

## Museums in Doha, Qatar

### Qatar Museum and Gallery Guide

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##### Museum of Islamic Art

Qatar, is a museum for the world. It will bring the world to Doha, but it will also connect Doha to the world. The Museum of Islamic Art is dedicated to being the foremost museum of Islamic art in the world, and as well a centre of education and information in the field of the arts of the Islamic world. Through the vision of its leadership and the dedication of its staff, the Museum of Islamic Art will manifest this commitment by establishing, preserving, and documenting a collection that reflects the vitality, the complexity, and the diversity of the arts of the Islamic world.

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##### Mathaf Arab Museum of Modern Art

Mathaf hosts exhibitions, programs and events that explore and celebrate art by Arab artists. We hope you will use us as an inspiring space for dialogue and scholarship about modern and contemporary art in the region and the Arab diaspora. Our story really begins more than twenty years ago, when our patron and founder H.E. Sheikh Hassan bin Mohamed bin Ali Al Thani first began to imagine what an Arab Museum of Modern Art might look like. He started to build a collection that could serve artists and public as a rich and representative treasure-house of modern Arab art. And he saw this collection as a starting point, to create more opportunities for artists and for art-lovers in Doha and around the world.

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##### Orientalist Museum

The Orientalist Museum has one of the most significant collections of Orientalist art ever assembled in the world and offers a unique ideology of Orientalist art history because it is the only institution in the world dedicated solely to Orientalist art. Its approximate 900 paintings, watercolours, drawings and prints, as well as sculpture and applied art trace Orientalism back to the early 16th century.

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##### Qatar National Museum

The Qatar National Museum opened in 1975 in a restored palace originally built in the early 20th century by Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al-Thani. It served as his family residence and the seat of government for approximately 25 years. In addition to the original Amiri Palace, the former Qatar National Museum included a Museum of the State, a lagoon and a very popular marine aquarium. In 1980 the building won the Agha Khan award for restoration and rehabilitation of Islamic architecture. The National Museum of Qatar is currently closed and the new museum is scheduled to open in December 2014.

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### Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum

The museum has been established to preserve and display the different collections of arts and artifacts accumulated by Sheikh Faisal over the years from around the world. The exhibit focuses on Middle Eastern and Islamic history and culture, reflecting the interest of the Qatari people in their national heritage and cultural identity; a cultural movement supported by Sheikh Faisal. The museum contains some of the finest and most important examples of Arabic manuscripts, fine arts and militaria. It serves as an excellent resource for anyone who seeks a further understanding and knowledge of Islamic civilization and Qatari Heritage.

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### Ethnographic Museum

Situated on Grand Hamad Street. This is a massive square structure and is also known as the Wind Tower House. This building is the last remaining construction (1935) of its kind in Doha, it gives us knowledge about the historical and artistic background of the region.

Open: Sunday - Tuesday from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon and Wednesday to Friday from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm and closes on Saturdays. Friday: 3.00 pm to 6 pm.

Entrance is free of charge.