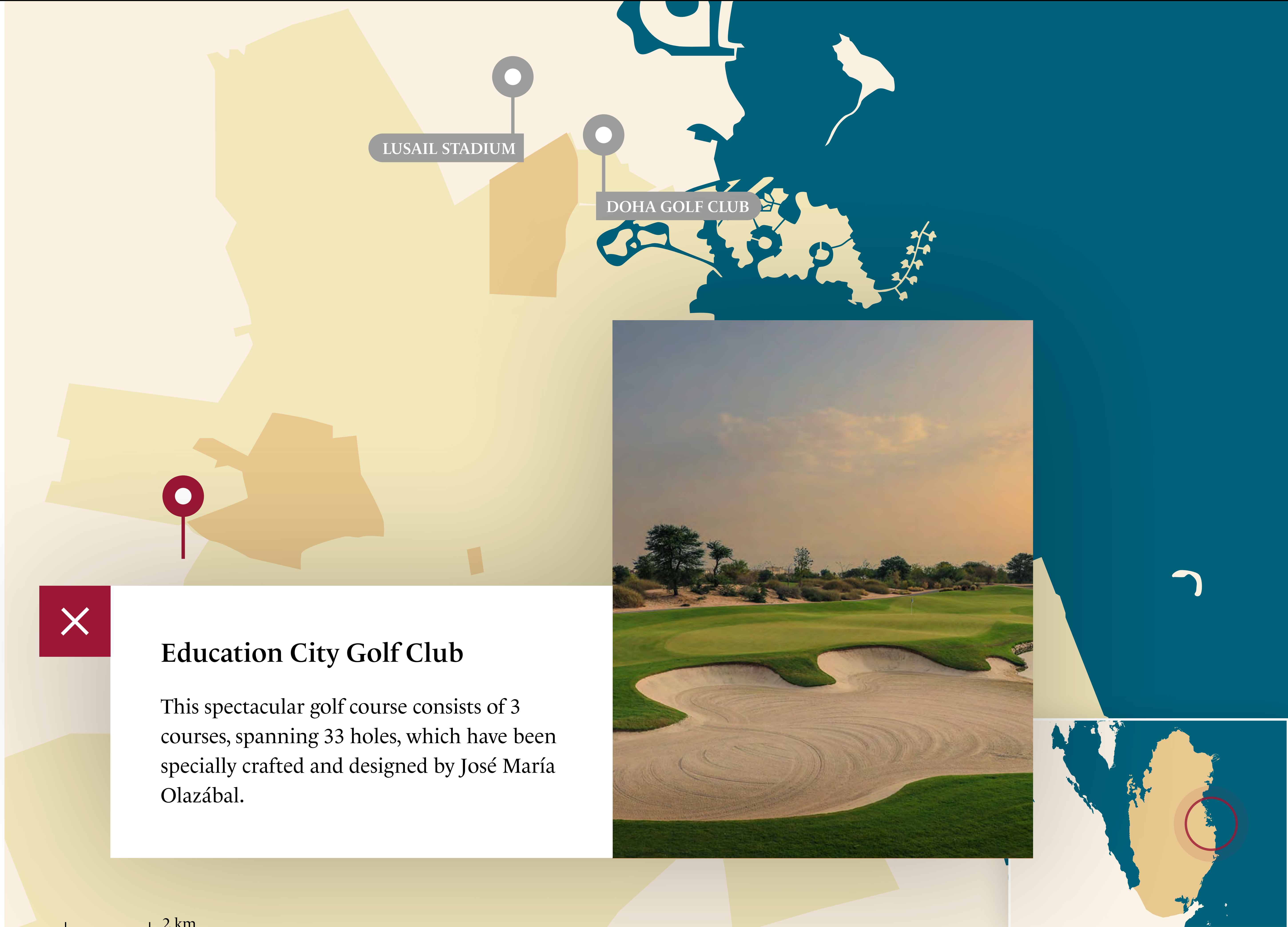
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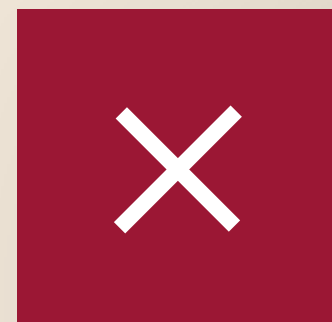


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DOHA GOLF CLUB



### Education City Golf Club

This spectacular golf course consists of 3 courses, spanning 33 holes, which have been specially crafted and designed by José María Olazábal.



2 km



Sport



Shopping



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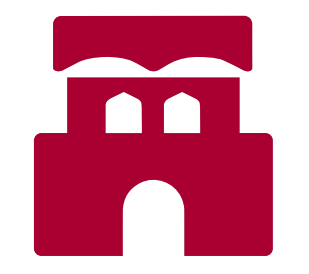
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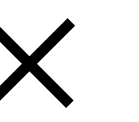
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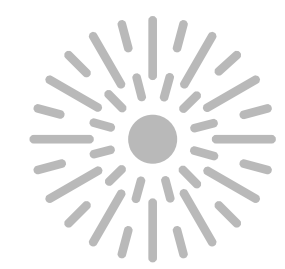
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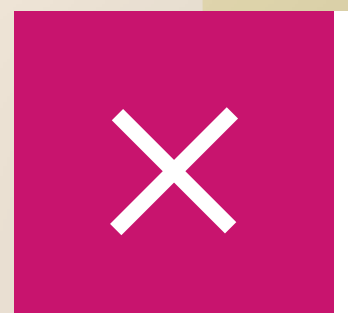
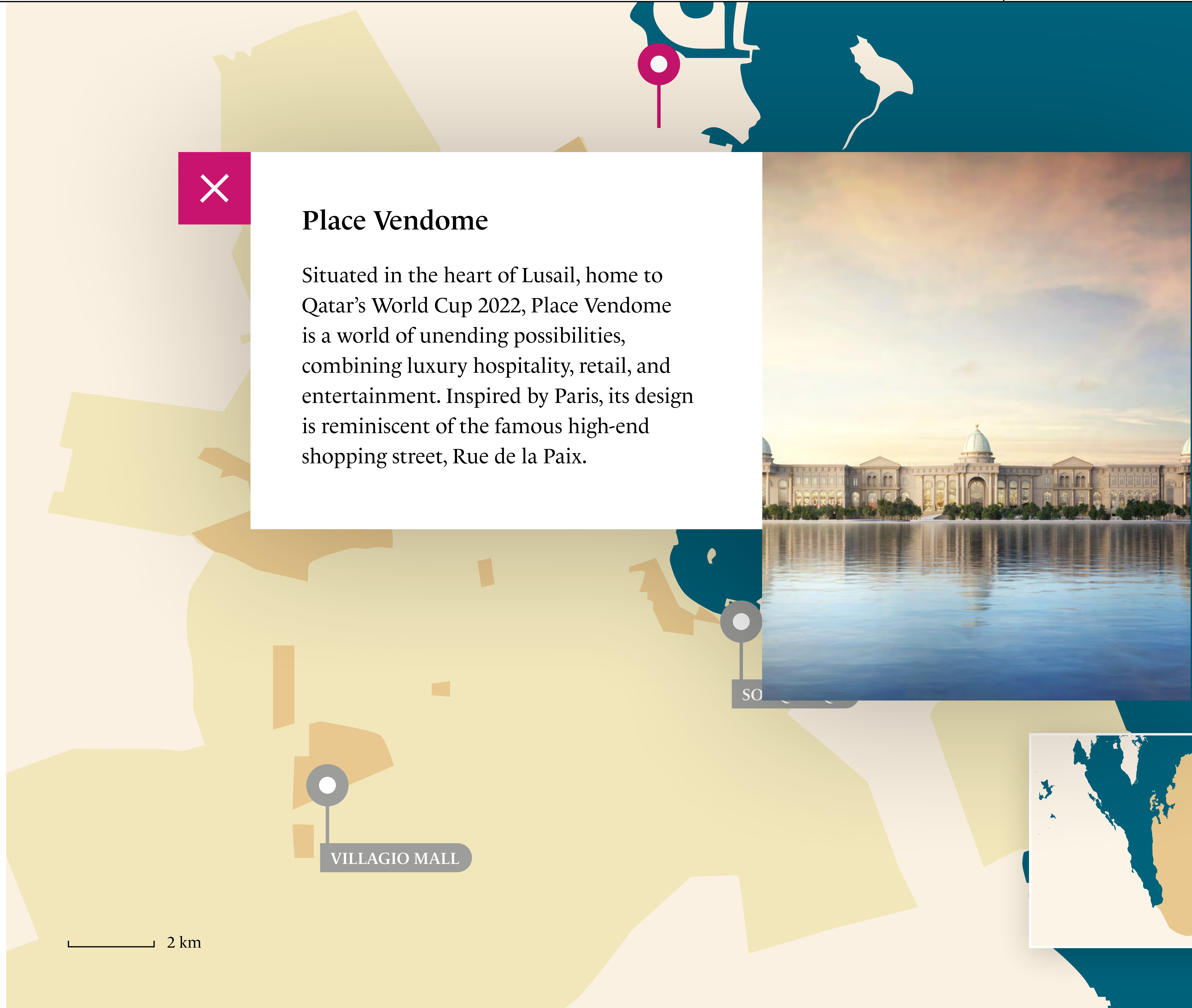
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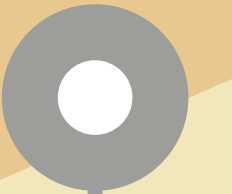


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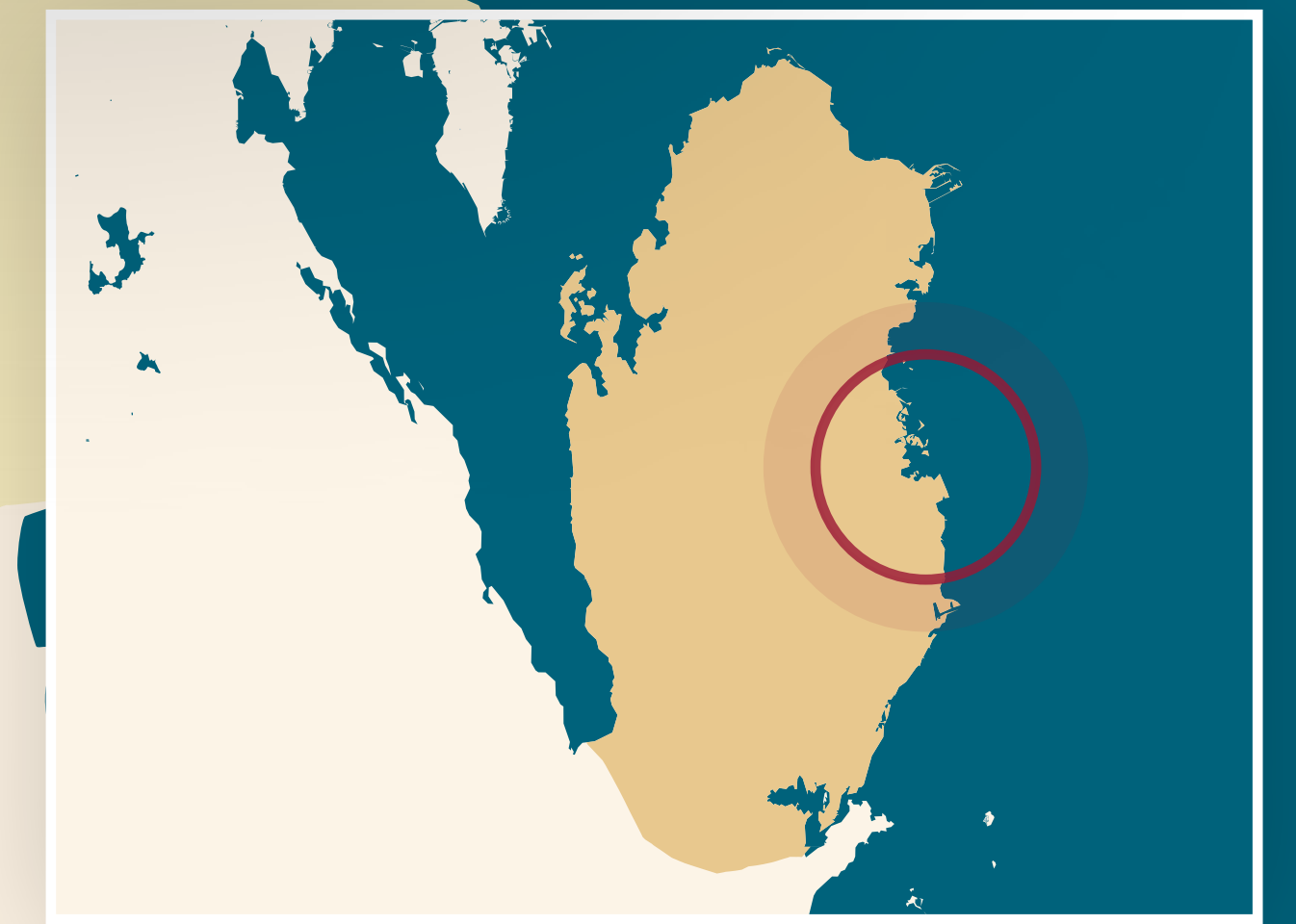
### Place Vendome

Situated in the heart of Lusail, home to Qatar's World Cup 2022, Place Vendome is a world of unending possibilities, combining luxury hospitality, retail, and entertainment. Inspired by Paris, its design is reminiscent of the famous high-end shopping street, Rue de la Paix.



VILLAGGIO MALL

2 km





Sport



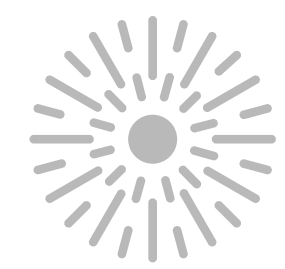
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PLACE VENDOME

VILLAGIO MALL

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### Souq Waqif

Built on the site of Doha's century old trading market, Souq Waqif stands against the backdrop of Doha's dramatic modernist skyline. With its mud-daubed buildings, the market harkens to a bygone era while remaining a hub of activity.





Sport



Shopping



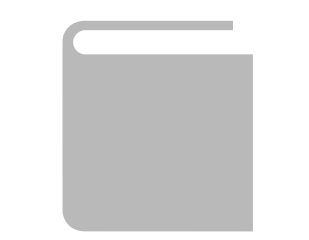
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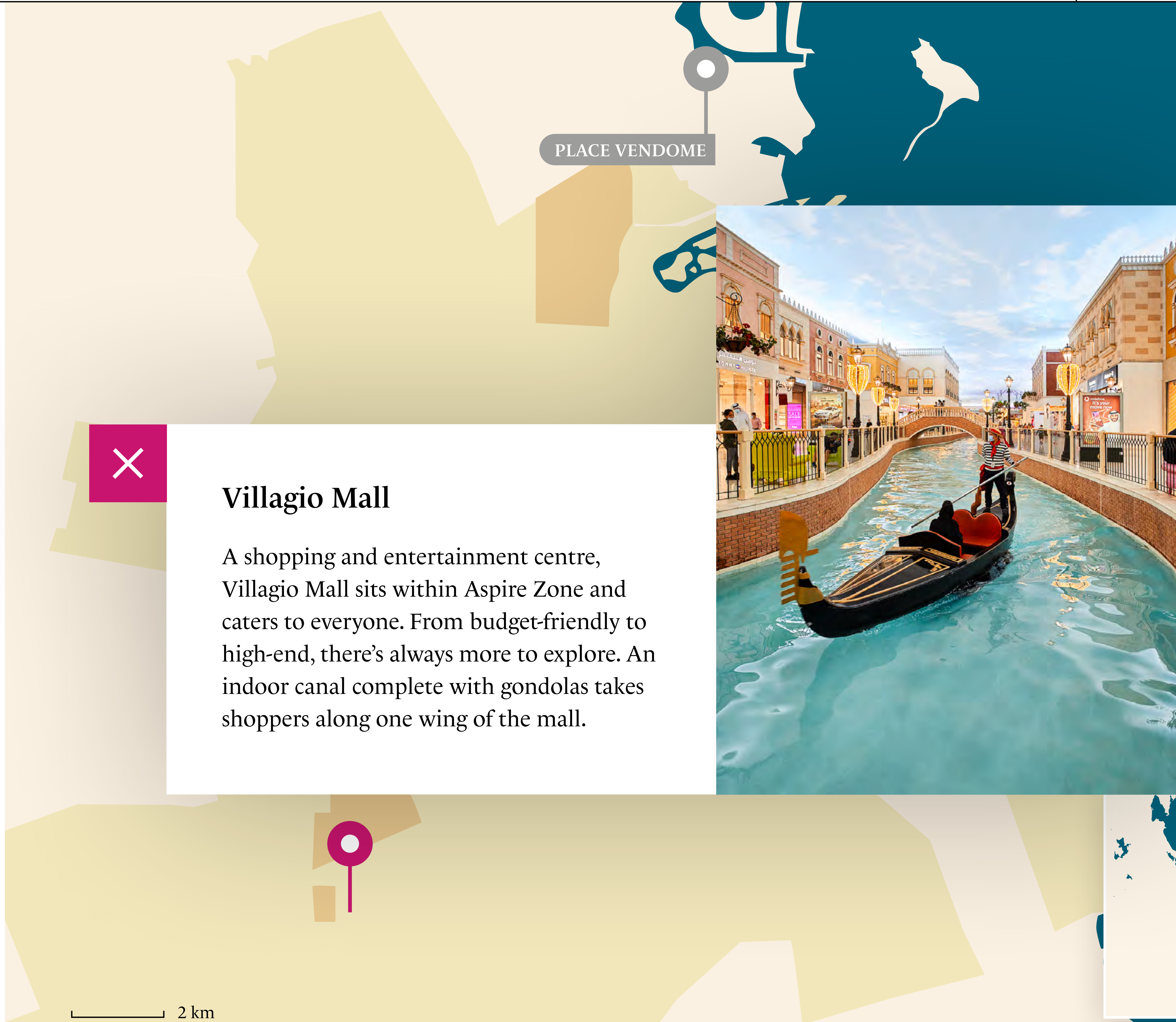
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PLACE VENDOME



### Villagio Mall

A shopping and entertainment centre, Villagio Mall sits within Aspire Zone and caters to everyone. From budget-friendly to high-end, there's always more to explore. An indoor canal complete with gondolas takes shoppers along one wing of the mall.



2 km





Sport



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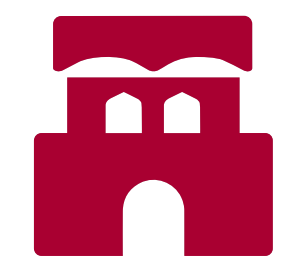
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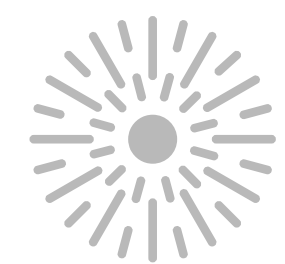
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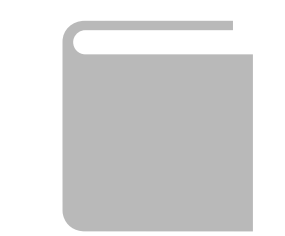
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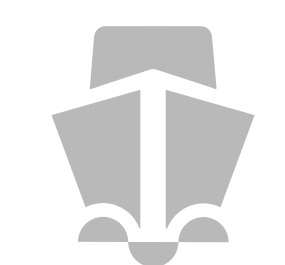
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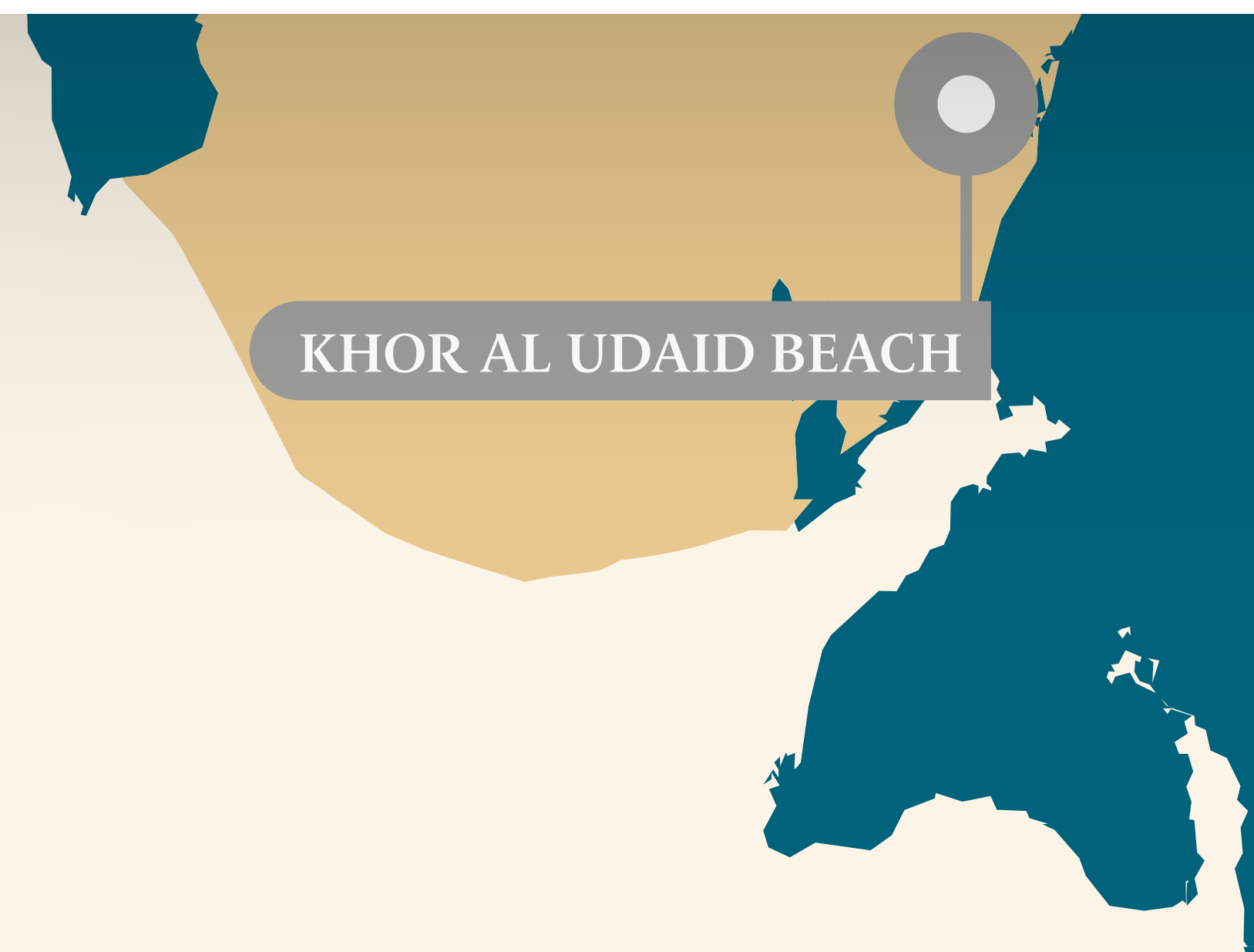


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### Purple Island

The perfect place to unplug, Bin Ghannam Island, popularly known as Purple Island, is a must-visit natural gem. An hour's drive from Doha, the island is famous for its natural beauty, exotic flora and fauna, and is ideal for a day trip with the whole family.



50 km







Sport



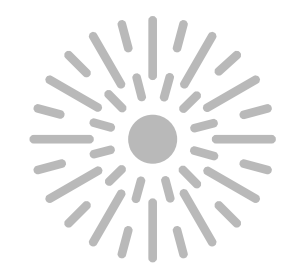
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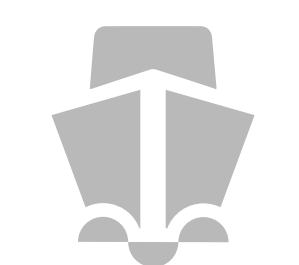
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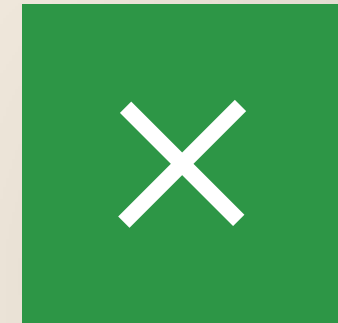
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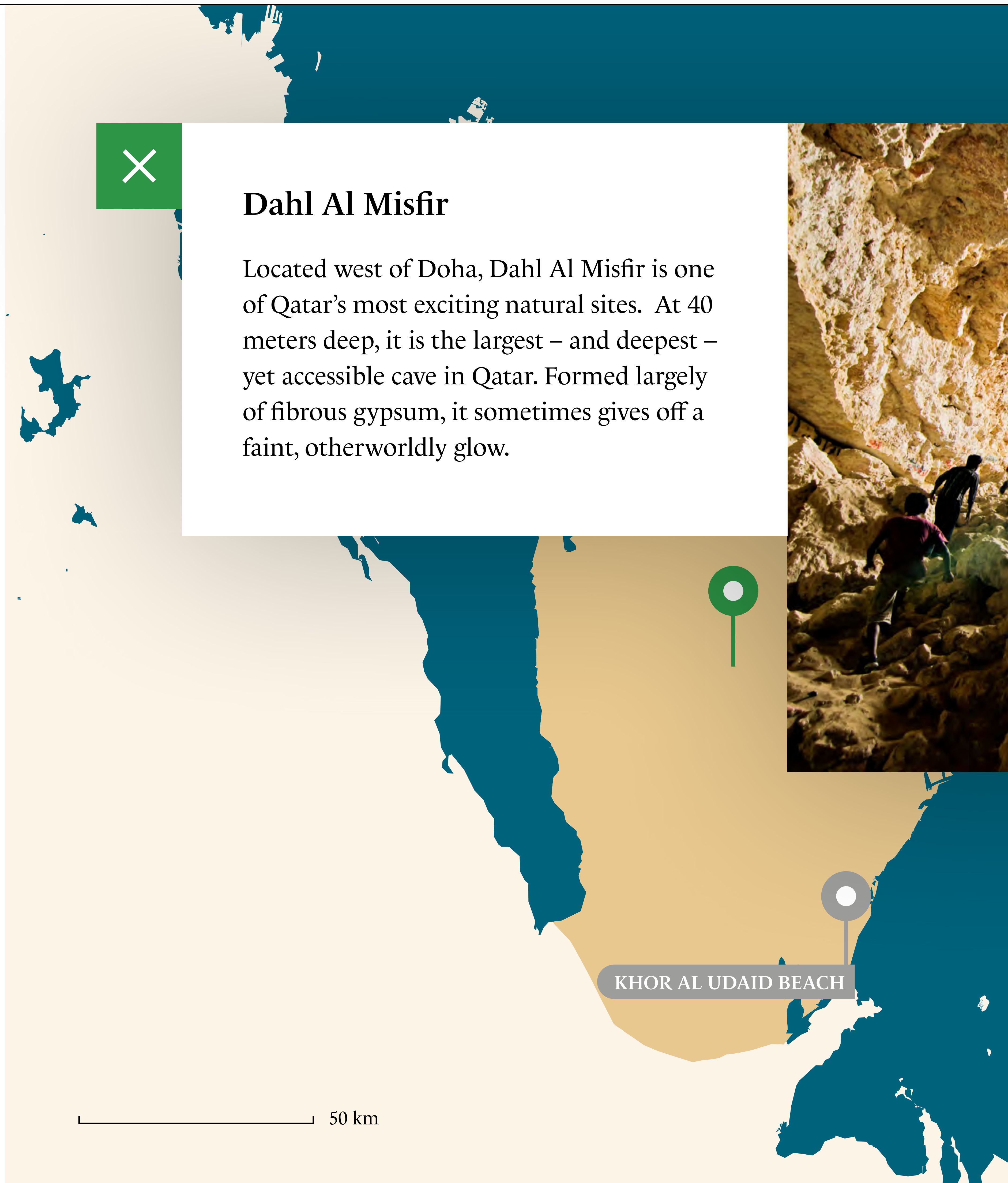


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### Dahl Al Misfir

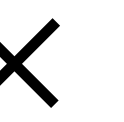
Located west of Doha, Dahl Al Misfir is one of Qatar's most exciting natural sites. At 40 meters deep, it is the largest – and deepest – yet accessible cave in Qatar. Formed largely of fibrous gypsum, it sometimes gives off a faint, otherworldly glow.



