

# Travel and Visas for Qatar



## International travel

Qatar lies along the major air routes through Asia and Europe.

Qatar Airways runs flights connecting over 130 destinations around the globe: <http://www.qatarairways.com/global/en/homepage.page>

Emirates, based in Dubai operates regular flights throughout the day from Dubai to Doha, with a flight time of just over 45 minutes: <http://www.emirates.com/qa/English/>

Gulf Air, headquartered in Bahrain also operates connecting flights from different parts of the world to Doha. For more information and booking of flights, visit: <http://www.gulfair.com/English/Pages/default.aspx>

Eithad Airways: <http://www.etihad.com/en-us/>

Oman Air: <http://www.omanair.com/en/>

Jet Airways run flights from India to Doha. For more information and booking of flights, visit <http://www.jetairways.com/>

Egypt Air operates flights from Africa to Qatar: <http://www.egyptair.com/English/Pages/splashpage.aspx>

United Airlines is a major carrier for flights from United States to Qatar. For more information and booking flights with United Airlines, visit <https://www.united.com/web/en-US/default.aspx?root=1>

British Airways, Lufthansa and Air France operates the flights between Europe and Qatar. For more information and booking flights visit [http://www.britishairways.com/travel/globalgateway.jsp/global/public/en\\_](http://www.britishairways.com/travel/globalgateway.jsp/global/public/en_)

## Local travel: 'Karwa' taxis

The most common and convenient mode of transport is taxis. These services are run by a local company Mowasalat, which operates under different brand names, of which Karwa is most popular. You can book a taxi by calling on toll free number: (+974) 44588888. Booking ahead of time is recommended. Karwa taxis are metered; always check the meter is on.

There is a Karwa stand at the airport; pick up is QAR25. Elsewhere, pick up is QAR4.

Hotels also have limousine services which cost a little more.





## Tourist Visa Information

Tourists from GCC countries (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates and Oman) do not need a visa to enter Qatar.

Citizens of the following countries can buy a visa on arrival with a credit card (not American Express) at the immigration desk for QAR100:

*Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, The Netherlands, USA, UK, Vatican City.*

If your nationality is not one of the 33 mentioned above, you have to arrange a tourist visa through a Qatari embassy or a hotel in Qatar. 4/5-star hotels in Qatar provide the visa service, for a price, if you booked a room with them for your stay. Qatar Airways also provides full tourist visa service. Alternatively a relative can act as a guarantor in Qatar to process your visa application.

The application process is simple. You fill out an online form and pay the fees if your visa is approved and then you get your visa online. To apply for visa and more information, visit <http://portal.www.gov.qa>.

For more information regarding visa fees, visit <http://www.qatarembassy.info/>.

*Remember that you are not allowed to work in Qatar on a tourist visa.*

