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# FROM THE DESK

Welcome to the January issue of *Qatar Happening!*

As we step into the new year, we reflect on the vibrant celebrations, thrilling moments, and creative milestones that lit up Qatar last month. This issue is packed with stories that capture the essence of Qatar's dynamic spirit, from culinary excellence to sporting triumphs.

We begin with the unveiling of the MICHELIN Guide Doha 2025 at the iconic Katara Hall, Raffles Doha. Honouring 33 exceptional establishments, the event showcased Qatar's culinary prowess and coincided beautifully with the nation's pride on Qatar National Day. Adding to the festive fervour, the Qatar Balloon Festival 2024 enchanted spectators with its fifth edition, painting the skies of Katara Cultural Village with a kaleidoscope of colours.

In our interviews, we feature Shyam Chhabria, the mastermind behind CoCreate International. Shyam shares his inspiring journey of redefining live entertainment in Qatar and how his vision is reshaping the industry. We also sat down with Chef Askin Buyuk, Le Royal Méridien Place Vendôme Lusail's new executive chef. With his Mediterranean roots and global expertise, Chef Askin promises to redefine the culinary scene.

For food enthusiasts, don't miss our feature on Electric Diner at The Ned Doha, where classic American flavours come alive in a vibrant setting.

Sports fans, relive the thrilling finale of The FIFA Intercontinental Cup Qatar 2024™ at Lusail Stadium. With over 67,000 fans in attendance, Real Madrid clinched victory with an unforgettable 3-0 win over Pachuca.

From fine dining to high-flying entertainment, this issue celebrates the incredible moments that make Qatar the heartbeat of the region. Here's to a fantastic start to 2025, filled with new adventures and exciting stories to share.

Warm regards,



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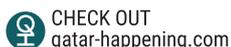
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# A CELEBRATION OF UNITY, HERITAGE, AND PRIDE



Every year on December 18, Qatar bursts into a sea of maroon and white as the nation comes together to celebrate Qatar National Day (QND), also known as Founder's Day. This iconic day marks the unification of Qatar's tribes under its founding leader, Sheikh Jassim bin Mohammed bin Thani, in 1878—a turning point that shaped the country's identity and independence.

## A historic legacy

Though Qatar gained formal independence from the British Empire on September 3, 1971, December 18 holds deeper symbolic meaning. On this day, Sheikh Jassim succeeded his father, Mohammed bin Thani, uniting the local tribes and resisting foreign control from powerful forces like the British and Ottomans. His leadership laid the foundation for modern Qatar—a resilient, autonomous nation rooted in cultural pride and unity.

The significance of this date was officially recognised in 2007 when then Crown Prince Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani issued a decree declaring December 18 as Qatar National Day, ensuring the country's rich heritage would be celebrated annually with grandeur and national pride.

## A nation united in celebration

Today, Qatar National Day is a nationwide celebration that brings together locals and residents under shared values of loyalty, culture, and tradition. The entire country turns festive,

with cars, homes, and businesses adorned in the national flag and patriotic symbols. Streets come alive with honking cars blasting national songs, creating an electric atmosphere of joy and pride.

The day's highlight is the grand military parade along the scenic Doha Corniche, featuring military displays, camel cavalcades, and air force flyovers. The parade is attended by the Amir, members of the royal family, and high-ranking officials.

However, QND is not just about celebration—it also reflects Qatar's commitment to global solidarity. In 2016, the parade was cancelled in a show of support for Syria during the Battle of Aleppo. In 2023, Qatar again suspended the parade due to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the passing of Kuwait's ruler Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah.

## A living tradition

Each year, Qatar National Day is celebrated under a unique slogan, inspired by the poetry of Sheikh Jassim, reflecting national values of courage, loyalty, and pride. The event serves as a powerful reminder of Qatar's journey—from its historic unification to its modern-day prominence on the global stage.

Qatar National Day is more than a holiday—it's a living tribute to the country's enduring spirit, inspiring both its people and the world with stories of heritage, resilience, and hope. 🇶🇪

*Photo credit: Doha News*



# The inaugural MICHELIN Guide Doha 2025 selection launched



The MICHELIN Guide Doha 2025 was unveiled at a grand ceremony held at the Katara Hall, Raffles Doha, celebrating 33 exceptional establishments.

“We are delighted to announce The MICHELIN Guide’s arrival in Qatar with our first Guide to Doha,” said Gwendal Poullennec, international director of the MICHELIN Guide. “Our famously anonymous Inspectors have explored and experienced the city’s restaurants and their cuisines from all around the world and have selected the very best, across all price ranges and styles.”

“This inaugural selection not only celebrates the best of Doha’s dining scene but will also put the city on the international culinary map. The selection of these 33 restaurants in the MICHELIN Guide is testament to the many talented chefs and culinary teams who have made Doha their home and who bring passion, creativity, and respect for local traditions to their craft.”

The MICHELIN Guide Inspectors evaluated the restaurants based on their globally consistent five criteria: the quality of the ingredients; mastery of cooking techniques; harmony of flavours; expression of the chef’s personality in the cuisine; and consistency, both over time and across the entire menu.