KHOR AL UDAID BEACH

50 km





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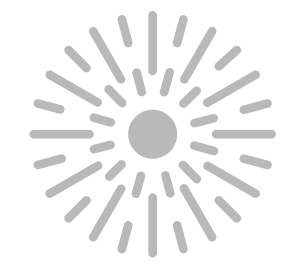
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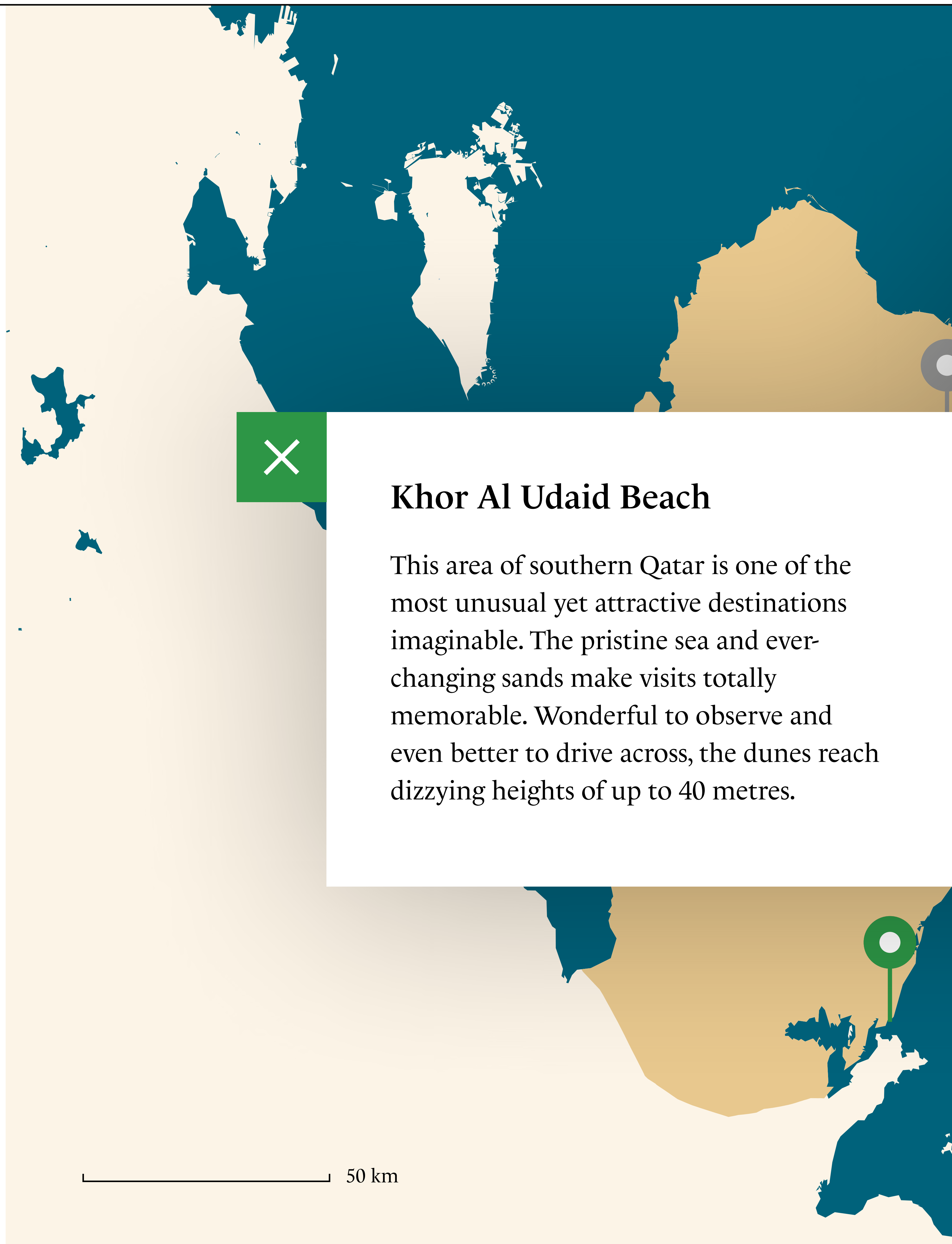
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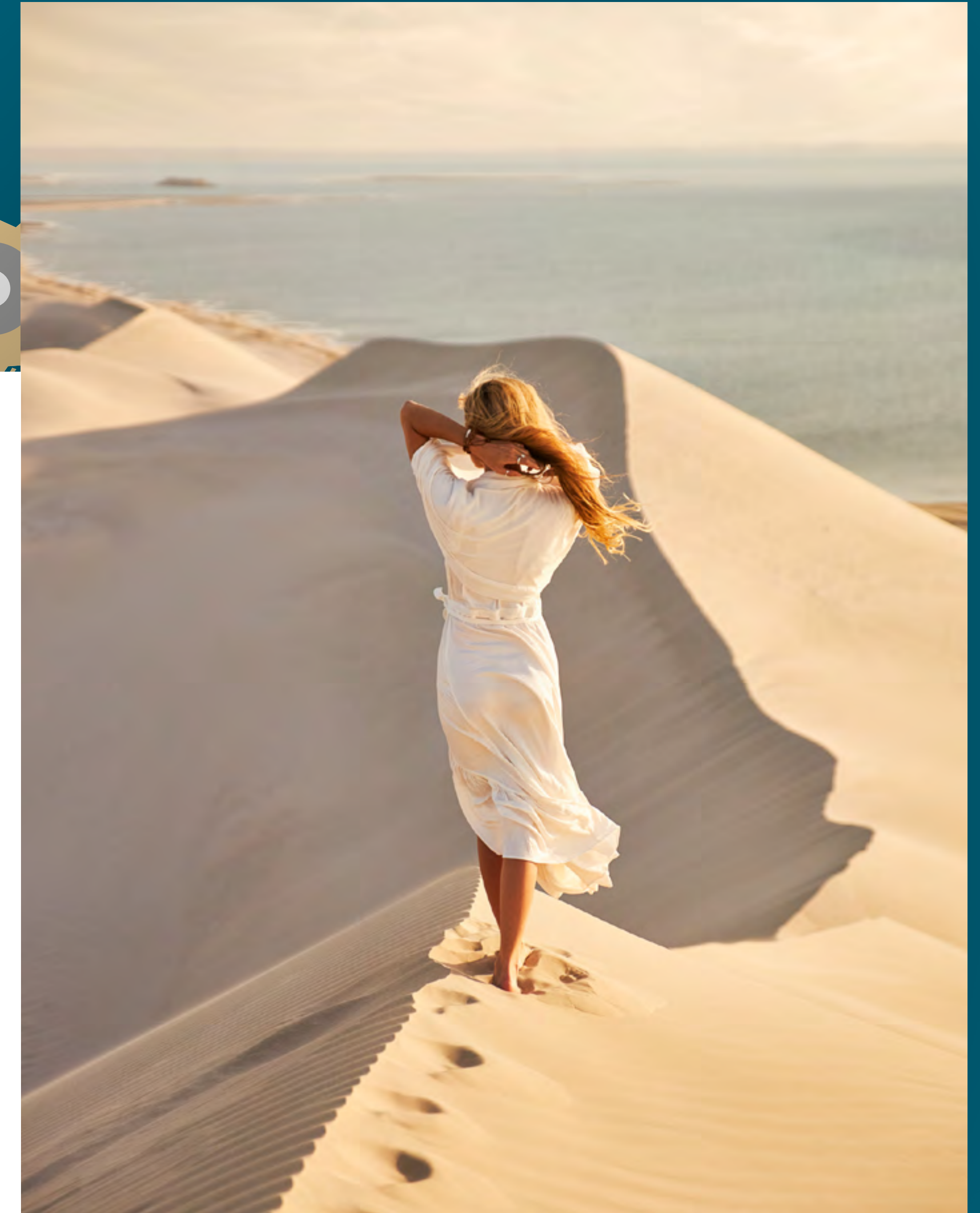


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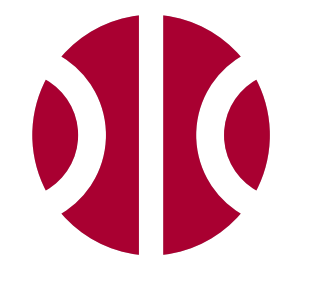
### Khor Al Udaid Beach

This area of southern Qatar is one of the most unusual yet attractive destinations imaginable. The pristine sea and ever-changing sands make visits totally memorable. Wonderful to observe and even better to drive across, the dunes reach dizzying heights of up to 40 metres.



50 km





Sport



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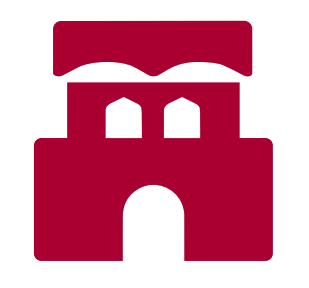
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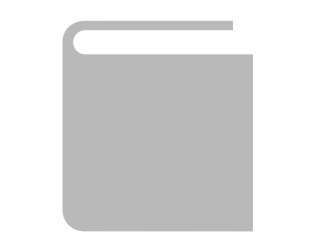
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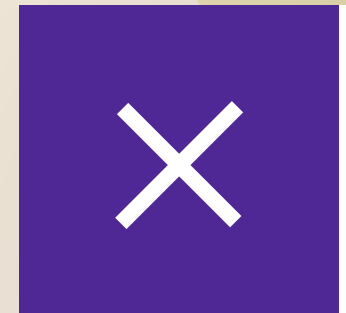
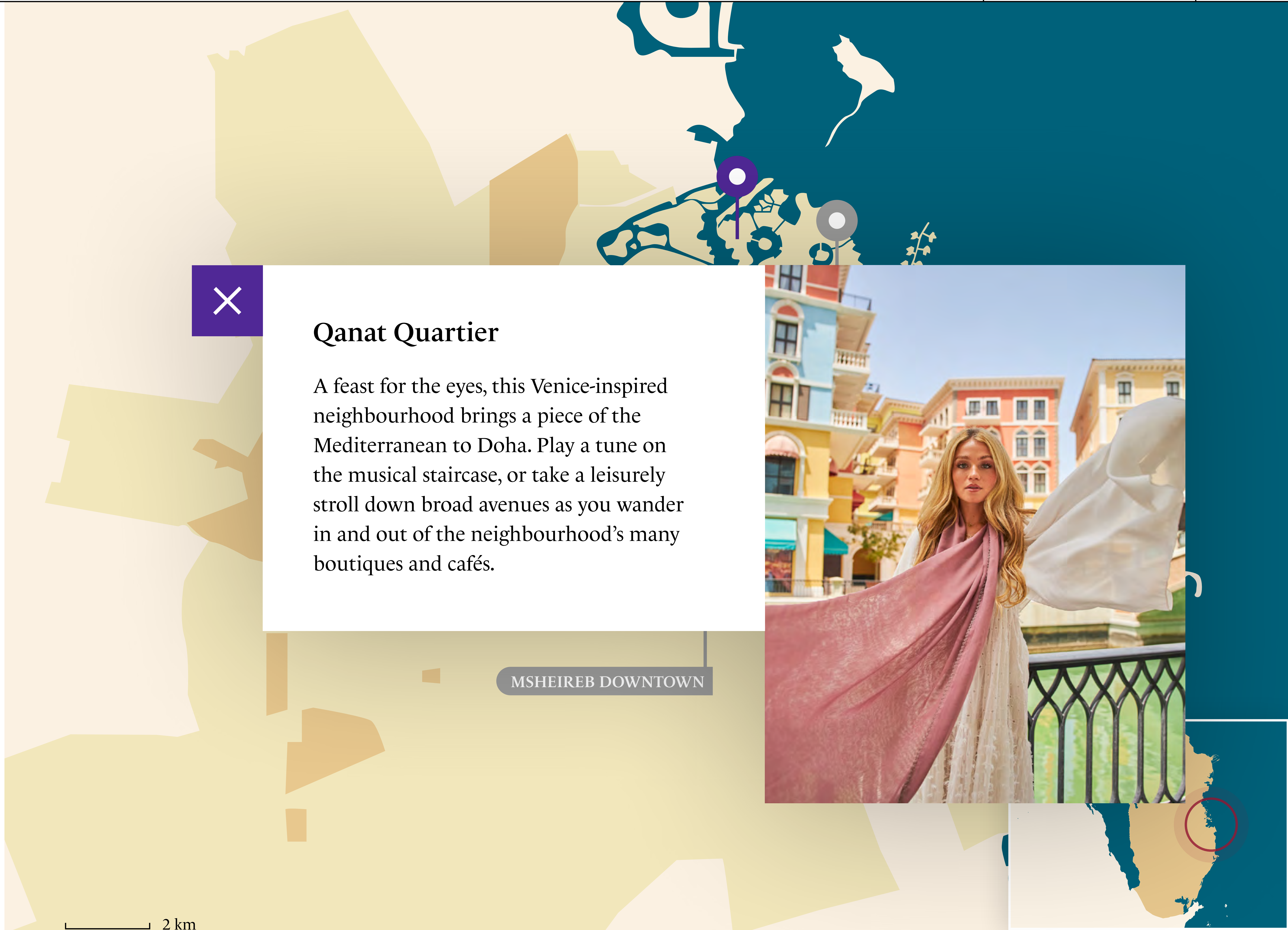
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### Qanat Quartier

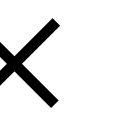
A feast for the eyes, this Venice-inspired neighbourhood brings a piece of the Mediterranean to Doha. Play a tune on the musical staircase, or take a leisurely stroll down broad avenues as you wander in and out of the neighbourhood's many boutiques and cafés.



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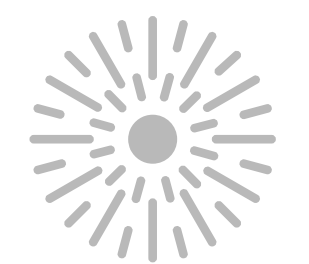
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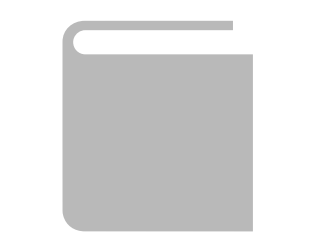
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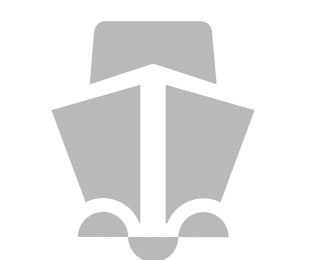
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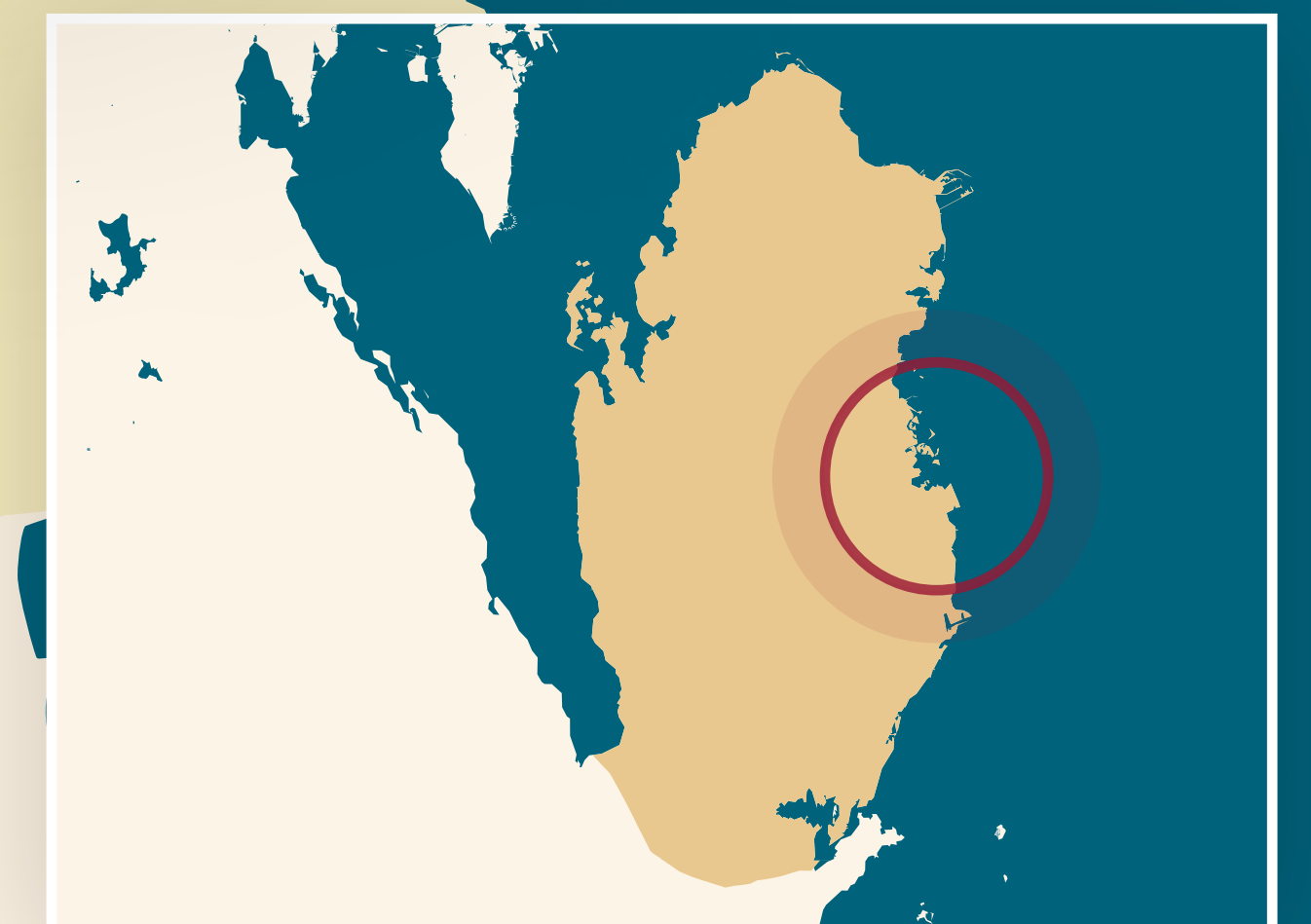
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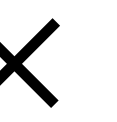
### The Pearl, Qatar

The Pearl, Qatar (the “Arabian Riviera”) is a man-made island off of Doha’s prestigious West Bay District. It features yacht-lined marinas, residential towers, villas, and hotels, as well as a luxurious shopping experience, plazas and landscaped gardens.



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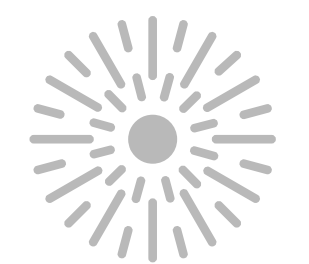
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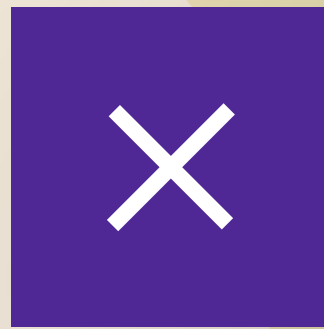
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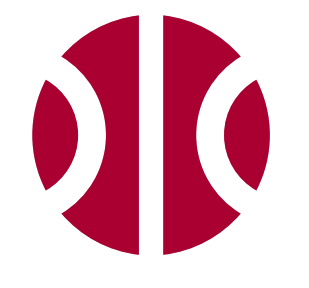
### Msheireb Downtown

Comprising over 100 buildings, the stunning Barahat (or 'courtyard') lies at the heart of Msheireb Downtown. It includes niche retail and a variety of al fresco dining options. The Msheireb Museums celebrate the history of Qatar through four heritage houses.



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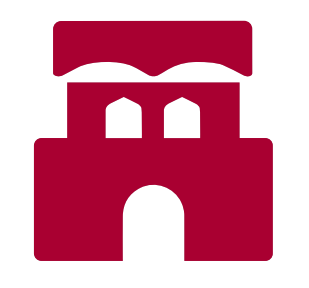
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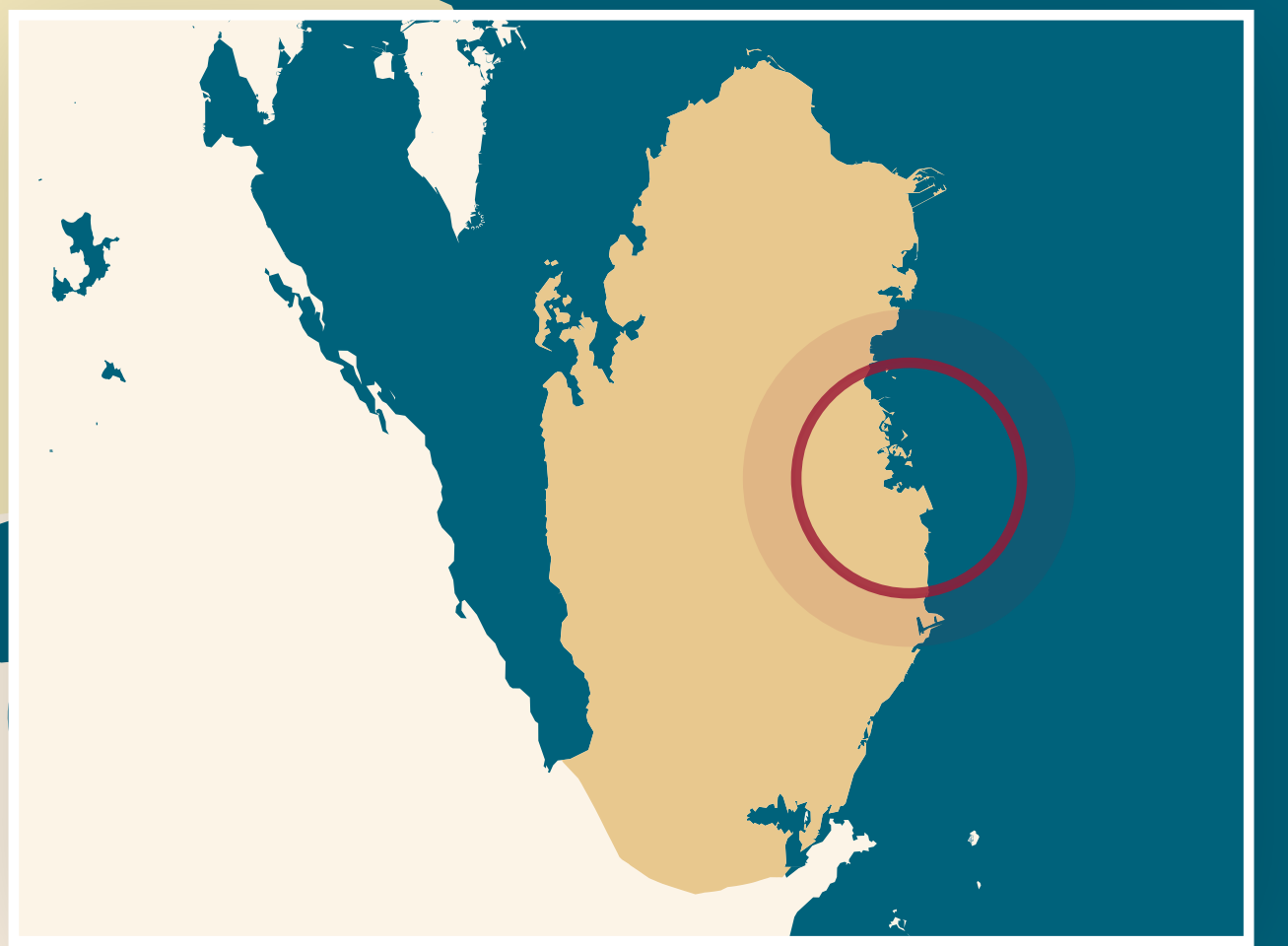
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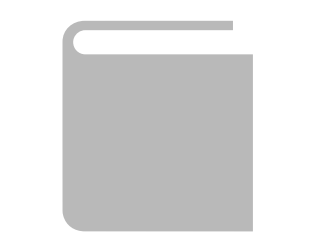
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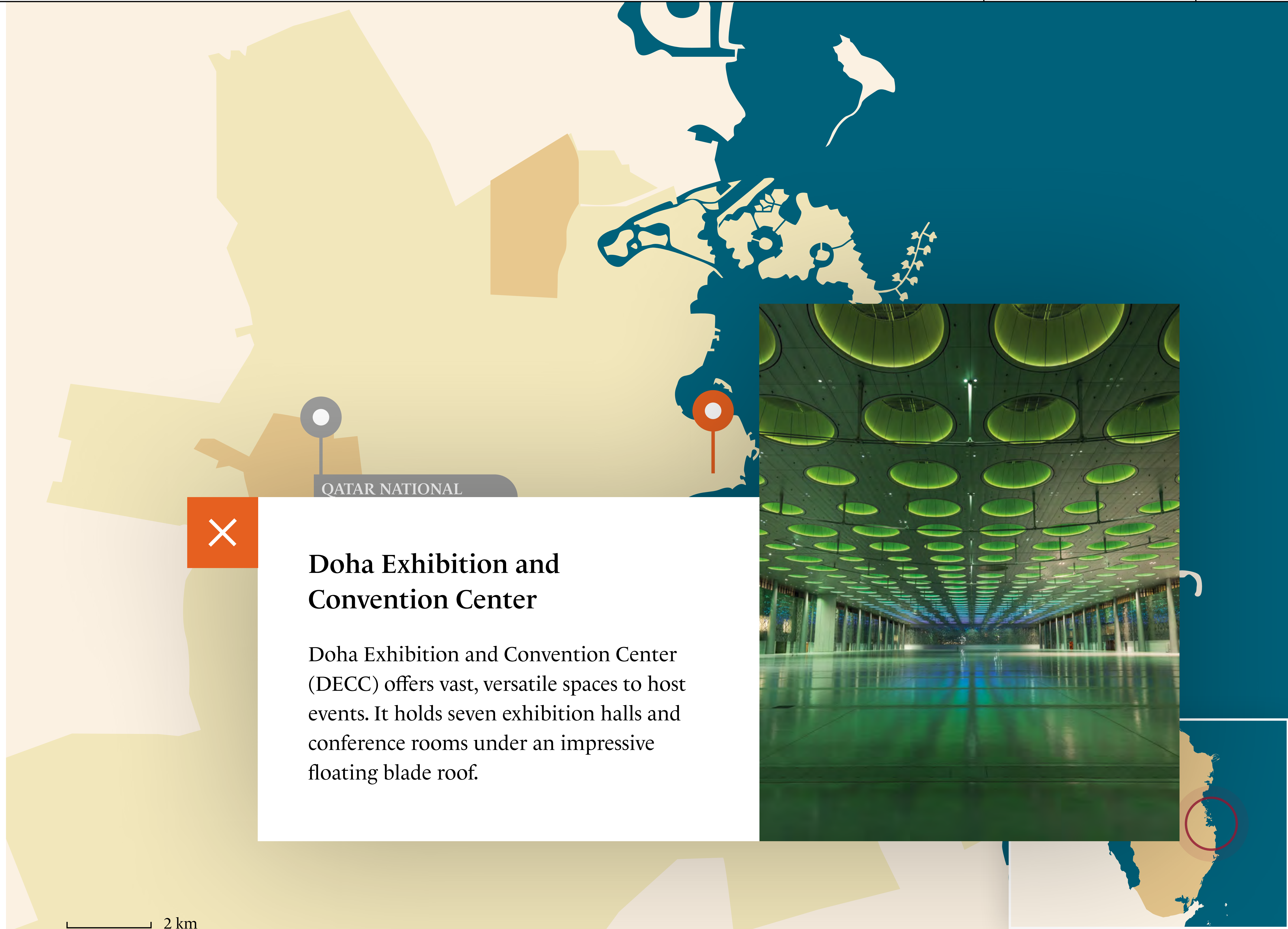
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QATAR NATIONAL



### Doha Exhibition and Convention Center

Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC) offers vast, versatile spaces to host events. It holds seven exhibition halls and conference rooms under an impressive floating blade roof.

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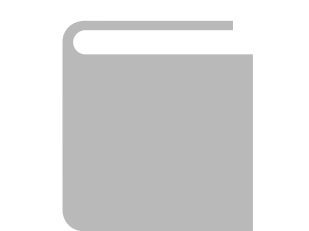
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### Qatar National Convention Centre

Award-winning and ISO 9001:2008 accredited, the QNCC is one of the largest, most technologically advanced venues in the Middle East. With 40,000 m<sup>2</sup> of column-free exhibition space, cutting-edge presentation and production technology, as well as simultaneous translation systems, it's a perfect venue for any event.

