

# Food

buffet which features plenty of Italian and barbecue favourites including signature pass-arounds and more at this fun, garden brunch.  
 → QR295 (soft drinks), QR445 (selected beverages), 50 percent off for children aged six-12, free for children under six. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Sheraton Doha Resort, West Bay (4485 3000).

**Le Cigalon Restaurant** Enjoy a rich wide selection of Oriental and international dishes, seafood and sushi displays, live cooking stations and tempting dessert and ice cream corners.  
 → QR250 (soft drinks), QR125 (kids between five-ten years). Fri noon-4pm. La Cigale Hotel, 60 Suhaim Bin Hamad Street (4428 8698).

**Market by Jean-Georges** From salads and hors d'oeuvres to the highly acclaimed sushi spread, there's plenty to love about this brunch. Live vocal jazz sets the tone for the contemporary setting, along with eight food stations offering a wide range of delicious options.  
 → QR350 (soft drinks), QR450 (house beverages). Fri noon-4pm. W Doha Hotel & Residences, West Bay (4453 5000).

**Mawaseem** Sit indoors or on the terrace at this lavish international family buffet featuring live stations, grills, wok-fried dishes, tandoori specialities and a kids' corner. QR250 (soft drinks), QR350 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-3.30pm. Hilton Doha, West Bay (4423 3222).

**Maya Doha** Start your weekend with some fresh guacamole prepared right in front of you. There are loads of tacos, ceviches and plenty other Mexican delicacies which you can enjoy along with some Latin beats. There are craft-your-own-drink stations, too.  
 → QR250 (soft drinks), QR390 (full package). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Kempinski Suites & Residences, West Bay (4405 3560).

**New York Steakhouse** The Big Apple Brunch here is a sophisticated affair. Chef Grant Marais is masterful when it comes to serving up all of the brunch classics with a side of everything you love about New York Steakhouse. The made-to-order menu features appetisers like Greater Omaha beef carpaccio and prime cuts of meat for mains. Pair them with mouthwatering seafood and add salads, fries and other side dishes.  
 → QR445 (soft drinks), QR595 (selected beverages). Fri 12.30pm-5pm. Marriott Marquis City Center Doha, West Bay (4419 6155).

**Nobu** Enjoy a wide selection of Nobu's speciality dishes with mains such as black cod.  
 → QR355 (soft drinks), QR565 (premium beverages).

Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Four Seasons Hotel Doha, West Bay (4494 8888).

**Olive Oil** A concise international buffet including fresh seafood and an impressive range of desserts.  
 → QR249 (soft drinks). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. City Centre Rotana, West Bay (4445 8888).

**Opal by Gordon Ramsay** Gather all your friends and head to this Saturday brunch from the celeb chef's restaurant, with contemporary British favourites and free-flowing beverages.  
 → QR350 (soft drinks), QR450 (selected beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. The St. Regis Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4446 0105).

**Pearl Social** Enjoy delicious sharing dishes at this picnic-themed brunch.  
 → QR280 (soft drinks), QR380 (selected beverages), QR440 (enhanced package). Fri 12.30pm-3pm. Marsa Malaz Kempinski, The Pearl-Qatar (4035 5300).

**PURE Lounge** Enjoy unlimited drinks and finger food on the rooftop of Doubletree by Hilton Doha while singing along to your favourite hits during the After Brunch Karaoke here. The views are brilliant here.  
 → QR220. Fri 5pm-9pm. DoubleTree by Hilton, Al Meena Street (5079 3208).

**Quick Bites** Try the all-day brunch for QR125 on Fridays and Saturdays. Some of the dishes are veggie omelette, classic Benedict, bakery baskets, huevos rancheros, pancakes, sliders, pasta, fresh fruits and fresh juices.  
 → QR195 (soft drinks). Fri 12.30pm-5pm. Marriott Marquis City Center Doha, West Bay (4419 6155).

**Sabal Thai** Enjoy a buffet featuring delicious, authentic Royal Thai cuisine.  
 → QR195 (soft drinks), QR325 (selected beverages), QR375 (enhanced package), 50 percent discount for kids six-12, free for kids below six years. Sat noon-4pm. The Westin Doha Hotel & Spa, Fereej Bin Mahmoud (3359 8514).

**Santa Monica Breakfast Club** A lively and colourful brunch which will transport you to the West Coast with Californian vibes and live music. There are lots of breakfast items.  
 → QR290 (soft drinks), QR390 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Grand Hyatt Hotel, West Bay Lagoon (4448 1240).

