Doha, Qatar
 torsdag 20 februari 2020

The name Doha may have originated from the Arabic Ad-Dawha, "the big tree", with reference to the big tree that stood on the site where the original fishing village arose. Today, Doha is considered the outstanding "Jewel of Qatar" and we invite you on a half-day excursion to discover this amazing city, combining different architectures and cultures. Enjoy a sightseeing city tour before heading for the atmospheric Souq (Souq Waqif) in "Old Doha", which is one of the most bustling areas of the city. Evolved from a weekend market where the Bedouins traded meat, wool and other products, it is now a maze of narrow alleyways filled with small shops, with goods piled high to the ceilings and spilling out onto the pavement, and with separate sections selling dress, tools, general hardware, spices, incense, Arabic perfumes, sweets and dried fruits. Highlights are the Falcon Souq as well as the Gold & Diamond Souq and the Spice Street & Animal Souq. Next, you will reach the MIA, the Museum of Islamic Art, putting Doha on the world art scene. The Museum of Islamic Art is aiming to hold the largest collection of Islamic art in the world - a bridge from the past to the future of artworks dating from the 7th to the 19th century, representing the full scope of Islamic Art. It includes manuscripts, ceramics, metal, glass, ivory, textiles, wood and precious stones from three continents. After the visit to the museum you will reach the port. Please note: guides for languages other than English are limited. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. Guests are advised that knees and shoulders must be kept covered at all times and are recommended to wear flat comfortable shoes and a hat. Wheelchair users must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach; wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Wheelchair users wishing to take part in this are requested to contact the Shore Excursions’ Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made. This tour operates with am and pm departures.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pris per person</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vuxen:: 629,00 kr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barn:: 480,00 kr</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Discover Doha on land and view it from the sea on this panoramic city tour and boat cruise. After a panoramic coach drive along Doha Corniche & West Bay, you will head for a visit to the atmospheric Souq (Souq Waqif) in Old Doha, which is one of the most bustling areas of the city. Evolved from a weekend market where the Bedouins traded meat, wool and other products, it is now a maze of narrow alleyways filled with small shops, with goods piled high to the ceilings and spilling out onto the pavement, and with separate sections selling dress, tools, general hardware, spices, incense, Arabic perfumes, sweets and dried fruits. Highlights are the Falcon Souq, the Gold & Diamond Souq, the Spice Street and the Animal Souq. The tour continues with a drive to Doha Dhow Port to board a dhow and begin an amazing cruise on the waters of the Doha bay where skyscrapers of all different shapes and forms will impress you. Join this relaxing trip and set sail aboard a magnificent dhow, one of the oldest types of wooden ships still in use and which, relatively unchanged over the years, remains an integral part of the middle eastern culture. Used in the past for fishing, pearl diving & trading between Africa & India, each sailing trip on a show that varies from Oman to Bahrain is a unique experience. The best Architects from around the globe have competed in creating a state-of-the-art horizon. Refreshments and a delicious on-board BBQ will be served, so taste it and simply relax and soak up the sun on board while cruising back to land at a leisurely pace. You may take a swim and enjoy the sunny day in Doha Bay. Please note: all dhows are engine-powered; information available only in English. Please wear flat, comfortable shoes and a hat. This tour is not suitable for guests using a wheelchair. Sea water might be quite cold during the winter months. Guests are advised to ring a light jacket or a jumper in case of wind which might cause cold sensation during the cruise leg of the tour.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Pris per person</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vuxen:: 842,00 kr</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barn:: 629,00 kr</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

www.msc cruises.se
A trip to Qatar would be a waste without this incredibly adventurous journey into the endless heart of the desert. Experience the rapture of an exhilarating roller coaster ride as our luxury 4x4 vehicles drive you across the tranquil sand dunes leaving you captivated. Your trip includes a drive along coastal route to Sealine passing the Oil fields & Towers in Mesaaid; en route we stop for a breathtaking view of the Inland Sea Khor Al Adeid, which is the natural border to Saudi Arabia. Do bring your camera for exclusive photo opportunity, allowing you to capture the stunning panoramic views of spectacular sand dunes and the Inland Sea, while enjoying a roller-coaster ride. You will reach Gulf Adventure camp, an oasis of tranquillity located amidst the poetical dunes of the Arabian desert kissed by the blue waters of the Arabian Gulf. Enjoy a day at the beach within the desert in a resort that provides amenities and facilities to satisfy your every need and demand. Our sumptuous home-made BBQ meal makes your lay over to Qatar a delicious experience: the traditional tents provide comfortable shade. Get ready for sand boarding or just have a swim in the Gulf. Please note: the driver will give information in English only. As this tour involves travelling over rough and bumpy terrain, it is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems, with neck/back/heart problems and for pregnant women. Please wear casual clothing, comfortable walking shoes, a hat and do bring towels and swimming wear. En route, there will be a stop to release air from the tires to enable you to enjoy a smooth safari on the soft sand. Attractions available at the resort not included and at additional cost and subject to availability. Minimum age to take part: 3 years.

