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Qatar, home to world-class stadiums and several clubs dedicated to diverse games and sport, is maturing as a major golf hub in the region.

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The Doha Golf Club hosts several regional and international tournaments every year, attracting the crème de la crème of ace golfers – both men and women.

Read all about the history, development and the present stature of this sport in Qatar.

QUICK FACTS

Capital : Doha
Language: Arabic
Currency: Qatari Riyals (QR)
Conversion: US\$ 1.00 = QR 3.64 approx.
Time Zone: GMT +3
Country Dialing Code: +974
Visa Regulations: Qatar grants tourist visas at border points for the nationals of more than 33 countries including the USA, Canada, Iceland, West European countries and some East European countries, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, South Korea, Brunei, Australia and New Zealand, besides the nationals of the GCC countries. A tourist visa to Qatar only costs roughly QR 100 (valid for two weeks). A joint tourist visa to Qatar and Oman is also available and is valid for three weeks.

You need to have a confirmed booking in a hotel in order to buy your visa on arrival. It is also possible to obtain a visa online before arrival by visiting www.e.gov.qa. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your expected return date.



No other single landmark highlights the stunning natural beauty of Doha more than the scenic Doha Golf Club. Designed by Peter Harradine and unveiled in 1997, the 7374-yard 18-hole Championship Course and floodlit 9-hole Academy Course provide a variety of challenges that will appeal to both the novice golfer and the seasoned professional.

Eight strategically positioned lakes, dozens of giant cacti, numerous imposing limestone rock formations and an abundance of lush and lengthy green fairways add up to a startling contrast to the desert that lies beyond.

Doha Golf Club is also home to the annual European Tour Commercialbank Qatar Masters presented by Dolphin Energy with Doha's Championship Course proving to be one of the longest par 72 courses on the tour.

A course for the champs

Lush fairways, rolling greens and water hazards dominate the Championship Course, which was just a stretch of barren desert only a decade ago. The artificial lakes that dot the course ensure that the 150 hectares of manicured fairways and superb greens are maintained to a standard



that has won unanimous praise from both PGA European Tour and Asian Tour players as well as officials. Each of the 18 holes varies dramatically in character, of which the 9th and the 18th are true giants. In 2009, the 15th hole won an accolade as the 'best designed hole' in the Middle East. The course is a real pleasure for long-hitters and hazards such as natural rock formations, sand bunkers and water are challenging.

Practice makes perfect

For golfers who find the challenge of the 18-hole Championship Course a little too demanding, the Club offers a 9-hole floodlit Academy Course: ideal for the novice and less-experienced golfers. With a length of 2,808 yards, this course offers spectacular views of the West Bay Lagoon and is maintained to the same high standards as the Championship Course. Since it's floodlit, golfers can manage a round after work and play until midnight.





Unwind at the club

The clubhouse of the Doha Golf Club packs in some of the town's most popular dining venues with diverse cuisines. The unique atmosphere makes Doha Golf Club an absolute must for

residents, business people and tourists visiting Qatar. Each restaurant has an ambience of its own – evident in the thoughtfully designed decor, the specially prepared menus and the friendly staff.

Much more than golf

The Doha Golf Club, with its picturesque and tranquil landscape and state-of-the-art conference and banqueting facilities, is an excellent venue for holding business meetings,

product launches, corporate dinners and social functions like weddings and parties. The team of banqueting professionals plan events to the last smallest detail to make any party or get-together highly enjoyable and memorable.

The outside catering team at the Doha Golf Club has the expertise to plan and execute parties and functions at homes or offices for up to 450 guests. A wide range of catering options is available: cocktail, buffet or set menus.