## Two restaurants earned one MICHELIN star

**Jamavar:** This sister restaurant to the London establishment showcased a wide range of Indian dishes, prepared with exceptional skill and care by Head Chef Debdash Balaga. Specialties included Laal Maas, a lamb shank slow cooked for eight hours.

**IDAM by Alain Ducasse:** Chef Fabrice Rosso infused Qatari influences into Alain Ducasse’s signature style. The use of local ingredients and spices elevated the dining experience to new heights.



## Four restaurants received Bib Gourmand recognition

Named after Bibendum, the Michelin Man, the Bib Gourmand recognised restaurants offering great quality and value.

**Isaan:** Known for its three open kitchens, the team prepared regional specialties and Thai dishes with expertise.

**Jiwan:** Located at the Qatar National Museum, this restaurant reinterpreted Qatari dishes with a modern twist.

**Argan:** Situated near Souq Waqif, Argan offered authentic Moroccan dishes at great value.

**Hoppers:** Known for its Sri Lankan and South Indian cuisine, this outpost of the London original stood out for its bold flavours.



## MICHELIN Guide special awards

The MICHELIN Guide's Special Awards celebrated diverse roles and exceptional talent within the hospitality industry.



**Young Chef Award:** Sirijan Saelee of Isaan earned this award for her expertise in managing the restaurant's diverse kitchens, showcasing Thailand's culinary traditions.



**Service Award:** Paulo Bastos and his team at Morimoto were recognised for their impeccable service, ensuring diners felt valued and cared for.



**Exceptional Cocktails Award:** Robi Ratan from IDAM by Alain Ducasse impressed with his inventive mocktails, skilfully crafted using local spices, fruits, and ingredients to enhance the dining experience.

The full Doha selection was made available in digital format across all official MICHELIN Guide platforms, including its website, mobile app, and social media.

The MICHELIN Guide continued to uphold its legacy as a benchmark in gastronomy while setting new standards for hotels. 📱



# Qatar Balloon Festival 2024 takes flight

The Qatar Balloon Festival 2024 lit up the skies of Doha with its much-anticipated fifth edition, held at the southern parking area of Katara Cultural Village from December 12 to 21. This year's festival brought a kaleidoscope of colour, family fun, and spectacular activities, captivating over 50,000 visitors from across the globe.

## A global celebration of hot air balloons

Featuring more than 50 hot air balloons from 21 countries, including Belgium, the UK, France, Brazil, and Spain, the festival celebrated the art of flight in grand style. Each morning, attendees marvelled at sunrise launches, where vibrant balloons floated gracefully across Qatar's skies, creating breathtaking vistas. For those seeking a closer experience, tethered flights allowed visitors to see the balloons up close, with some lucky guests even enjoying a short lift-off.

## Unforgettable nighttime spectacles

As the sun set, the festival came alive with nightglow displays, where illuminated balloons pulsed to the rhythm of live music, creating a mesmerising symphony of light and sound. Complementing this was the laser and flame show, held four times nightly, dazzling crowds with vibrant visuals and roaring flamethrowers that synchronized perfectly with the music.

## Family fun and hands-on activities

Beyond the balloons, the festival offered a host of family-friendly activities. Children and adults alike flocked to the playground, featuring carnival games, football darts, VR experiences, and themed jumping houses. Young creatives enjoyed kite-building workshops, where they crafted and launched their colourful designs into the sky, while the first-ever balloon-building activity allowed visitors to witness skilled seamsters constructing a hot air balloon on-site—a rare and fascinating experience.



## A feast for foodies

No celebration is complete without delicious food, and the festival delivered with a variety of food kiosks and trucks offering mouthwatering cuisines. Whether enjoying a quick bite or indulging in gourmet treats, there was something to satisfy every palate.

## A milestone in celebration

The opening ceremony set a festive tone with the inflation of two signature balloons, representing Visit Qatar and Dukhan Bank. Guests were treated to circus parades, lively music, and thrilling performances. The event not only highlighted Qatar's growing reputation as a hub for global events but also commemorated the festival's journey over the years.

The Qatar Balloon Festival 2024 soared to new heights, blending cultural celebration, family entertainment, and breathtaking spectacles. As the festival concluded, it left attendees with cherished memories and anticipation for its next edition. 

*Photo credit: The Peninsula Qatar, Qatar Balloon Festival*

# A night of fine dining and orchestral splendour



The St. Regis Doha, in collaboration with the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra, is proud to host The Midnight Supper on January 16th, 2025. This exceptional event will bring together fine dining, live orchestral music, and the company of Doha's elite to ring in the New Year with unmatched sophistication and style.

Drawing inspiration from the iconic gatherings of Caroline Astor, mother of St. Regis founder John Jacob Astor IV, The Midnight Supper pays homage to the opulence of the Gilded Age, a time of extraordinary wealth and transformation in America. Guests will be transported into a world of grandeur as the opulently adorned Grand Ballroom is transformed into a stunning stage for this one-of-a-kind evening.

The culinary experience will be nothing short of extraordinary. Renowned chefs from Hakkasan, Scalini, Novikov, and Fauchon have curated an exquisite menu that includes delicacies such as king crab with caviar, black cod with truffle, and Wagyu short rib. This gastronomic journey is designed to tantalise the senses and elevate the evening to new heights.

