

Qatar



Information

Country Name	State of Qatar
Capital City	Doha
Major Cities	Doha, Al Rayyan, Lusail, Al Wakrah, Al Khor, Umm Salal, Dukhan, Mesaieed
Official Language	Arabic
Business Language	Arabic is the official language, while English is the primary language used in business, commerce and multinational organisations. Hindi, Urdu, Malayalam, Tamil, Bengali and Nepali are also widely spoken within many workplaces due to Qatar's large expatriate workforce.
Currency	Qatari Riyal (QAR), commonly abbreviated as QR. The Qatari Riyal has been pegged to the US Dollar at USD 1 = QAR 3.64 since 2001, providing excellent currency stability.
Time Zone	Arabia Standard Time (AST), UTC +3. Qatar does not observe daylight saving time.
Weekend Days	Friday and Saturday remain the official weekend in Qatar. Most government offices and many businesses operate from Sunday to Thursday. Some multinational companies, retail businesses and hospitality organisations may have different shift patterns depending on operational requirements.
Population	Approximately 3.1 million people (2026 estimate). Around 88–90% of the population are expatriates, making Qatar one of the world's highest proportions of foreign residents. Indian nationals form the largest expatriate community, with an estimated 700,000–800,000 residents.
Size of Country	Approximately 11,600 square kilometres , making Qatar one of the smallest countries in the GCC. It occupies a peninsula extending into the Arabian Gulf and shares its only land border with Saudi Arabia.
Climate	Qatar has a hot desert climate with long, dry summers and mild winters. Summer temperatures commonly exceed 45°C , with high humidity along the coast. Winter temperatures are generally pleasant, ranging between 15–28°C , making outdoor activities popular from November to March. Rainfall is limited and occurs mainly during the winter months.

Information**Religion & Cultural Overview**

Islam is the official religion and is central to Qatar's laws, traditions and public life. The country has a multicultural population with residents from more than 100 nationalities. While Qatar maintains conservative Islamic values, it is welcoming to expatriates and international businesses. Visitors and residents are expected to respect local customs, dress modestly in public places, and observe cultural etiquette during Ramadan and religious holidays. Alcohol is available in licensed hotels, restaurants and designated retail outlets, but public consumption is prohibited.

Why Qatar is Popular with Desi Region and Indian Professionals

Qatar has become one of the GCC's most attractive destinations for Indian professionals, offering competitive tax-free salaries, modern infrastructure and excellent employment opportunities. More than **700,000 Indian nationals** live and work in Qatar, making Indians the country's largest expatriate community.

Following significant investment in infrastructure, energy and urban development, Qatar continues to attract skilled professionals across engineering, construction, oil & gas, information technology, healthcare, education, finance, logistics and hospitality.

Key Advantages

- Tax-free personal income
- One of the highest GDP per capita countries in the world
- Strong demand for skilled international professionals
- Modern infrastructure, including the award-winning Doha Metro
- Excellent healthcare facilities
- Safe, secure and politically stable environment
- High-quality international schools, including several offering the Indian CBSE curriculum
- Large and well-established Indian community
- Excellent work-life balance and family-friendly environment
- Significant investment in economic diversification through the Qatar National Vision 2030 programme

For Indian and Desi region professionals seeking career progression, financial savings and a high quality of life, Qatar offers an attractive combination of competitive salaries, excellent employee benefits and a modern, well-connected living environment. Doha, in particular, has developed into one of the Middle East's leading business and commercial centres, creating opportunities across both multinational corporations and government-backed organisations.