**Pris per person**

Vuxen:: 1 225,00 kr  
Barn:: 906,00 kr

This shopping trip begins with a large portion of eastern promise and Oriental flair at Doha’s famed Souq Waqif, an inner-city market that covers about four blocks close to the waterside Corniche. In line with an edict passed by the Emir of Qatar, the more than 100-year-old complex underwent large-scale refurbishment between 2004 and 2006 using only traditional building materials such as sun-baked bricks reinforced with wooden poles instead of steel. As you explore the many narrow alleyways of the souq, you’ll find yourself amid a vast array of goods: gold, textiles, spices and even live falcons and other animals. Next up on the tour is the Aspire Zone Foundation, a centre that provides training facilities for sports prodigies, promotes a healthy lifestyle and supports the sports economy. Part of the complex is the Italianate Villagio Mall, where you’ll have time to browse and bargain for a memento of your time in Qatar. But along with the Aspire Zone itself, the mall is also ideal for kicking back and having lunch in one of the numerous restaurants (at extra cost) before you return to the ship. Please note: guides for languages other than English are limited. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. Please always cover knees and shoulders and wear flat, comfortable shoes and a hat. This tour is not recommended for guests using a wheelchair.

**Pris per person**

Vuxen:: 629,00 kr  
Barn:: 480,00 kr
DOH09 - DESERT SAFARI

Sand, sand, lots of sand that forms an ever-changing, undulating landscape as far as the eye can see: the desert in the south of Qatar is the site of an adventure you'll love to remember. Best of all, you'll get to enjoy the magnificent ride from the comfort of a luxury 4x4 vehicle. You'll first head south from the port in Doha, passing the oil fields and towers for which Mesaieed is known, then take a break at Sealine Beach to reduce tyre pressure and, finally, move on to the desert sands. A bumper portion of glorious views awaits, topped off by breathtaking vistas of the inland sea at Khor Al Adaid, which also forms a natural, geographical border to Saudi Arabia. After some time to enjoy the tranquillity of the desert at this special spot and take photos, the equally scenic return ride brings the outing to a close. Please note: guests are advised to wear comfortable walking shoes and are required to be in good physical health. The tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests of limited mobility, with back/neck problems and pregnant women. The driver will provide basic information in English only. Each jeep seats a maximum of 6 guests; minimum age to take part: 3 years.

Pris per person
Vuxen: 874,00 kr
Barn: 661,00 kr

DOH10 - PANORAMIC DOHA

Taking up half a day of your time, this tour promises to deliver the very best of Doha, Qatars capital and a city that succeeds in blending modern with traditional architecture. After passing the Museum of Islamic Art near the city's dhow harbour, a photo stop follows at the Corniche for views of the West Bay skyscrapers. Next up is a man-made island simply called The Pearl Qatar that resembles the shape of an oyster albeit one measuring an impressive 400 hectares/988 acres. Due to be completed in 2018, The Pearl is set to provide more than 32 km/20 miles of new coastline, along which around 19,000 residential units will be built for about 45,000 residents. Your final port of call will then be the Souq Waqif, a vast inner-city bazaar that dates back to the 19th century, but was fully refurbished using only traditional building materials between 2004 and 2006. Brimming with the most diverse goods, from gold and textiles to spices and live animals, the souq is an experience that will engage all your senses. The outing then wraps up with your return to the ship. Please note: guides for languages other than English are limited. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. Guests are advised that film is only in English. Guests are advised that knees and shoulders must be kept covered at all times and are recommended to wear flat comfortable shoes and a hat. Wheelchair users must be accompanied by a paying helper to provide assistance with getting on and off the coach; wheelchairs must be collapsible/foldable since the coach has neither a ramp nor a lift. Wheelchair users wishing to take part in this are requested to contact the Shore Excursions Desk promptly once they are on board so that arrangements can be made.

Pris per person
Vuxen: 448,00 kr
Barn: 341,00 kr

www.msc cruises.se
### DOH12 - AL SHAQAB ROYAL STABLES

Equestrian sports, in particular involving elegant, pure-bred Arabian horses, are not only highly popular in Qatar, but also add up to big business, with champions and their offspring bringing in and selling for huge sums of money. This half-day outing will see you head for the Al Shaqab Royal Stables, a place that prides itself in the champions it has bred and continues to breed. In an effort to promote only the highest standards in equestrian husbandry and the showing of Arabian horses, Al Shaqab offers innovative opportunities in the fields of equestrian education and sports. Taking you past the Al Jazeera TV station, an initial 1-hour drive will deliver you to the stables. Your guided visit will then include a look at the VIP area, the main arenas, the breeding and showing sections as well as a chance to take part in a short horse show. On the way back to the ship, you'll have a brief photo stop at the Aspire zone to wrap the tour up. Please note: guides available only in English. This tour is considered to be unsuitable for guests using a wheelchair.

**Pris per person**
- Vuxen: 767,00 kr
- Barn: 554,00 kr

---

### DOH13 - PANORAMIC TOUR & BEACH/POOL TIME

This appealing half-day outing will see you leave the ship to first enjoy drive-by views of Doha as you ride down the waterfront Corniche, with a 10-minute photo stop included at the picturesque Dhow Harbour. Your destination will be the Intercontinental Beach Hotel at West Bay Lagoon, home to Doha's longest private beach and only a stone's throw from the city centre. You'll be given towels to use, served a complimentary refreshment and have access to the pool and sandy beach, which also affords stunning views of Doha's skyline. If you like and at extra cost, spa treatments are also on offer to round out your pampering session. At the agreed time, you'll lastly find your coach waiting to return you to your ship.

**Pris per person**
- Vuxen: 1 332,00 kr
- Barn: 980,00 kr

---

www.msc cruises.se