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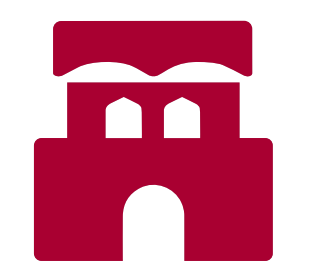
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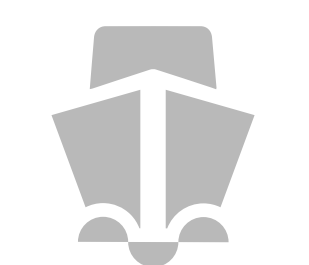
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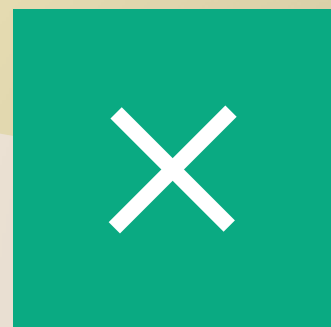
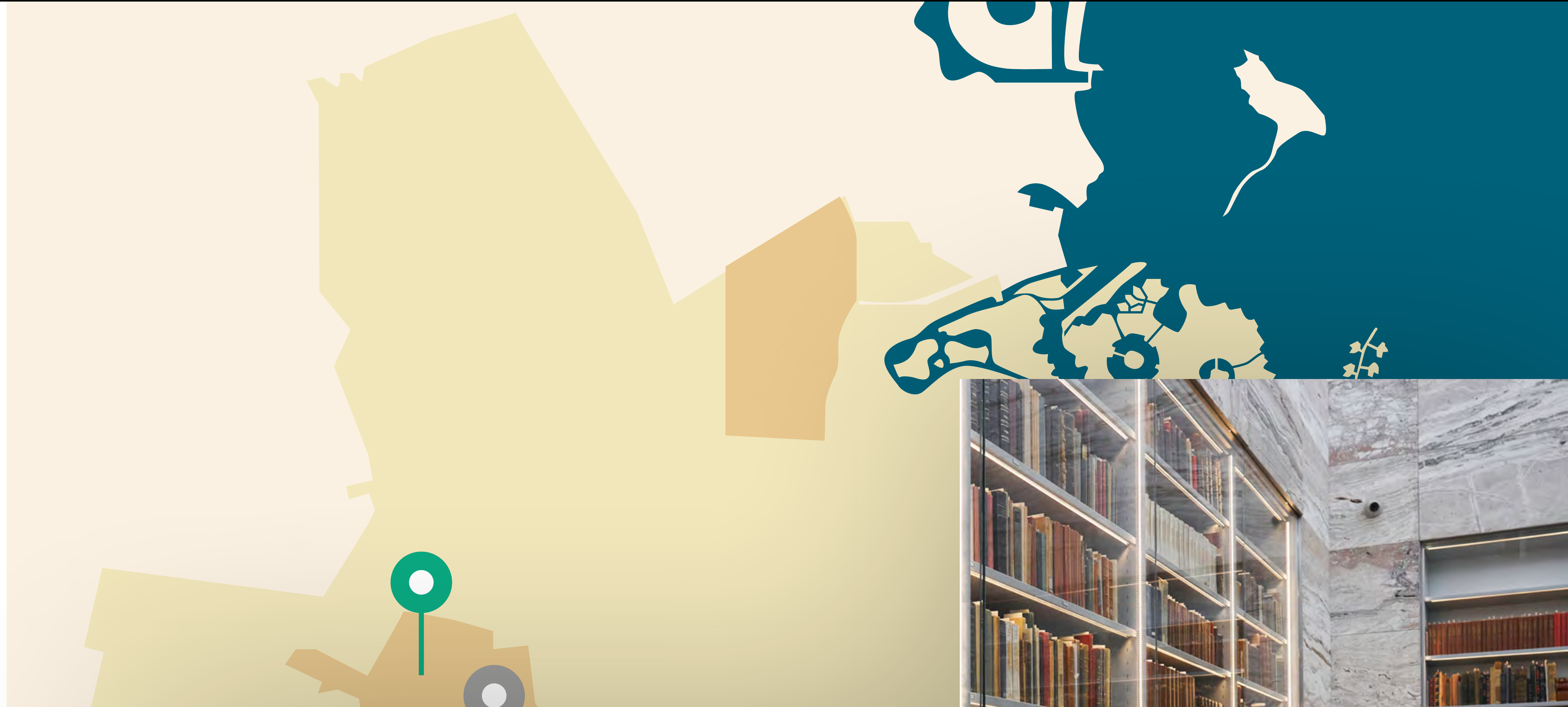
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### Qatar National Library

The Qatar National Library is a futuristic storytelling facility, recognized by UNESCO. It serves the purpose of a national library, as well as a research-level university and digital library, with access to over a million books.



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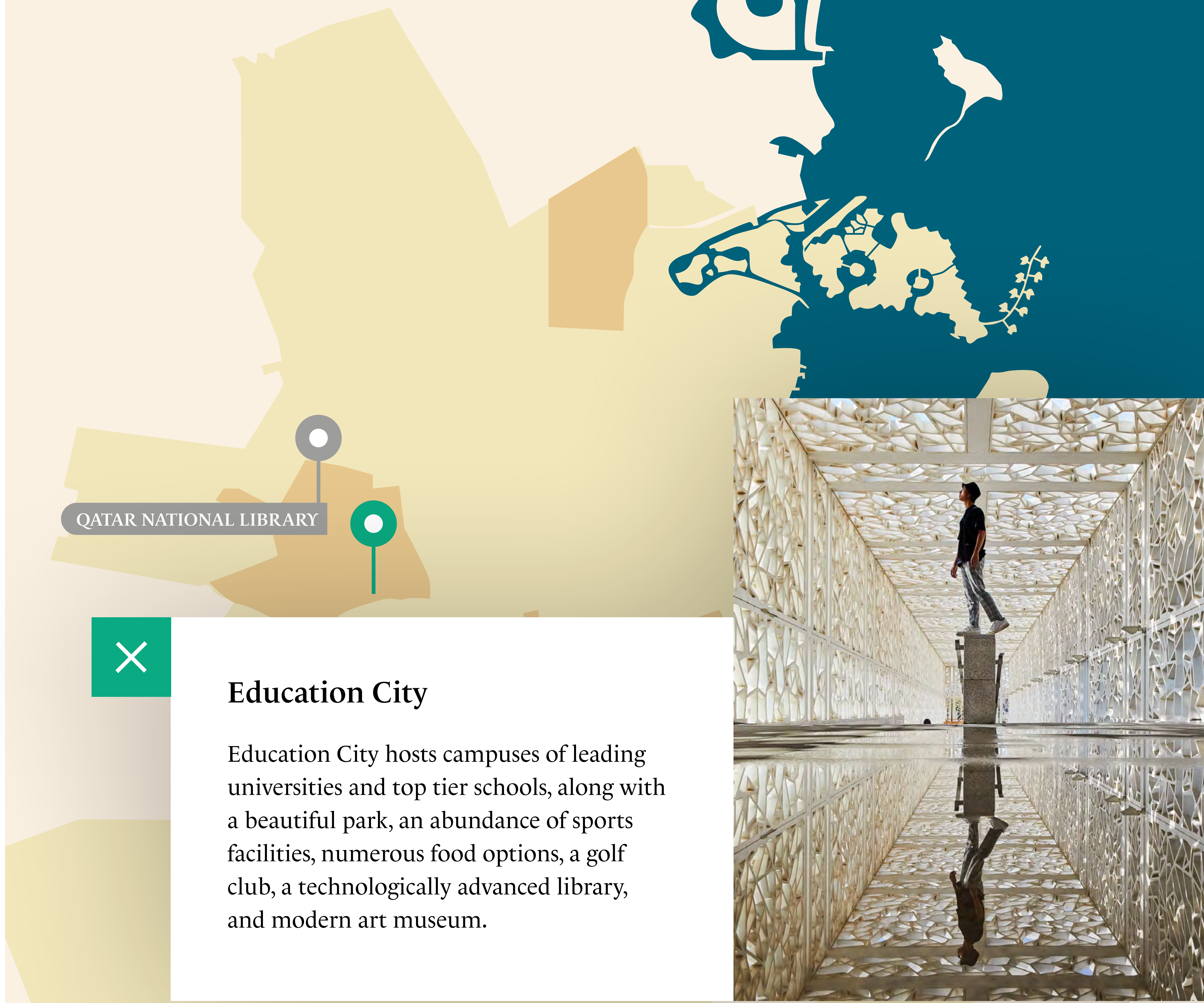
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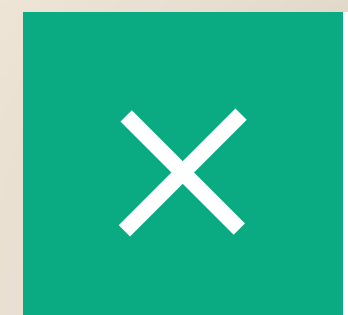
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QATAR NATIONAL LIBRARY



### Education City

Education City hosts campuses of leading universities and top tier schools, along with a beautiful park, an abundance of sports facilities, numerous food options, a golf club, a technologically advanced library, and modern art museum.



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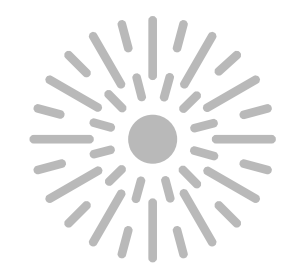
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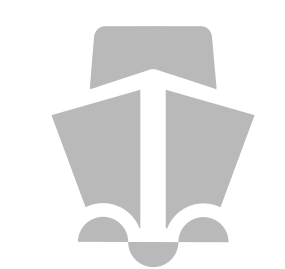
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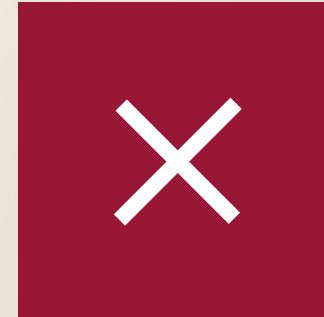
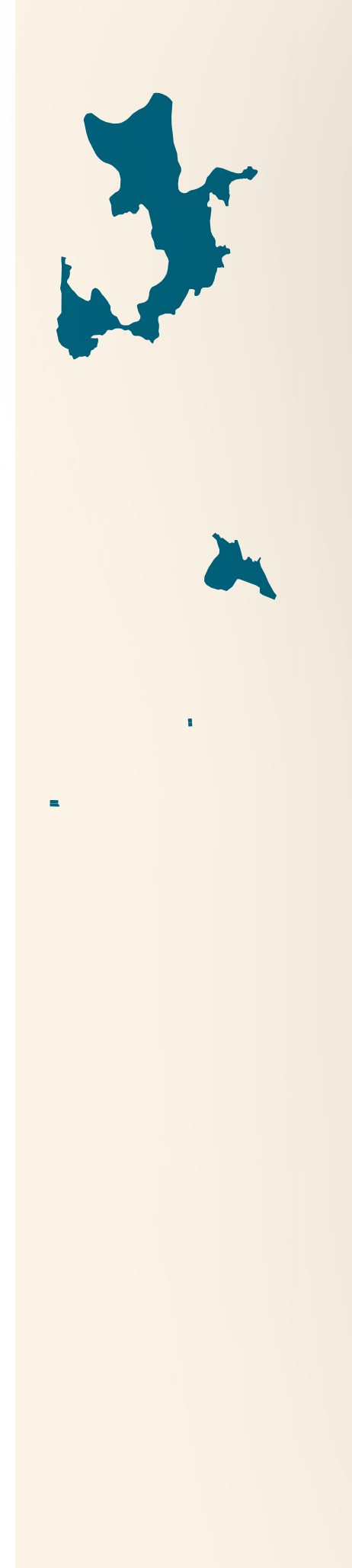
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### Al Zubarah Fort

This 20th century fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering a unique glimpse into Qatar's history. A pristine example of a typical Arab fort, its one-meter-thick walls warded off invaders and helped keep rooms cool during the hot summer. This important site houses residential palaces, mosques, courtyard houses, fishermen's huts, streets, double defensive walls, a harbour, a canal, and cemeteries.



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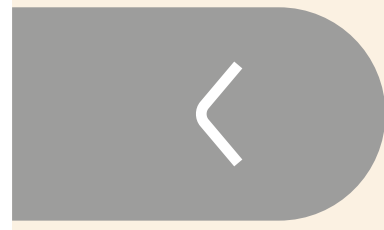


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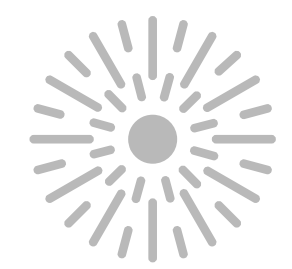
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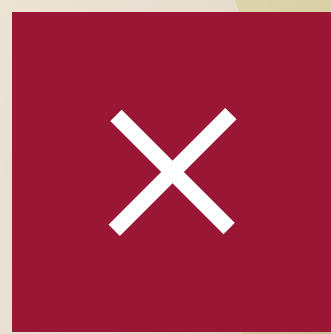
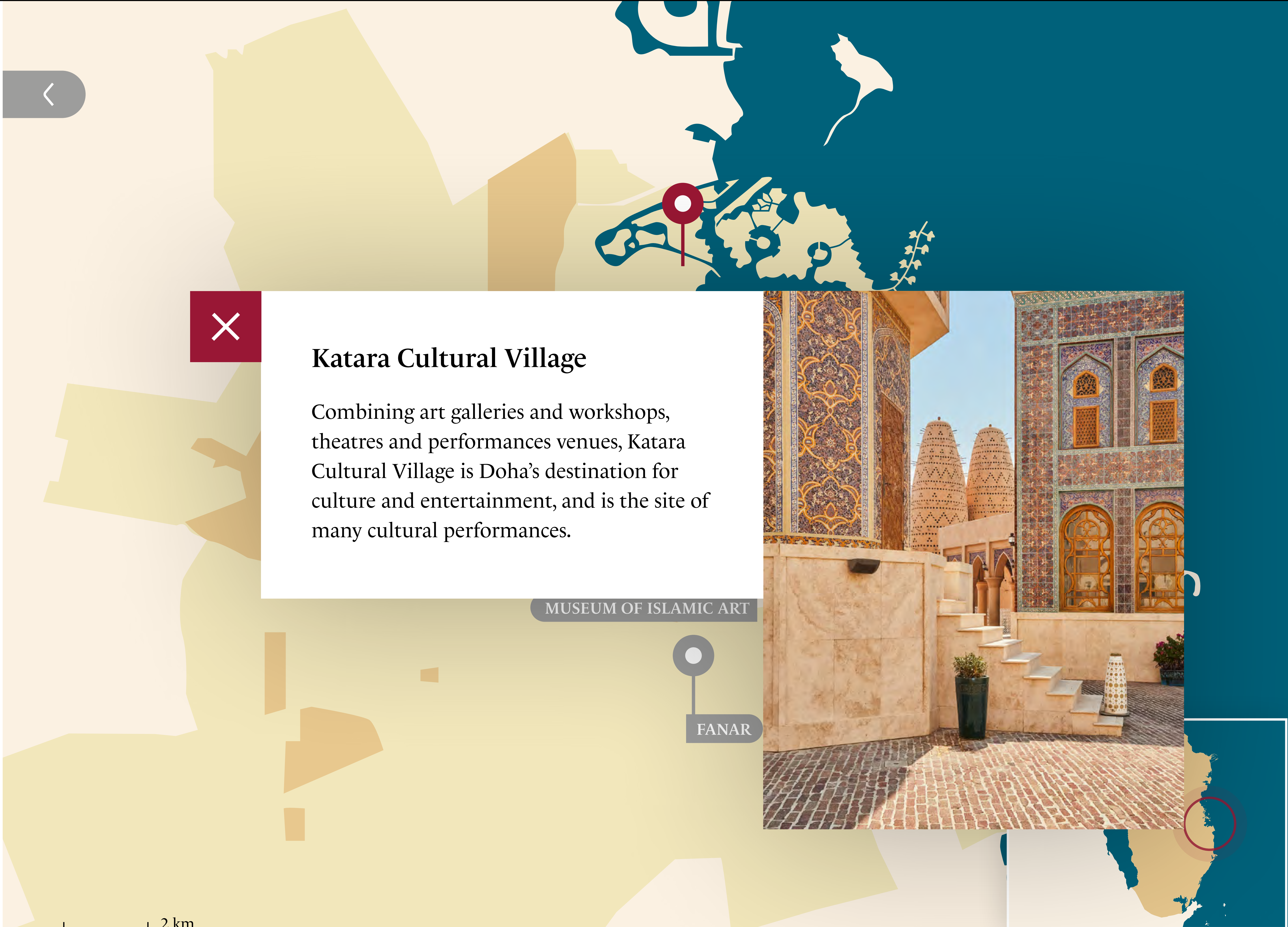
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### Katara Cultural Village

Combining art galleries and workshops, theatres and performances venues, Katara Cultural Village is Doha's destination for culture and entertainment, and is the site of many cultural performances.



MUSEUM OF ISLAMIC ART



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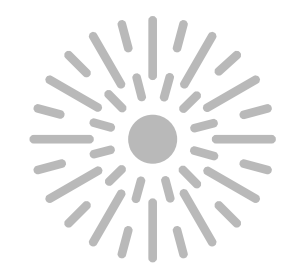
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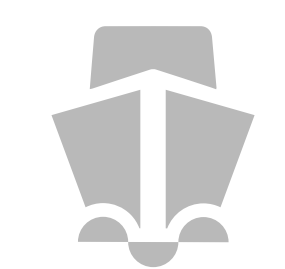
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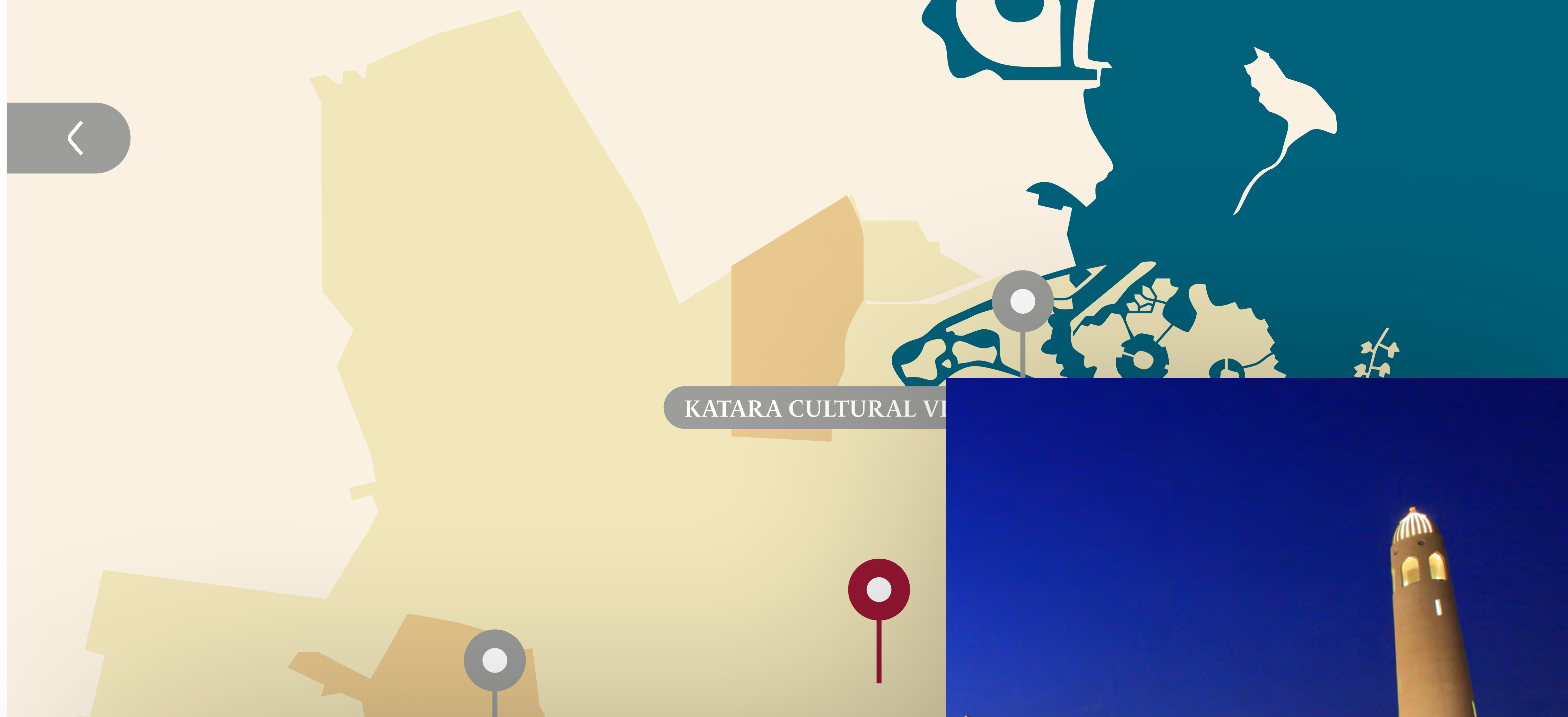
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### Imam Abdul Wahhab Mosque

The largest mosque in Qatar, Imam Abdul Wahhab, is also known as the Qatar State Grand Mosque. Its simple lines and graceful arches are eye-catching, characteristic of Islamic architectural tradition.



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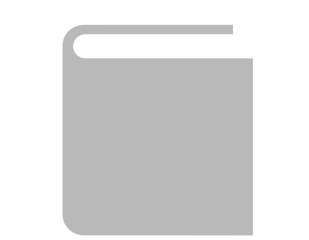
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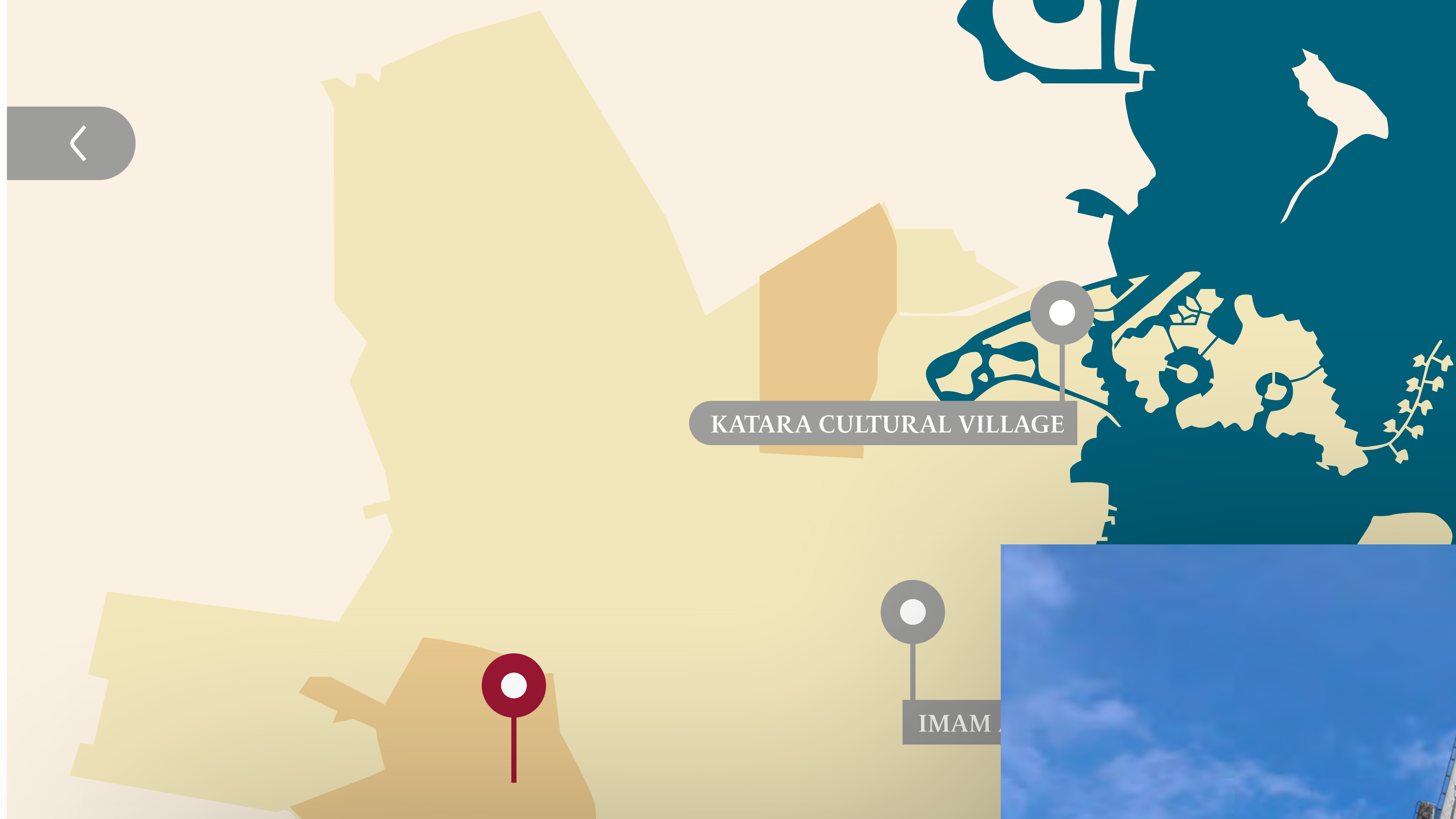
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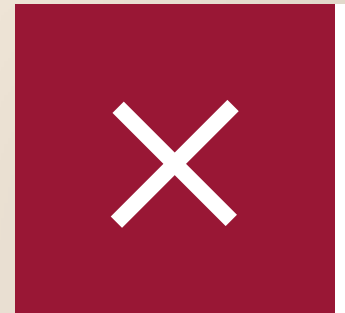


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KATARA CULTURAL VILLAGE

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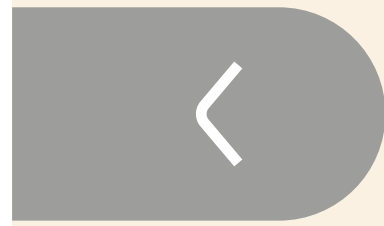


### Education City Mosque

The Education City Mosque is housed within the Minaretein building. It rests on five large columns, representing the five pillars of Islam. The spiral building plan and multiple routes connecting school to mosque suggest that all knowledge ultimately derives from faith.



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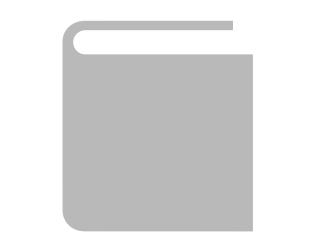
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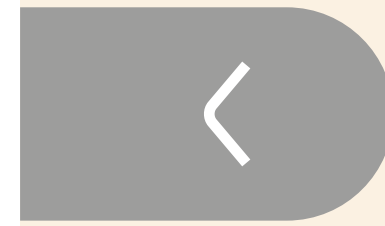
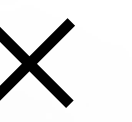


### Fanar

One of the most widely known landmarks in Doha, the spiral-shaped Fanar building is centrally located. It can also be seen from a distance, especially in the evenings, when its lighting accentuates this beautifully unique piece of architecture.

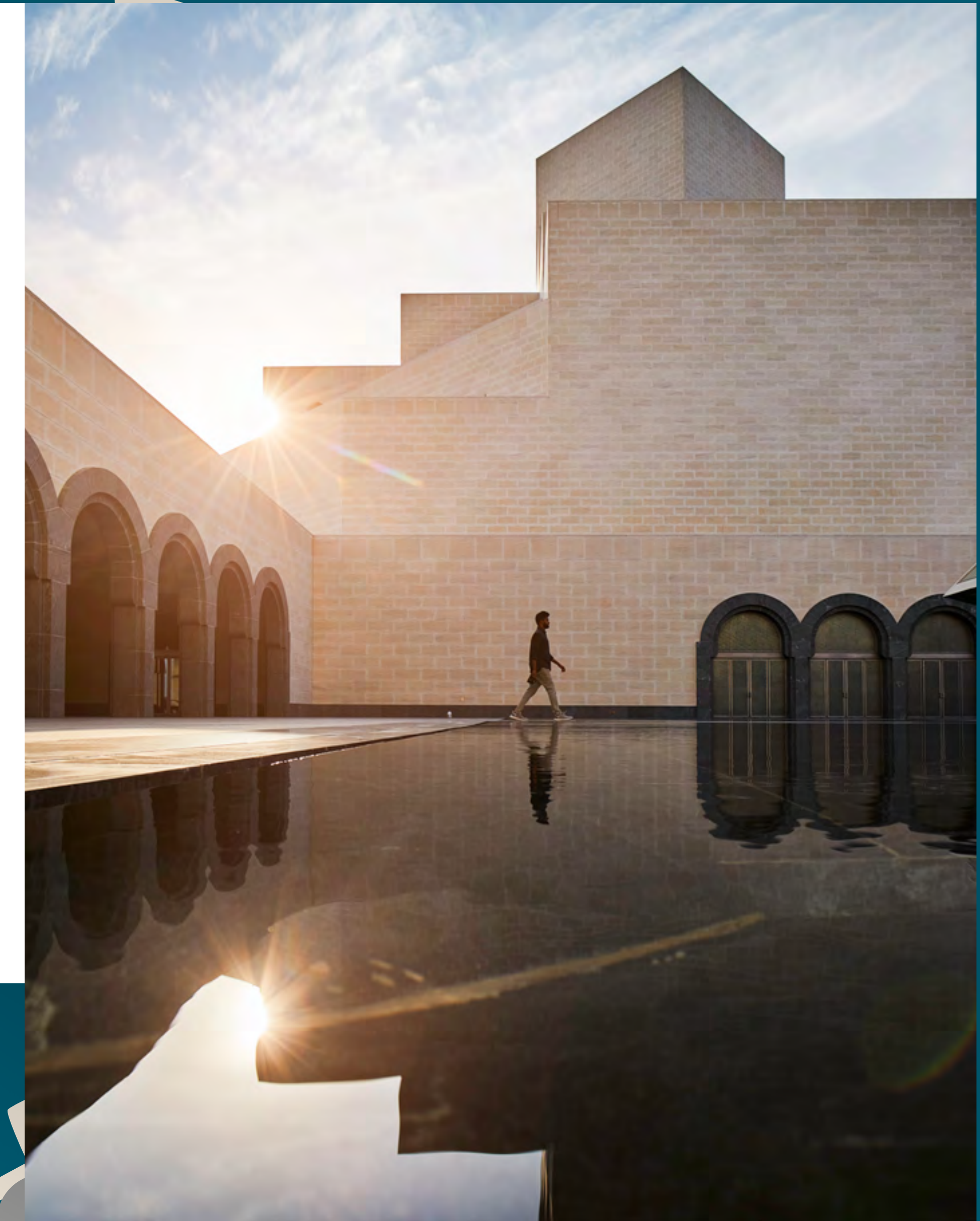


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### Museum of Islamic Art

Traditional Islamic architecture meets the 21st century in this iconic building on the Doha waterfront. The museum contains four floors of permanent and temporary exhibitions, a gift shop, a café, and a haute cuisine restaurant run by renowned chef Alain Ducasse on the fifth floor. It is also home to a heritage library with a collection of 21,000 books.



