Country Profile: Qatar

Qatar is a monarchy governed by the ruling Al Thani family in consultation with a council of ministers, an appointed advisory council and an elected municipal council. Islamic ideals and beliefs provide the foundation of the country's customs, laws and practices. Located in the heart of the Persian Gulf, Qatar is a dynamic, modernizing, rapidly developing country that is among the wealthiest per capita in the world. The capital is Doha. Tourist facilities are available. Read the Department of State Background Notes on Qatar for additional information.

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| COUNTRY OVERVIEW | |
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| Country Name: | Qatar |
| Continent: | Middle East |
| Capital City: | Doha |
| Boundary Countries: | Saudi Arabia 60 km. |
| Recommended Hospitals in Capital: | American Hospital of Doha and Doha Clinic Hospital. |
| Main Cities: | Doha, Umm Bab, Dukhân, Al Khawr, Al Wakrah, Umm Sa'id, Ar Ru'ays, Al-Khuwayr, Umm Salal Ali, Umm Salal Muhammad, Ar Rayyan. |
| Country Size: | 11,437 sq km |
| Population: | 885,359 |

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

| Language: | Arabic (official), English commonly used as a second language. |
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| Currency: | Qatari rial (QAR) |
| Predominant Religions: | Muslim 95% |
| National Holidays: | Independence Day, 3 September (1971) |
| Economic Status: | Located in the heart of the Persian Gulf, Qatar is a dynamic, modernizing, rapidly- developing country that is among the wealthiest per capita in the world. Qatar has become one of the world's fastest growing and highest per-capita income countries. |
| Security: | Qatari Amiri Land Force (QALF), Qatari Amiri Navy (QAN), Qatari Amiri Air Force (QAAF). |
| US Presence: | U.S. Embassy Doha 22nd February Street Al Luqta District P.O. Box 2399 Doha, Qatar Phone: (974) 4496-6000 |
| Major Airports: | Airports: 5, Airports w/paved runways: 3 |

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