The night will be further enriched by a captivating musical performance from the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra under the masterful direction of conductor Elias Grandy. Featuring

the incredible talents of soprano Julia Koci and tenor Lucian Kraznec, the orchestra, composed of 70 skilled musicians, will perform timeless masterpieces by celebrated composers such as Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Puccini, Bizet, Verdi, and Rossini. The carefully curated repertoire, led by QPO Executive Director Kurt Meister, promises an evening of operatic and orchestral brilliance.

As a final touch of elegance, internationally acclaimed ballet dancer Ildar Young-Gaynutdino will grace the stage with a dazzling performance, ensuring the evening concludes on a high note of artistic mastery and poise.

"The St. Regis Midnight Supper is more than a luxury event. It's a legacy, a tradition celebrated annually at St. Regis properties worldwide. In Doha, we are honoured to launch this exquisite experience, a celebration of refined tastes that resonates with the city's most esteemed clientele. The Midnight Supper will be a defining moment in Doha's social calendar, reflecting the sophistication and vibrant spirit that defines this remarkable city," said Marc Matar, multi-property general manager of The St. Regis Doha and St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island, The Pearl - Qatar. 📍

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# GENNY fall/winter 2024: FESTIVE ELEGANCE



Genny's Fall/Winter 2024 collection brings festive sophistication with rich holiday hues and shimmering statement pieces. Vibrant reds, emerald greens, and dazzling sequins set the stage for glamorous celebrations.

From sleek ruby red suits to elegant emerald dresses and sparkling sequin skirts, the collection balances tailored cuts with intricate embellishments. Every piece is crafted for comfort and style, ensuring effortless elegance for any occasion.

Whether making a bold entrance in sequins or embracing classic charm with refined suiting, Genny's festive edit guarantees standout holiday looks with a perfect blend of luxury and modern flair. 



# LN Family debuts first-ever footwear collection



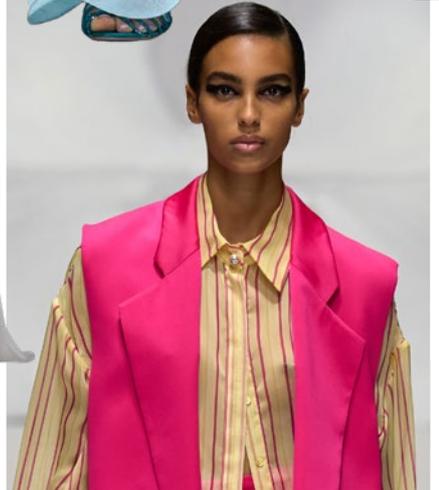
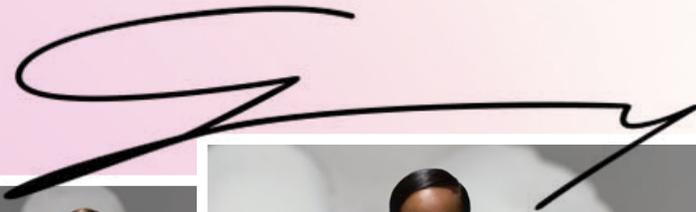


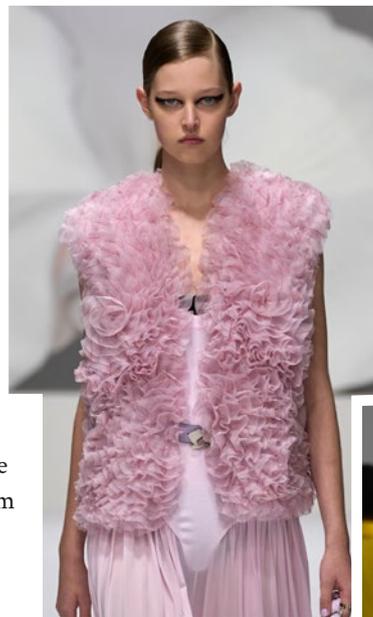
Just in time for the festive season, LN Family unveils its first-ever footwear collection, launching December 9th. Featuring a luxurious palette of red, gold, and black, the collection effortlessly elevates any holiday look with elegance and style.

From bold red stilettos and shimmering gold mules to sleek black pumps with refined details, each design balances glamour and sophistication. Perfect for pairing with evening dresses or tailored separates, these shoes are made for unforgettable celebrations.

Crafted for versatility, LN Family's festive footwear transitions seamlessly from intimate gatherings to grand New Year's Eve events, adding charm and elegance to every step. 🥂

# GENNY SS25 ARTFUL FLORALS





Genny's SS25 collection celebrates floral elegance, inspired by nature and the symbolic orchid. Drawing from the dreamlike essence of Hieronymus Bosch's Garden of Delights, it merges art and nature with bold floral motifs that embody timeless beauty.

Soft pastels—blush pink, lavender, and butter yellow—reflect a serene blooming garden, enhanced by flowing fabrics like chiffon, organza, and silk that mimic petals in motion.

Intricate embroidery and prints bring florals to life, showcasing Genny's artistry. Flowing dresses, tailored blazers with floral details, and structured separates offer modern versatility with feminine charm.