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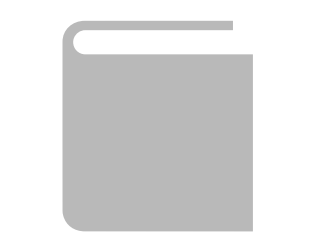
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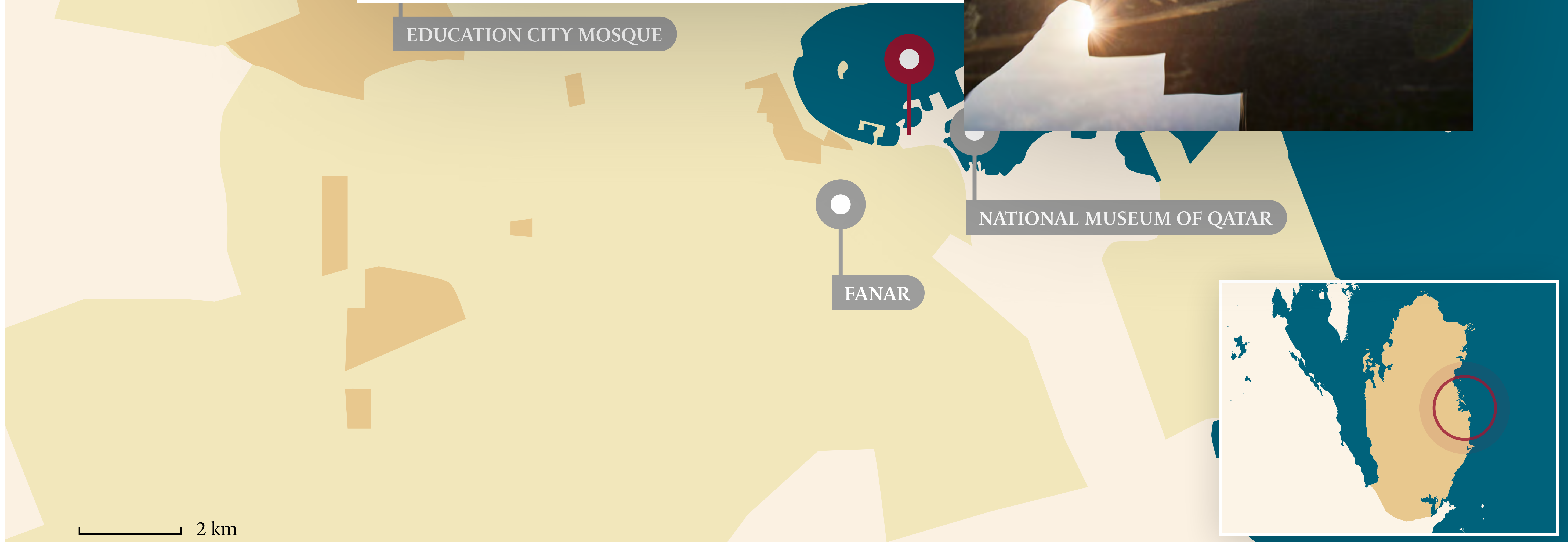
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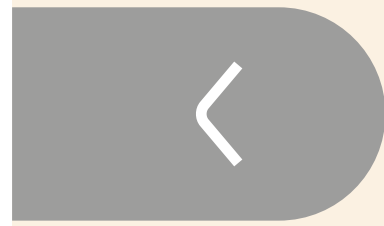


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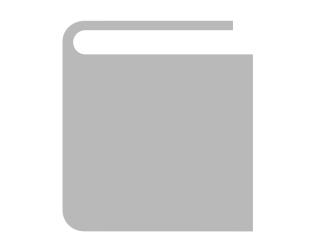
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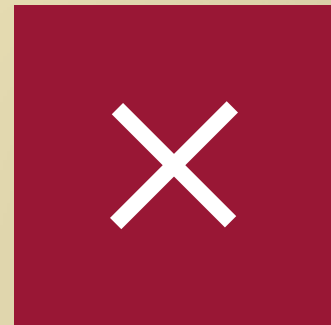
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### National Museum of Qatar

Venture on a visual journey through Qatar, and hear the story of the country, from pre-historic to the modern era. This museum houses 11 galleries, each offering a multi-sensory experience, through sound, visuals, and aromas. Designed by prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel, the National Museum draws inspiration from the natural crystal formations of the “desert rose”.

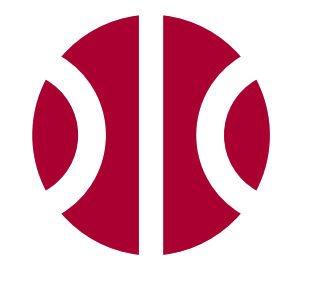


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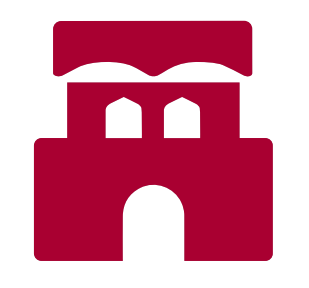
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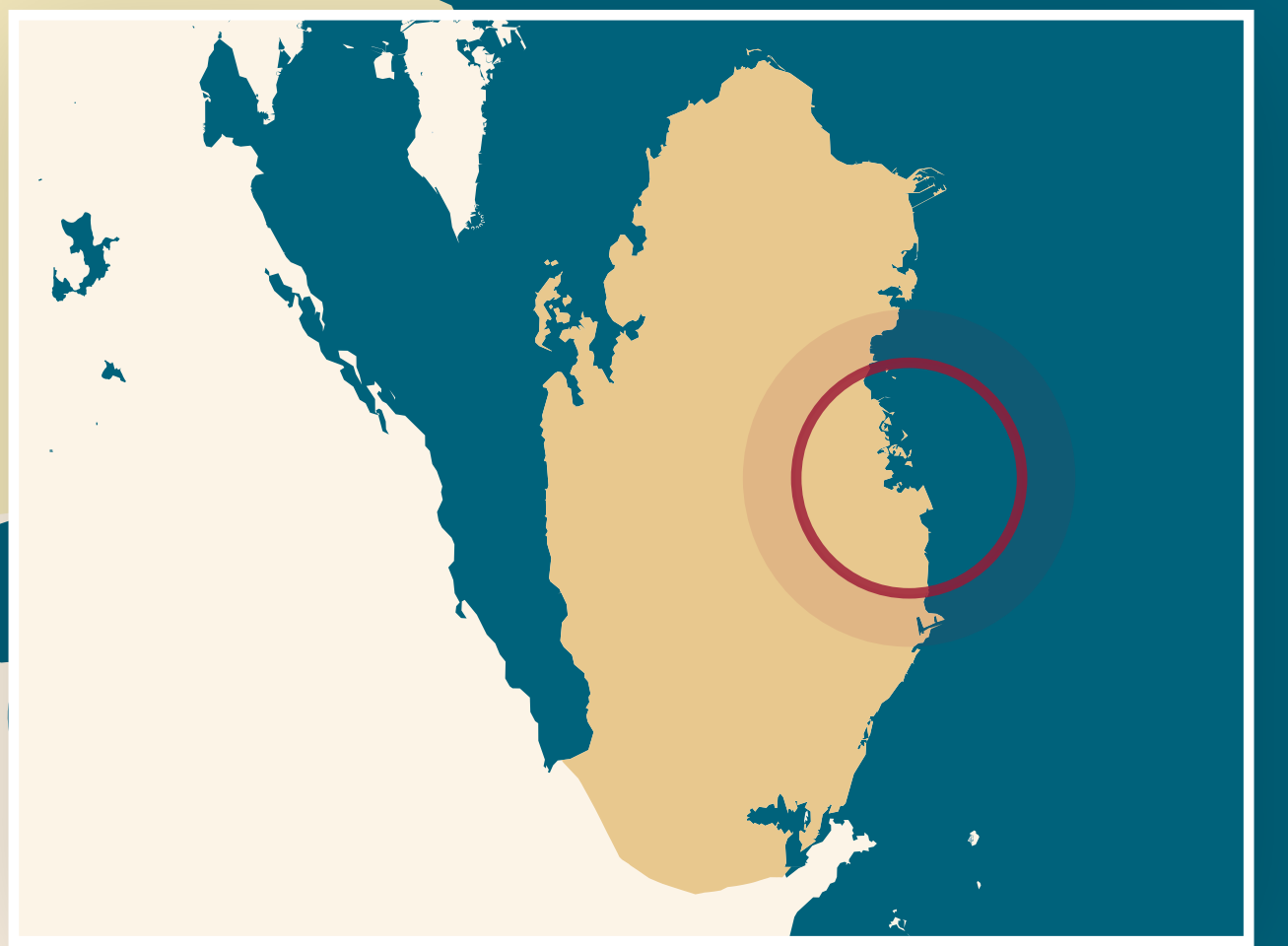
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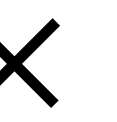


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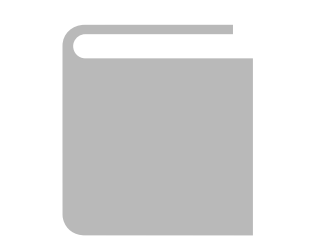
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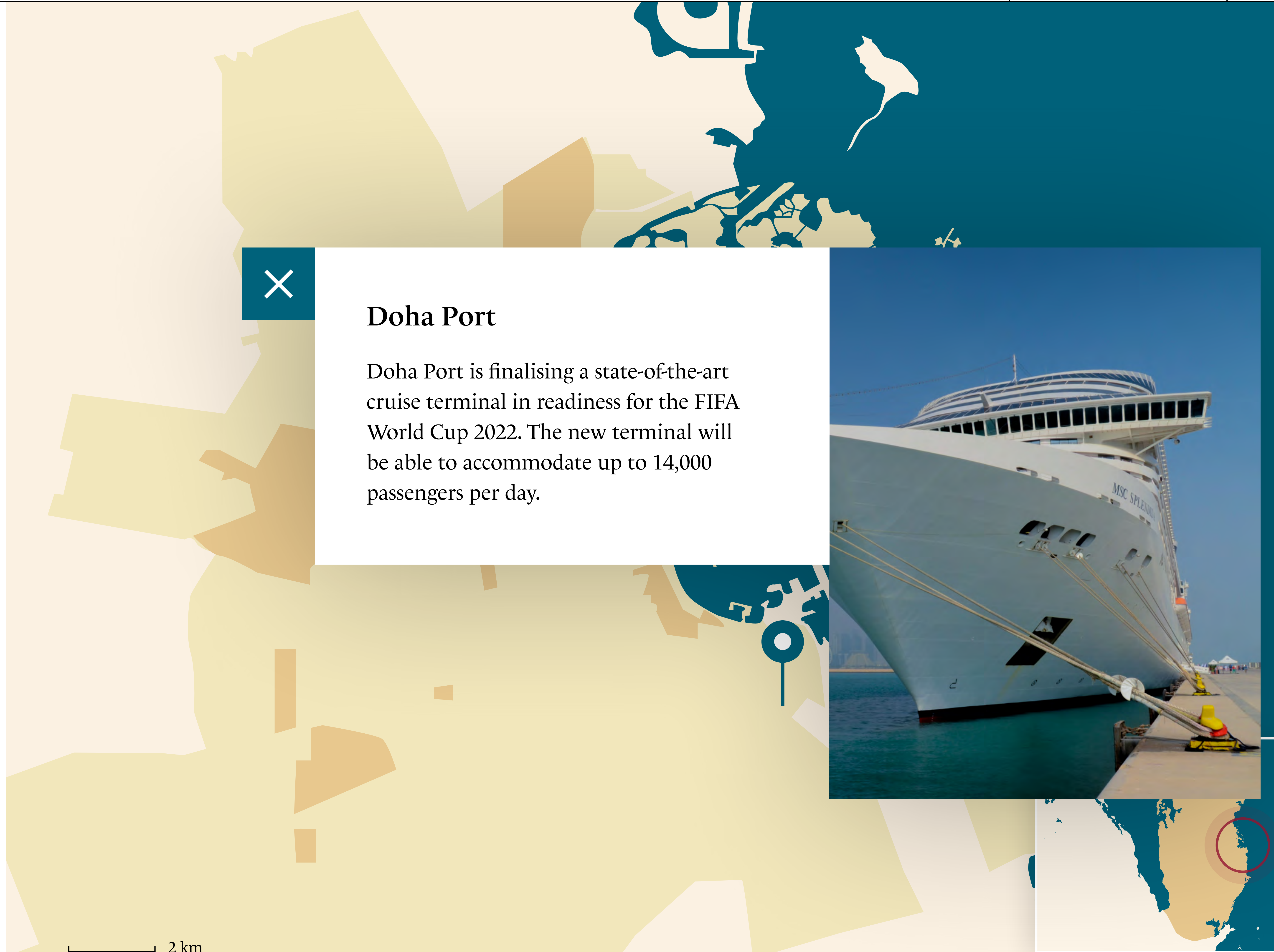
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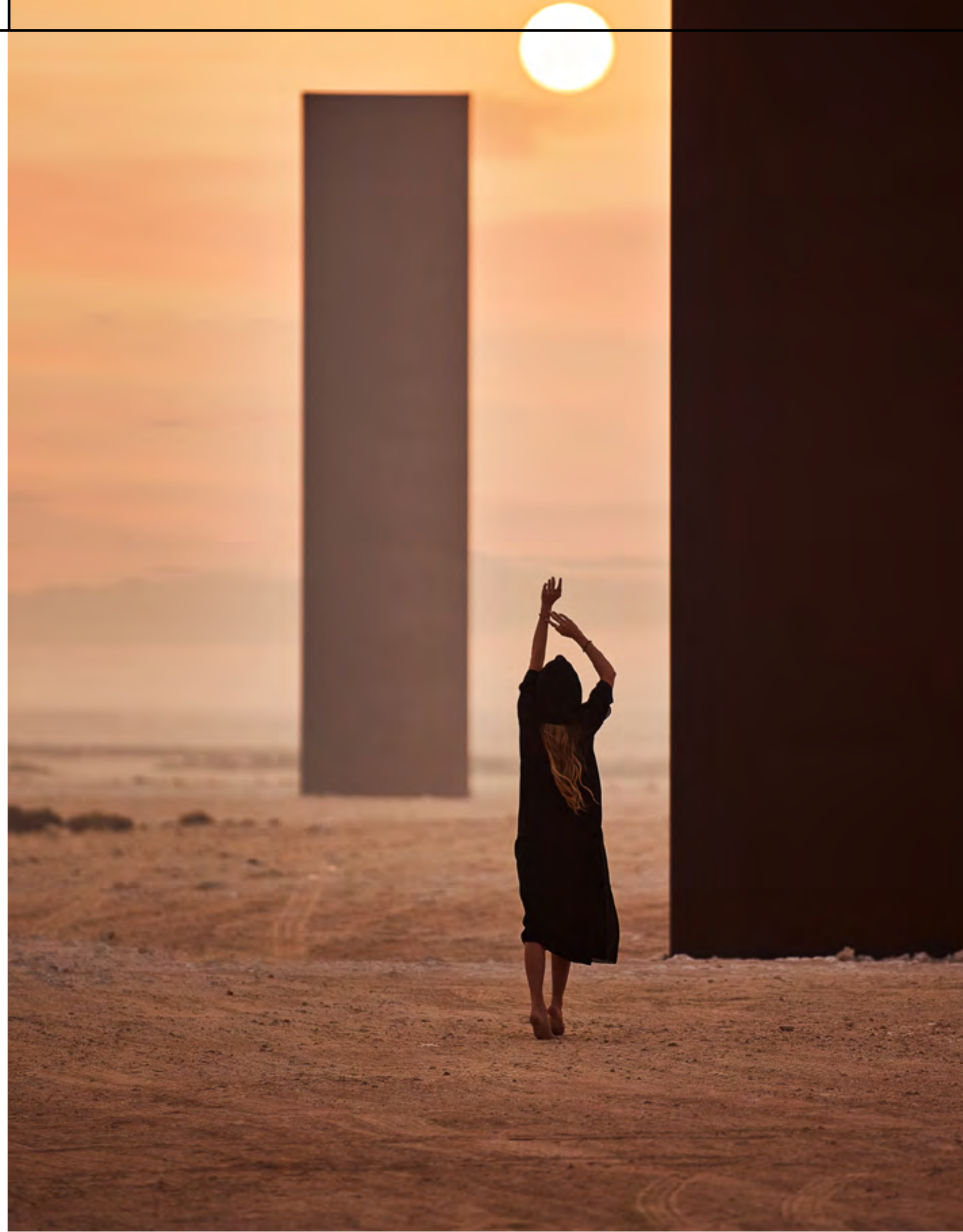
### Doha Port

Doha Port is finalising a state-of-the-art cruise terminal in readiness for the FIFA World Cup 2022. The new terminal will be able to accommodate up to 14,000 passengers per day.



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# Find inspiration everywhere

## The adventurer's trail

With its arid beauty, sunny climes and untrammelled deserts, Qatar has long called to adventurers. Hit the water, bash the dunes, surf the skies, fish the seas and ride sleek Arabian horses.



## A brush with art

Want to spend the day experiencing the best public art across Doha? After getting a taste of the scene through the many pieces at Hamad International Airport, indulge by venturing across the city, viewing the public art pieces scattered across it.



## Our cultural crossover

Begin your cultural tour of Qatar by planning well – because there is plenty to experience. From traditional souqs, to museums, art galleries and installations, UNESCO heritage sites and forts, culture and history are everywhere in Qatar.



# Qatar is a world within itself.

A safe and secure introduction to the Middle East. Rich culture, diverse landscapes, bustling atmosphere, a cosmopolitan population. Small, but packed full of wonder.



## Let the adventure begin.



Dive a little deeper



Discover

# Fun & Adventure

Beyond the ordinary

Commune with breath-taking nature and experience the awe-inspiring majesty of the desert.

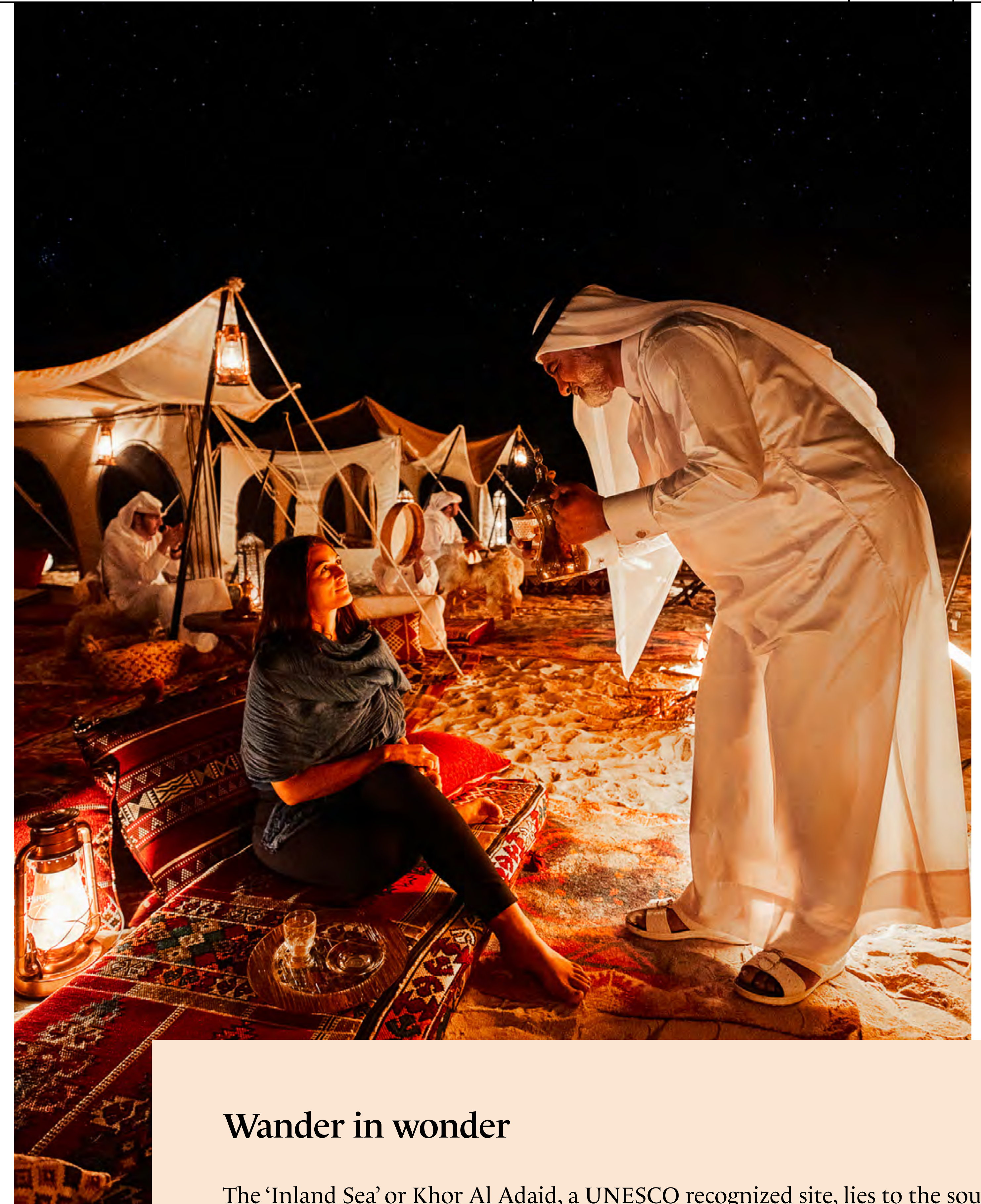
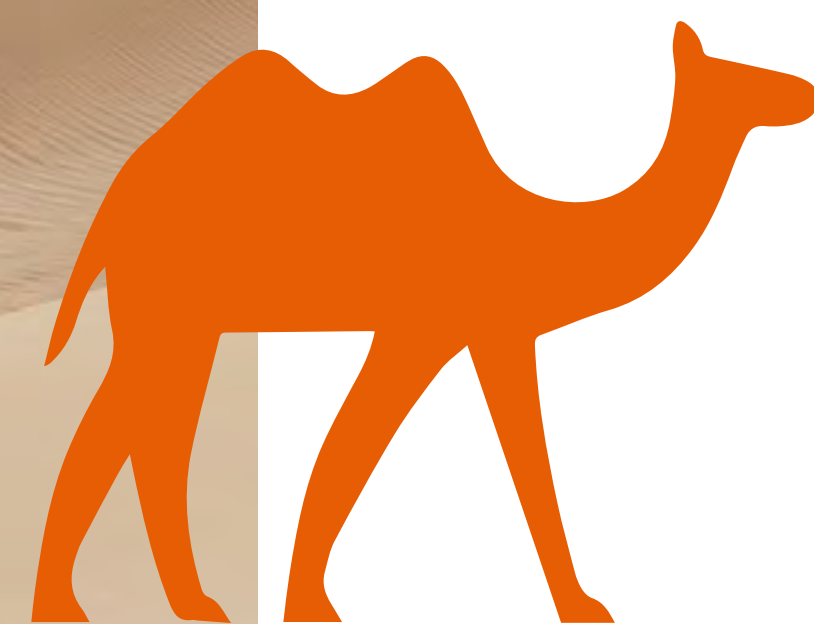


# Across the desert



The undulating sand dunes of Qatar's desert have a stark beauty, and are a popular destination for a recreational safari. In days gone by, Bedouin tribes would move across the desert, setting up camp while grazing their animals and engaging in trade.

Today, this tradition is embedded in Qatari culture, with the annual winter camping season or Al Enna, where locals venture to the desert in elaborate camps, returning to the land.



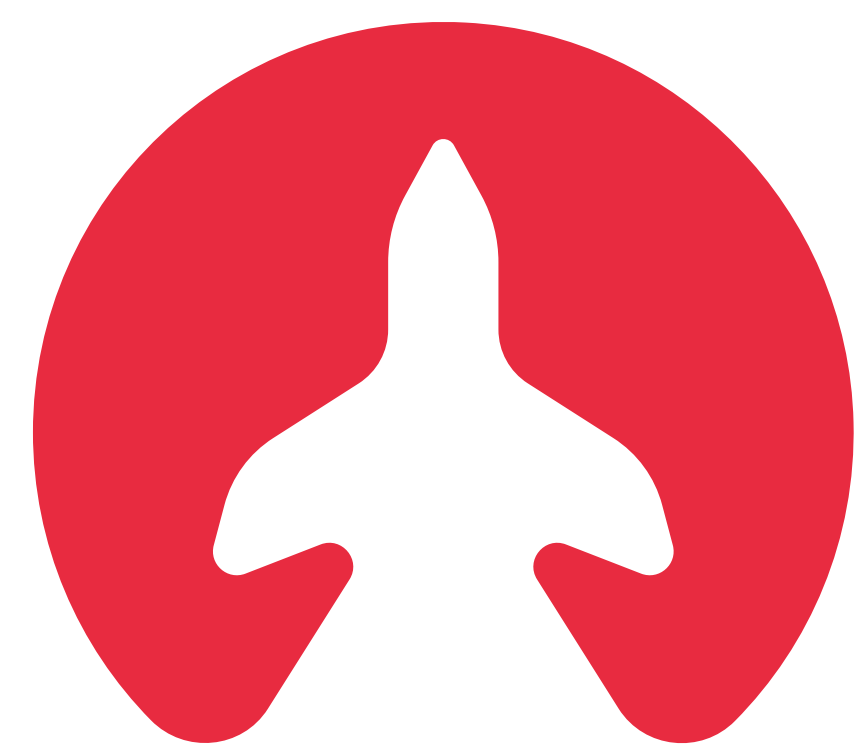
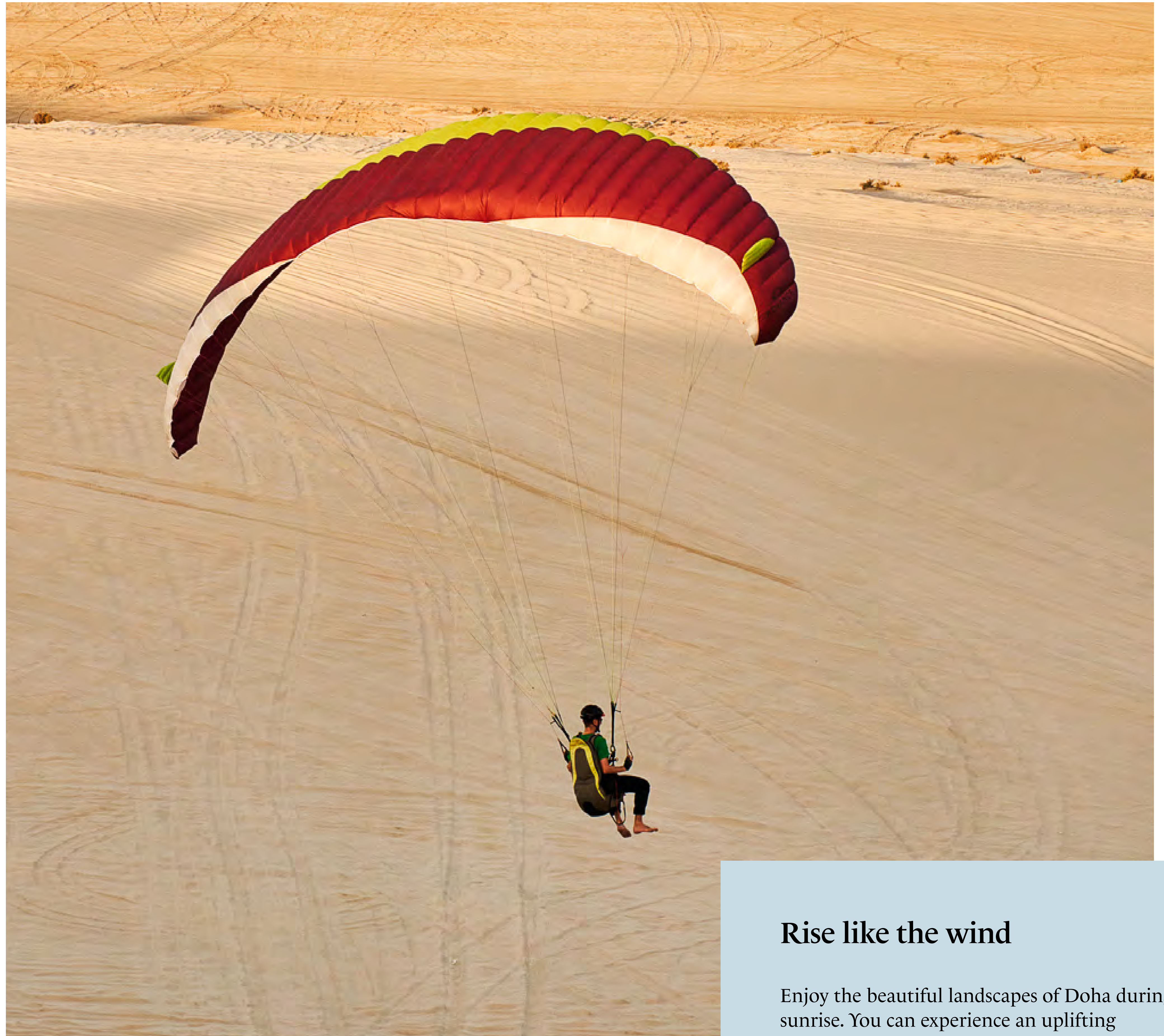
## Wander in wonder

The 'Inland Sea' or Khor Al Adaid, a UNESCO recognized site, lies to the south of the city, and is one of the few places in the world where the sea encroaches into the desert. For a truly authentic experience, nothing beats a camel ride over the soft sands, before embarking on an exhilarating safari to Khor Al Adaid, accessible only by 4x4 vehicles.