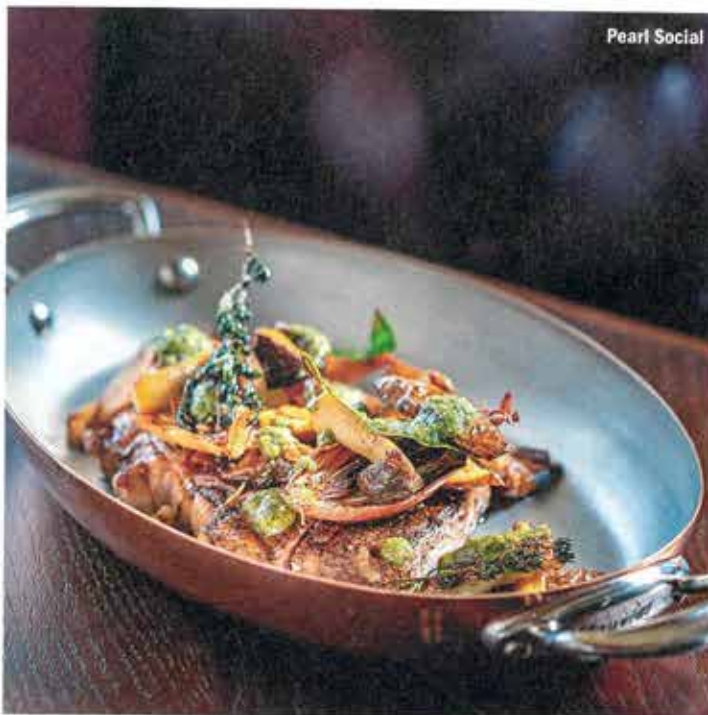
**Sawa** This all-day diner has a new Farmer's Market Brunch and the menu focuses on locally sourced, fairly traded, organic ingredients. You can enjoy comforting food made from the best quality products sourced from Alford farms. The setting resembles a glamorous farm and men can

dress in farmers attire while women can wear dungarees (if that's your thing...)  
 → QR330 (soft drinks), QR445 (house beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Marsa Malaz Kempinski, The Pearl-Qatar (4035 5011).

**Seasonal Tastes** Be a part of the stylish, funky and vibrant Bubblicious brunch and get ready to brunch and party like never before. The food is pretty delicious, too.  
 → QR360 (soft drinks), QR480 (selected beverages), 50 percent discount for kids six-12, free for kids below six years. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. The Westin Doha Hotel & Spa, Fereej Bin Mahmoud (3359 8514).

**Sel & Miel** Saturdays are super sophisticated at French brasserie Sel & Miel. With its modern design and gourmet roots, The Parisian Saturday Brunch adds a touch of glamour to the Doha brunch scene, featuring a wide selection of French appetisers, main courses and desserts served on the trolley. There is art-related live entertainment, so you're going to feel like you're actually in Paris.  
 → QR250 (soft drinks), QR375 (enhanced beverages). Sat noon-4pm. Sel & Miel, The Ritz-Carlton Doha, West Bay Lagoon (5576 4278).

**Shanghai Club** Laze all morning and then head out to catch the 3pm to 6.30pm affair. There are lots of delicious dishes such as the Peking duck and tofu cakes (which are excellent) and live entertainment, too.  
 → QR360 (special beverages). Fri 3pm-6.30pm. JW Marriott Marquis, West Bay (4429 5295).



Pearl Social

**Spice Market** You can find the best Asian street food at the Chin Chin brunch. There's a DJ to keep things lively (you might even catch a live band if you're lucky) while you stroll through the markets of Southeast Asia. From dosas and duck to satays and ice cream rolls, there's all your favourite street foods to try at this one.  
 → QR350 (soft drinks), QR450 (house beverages). Fri noon-4pm. W Doha Hotel & Residences, West Bay (4453 5135).

**Sridan** Explore favourites from around the world at this lively street food-themed brunch. You'll find all the best snacks and desserts at Sridan and if you pick the beverage package, you'll get to try some interesting signature mixed drinks. There's live music, too.  
 → QR190 (soft drinks), QR270 (special beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. JW Marriott Marquis, West Bay (4429 5295).