This collection seamlessly blends timeless elegance with contemporary style. 🌸

# REDEFINING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN QATAR

Azqa Haroon had the privilege of sitting down with Shyam Chhabria, the visionary managing director of CoCreate International. Known for redefining live entertainment and intellectual properties in Qatar and beyond, Shyam shared insights into his dynamic career, his passion for crafting unforgettable events, and how CoCreate is shaping the future of the industry. Here's what he had to say.





**QH:** CoCreate International is transforming the live entertainment industry in Qatar. What's the secret to your success in crafting unforgettable events?

**Chhabria:** At CoCreate International, we combine creativity, innovation, and precision. Every project begins with a vision of how it can resonate globally. By merging strategic planning with a deep understanding of audience expectations, we create impactful moments that leave a lasting impression. For us, it's all about bringing ideas to life in ways that inspire and captivate.

**QH:** Your career spans over 20 years and includes collaborations with global giants. What has been your most memorable achievement so far?

**Chhabria:** Entertainer No.1 in Doha stands out. Organising an event of that scale, featuring Bollywood stars like Varun Dhawan and Tiger Shroff, in such tight timelines was a challenge we embraced. Seeing it sell out within a week and the audience's incredible response made it truly unforgettable.

**QH:** Intellectual properties are at the core of CoCreate's vision. Why do you think they are crucial for success in today's entertainment industry?

**Chhabria:** Intellectual properties are the backbone of sustainable success. They allow us to engage different audience segments, offer unique experiences, and build lasting brand value. Whether it's Jjust Live or Jjust Originals, IPs create opportunities to connect on a deeper level and stay relevant in a competitive market.

**QH:** Under your leadership, CoCreate organised the Shreya Ghoshal Live in Doha concert. What do you think makes such events resonate with audiences?

**Chhabria:** The key lies in curating experiences that go beyond just entertainment. It's about understanding what the audience values—be it exceptional performances, seamless execution, or an immersive atmosphere. With every event, we aim to evoke emotion and create a sense of community.

**QH:** As a leader in Qatar's live entertainment scene, how do you see the industry evolving in the coming years?

**Chhabria:** The Middle East, particularly Qatar, is emerging as a global hub for live entertainment. With events becoming more innovative and experiential, there's immense potential to blend culture, technology, and storytelling. I envision Qatar setting benchmarks for immersive, world-class experiences that attract audiences from across the globe. 🇶🇦



# FLAVOURS OF TRADITION WITH CHEF ASKIN BUYUK



**Azqa Haroon** had the opportunity to speak with Chef Askin Buyuk, the newly appointed executive chef at Le Royal Méridien Place Vendôme Lusail. With his extensive international experience and passion for Mediterranean flavours, Chef Askin is set to elevate the culinary landscape at the hotel. Here, he shares his journey, his culinary philosophy, and what guests can look forward to under his leadership.

**QH: How has your Turkish heritage influenced your culinary style and approach at Le Royal Méridien?**

**Buyuk:** We are, in fact, people of the same culture. The Aegean and Mediterranean regions cover a vast area. Our geographical position has allowed us to shape products with various spices, methods of aging, drying, and cooking for centuries, resulting in true Aegean and Mediterranean wonders. As young chefs, we try to benefit from this rich heritage and bring innovative ideas to the table.

**QH: What's your signature dish that best represents your culinary philosophy?**

**Buyuk:** I grew up in Alaçatı, İzmir, and I'm not sure if it's because of the place I'm from or its special atmosphere, but it has always been my main source of inspiration. When I lived there, visiting the local markets in the early morning hours greatly boosted my creativity and excitement in the kitchen. Our advantage here is that we can access the same freshness in our ingredients. My signature dish is a seafood pasta with fresh noodles, a simple yet profound flavour from our roots and childhood.

**QH: How do you balance tradition with modern culinary trends in your menu creations?**

**Buyuk:** The most important aspect for me is combining quality ingredients in a way that maintains their original

quality. I believe continuity is extremely important in our industry. Afterward, I create harmony that will highlight the freshness of the products and present them with the most elegant presentation. I think the visual appeal of the dish is as important as its taste. I aim to engage all the senses when presenting my plates.

**QH: What ingredient or flavour profile excites you the most when crafting new dishes?**

**Buyuk:** When designing new dishes, childhood habits and fond memories play a significant role for me. I get excited by creating a balance using fresh and natural ingredients such as seafood, red meat, fresh mushrooms, and herbs. Drawing inspiration from Mediterranean cuisine, I love enriching dishes with rich flavour profiles like olive oil, pomegranate molasses, and fresh herbs, evoking warm and nostalgic memories of the past.

**QH: What can diners expect from the dining experience at Le Royal Méridien under your leadership?**

**Buyuk:** At Le Royal Méridien Place Vendôme Lusail, guests can expect an exceptional experience where we blend Mediterranean flavours with modern touches, mixing different cultures alongside our team. Every dish, prepared with fresh and high-quality ingredients, combines traditional flavours with innovative presentations, offering our guests an unforgettable culinary journey. 🇸🇦



**SHORT SHOTS:**

**Favourite Mediterranean ingredient?** Olive Oil

**Go-to comfort food?** Eggplant Moussaka

**Most unforgettable culinary experience?** I would say it's meeting my wife and working together in the kitchen during a very busy season, which eventually led to us getting married.