Sandboard along the dunes, hit them on a quad bike, ATV or dune buggy. Prefer a bird's eye view? Paragliding, kitesurfing and more are readily available.

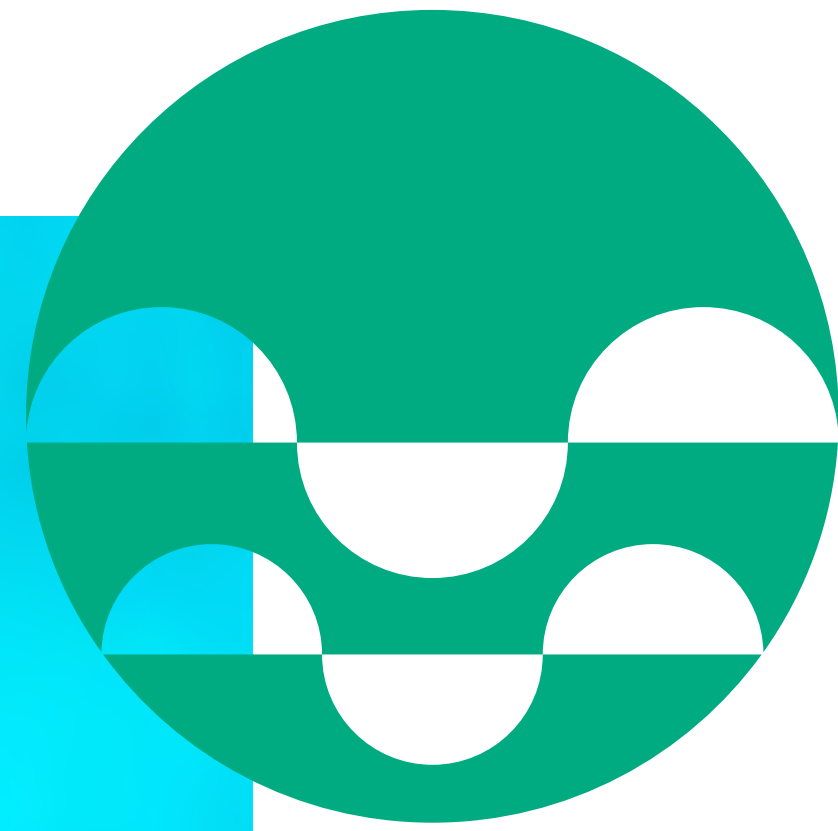
# In the air

See Qatar from above with paragliding, or for a different perspective contact one of several specialised operators for light aircraft, gliders, ultralights, gyroplanes, and microlights.



## Rise like the wind

Enjoy the beautiful landscapes of Doha during sunrise. You can experience an uplifting skyline adventure while enjoying a 360-degree panoramic and picturesque view of the city!



# Through the water

As a peninsula surrounded by the Arabian sea and blessed with year-round sunny weather, Qatar is an ideal location for water sports. In the winter season, when the

average temperature is 26 degrees, the country's crystal-clear beaches, waterparks and marinas invite everyone to try out new activities and experiences.

## FUN & ADVENTURE

From above ground to under water, there is plenty of exploring to be done. Dive sites are easily accessible, and include wreck, deep water, and reef dives.

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## KITESURFING IN QATAR

Kitesurfing is a thrilling activity that combines surfing, wakeboarding, and windsurfing, affording thrills and views over the desert landscape. These activities are available through various operators in Doha and outside.

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## ALL YEAR BEACHES

Qatar is a fantastic destination for sun-worshippers year round. Unspoiled beaches dot the country's coastline, ideal for a quick escape. Luxury hotels and resorts with private beaches offer comfortable cabanas and childcare services, along with a wide variety of water sports.

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## KAYAKING THROUGH THE AL THAKIRA MANGROVES

Al Thakira mangroves, located just north of the seaside city of Al Khor, present a large expanse of natural greenery. A great way to explore the mangroves is by kayak, available from several tour operators and specialised companies. Morning and afternoon trips are available and can be booked in advance.

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## QATARI DHOW CRUISES (MAHMAL)

Qatar has a proud history of seafaring, and today it is possible to experience it aboard a traditional wooden dhow boat. Full-day, half-day and evening sightseeing excursions, including a meal, can be arranged through hotels or local tour operators.

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Experience

# Arts & Culture

Beyond your imagination

Throw yourself into a thriving arts and culture scene, showcasing history alongside contemporary Arab art.

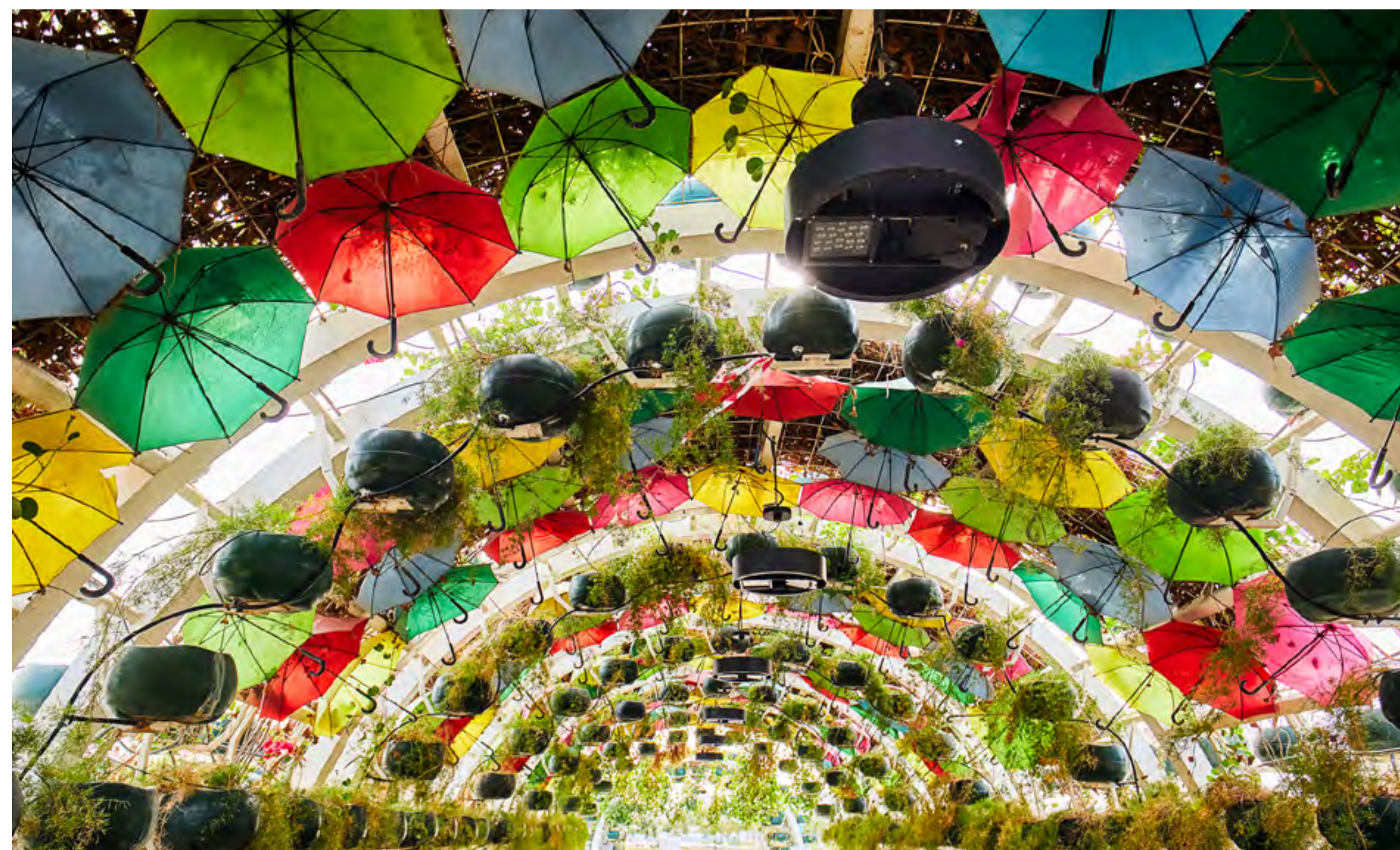


# For the eyes, mind, and soul



## Public art

As part of Qatar's commitment to cultural excellence, impressive and thought provoking art installations from leading international artists are installed in public spaces.



## Museums & galleries

Stroll through a millennia of Islamic art, Arab heritage, and modern reflections in the extensive museums and galleries Qatar hosts.

## Experience Qatar's art scene with Muna Al Bader

Discover Qatar alongside local curators and view the country through their eyes. Live like a local and visit the hidden gems, hearing insider tips and amusing stories on your journey.





# Ever-changing events

Explore our extensive calendar of festivals and offerings, representing the vibrant and evolving Qatari culture.

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# Food & Drink

Beyond borders

Taste our rich and diverse  
gastronomic heritage, drawing on  
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# A taste of the past. A flavour of the future.



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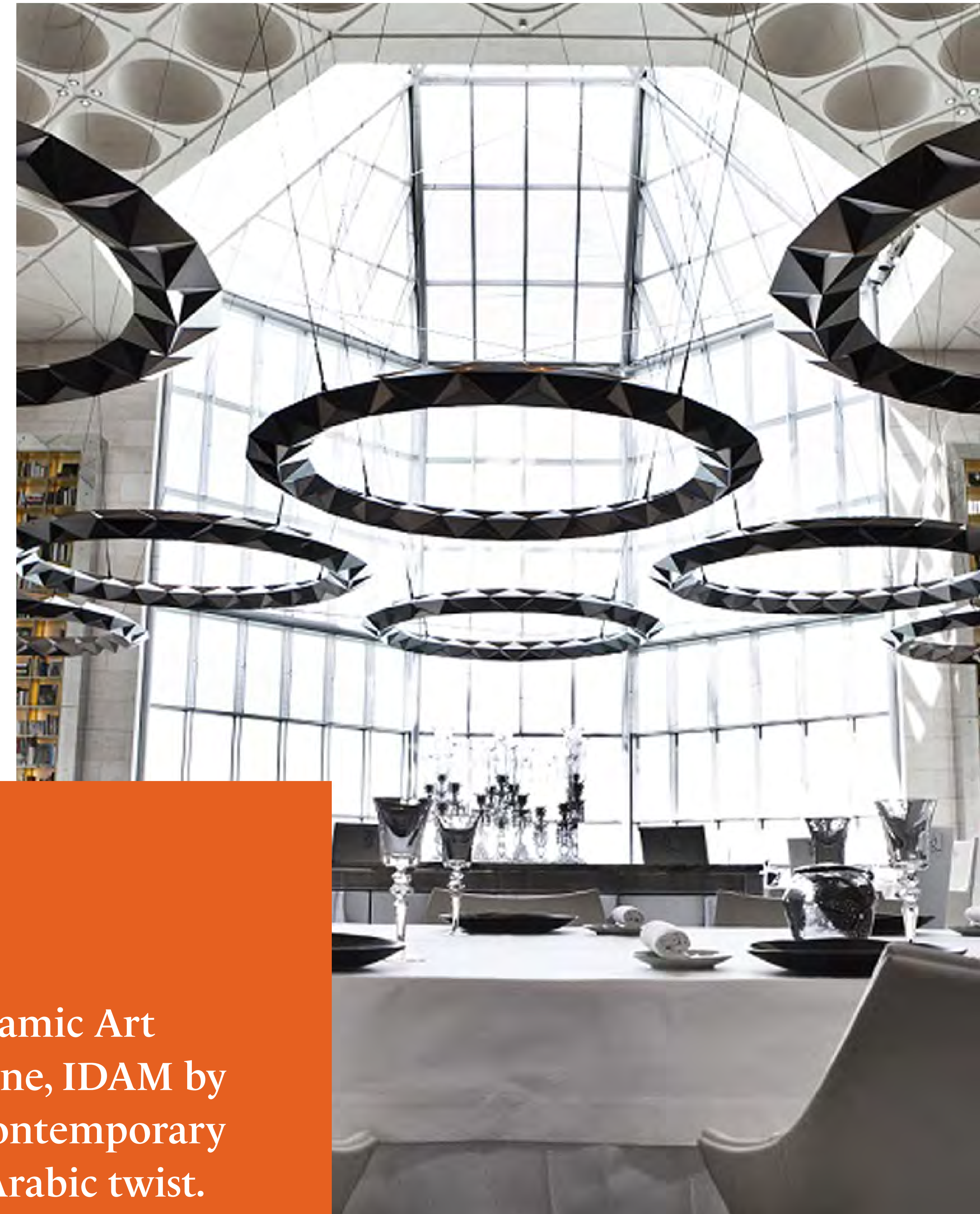
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Al Shurfa Arabic Lounge

Jiwan

IDAM

Situated in Qatar's iconic Museum of Islamic Art with spectacular views of the Doha skyline, IDAM by culinary maestro Alain Ducasse offers contemporary French Mediterranean cuisine with an Arabic twist.



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## SMAT

One of the most beautifully designed restaurants in Doha, SMAT at the Corniche serves authentic Qatari dishes cooked to perfection. Each item is characterised by its distinctive origins, novel ingredients, spices, textures, and tastes.





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## MORIMOTO DOHA

The Morimoto Doha is the first restaurant in the Middle East by renowned Chef Masaharu Morimoto, where patrons can enjoy signature omakase and the finest sushi along with Japanese Wagyu beef.



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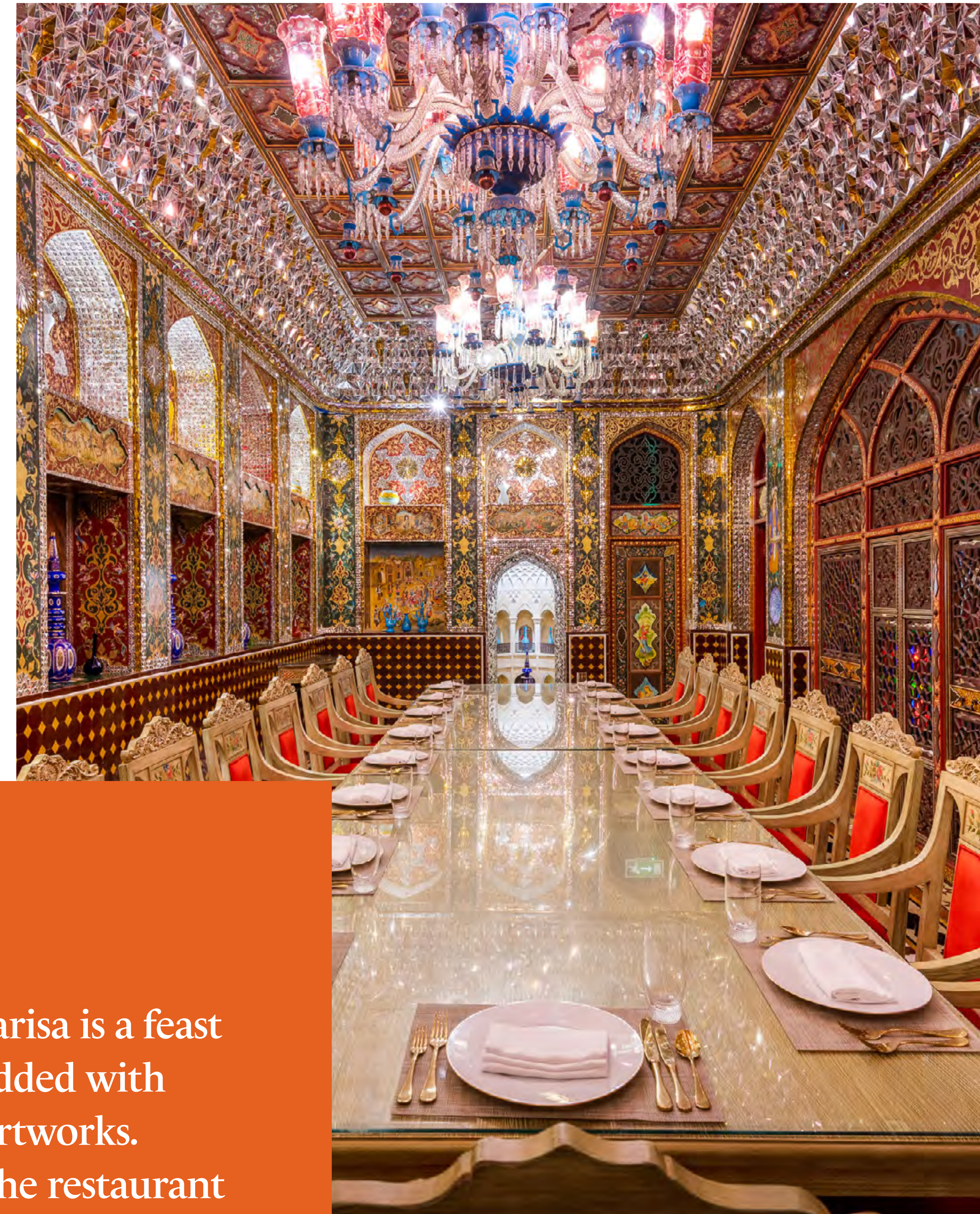
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## PARISA

Located in the alleyways of Souq Waqif, Parisa is a feast for the senses with elaborate interiors studded with intricate mirror work and hand-painted artworks. Serving up a range of Persian specialties, the restaurant is a must for visitors. Reservations are recommended.



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## CUT

This American steak restaurant by acclaimed chef and restaurateur Wolfgang Puck serves up the finest cuts of meat and hearty dishes from the Deep South.



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## AL SHURFA ARABIC LOUNGE

For those who love a view while dining, Al Shurfa looks out over the heart of old Doha and the famed Souq Waqif. Enjoy Lebanese/Mediterranean cuisine and shisha in the cultural heart of the city.



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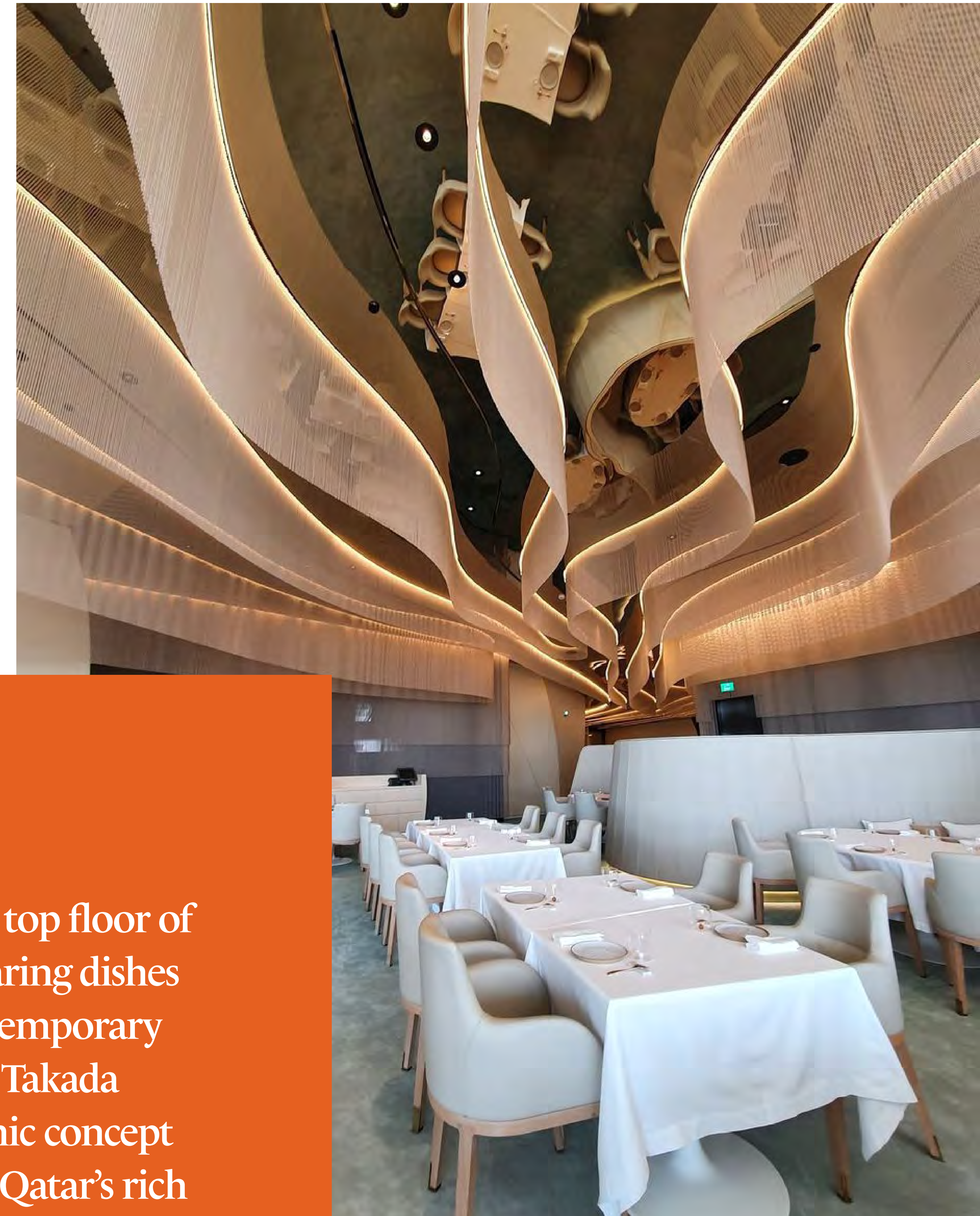
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## JIWAN

Go back to Qatar's roots with Jiwan. On the top floor of the National Museum of Qatar, seasonal sharing dishes pay respect to local ingredients. With a contemporary Qatari menu and interior designs by Koichi Takada Architects, Jiwan is an immersive gastronomic concept taking guests on a sensory journey through Qatar's rich heritage and unique landscape.



# A recipe for Machboos

by Noor Al Mazroei

## RECIPE

1. Prepare your ingredients: Chop the onion, combine ginger, garlic and hot peppers in one bowl
2. Wash rice before soaking in water for an hour
3. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high flame and add correct spice, Qatari Bazaar, garlic, ginger, tomatoes, green pepper, lemon, salt and leave until the mixture blends and withers completely
4. Cut chicken in half and add into the pot until the mixture has turned the chicken red on both sides
5. Add 3 cups of boiling water and reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 40 minutes
6. Remove the chicken from the water, put it in an oven tray and cook on 190 °C / 170 Fan / 375°F for 10 minutes
7. Remove half of the water from the pot before adding rice and leave it on a low boil for 10 minutes until rice is cooked and has absorbed the liquid. Stir every 5 minutes
8. Transfer the chicken and rice to a serving dish

## Qatari Bazaar

1. Roast cumin and coriander until brown
2. Grind and mix well with the remaining ingredients until all spices are blended
3. Remove from grinder into a container

## INGREDIENTS

1 Chicken  
 2 cups Basmati Rice  
 1/2 cup White onion, cubed  
 1/2 cup Tomatoes, roughly chopped  
 1/4 cup Chopped parsley  
 1 tablespoon Grated garlic  
 1 tablespoon Grated ginger  
 2 Green hot peppers  
 4 tablespoons Qatari bazaar (spice mix)  
 1/4 cup Vegetable Oil

## Qatari Bazaar

1 cup Cumin seeds  
 1 cup Coriander seeds  
 1/2 cup Black lemon ground  
 1/2 cup Ginger powder  
 1/2 cup Cinnamon powder  
 1/2 cup Turmeric powder  
 1/2 cup Ground black pepper  
 1 tablespoon Ground saffron





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Beyond luxury

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# Souqs

Venture down the winding, labyrinthine alleys to discover a hub of activity where history and commerce merge.

Experience a traditional marketplace selling a diverse collection of merchandise, stumbling upon music, art, and shows as you walk in the footsteps of history.



## A priceless paradise

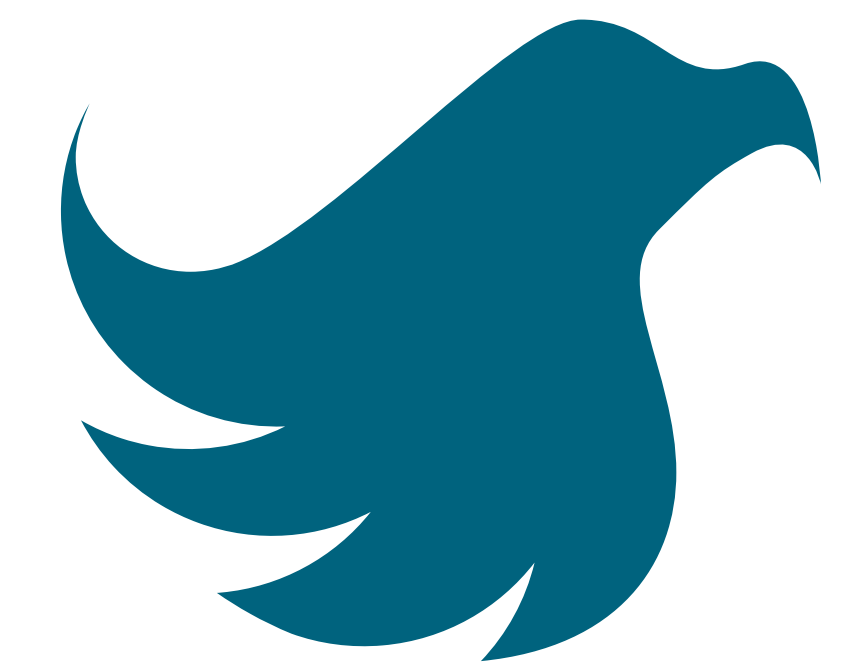
Souqs remain an important part of daily life in Qatar, and Souq Waqif is an ever popular spot for locals and visitors alike to visit the vibrant stalls and cultural heritage.