**STK Doha** With signature dishes and drinks, impeccable service, impressive views of the city and a lightning line up of DJs and entertainment, the STK Dare to Brunch is an indulgent affair for those who dare to join this ultimate party. Our favourite truffle wagyu sliders are served as part of the brunch menu.  
 → QR325 (soft drinks), QR450 (special beverages). Fri noon-

4pm. The Ritz-Carlton Doha (4484 8588).

**Tahitian Village** Escape to a tropical island with unlimited themed signature drinks and some barbecue bites. There's live entertainment from a DJ and band, too. The weather is perfect for this outdoor brunch in winter.  
 → QR295 (selected beverages), Fri 1pm-4pm. Hilton Doha, West Bay (4423 3222).

**Taste** With Arabic, Thai and loads of other international favourites such as ouzi, sushi, shawarma and live stations, this promises to be a fun brunch filled with goodies.  
 → QR220 (soft drinks), QR320 (house beverages), 50 percent discount for kids six-12, free for kids below six years. Fri noon-4pm. Dusit Doha Hotel, West Bay (4004 4444).

**The Cellar** Try the Saturday Lazy Tapas Brunch with a top selection of finger foods and unlimited drinks. Combine with a staycation with breakfast and massages for two for QR699.  
 → QR179 (soft drinks), QR308 (selected beverages), 50 percent discount for children between six and 12. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Onyx Rotana, Umm Ghuwaylina (4402 3333).

**The Square** This unique, relaxed, family-friendly brunch

features French flavours from around the world. Experience cuisines influenced by French culinary arts over the years and have a taste of flavours from the Indo-China region, French Caribbean, North Africa, Pondicherry in India and many more. Expect some delicious dishes like mussels mariniere and beef bourguignon. Kids can enjoy at the Aladdin Kids' Club.  
 → QR275 (soft drinks), QR415 (selected beverages), 50 percent discount for children between six and 12. Fri 12.30pm-4pm. InterContinental Doha The City, West Bay (4015 8888).

**The St. Regis Grand Brunch** A huge buffet across Opal by Gordon Ramsay and Vine, with numerous live stations for food and beverages, plus live music.  
 → QR350 (soft drinks), QR450 (selected beverages). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. The St. Regis Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4446 0105).

**Toro Toro** Experience a refreshing interpretation of the art of Latin American cuisine with a choice of starters from the buffet or served straight to your table. For meat lovers, the Rodizio service will be the highlight along.  
 → QR350 (soft drinks), QR450 (selected beverages), QR99 (kids from six-12). Fri 12.30pm-4pm. Marsa Malaz Kempinski, The Pearl-Qatar (4035 5101).

For our full Brunch listings, head online now [timeoutdoha.com/brunch](http://timeoutdoha.com/brunch)

## Festive Doha

“Nobu rooftop will open early with a DJ”



The St. Regis Doha

→ QR350 (soft drinks), QR399 (premium beverages). Dec 25, 1pm-5pm. Alwadi Hotel Doha, Msheireb Downtown Doha (4009 9999).

### Mosaic

For a truly indulgent festive experience, we can't think of a better place than Mosaic. Experience the magic of the season inspired by a traditional holiday market. There are nine open kitchens crafting seasonal treats and some of the menu highlights include beef wellington with truffle mashed potatoes, cranberry and orange roasted turkey with holiday stuffing, braised lobster with chives and caviar, wood-fire oven baked pide with butternut squash and roasted turkey, panettone bread pudding and plenty more. If that doesn't get you to book immediately, we don't know what will.

→ QR480 (soft drinks), QR680 (enhanced beverages), 35 percent off for children aged six to 12, free (kids under five). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. Mandarin Oriental, Doha, Msheireb Downtown Doha (4008 8888).

### New York Steakhouse

Mouthing meaty morsels sounds like a fantastic way to ring up some festive cheer. Light up your day with the gourmet delicacies at this special edition of the Big Apple Brunch with your family and friends at New York Steakhouse. There's lots to look forward to from roasted turkey carved at the table to fresh seafood and premium meat cuts on the

special made-to-order menu. It's going to be lavish.

→ QR295 (soft drinks), QR495 (selected beverages). Dec 25, 12.30pm-5pm. Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel, West Bay (4419 5000).

### Nobu

Nobu's festive brunch offering includes themed welcome drinks and an upgraded premium buffet selection including a caviar and lobster bar, live stations and special holiday dessert counter. Nobu rooftop will



Sawa

also open early with a DJ and early evening festivities. An extra special area for kids will be available during brunch.

→ QR510 (soft drinks), QR750 (enhanced beverages), QR255 (kids). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. Four Seasons Hotel Doha, West Bay (4494 8600).