**One kitchen tool you can't live without?** A microplane grater.

**Dream destination for a food-inspired vacation?** For a food-focused vacation, my dream destination would be to deeply explore the culinary culture of the Far East, especially Japan and Thailand. I am fascinated by Japan's traditional sushi and sashimi culture, and Thailand's flavourful dishes prepared with rich spices. In Thailand, the use of fresh lemongrass, kaffir lime, chili, and coconut milk in soups, curries, and seafood; and in Japan, the delicate flavours of sashimi, ramen, and miso soup, would be incredibly inspiring. These flavours showcase the perfect fusion of traditional and modern cuisines using the freshest natural ingredients.



# A RETRO HAVEN FOR AMERICAN COMFORT FOOD

Azqa Haroon had the delightful chance to experience Electric Diner, an all-American eatery at The Ned Doha. With its retro charm and menu packed with classic comfort food, this spot is perfect for anyone seeking a relaxed yet indulgent dining experience.





### Vibrant ambience

Electric Diner’s interior exudes nostalgia with its vibrant red booths, glowing neon signs, and cosy lighting, creating the quintessential diner atmosphere. Located on the ground floor of The Ned Doha, it also boasts breathtaking views of West Bay, offering the perfect mix of vintage charm and modern sophistication.

### Refreshing appetisers and nibbles

The meal began with the Atlantic prawn cocktail, a dish as fresh as it was indulgent. The prawns were perfectly cooked, their sweetness elevated by the tangy Marie Rose sauce. It was a refreshing and satisfying start to the meal, setting the tone for what was to come.

The hash browns, served with sour cream and an unexpectedly delightful apple sauce, were crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. The pairing of creamy and tangy flavours with the slight

sweetness of apple gave this humble dish an exciting twist, making it both comforting and inventive.

### Indulgent signature shakes

Electric Diner’s shakes are a highlight in their own right. The Oreo shake was rich, creamy, and indulgently satisfying—exactly what you’d expect from a classic cookies-and-cream treat. On the other hand, the Pina Colada shake offered a refreshing contrast, bringing tropical flavours to the table with its sweet and fruity notes, perfect for balancing the heavier dishes.



### Flavourful mains

The double cheeseburger was everything a burger lover could dream of—two juicy patties cooked to perfection, topped with melted cheese and nestled in a soft bun with just the right amount of accompaniments. It was hearty, flavourful, and utterly satisfying.

Equally impressive was the chicken burger, featuring buttermilk fried chicken that was crispy on the outside and tender on the inside. The red slaw added a tangy crunch, while the mayonnaise brought it all together in a delicious harmony of flavours. The hot dog, with its soft bun and juicy sausage, was simple but perfectly executed, making it another classic hit on the menu.

No visit to Electric Diner would be complete without sampling their chicken wings. Each flavour brought its own distinct personality to the table. The Buffalo wings were bold and tangy with a fiery kick, while the BBQ wings had a smoky sweetness that lingered beautifully. For something rich and indulgent, the garlic parmesan wings delivered with their savoury, cheesy goodness. Together, these wings showcased the diner’s ability to nail quintessential comfort food staples.

### Special promotions

Electric Diner is not just about great food; it also offers exciting promotions. The Saturday Comfort Brunch, held every Saturday in January, is a family-friendly affair featuring a sharing-style menu of American classics like burgers, wings, and hot dogs, alongside live entertainment, including a magician and kids’ activities. At QR 199 per person, it’s a delightful way to spend an afternoon.

For those dining during the week, the Generous January promotion offers a buy-one-get-one deal on all à la carte items, making it the perfect opportunity to double the indulgence without doubling the cost.

### Final thoughts

Electric Diner is a gem in Doha’s dining scene, offering hearty American classics in a setting that feels both nostalgic and modern. From its irresistible food to its welcoming atmosphere, it’s the ideal spot for everything from casual meals to fun-filled family outings. 📍

*Find It: Electric Diner, The Ned Doha*  
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## Radisson Blu Hotel, Doha

Celebrate Chinese New Year with a festive set menu at Ruby Wu. Indulge in authentic Chinese flavours and ring in the season with delectable dishes.

