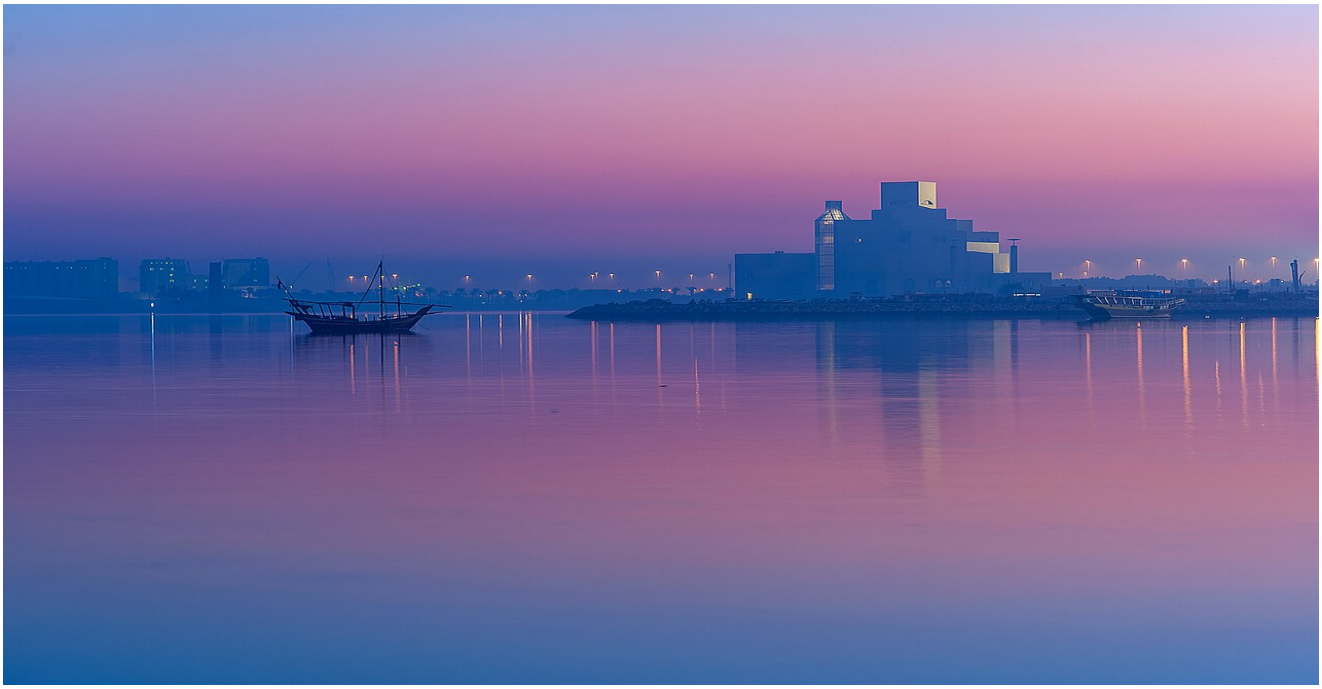
Doha Architecture & Travel Guide

A bay city read at two speeds: museum islands, a restored souq and a skyline of twisted glass.



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01 / ORIENTATION

Read the city in layers.

October to April is the walking season. Plan outdoor routes for morning and evening and keep midday for interiors — this is a city designed around shade and air-conditioning, and your itinerary should be too. Friday prayer hours affect museum and souq opening times; confirm before you set out.

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02 / ARCHITECTURE

Five places to study.

Museum of Islamic Art

I. M. Pei's 2008 museum on an artificial island off the Corniche — creamy limestone massing stepped from square to octagon to circle, inspired by the ninth-century ablution fountain of Cairo's Ibn Tulun Mosque.

National Museum of Qatar

Jean Nouvel's 2019 desert rose — 539 interlocking discs of sand-coloured concrete wrapping the restored palace of Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al Thani.

Souq Waqif

The restored market quarter — spice and textile alleys, the falcon souq with its hooded birds and falcon hospital, and César Baldaccini's golden thumb at the main entrance.

Msheireb Downtown

A 31-hectare quarter rebuilt as a walkable courtyard city — LEED-rated, its lanes and shaded courts reviving the Qatari courtyard house.

Katara Cultural Village

The marble amphitheatre facing the sea, beside the Golden Mosque and the blue-and-gold Katara Mosque by Turkish architect Zainab Fadil Oglu.

03 / ARCHITECTURE ROUTES

Two ways to explore.

Corniche museum loop

Start at the Museum of Islamic Art, walk the Corniche's south end past the dhow harbour, then continue to the National Museum of Qatar — two museum islands bookending the bay. Allow half a day with interiors.

Souq to Msheireb

Start at Souq Waqif's falcon souq, walk the alleys to Msheireb's courtyard lanes, then finish at the Fanar spiral minaret — old Doha into new Doha in a single walk.

04 / PRACTICAL NOTES

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05 / RESEARCH NOTES

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