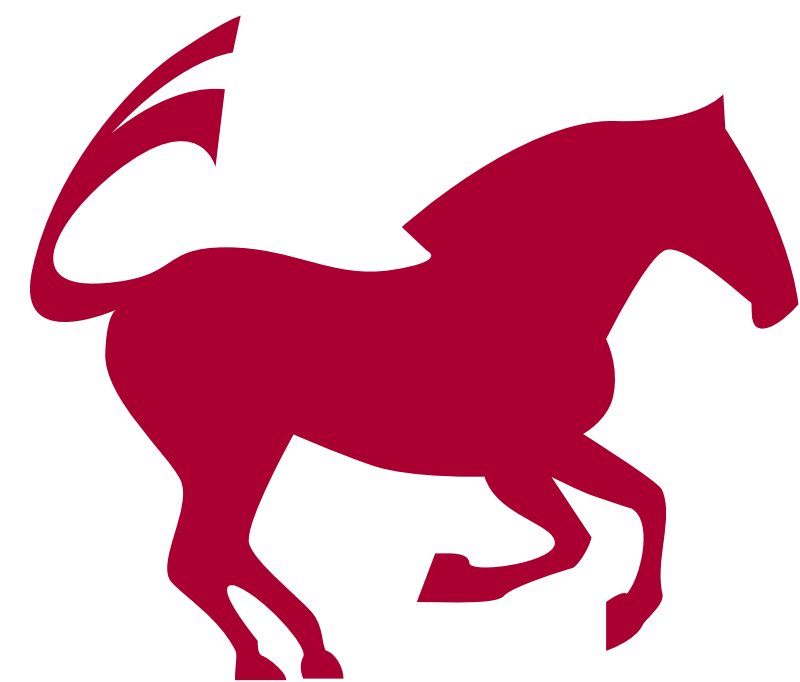


Make like Midas at the Gold Souq

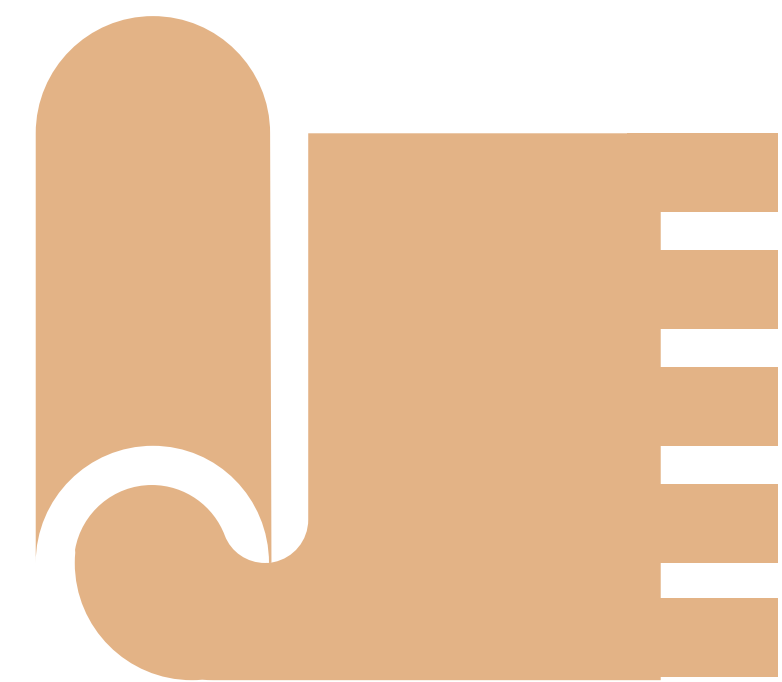
TWELVE THINGS TO DO IN  
**Souq Waqif**



Hold a falcon in your hand



Check out some camels and horses



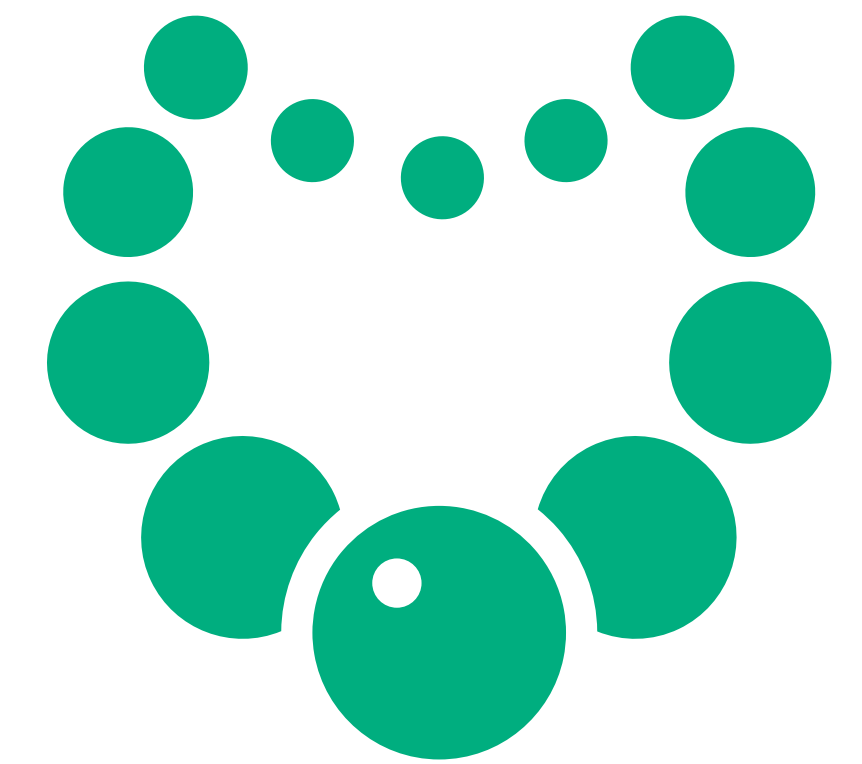
Indulge in some retail therapy



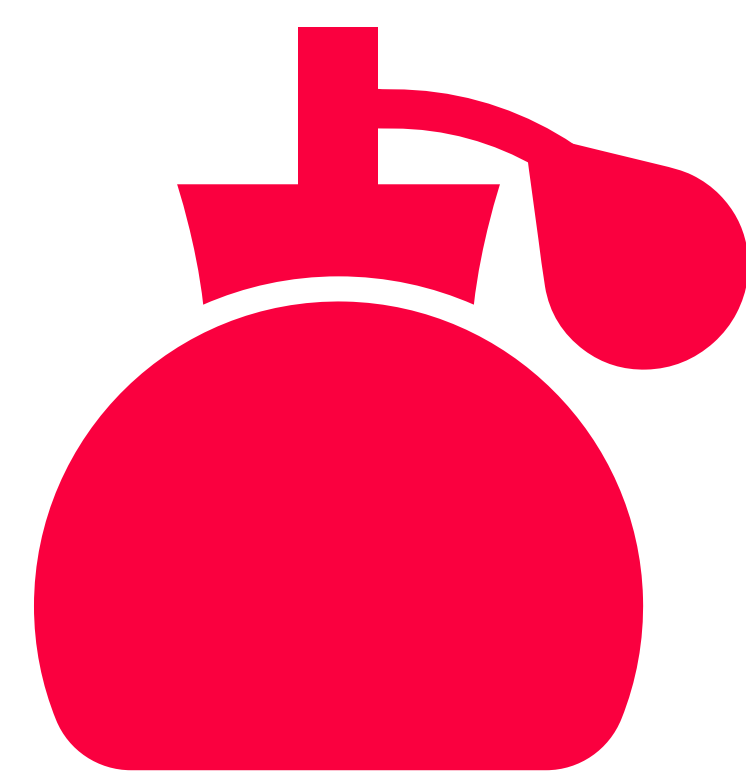
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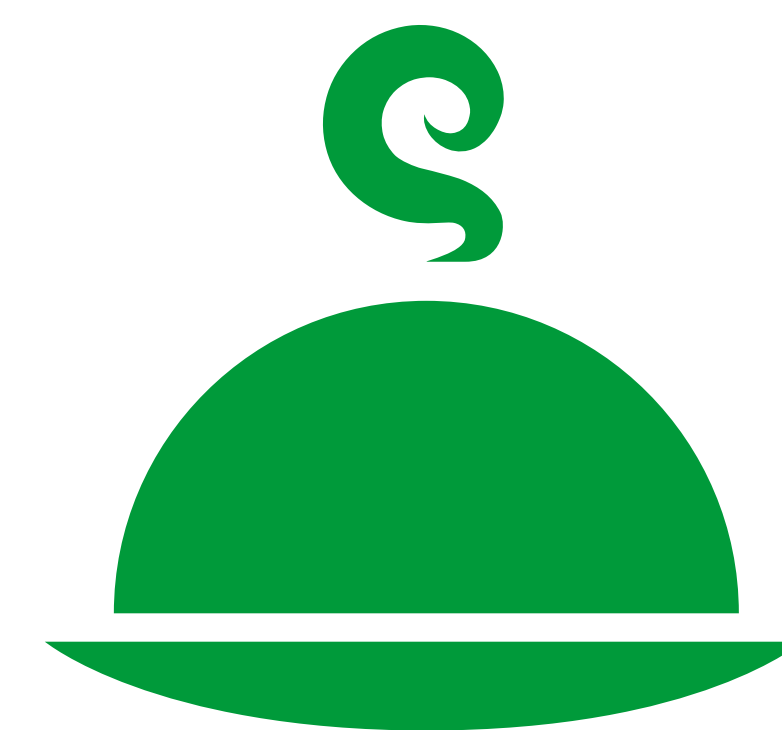
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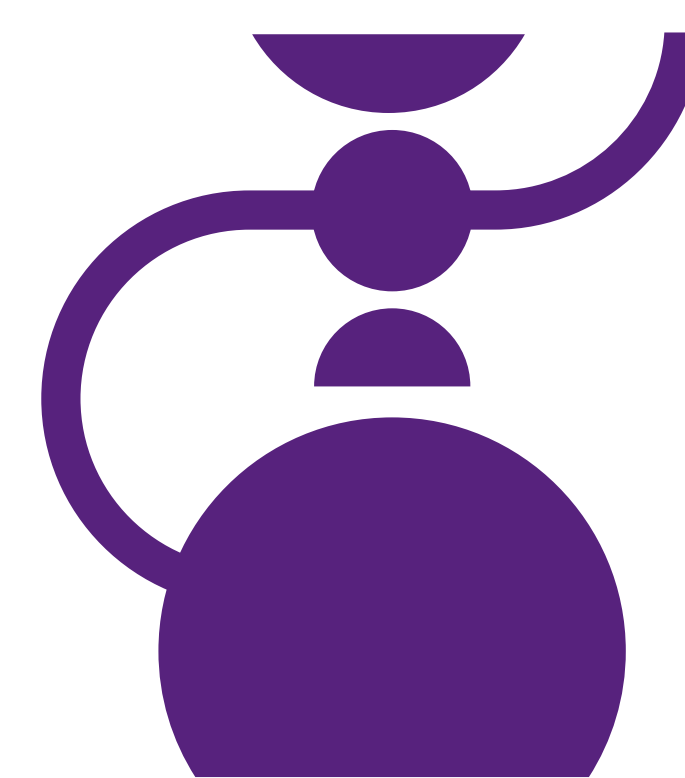
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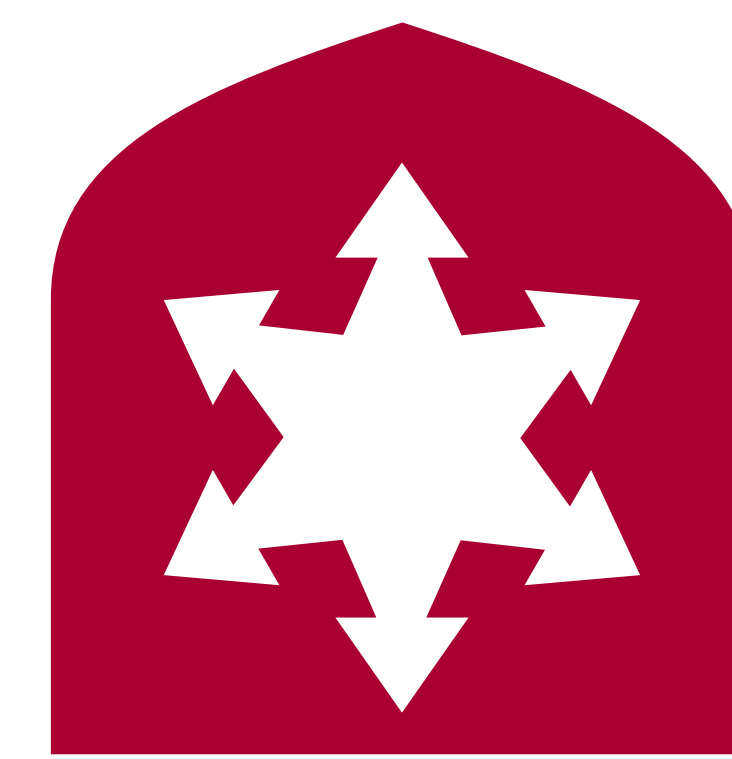
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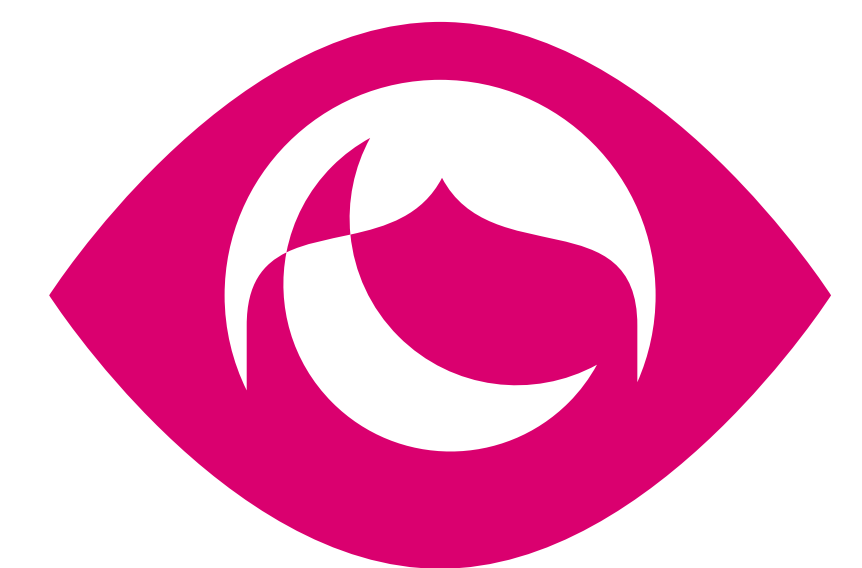
Dine Qatari style



Join the conversation



Feel like Persian royalty



Enjoy the street performances



Dip into

# Rest & Relaxation

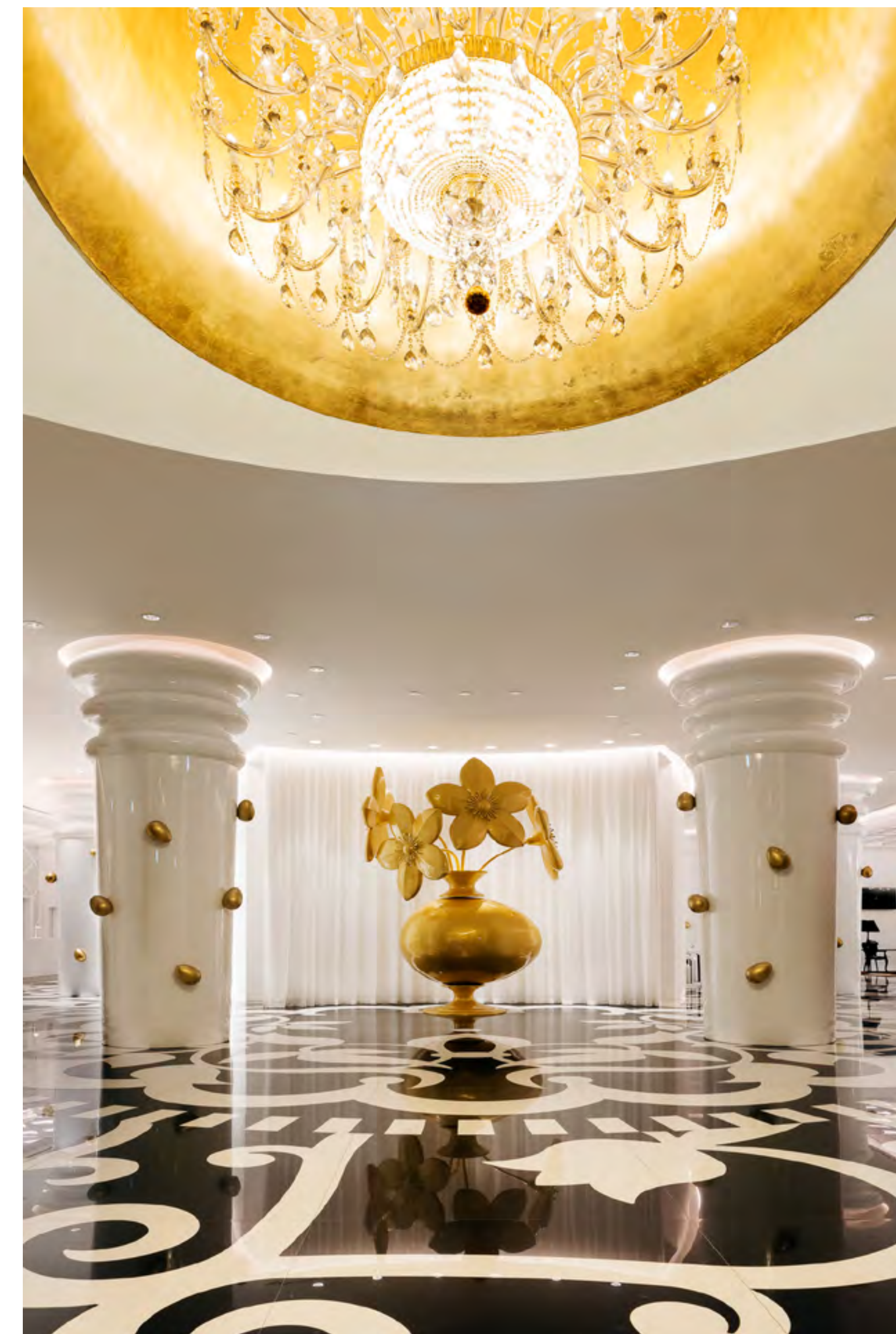
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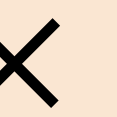
Book a session to pamper yourself or relax after a busy day out exploring, in venues that redefine indulgence.

# Find a place to stay

With luxurious rooms and suites, top-notch recreational facilities, and incredible culinary adventures, Qatar pushes the boundaries of hospitality.

Take in the expansive vistas and local culture while relaxing in one of our numerous resorts.

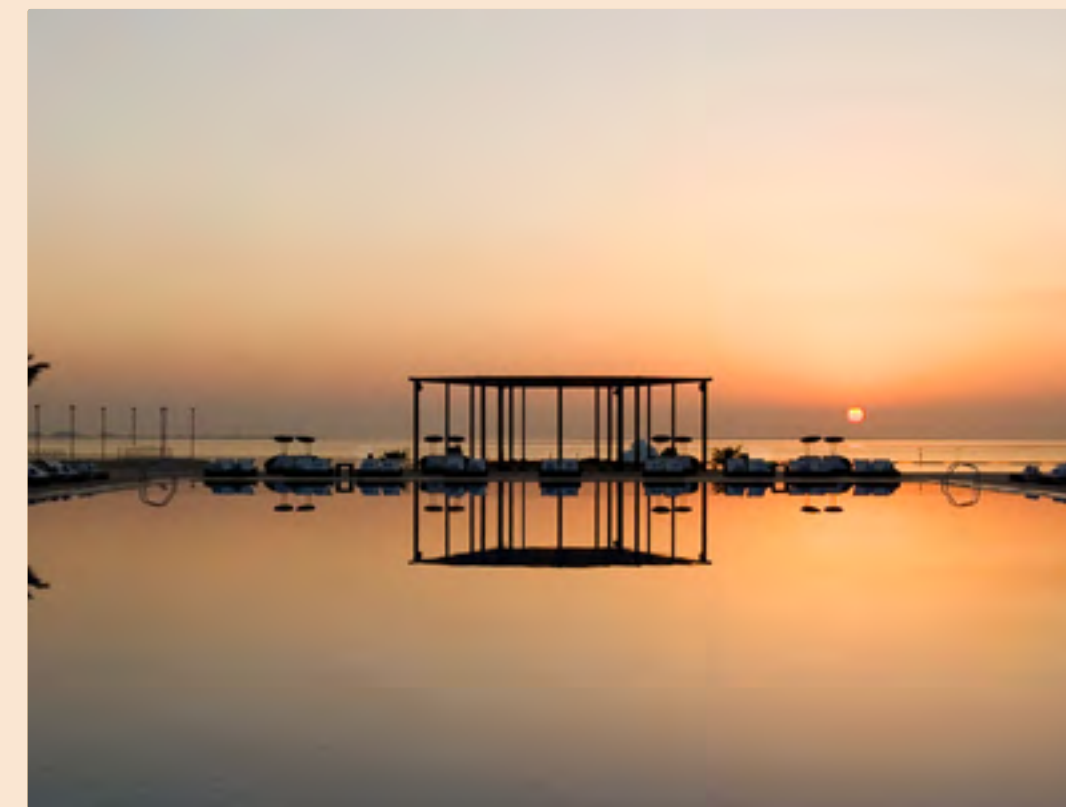




Banana Island Resort Doha  
by Anantara



Al Messila Resort & Spa



The St. Regis Doha, Marriott



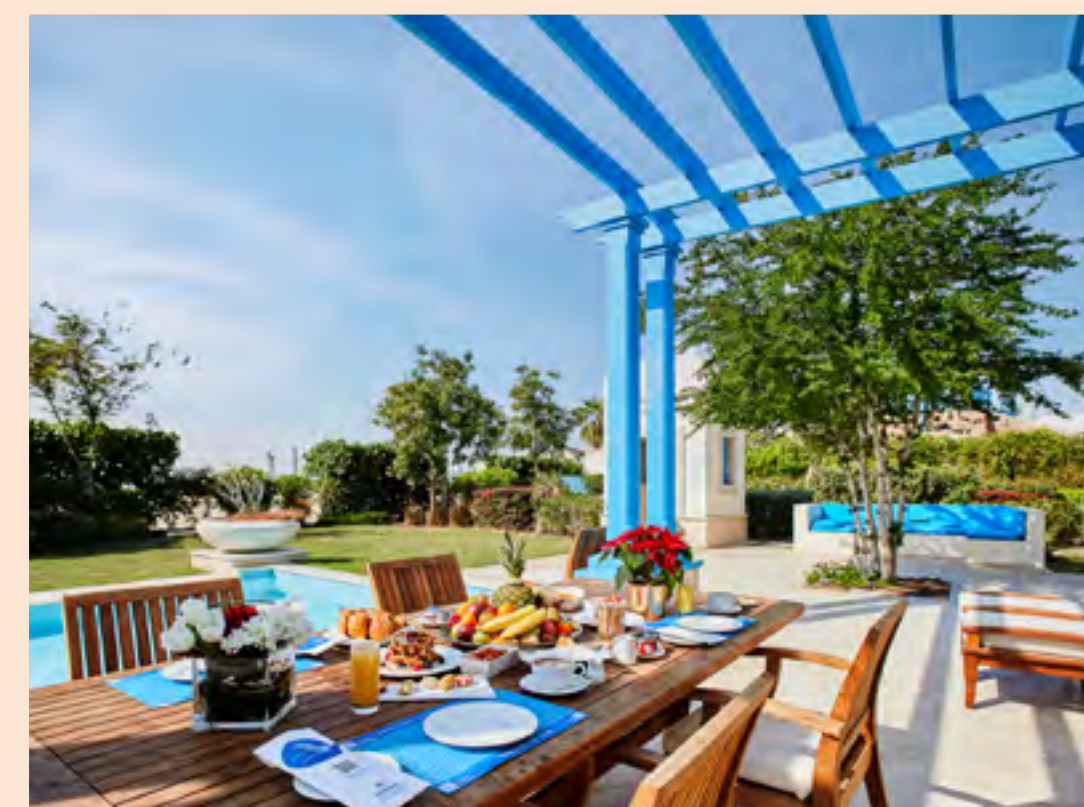
The Ritz-Carlton, Doha



Zulal Wellness Resort



Sheraton Grand Doha Resort  
& Convention Hotel, Marriott



Hilton Salwa Beach Hotel



Grand Hyatt Doha Hotel  
& Villas



Four Seasons Hotel



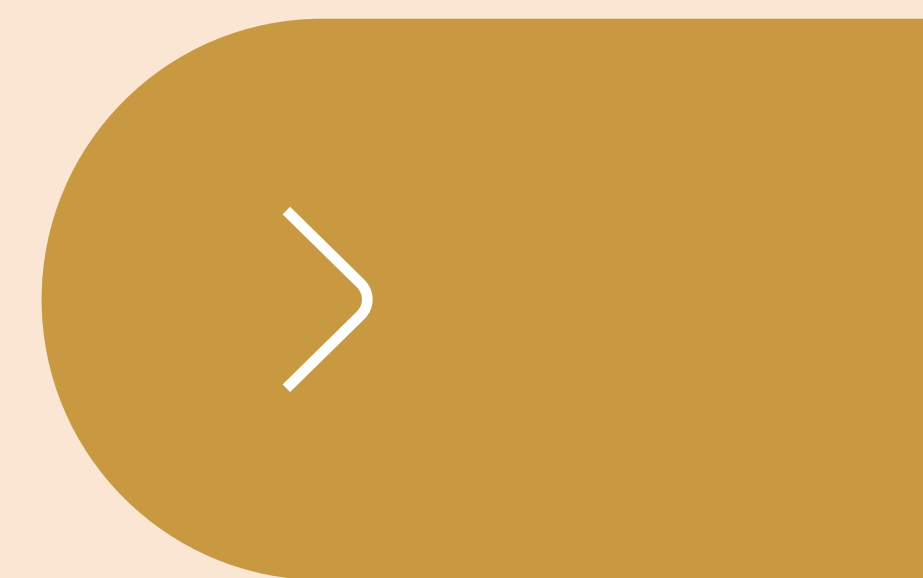
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The Pearl

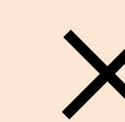


InterContinental Doha  
Hotel, an IHG Hotel



Hilton Doha

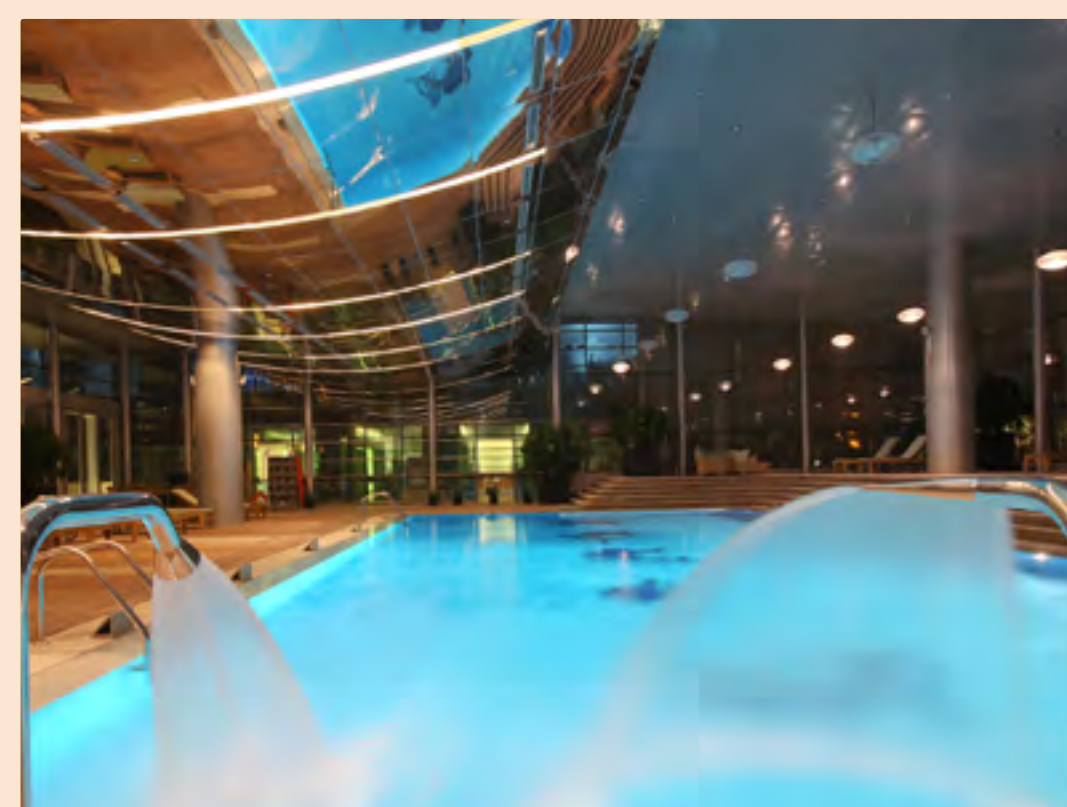




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La Cigale Hotel Managed by Accor



The Torch Hotel



Mondrian Doha



Mandarin Oriental



Alwadi Hotel Doha MGallery



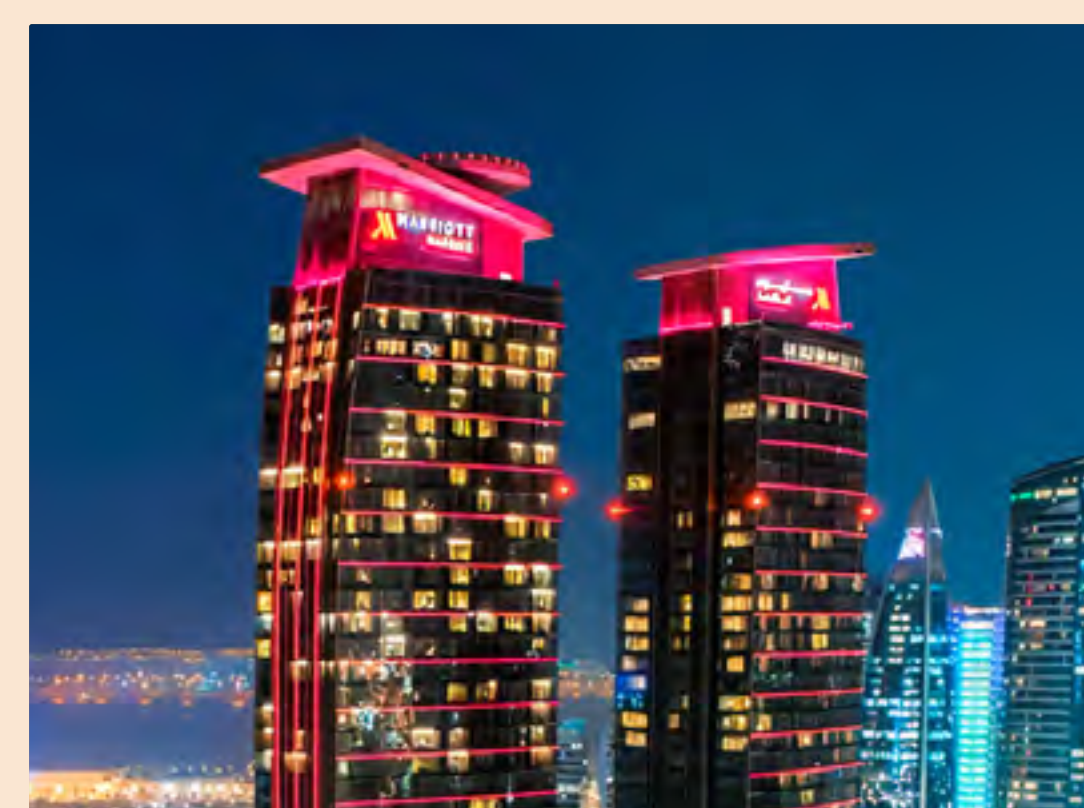
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Park Hyatt Doha



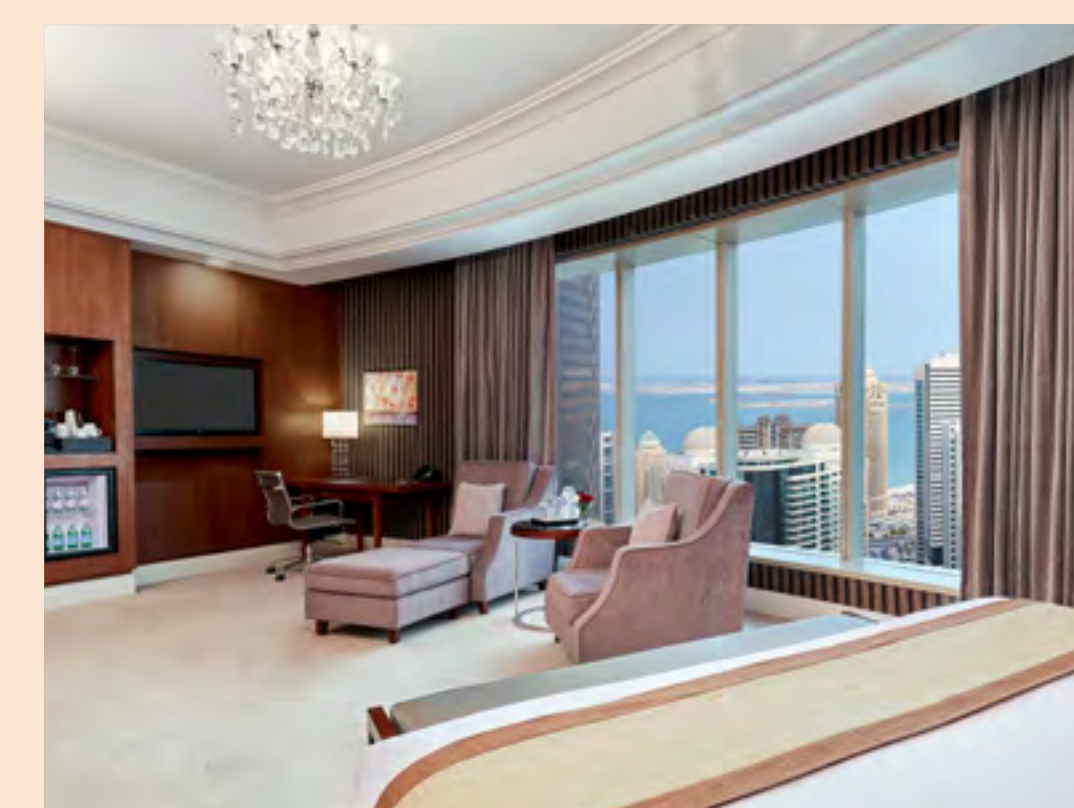
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Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel



JW Marriott Marquis City Center Doha



Crowne Plaza Doha The Business Park, an IHG Hotel



# Sharq Village & Spa

Inspired by traditional Qatari villages, The Spa at Sharq Village is a beach-front property that delivers luxury alongside spa experiences to awaken your senses. The property offers 174 rooms and suites with intimate courtyard settings, reflecting years of deeply rooted Qatari heritage and tradition.