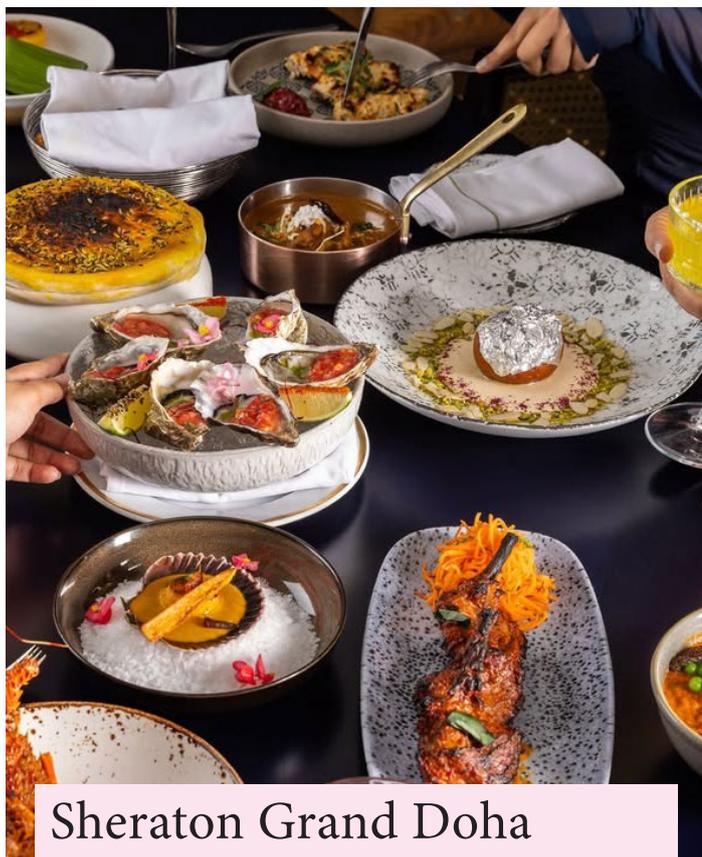
**When:** 28th January – 6th February | 6pm – 11pm

**Price:** Set menu starting from QR 220 per adult

**Find It:** Lower Lobby, East Wing, Radisson Blu Hotel, Doha

**Call:** +974 4428 1555

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## Sheraton Grand Doha

Indulge in Jamavar's Royal Brunch, a weekend feast that showcases the rich and diverse flavours of Indian cuisine in an opulent setting.

**When:** Fridays | 12.30pm – 4pm

**Price:** QR 300 per person | QR 400 per person with enhanced beverages

**Find It:** Jamavar, Sheraton Grand Doha

**Call:** +974 4485 3000

## Mandarin Oriental Doha

Indulge in a refined Dim Sum brunch at Liang, where the updated menu showcases an array of authentic Chinese flavours. Savour a curated selection of classic Dim Sum dishes in a vibrant setting. This delightful experience is also available for gifting.

**When:** Every Friday & Saturday | 12.30pm – 4pm

**Price:** QR 290 per person, including Chinese Tea | QR 495 per person, with enhanced beverage package

**Call:** +974 4008 8888





## The Ned Doha

Beat the January blues with Electric Diner's Saturday Comfort Brunch! Indulge in a sharing-style set menu of American comfort classics like burgers, wings, hot dogs, and shakes.

**When:** Every Saturday in January | 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**Price:** QR 199 per person

**Find It:** Electric Diner, The Ned Doha

**Call:** +974 4406 1111

## The Chedi Katara Hotel & Resort

Indulge in a delightful breakfast buffet experience at The Restaurant, where tantalising flavours meet serene seaside ambiance, creating unforgettable moments with every bite.

**When:** Sunday – Thursday | 7am – 10.30am

**Price:** QR 150

**Find It:** The Restaurant, The Chedi Katara Hotel & Resort

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## InterContinental Doha Beach & Spa

Savour a five-course tasting menu curated by Chef Frank at La Mar's weekend lunch on the outdoor terrace. Indulge in the iconic flavours of La Mar, paired with handpicked vinos for an elevated dining experience.

**When:** Fridays & Saturdays | 12.30pm – 3.30pm

**Price:** QR 155 (unlimited beverage pairing)

**Find It:** La Mar, InterContinental Doha Beach & Spa

**Call:** +974 5522 4520



## Mondrian Doha

Mondrian Bistro introduces a quick and wholesome Gluten-Free Express Lunch, perfect for busy days. Savour a carefully crafted three-course meal that prioritises health and flavour without compromise.

**When:** Daily | 12.30pm – 3.30pm

**Price:** QR 95 | 3-Course Meal in 45 Minutes

**Find It:** Mondrian Bistro, Mondrian Doha

**Call:** +974 4045 5555

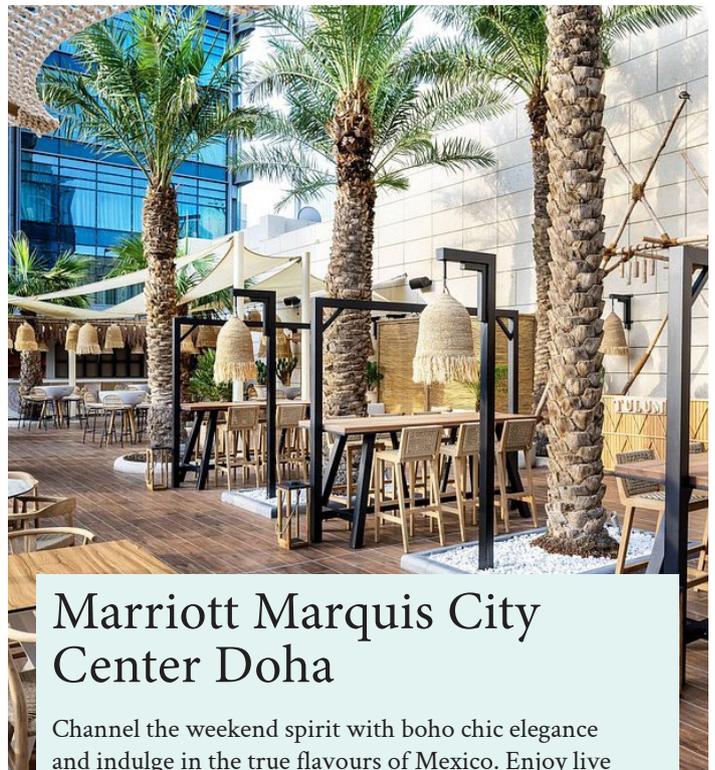
## InterContinental Doha Beach & Spa

Experience authentic Greek flavours with a sharing-style menu featuring regional specialties. Dine like a local and soak in the vibrant ambience at Mykonos.