### Santa Monica Breakfast Club

Deck the halls with Santa Monica-themed festive cheer. There's a super laid-back celebration with Malibu vibes featuring fresh treats prepared at live stations. DJ Santiago will keep you entertained while you brave through the last phase - dessert.

→ QR350 (soft drinks), QR 550 (special beverages). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. Grand Hyatt Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4448 1195).

### Sawa

Make merry with Sawa's traditional buffet and festive sounds from a live band. Bouncy castle, face painting and other activities are lined up for younger guests and Santa will make a surprise appearance.

→ QR350 (soft drinks), QR450 (special beverages), free (kids under six). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. Marsa Malaz Kempinski, The Pearl-Qatar (4035 5555).

### Spice Market

Book a table at this brilliant brunch featuring themed treats from all across Asia. You'll find all your favourites including the spicy shredded crab maki. There's live entertainment, too.

→ QR365 (soft drinks), QR485 (special beverages), QR 835 (enhanced beverages). Dec 25, noon-4pm. W Doha Hotel, West Bay (4453 5000).

### STK Doha

STK Doha has a specially curated STK Experience for you this holiday. You don't want to miss it.

→ QR399 (enhanced beverages), QR550 (premium beverages). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. The Ritz-Carlton Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4484 8522).

### The Square

There's festive cheer for everyone with truffle risotto, seafood and stuffed turkey stations. Don't miss the signature yule log.

→ QR275 (soft drinks), QR415 (enhanced beverages). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. [InterContinental Doha The City](#), West Bay Lagoon (4484 8522).

### The St. Regis Doha

This is one of the biggest brunches in Doha with enchanting views of the blue sea and The St. Regis' Olympic size swimming pool. The lush, landscaped gardens will host a lavish brunch spread. There's live entertainment and a mini corner for the little ones.

→ QR350 (soft drinks), QR495 (selected beverages). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. Vine Restaurant and Opal by Gordon Ramsay, The St. Regis Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4446 0000).



## Festive Doha

**CUE THE FESTIVE** jingles because the holiday season is almost here. Whether you want to over-indulge at a blowout brunch or take away a massive turkey with all its trimmings for a house celebration, we've rounded up the coolest festive things happening in the city this year.

From a brilliant list of festive feasts to wonderful winter markets, there's something for everyone. After all, 'tis the season for stretchy pants. So, deck your halls with copies of *Time Out Doha* because that's all you're going to need for a very merry month.

## Brunches

### Bubbalicious

What's better than a regular Bubbalicious brunch? A festive Bubbalicious brunch, of course. You'll find all the regulars from food to music, but with a festive touch.

→ QR360 (soft drinks) QR480 (enhanced beverages), 50 percent off for children aged six to 11, free (kids under five). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. The Westin Doha Hotel & Spa, Fereej Bin Mahmoud (3359 8514).

### Caprice Restaurant

Enjoy a delicious festive buffet at this casual spot in recently opened Centara in West Bay. → QR199 (soft drinks), QR349 (special beverages). Dec 25, 12.30pm-3.30pm. Centara West Bay Residences & Suites Doha, West Bay (4009 5530).

### Flying Carpet

This beautiful restaurant at The Torch Doha is offering an authentic atmosphere for you to enjoy this special day with your nearest and dearest ones. You'll need to book and make the payment 48 hours in advance. We suggest doing it in early, since seats are limited.

→ QR150 (soft drinks), QR70 (kids six to 12). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. The Torch Doha, Al Waab (4446 5600).

### Hyde Park

Get festive with the whole family at Hyde Park's Sparkling Festive Brunch. Tuck in to a sumptuous buffet and indulge in a selection of beverages while keeping an eye out for a very special visitor (who may or may not bring gifts).

→ QR270 (soft drinks), QR450 (selected beverages). Dec 25, noon-3pm. Radisson Blu Hotel Doha, C Ring Road (4428 1652).

### La Mar

Check in for a Peruvian-style festive feast to La Mar. The family will love the traditional ceviches, festive roasts, tiraditos and more.

→ QR335 (food only), QR165 (kids aged six to 12). Dec 25, 12.30pm-4pm. Intercontinental Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4484 4098).

### Le Colonial

Enjoy a long and lazy festive brunch at Doha's only authentic breakfast room. The brunch is on until 5pm and it's perfect for the late risers.