# Let's play

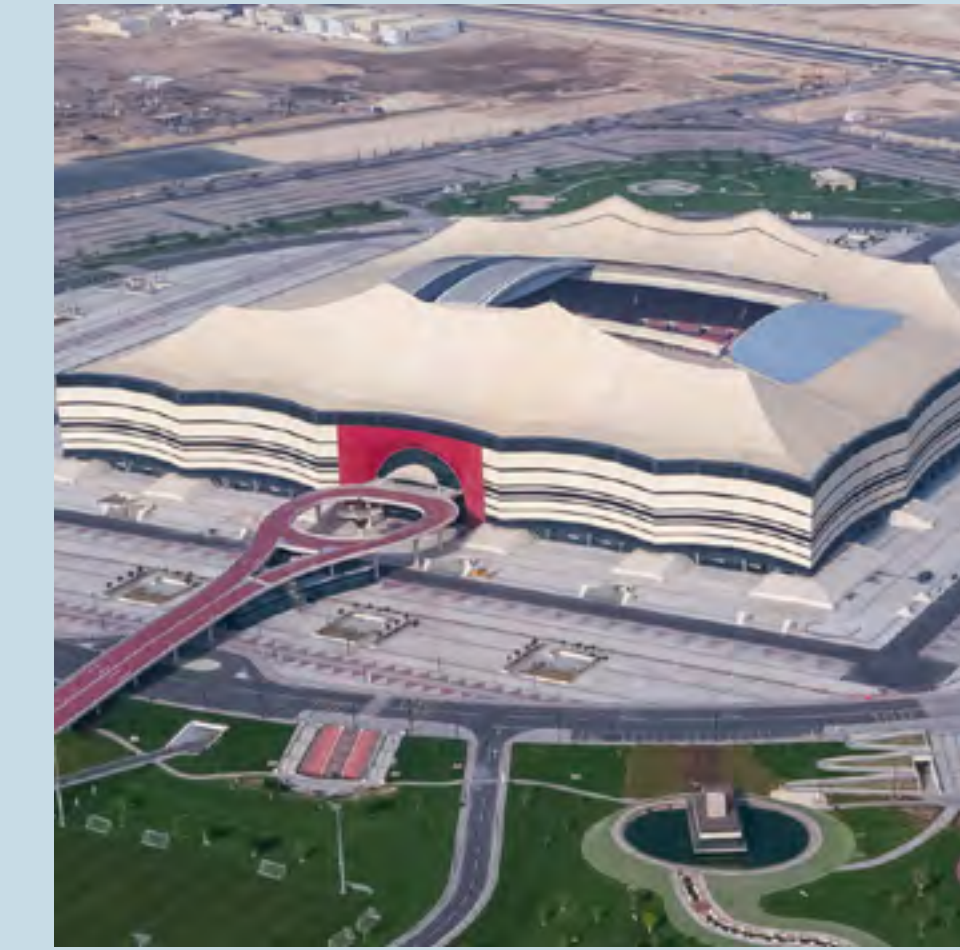
Whether golf or paintball is your preference, Doha plays host to a diverse mix of sporting facilities. Discover them for yourself.



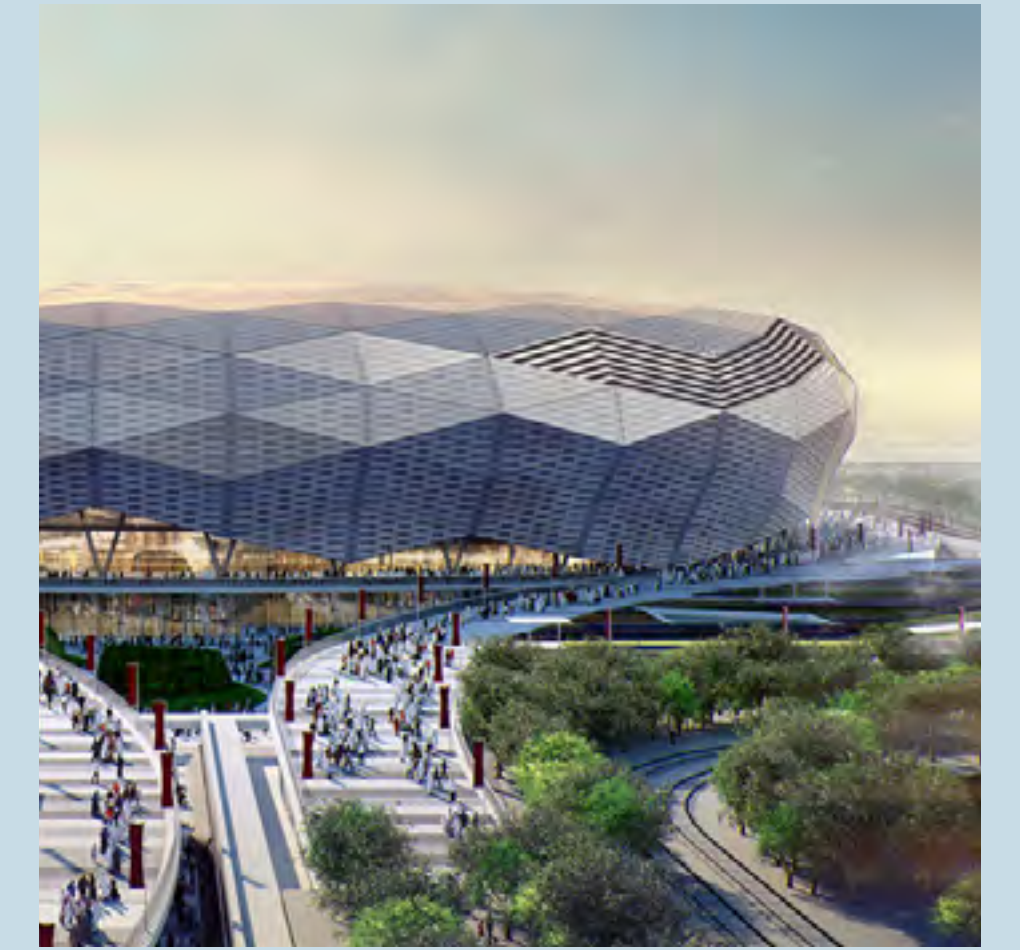
Lusail Stadium



Khalifa International Stadium



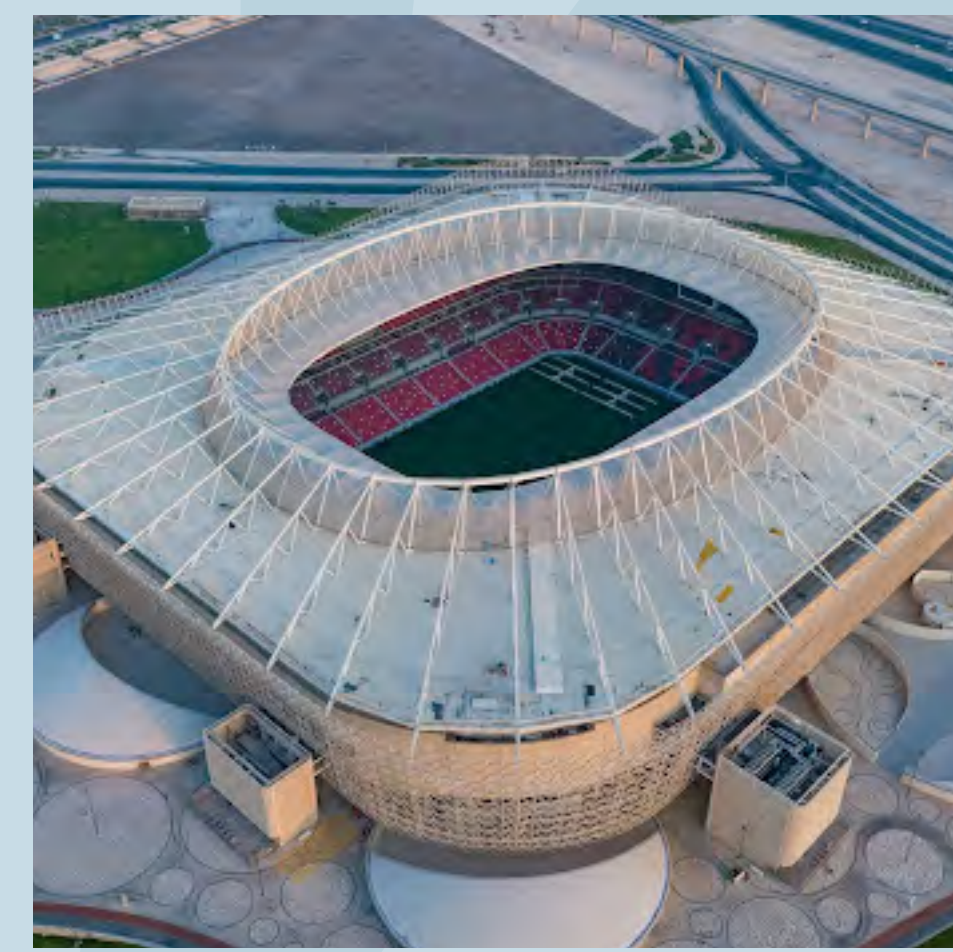
Al Bayt Stadium  
Al Khor City



Education City Stadium



Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex



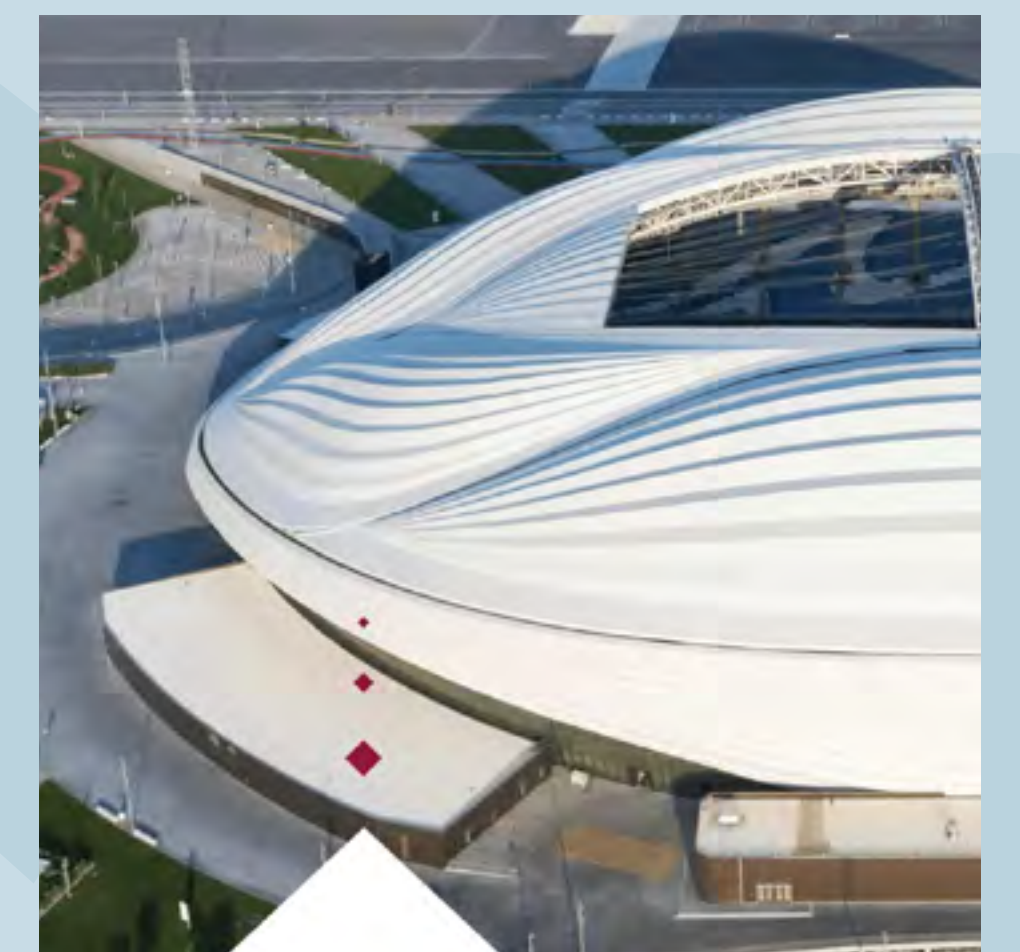
Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium



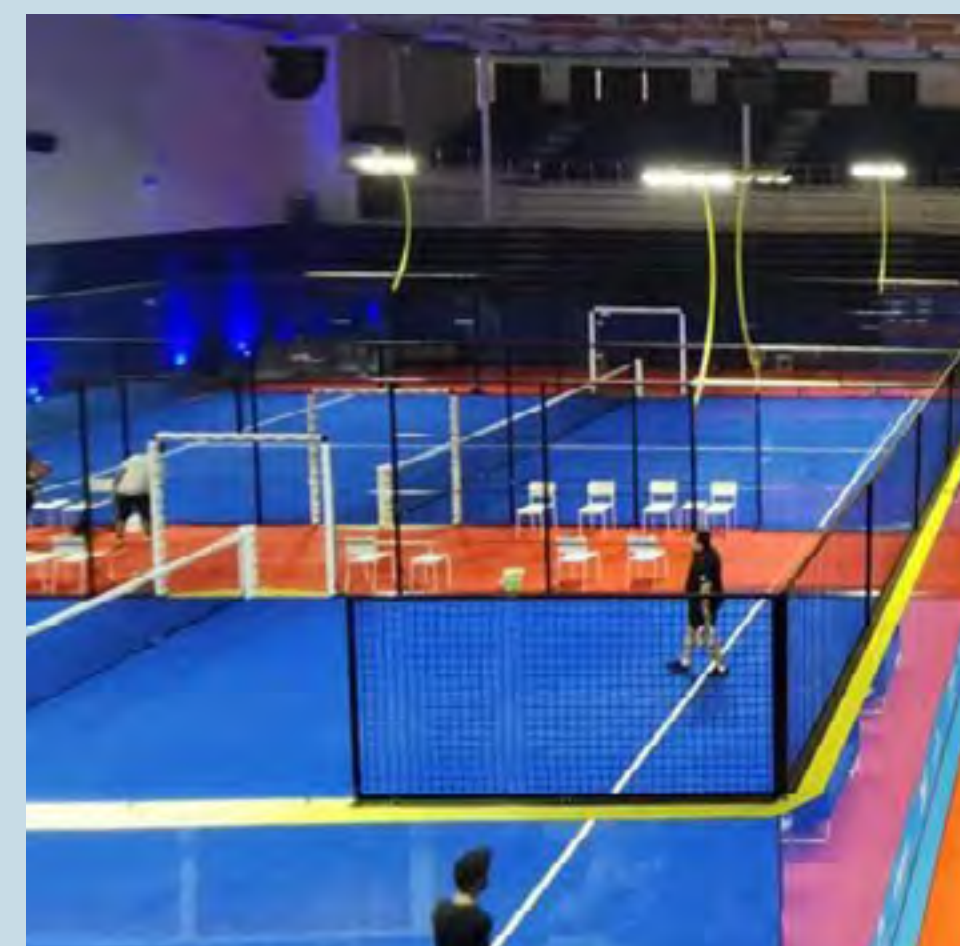
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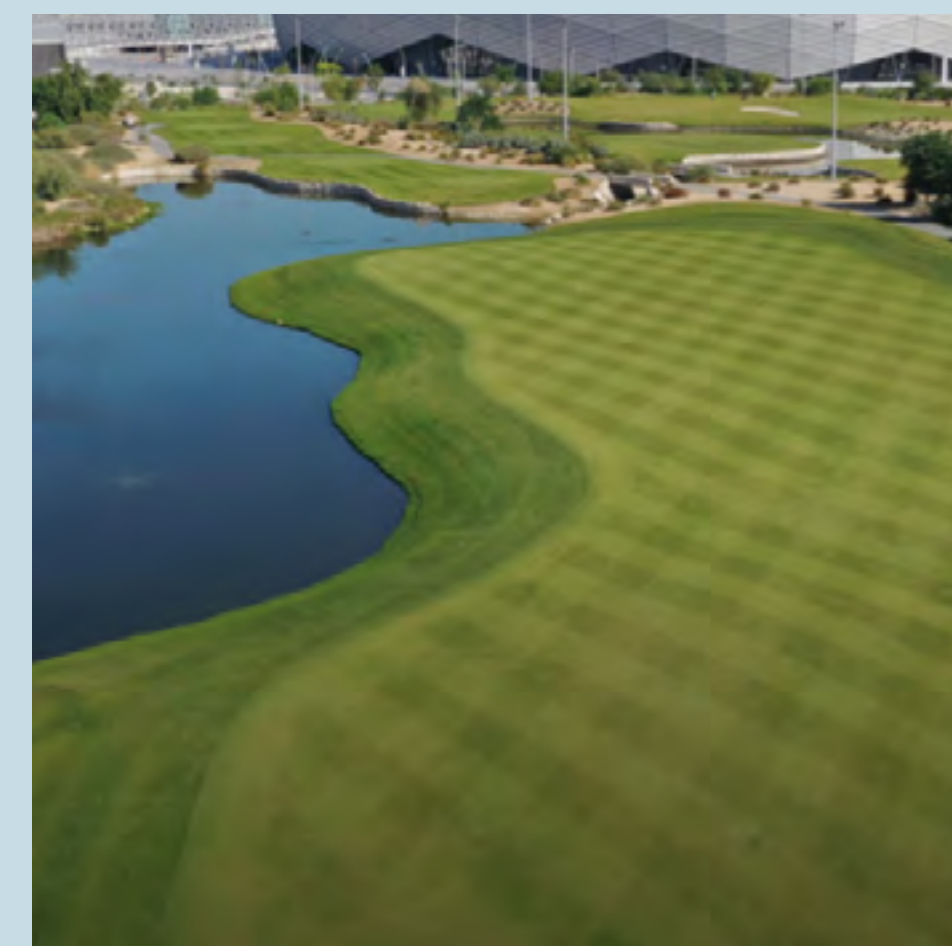
Ras Abu Stadium



Al Wakrah Stadium



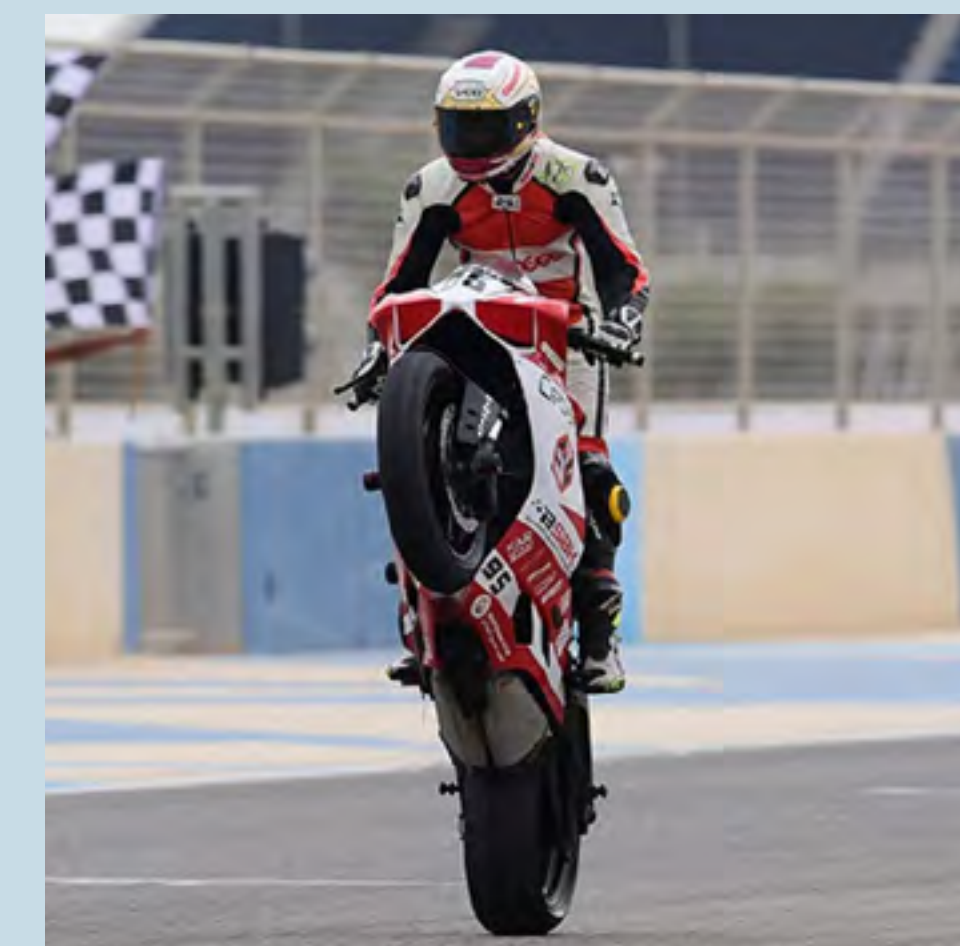
Padel Complex



Education City Golf Club



Doha Golf Club



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SHOOTERS Paintball

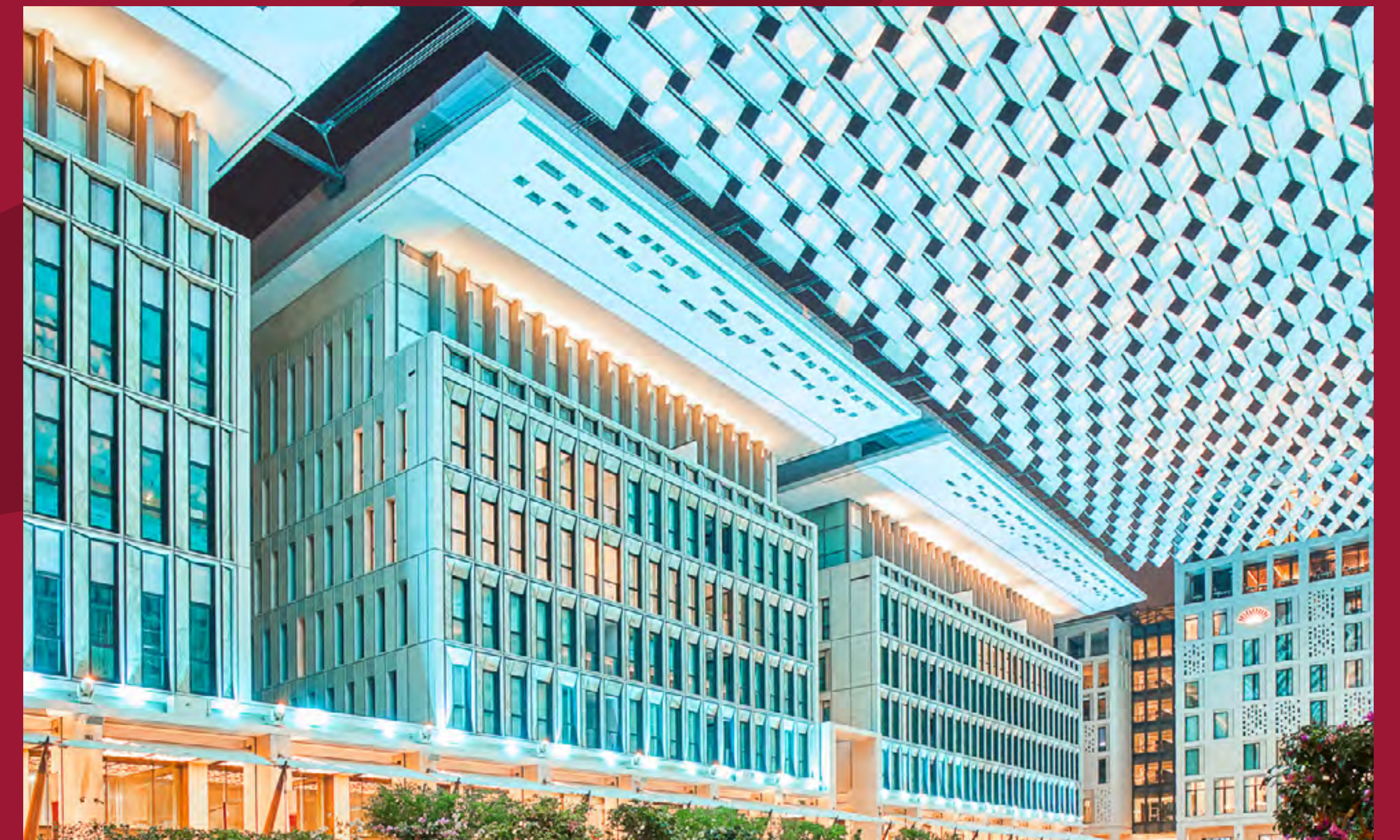


Virtuo City



# Business meets adventure

For global meetings and events,  
Qatar delivers beyond.