**When:** Fridays & Saturdays | 12pm – 4pm

**Find It:** Mykonos, InterContinental Doha Beach & Spa

**Call:** +974 5547 9950



## Marriott Marquis City Center Doha

Channel the weekend spirit with boho chic elegance and indulge in the true flavours of Mexico. Enjoy live entertainment, pool access, and the vibrant atmosphere of this unique brunch experience.

**When:** Fridays | 12pm – 4pm

**Price:**

QR 195 (including soft beverages)

QR 345 (including selected beverages)

QR 375 (including enhanced beverages)

**Find It:** Tulum | Level 7, Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel

**Call:** +974 4419 5110 | WhatsApp: +974 6643 6890

## Mandarin Oriental Doha

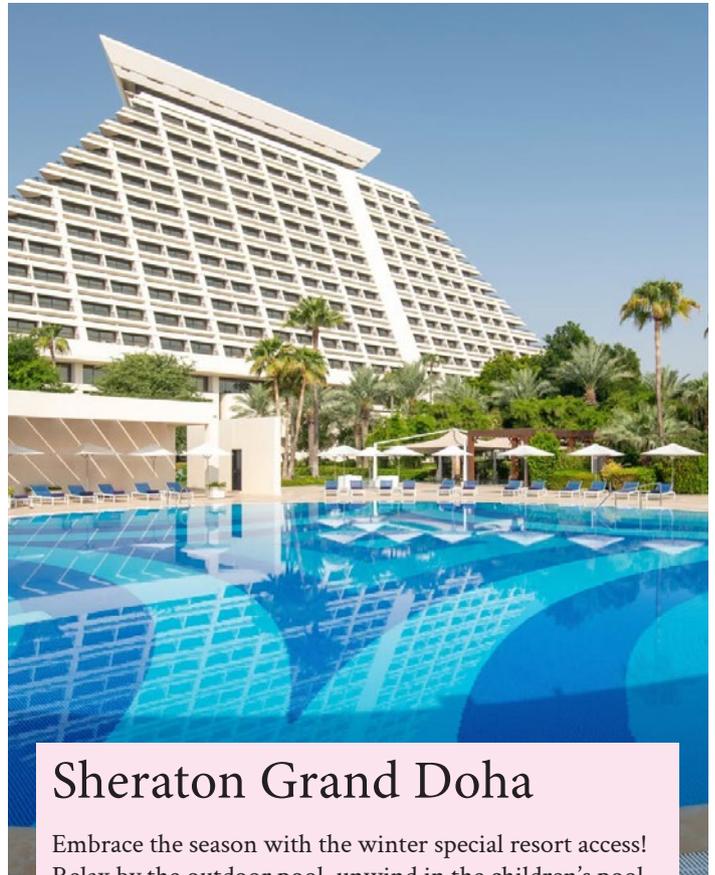
Enhance your physical strength with a holistic retreat designed to boost exercise, movement, and stability. Each retreat also offers day access to the Fitness Centre and outdoor swimming pool.

**Duration:** 3 hours 30 minutes

**Price:** QR 1,800 per person

**Find It:** The Spa, Mandarin Oriental Doha

**Call:** +974 4008 8888



## Sheraton Grand Doha

Embrace the season with the winter special resort access! Relax by the outdoor pool, unwind in the children's pool, and enjoy the stunning infinity jacuzzi, all while taking in breathtaking views of the Arabian Gulf.

**When:** Sunday to Thursday | Swimming Pool & Jacuzzi:  
8am – 8pm | Private Beach: 8am – Sunset

**Price:** QR 100 per person

**Find It:** Sheraton Fitness, Sheraton Grand Doha

**Call:** +974 4485 4600

## The Ritz-Carlton, Doha

Gather the family for a fun-filled Friday brunch at Lagoon, featuring live stations and a selection of international favourites.

**When:** Every Friday | 1pm – 5pm

**Price:** QR 250 (soft beverages package) |  
QR 425 (enhanced package) | QR 125 (kids  
6–12 years old) | Kids under 6 dine for free

**Find It:** Lagoon, The Ritz-Carlton, Doha

**Call:** +974 4484 5599 / +974 4484 8522



## The Chedi Katara Hotel & Resort

Indulge in a 90-minute facial treatment at The Spa, The Chedi Katara, and pay only for 60 minutes. Rejuvenate and refresh your skin with this exclusive offer!

**When:** Daily | 10am – 8pm

**Price:** Pay for 60 minutes, enjoy 90 minutes

**Find It:** The Spa, The Chedi Katara Hotel & Resort

**Call:** +974 4144 7775

**WhatsApp:** +974 7082 0845



## The Ritz-Carlton, Doha

Unwind at The Ritz-Carlton Spa with access to stunning pools, the beach, and relaxing hot and cold jacuzzis.

**When:** Daily

**Price:** QR 250 (Adult weekday pass) |

QR 350 (Adult weekend pass) |

QR 75 (Kids 5–12 years old, weekday pass) |

QR 100 (Kids 5–12 years old, weekend pass)

**Find It:** The Ritz-Carlton Spa, The Ritz-Carlton, Doha

**Call:** +974 4484 8173 / +974 4484 8174

## Mondrian Doha

Embrace the season with ESPA's indulgent winter bliss package. Experience ultimate warmth and relaxation with a 30-minute body scrub followed by a soothing 90-minute hot stone massage.

**When:** Daily | 10am – 10pm

**Price:** QR 999

**Call:** +974 3301 3370



## Marriott Marquis City Center Doha

Immerse yourself in authentic Hammam rituals that cleanse and nourish, harmonising ancient traditions for a serene experience. Elevate your relaxation with a 30-minute body massage, adding an extra touch of tranquility to your time.

**When:** Daily | 10am – 3pm

**Price:** QR 649 for 105 minutes

**Find It:** Saray Spa | Level 7 | Marriott Marquis City Center Doha

**Call:** +974 4419 6090

# The all-new MG RX9: Redefining premium SUV excellence



The MG RX9 premium SUV blends elegant design, cutting-edge technology, and powerful performance for a luxurious driving experience. Ideal for both city and off-road adventures, it's available in Qatar at MG showrooms on Salwa Road, Doha, and Lusail.

## Distinct trims for every driver

The MG RX9 comes in two trims: the mid-tier COM 2.0 Turbo and the top-tier LUX 2.0 Turbo. Designed for modern families and adventure seekers, its 7-seater layout offers comfort and versatility, backed by a 6-year/200,000 km manufacturer's warranty for peace of mind.



## Striking exterior design

With a 1967mm-wide body, the MG RX9 is the widest in its class, commanding attention on the road. Its Starburst Wing Grille and 245 laser-engraved LED light units add sophistication, while 21-inch wheels ensure stability across terrains. Six nature-inspired exterior colours provide customisation for every style.

## Spacious and luxurious interior

The cabin offers premium comfort with the largest 3-row seating in its class,

accommodating up to 1026 litres of cargo. The refined dashboard features premium materials, including wood grain or aluminium accents, a 12.3-inch touchscreen, and a virtual instrument cluster. The LUX trim includes Bose's 12-speaker audio system, driver memory seats, and leather upholstery in two-tone beige and brown for a touch of luxury.

## Powerful performance

Equipped with a 2.0 Turbo engine and a 9-speed automatic transmission, the MG RX9 delivers exceptional performance with five adaptive driving modes: Auto, Eco, Sport, Snow, and Off-road. Its all-road intelligent cruise assist ensures smooth handling across varying terrains.

## Advanced safety & technology

The MG RX9 prioritizes safety with Bosch's intelligent camera system, HD 360-degree surround-view cameras, and "MG Pilot" Level 2 ADAS on the LUX trim. Features include Automatic Emergency Braking, Lane Keep Assist, Adaptive Cruise Control, and Blind Spot Monitoring. Its high-strength steel structure meets C-NCAP safety standards for maximum protection.

The all-new MG RX9 sets a new benchmark for SUVs with its stylish design, advanced features, and versatile capabilities, making it the ultimate premium SUV for modern lifestyles. 



QATAR 2024



# Real Madrid triumphs at FIFA Intercontinental Cup Qatar 2024™



The FIFA Intercontinental Cup Qatar 2024™ concluded in thrilling fashion at Lusail Stadium, where over 67,000 fans watched Real Madrid claim the title with a commanding 3-0 victory over Mexican club Pachuca.

The event celebrated the second anniversary of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ with pre-match cultural activities held at the stadium fan zone. Six continental club champions competed in the tournament, with games played at Lusail Stadium and Stadium 974 from 11-18 December, drawing a total of over 118,000 spectators.

Before Real Madrid's triumph, CF Pachuca secured the FIFA Derby of



Americas Qatar 2024™ by defeating Botafogo and lifted the FIFA Challenger Cup Qatar 2024™ after beating Al Ahly SC at Stadium 974.

The tournament also emphasised accessibility, offering Audio Descriptive Commentary (ADC) for visually impaired fans and featuring a sensory room at Lusail Stadium, ensuring an inclusive experience for all attendees.

This inaugural edition capped a successful week of football in Qatar, which also hosted The Best FIFA Football Awards 2024, where Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr. was named Best Player.

Looking ahead, Qatar's sporting calendar remains packed with global events, including the 2024 Trophée des Champions on 5 January 2025 at Stadium 974, featuring PSG and Monaco. Qatar will also host the FIFA U17 World Cup from 5-22 November 2025 and the FIFA Arab Cup™ in 2025, 2029, and 2033. 🇶🇦

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