# Defying your expectations



1. Numbeo Safety Index by Country 2020

2. English is widespread due to the large expat population. Source: Whisper report 2019 (Open Instagram accounts, forums, blogs, Twitter, news, YouTube, Google+ and reviews), NBI 2019, World Economic Forum, The Global Institute For Peace



# The complete package

- Per capita GDP: 1st Arab world, 2nd worldwide<sup>1</sup>
- Hospitality guest experience: 1st in the Middle East<sup>2</sup>
- Subtropical desert climate, year-round sunshine & mild winters
- First Middle Eastern country to host the FIFA World Cup
- Forbes Top 15 places to visit in 2021<sup>3</sup>

1. IMF World Economic Outlook 2019

2. Olery Guest Experience in the Middle East Report 2019

3. Forbes 2021



# Connecting East and West



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London

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Milan

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Delhi

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Bangkok

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New York



## Qatar National Convention Centre

- 40,000 sqm of column-free exhibition space over 9 halls
- 4,000-seat conference hall
- 2,232-seat theatre
- 3 auditoria
- 52 flexible meeting rooms



## Doha Exhibition & Convention Centre

- Located in the city centre
- 5 pillar-free exhibition halls
- 29,000 sqm of exhibition space
- 47,700 sqm site footprint
- 29,035 sqm pillar-free space
- 9,000 sqm concourse/foyer
- 18 meeting rooms

## Purpose-Built Spaces & Spacious Hotel Ballrooms

- Over 11 hotel ballrooms featuring more than 1,000 sqm





# Why choose Qatar for your next event?

- Accessibility & connectivity
- Thriving sectors of economic growth
- 134 outstanding hospitality options
- Modern hub with deep cultural roots
- State-of-the-art venues



# Experience a World Beyond

Our traveller's guide





Doha •

TOTAL POPULATION	2.76 m
AREA	11,581 km <sup>2</sup>
COASTLINE	563 km
CAPITAL CITY	Doha
POPULATION OF DOHA	2.38 m
TIME ZONE	UTC+3
CURRENCY	Qatari Riyal
NATIONAL ANIMAL	Arabian Oryx
NATIONAL FLOWER	Qataf Flower



With an eclectic mix of hotels, tours, trips, airport services and transfers, Discover Qatar is perfect for creating and planning your spectacular stay.



It's time for the world to discover Qatar.



### Look, book, explore

Dive into a mix of museums and art galleries. Follow Arabic culture from tradition to the modern age. See the Khor Al Adaid on a safari where the desert meets the sea. Unearth the unique architecture of Doha and discover more with our luxurious hotels and beach resorts.

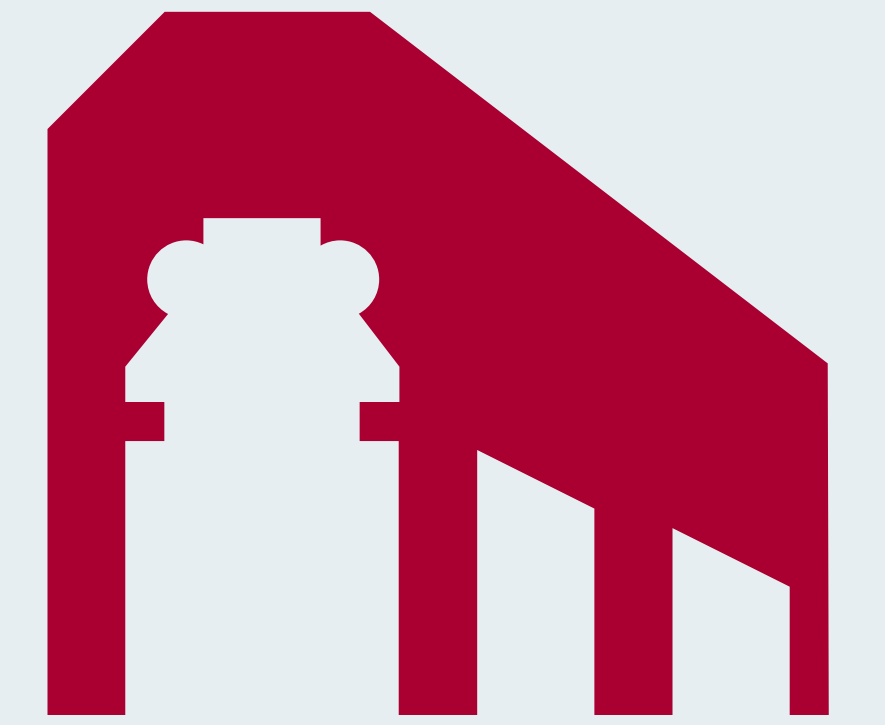


TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN

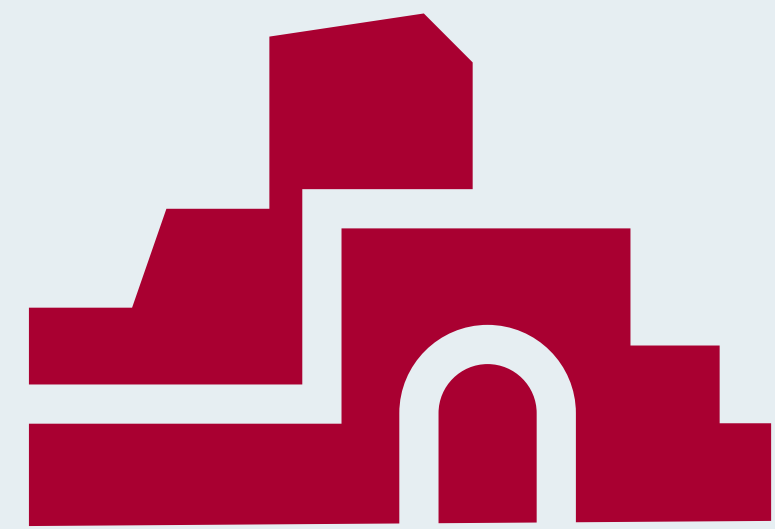
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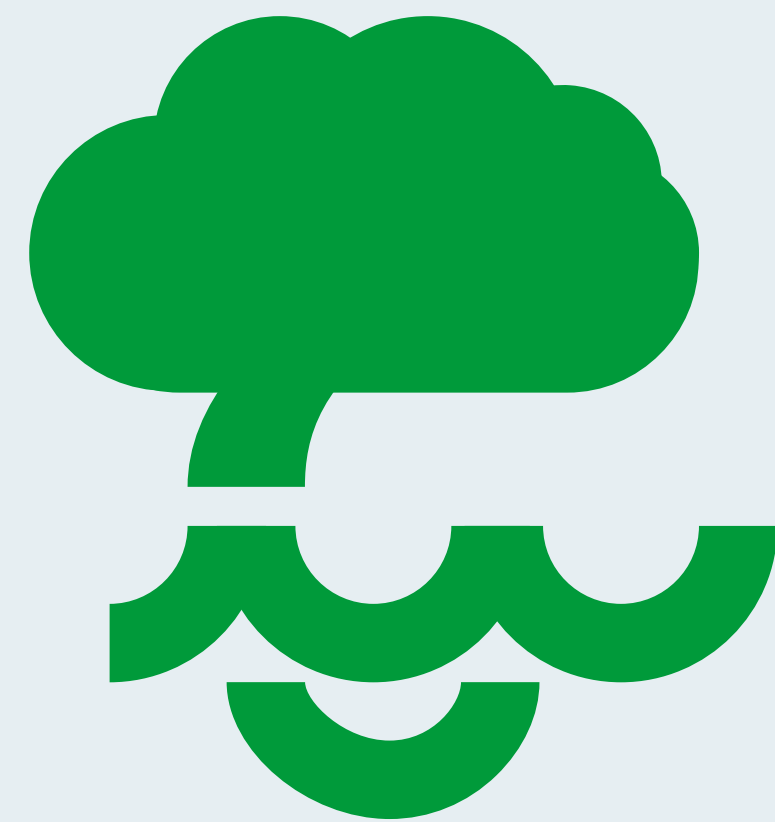
Desert Safari



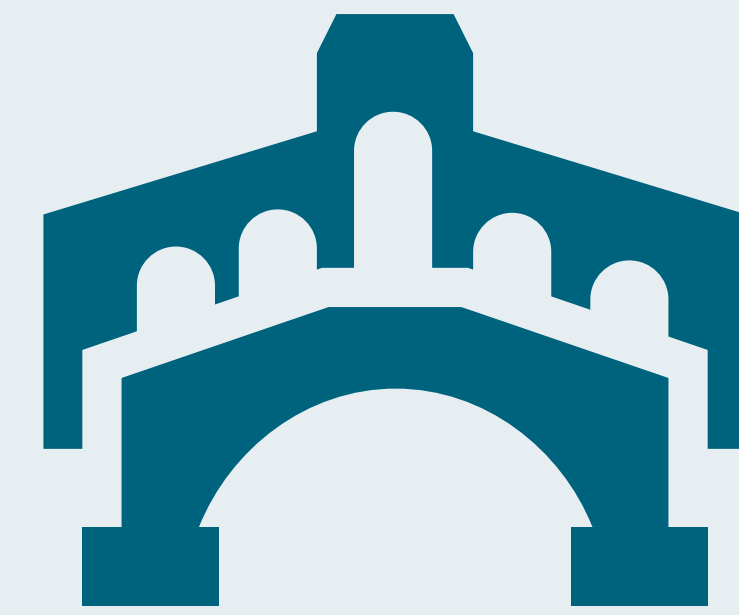
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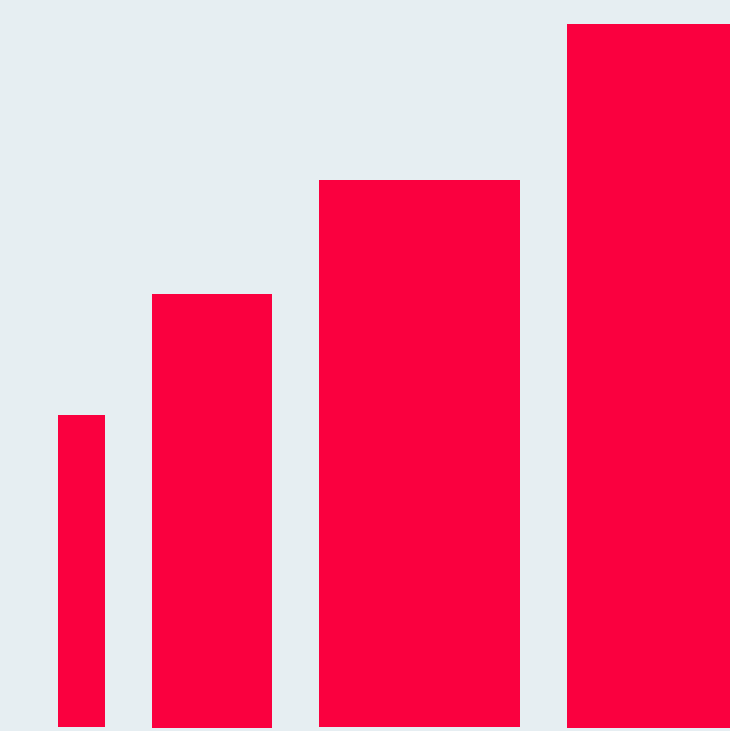
Shopping malls



National Museum of Qatar



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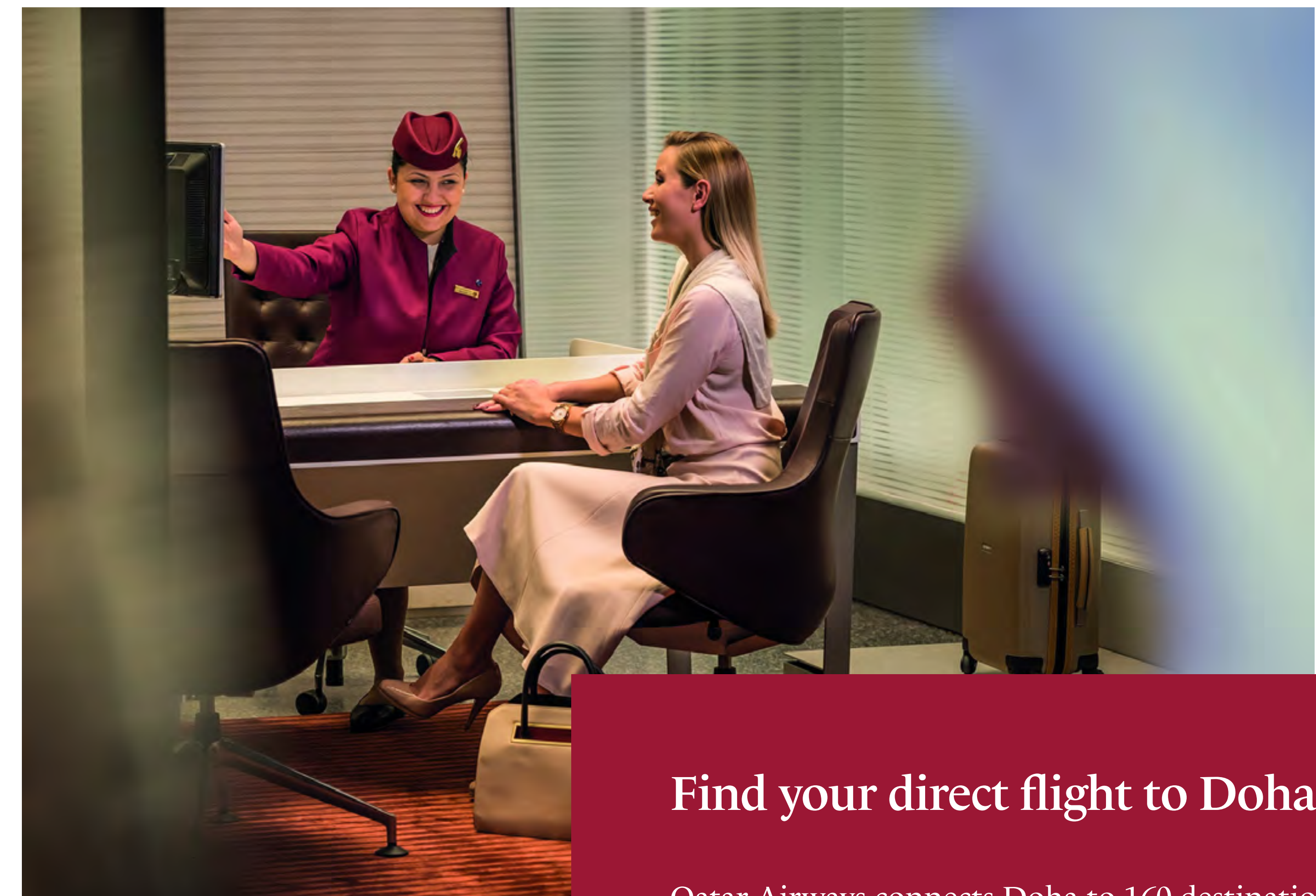


East-West/West-East



# Getting here

Strategically located at the crossroads of East and West, Qatar is an average of 6-7 hours away from major international hubs.



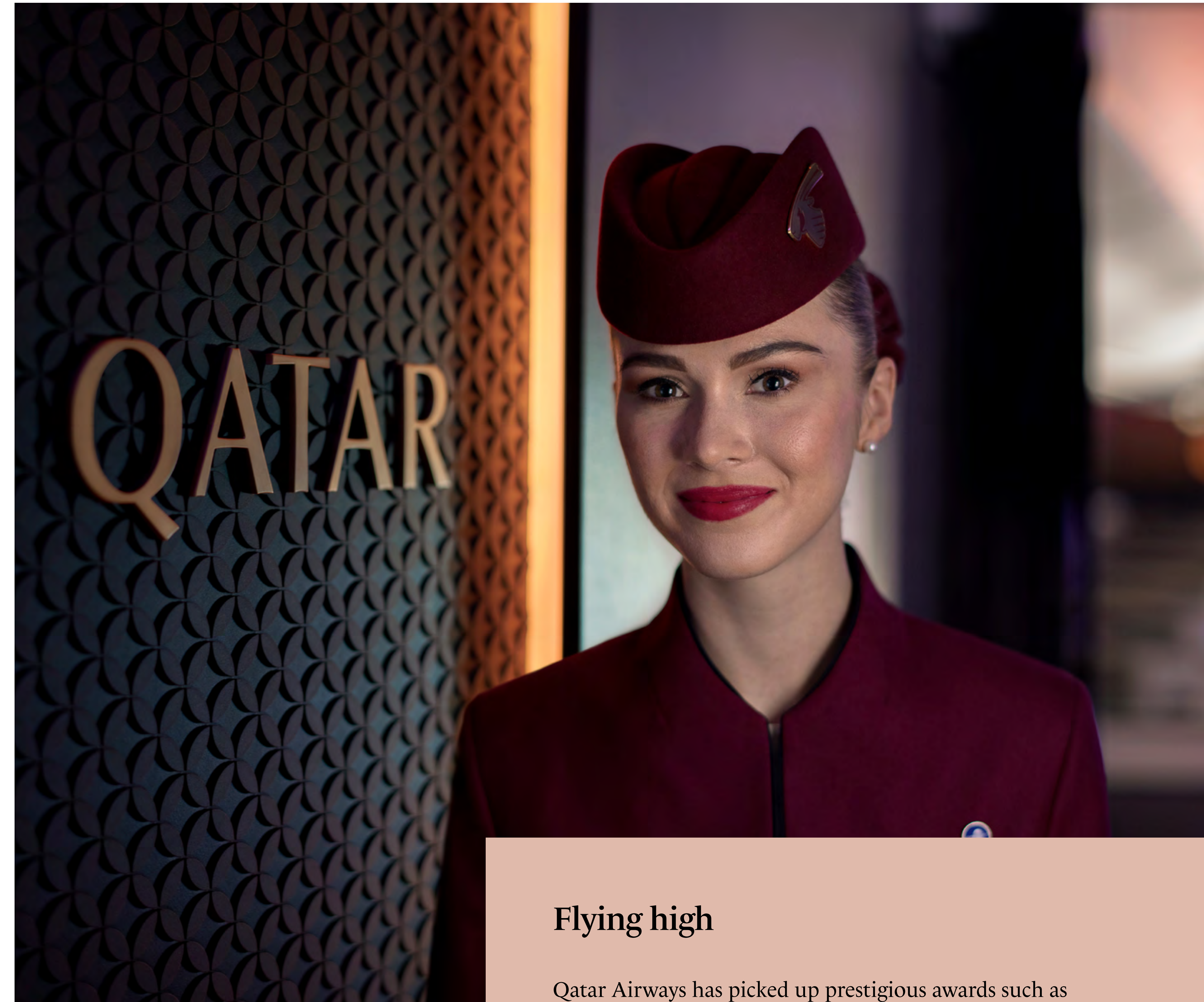
**Find your direct flight to Doha**

Qatar Airways connects Doha to 160 destinations worldwide. But that's not all. More than 50 international airlines fly here too.

# Soar with Qatar Airways

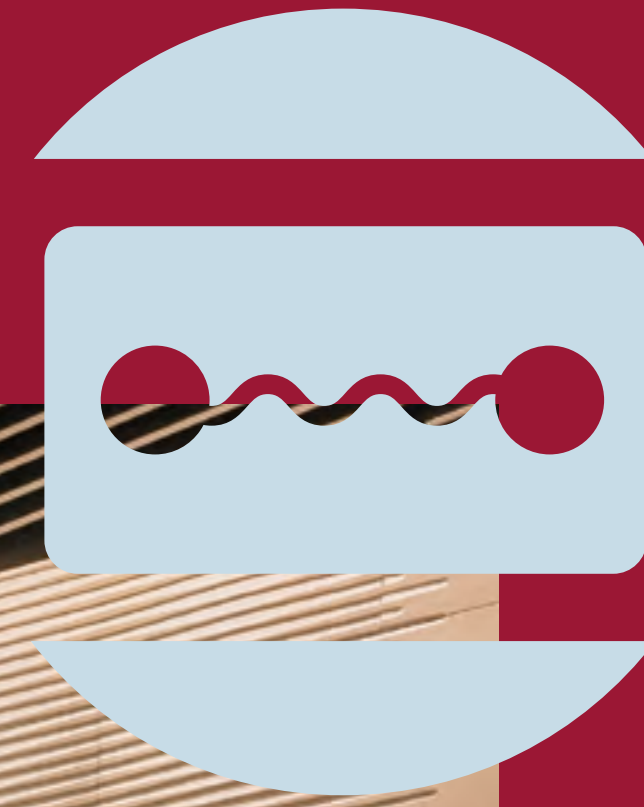
Qatar Airways is the national airline of the State of Qatar and one of the aviation industry's biggest success stories. It began in 1994, when the airline was just a small regional carrier

...serving a handful of routes. The airline was re-launched in 1997 by His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, who has been influential in turning the carrier into the 'World's Best Airline'.



## Flying high

Qatar Airways has picked up prestigious awards such as '2021's Airline of the Year', 'World's Best Business Class', 'World's Best Business Class Airline Lounge', 'World's Best Business Class Airline Seat', 'World's Best Business Class Onboard Catering' and 'Best Airline in the Middle East'. Qatar Airways has consecutively won 'World's Best Airline', becoming the only airline in the competition's history to win it five times.



# Hamad International Airport

A DESTINATION OF ITS OWN

Hamad International Airport was ranked as the ‘Best Airport in the World’ in 2021. It’s one among few in the world to achieve five-star status. It has won ‘Best Airport in the Middle East’ seven years running and ‘Best Staff Service in the Middle East’ six years in a row. Its ongoing expansion will enhance its multi-dimensional offerings

by adding an indoor tropical garden with a 268 m<sup>2</sup> water feature, a world-class art collection and innovative retail and dining concepts.

The expansion will seamlessly integrate with the existing terminal, allowing smooth passenger flow and minimising travel distances for connections.





# Getting around



## Doha metro

The state-of-the-art Doha Metro is largely operational, connecting various points of interest across the capital. Currently, most metro travel is underground. However, a new tram system is under development and expected to open soon.

## Best-in-class automated rail network

The Doha Metro boasts some of the fastest driverless trains in the world. Three lines, Red, Green and Gold, cover 37 stations across 76 km. All lines meet at the centrally located Msheireb Station, close to Doha's main cultural attractions. It also connects with the Doha Mshreib tram, Education City tram, and soon the Lusail tram.

## Public transport

Those who prefer independence and flexibility can easily move around the country using the accessible and affordable public transport system.

## Bus Services

The bus network connects Hamad International Airport (HIA) to various destinations across the city, offering a convenient transport option. Bus fares can only be paid with a 'Karwa Smartcard', available at HIA help desks. You can find those near baggage claim belts 5 & 6.

## Taxis

Karwa taxis offer a convenient, cheap and flexible way to travel to, and from, Hamad International Airport. Uber and Careem are also available at the taxi pavilion. This is located to the left of the arrivals hall. All taxis are metered and the minimum flag down fare at the airport starts at QAR 25 (USD 7). While some taxis take credit cards, make sure to bring Qatari Riyal. Drives to the city centre should take around 30 minutes.

## Car rental / Driving

There are many local and international car hire firms operating in Qatar. Avis, Budget, Europcar and Hertz can be visited at HIA.



# Why fly, when you can cruise?



Qatar is becoming an increasingly popular cruise destination. The strategically located Doha Port (just 10 minutes from the city centre) welcomes leading international cruise lines: AIDA, Costa Cruises, MSC Cruises, TUI Cruises.

Here, the terminal offers many useful services including free shuttle buses, money exchange, prayer rooms, local cultural activities, taxi services, and much more.



## Cruise news

Doha Port is finalising a state of the art terminal, which will be available for cruise lines use, post FIFA World Cup 2022. This new facility will accommodate up to 14,000 passengers per day.

# It's (almost) always sunny in Qatar

A peninsula jutting into the Arabian Gulf, Qatar has two main seasons. While summers can be scorching, winters are mild and glorious. Year-round sunshine lets you get your daily dose of vitamin D, with infrequent rainfall. Summer temperatures average 36°C and sometimes reach

up to 50°C. If you're here in the summer, dress appropriately with loose breathable fabrics. Even when the weather cools, the days are warmer thanks to the constant sunshine. But remember, temperatures can drop considerably in the evenings.

# Travel Tips

## A Attire

Attitudes towards dress codes are relaxed, but visitors (men as well as women) are expected to show respect for the local culture by avoiding excessively revealing clothing in public. It's generally recommended for men and women to ensure their shoulders and knees are covered.

## B Bargaining

This is widely expected at Souq Waqif and other traditional markets.

## C Currency

The Qatari Riyal is the only currency used in the country and can be obtained through ATMs which are widely available in malls, hotels and around Doha. The Qatari Riyal (QR) is pegged against the US Dollar at QAR 3.64.

### Currency Import Regulations

When bringing local currency (Qatar Riyal-QAR) and all other foreign currencies, amounts equal to, or higher than, QAR 50,000 must be declared on arrival. This includes jewellery, stones or precious metals valued at QAR 50,000 or higher.

### Customs Regulations

To read about customs regulations in Qatar and other related information, [click here](#).

## D Disabled Access

1. The Accessible Qatar smartphone app provides information about accessibility and facilities at different public and touristic venues across the country.
2. Ooredoo Qatar has partnered with Wheel the World to offer accessible tourist experiences to differently-abled visitors.
3. In case of emergency, the following specialised services are accessible for the deaf:

- Call 992 using the 3G camera on your computer or cell phone

- Send an SMS to 992 clearly stating your problem and what service you need (ambulance, fire rescue, police), as well as your name, address, and any details

- Send an e-mail to [992@moi.gov.qa](mailto:992@moi.gov.qa) (Note: it may take some time before you receive a response)

## Drinking Water

The World Health Organization estimates that 99% of Qatar has access to drinkable tap water. However, bottled water is widely consumed in Qatar with plenty of local and imported brands widely available.

## E Electric Supply

The standard voltage is 240 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. Plug points are the same as in the UK. To use electric appliances made for the range of 100 V - 127 V (as is in the US, Canada and most South American countries), one needs a voltage converter or a combined power plug adapter/voltage converter.

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 999  
Traffic & Patrol Police Department: 4890666

## Embassies & Consulates

Doha is home to over 100 foreign embassies and a consulate. These are open for business from Sunday to Thursday and closed on Friday and Saturday, as well as all public holidays of both Qatar and the embassy's home country.

## F Friday Timings

All business and commercial activity shuts down during Friday prayers in the morning (around 10 am -12 pm). Several shops remain closed on Fridays while malls open in the afternoon on Fridays.

## G Greetings

Qatari ladies will not shake hands with men, and many men will not shake a lady's hand as a gesture of respect.

## H Healthcare Facilities

In case of an emergency, visitors can go to Hamad General Hospital's network of hospitals and healthcare centres.

## I Internet Connectivity

Qatar is the world's first country to introduce a commercial 5G network. Free Wi-Fi facilities are available at the Hamad International Airport and most public places including shopping malls, restaurants and parks.

## Islamic Holidays

Eid Al Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the month-long period of fasting. It's spent with family and friends, feasting for three days. Shops and private businesses may reopen after just one or two days.

The Hajj pilgrimage ends with Eid Al Adha, also known as the "feast of sacrifice", and continues for four days.



# Travel Tips

## L Language

Home to around a hundred nationalities, Qatar is a melting pot of cultures with numerous languages being spoken. Being an Arab country, the official language is Arabic, but English is commonly used in public places.

## M Meet & Greet Services

Passengers arriving, departing or transiting through Hamad International Airport can use Al Maha personalised Meet & Greet Services.

## O Official holidays

Qatar National Day is celebrated on the 18th of December. Sports Day is also a national holiday celebrated on the second Tuesday of February each year. In addition to these two holidays, the country is closed for three days during Eid al Fitr and Eid al Adha.

## P Public Display of Affection

As in all Middle Eastern countries, showing overt affection and intimacy in public is frowned upon.

## R Ramadan

During the Islamic month of Ramadan, visitors are expected to refrain from eating, drinking and smoking in public places during the daylight hours out of respect to those who are fasting. Hotels continue to cater to guests by opening restaurants that are out of the public's view.

## Religion

Qatar is a Muslim country and Islam plays an integral role in daily life. Prayers take place five times per day: at dawn (Fajr), around midday (Duhr), in mid-afternoon (A'asr), at sunset (Maghrib) and about two hours after sunset ('Esha). The exact timing varies each day according to the sun's position.

## S Safety

Qatar has been ranked #1 in terms of safety and security, according to the Numbeo Crime Index 2020, the world's largest database of user-contributed data on cities and countries.

## Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all public spaces including museums, sports clubs, shopping malls and restaurants.

## Stopover

Passengers transiting through Doha can take advantage of Qatar's unmatched stopover program to explore the destination. The +Qatar program offers great deals at 4- and 5-star hotels.

## T Tipping

Most hospitality outlets in Qatar include a service charge in the bill. However, a tip of 10-15% as a gesture of satisfaction is appreciated. It is advisable to carry cash for tipping.

## Time Zone

GMT + 3

## Traffic

Qatar drives on the right-hand side of the road.

## W Weather

Qatar has a desert climate with year-round sunshine, extreme temperatures during summer and mild winters. Average monthly temperatures range from 17°C in January to 36°C in July, sometimes reaching highs of 40°C+ during the summer months.

## Y Year of Culture

Conceived in 2012, The Year of Culture is an initiative by Qatar museums. Taking place with another country, the year-long cultural exchange programme invites people to explore a new culture through a variety of exhibitions, festivals, competitions and events.



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