**"There's a Peruvian-style feast at La Mar"**





*Countdown to 2020*



*Festive Celebrations*



*Family Fun Activities*

# Celebrate the Season

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM | **The Bridge**  
QAR 150 per house

## PRIME FESTIVE SPECIALITIES

19<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM | **Prime**  
A la carte prices applicable

## TURKEY & FESTIVE TAKEAWAY

20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020  
**Lobby Lounge**  
A la carte prices applicable



## THE CITY FESTIVE BRUNCH

25<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
12:30 PM - 4:00 PM | **The Square**  
Starting from QAR 275

## COUNTDOWN AT LA VISTA 55

31<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
8:00 PM - 1:00 AM | **La Vista 55**  
Entrance fee QAR 100

Free flowing beverages: Ladies QAR 250 | Gents QAR 500



## A SYRIAN NEW YEAR'S EVE

31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 | 8:00 PM - 2:00 AM  
**Al Jalsa Garden Lounge**  
Set menu at QAR 250

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE SQUARE

31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 | 8:00 PM - 11:30 PM  
**The Square**  
Starting from QAR 295

## A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE

31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 | 8:00 PM - 11:30 PM  
**Prime**  
Starting from QAR 450

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10.30am, noon-3pm, 6.30pm-10.30pm; Fri noon-4pm (brunch), 6.30pm-10.30pm; Sat noon-3pm, 6.30pm-10.30pm. 2, JW Marriott Marquis Doha, Conference Centre Street, West Bay (4429 5295).

**The Lagoon** A family-friendly international dining establishment with a fun Friday brunch.

→ Open daily 6.30am-10.30am, noon-3.30pm, 6.30pm-10.30pm. The Ritz-Carlton Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4484 8000).

**Vine** Inspired by healthy cuisine from California, it's all natural and light flavours with a Middle Eastern twist, offering breakfast and dinner plus a lunch buffet from 12.30pm-4pm.

→ Open daily 6am-11am, 12.30pm-4pm, 6pm-midnight. The St. Regis Doha, West Bay (4446 0105).

## ITALIAN

**Biella** Italian cuisine with a wide selection of pizzas and other Italian dishes.

→ Open daily 10am-midnight. The Mall, Old Airport (4467 7732). Other locations: Landmark Mall (4411 0928); City Center Mall, West Bay (4493 4868).

**Carluccio's** A solid choice, with a friendly atmosphere and reasonably-priced food.

→ Open daily 8am-midnight. Porto Arabia, 18 La Croisette, The Pearl-Qatar (6690 1777).

**Corsica** With an open kitchen layout, this restaurant offers authentic Italian recipes with natural ingredients and an à la carte menu.

→ Open daily 4pm-midnight. Concorde Hotel Doha, Airport Road (4407 3333).

**Cucina** Huge Italian restaurant with great pizza and decent pasta and entrees. A great place for large groups.

→ Open daily noon-11pm. Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel, West Bay (4419 6100).

**Di Capri** An authentic ambiance and menu stamped by Italian chef Luca Dal Col.

→ Open daily noon-3.30pm, 7.00pm-11.30pm. La Cigale Hotel, Bin Hamad Street, Al Sadd (4428 8840).

**Il Teatro** Head here for contemporary Italian food in a tranquil setting.

→ Open daily 8.30am-10.30am, noon-3pm, 7pm-11pm. Four Seasons Hotel Doha, West Bay (4494 8888).

**Italia Mia** A quaint spot with a small menu of good pizzas, pastas and mains.

→ Unlicensed. Open Sat-Thu 5pm-11.30pm; Fri 12.30pm-3.30pm, 6pm-11pm (4029 2282).

**La Dolce Vita** Decent Italian food, but the real star

is the homemade gelato.

→ Open Sun-Thu 12.30pm-3pm, 6pm-11pm; Fri-Sat 1pm-11.30pm. Al Souq Street, Jasra (4436 7991).

**La Piazza** Enjoy traditional Italian cuisine such as homemade pastas and pizzas under a skylight in the courtyard of the hotel.

→ Open daily 7am-midnight. Al Bidda Boutique Hotel, Souq Waqif (4433 6666).

**La Spiga by Paper Moon** Contemporary setting with authentic Italian cuisine such as pizzas and pastas, with a business express lunch offering too.

→ Open daily noon-11.30pm. W Doha Hotel & Residences, West Bay (4453 5135). 🇮🇹 Italian.

**La Veranda** Italian home cooking with a great view.

→ Open Sun-Thu noon-3pm, 7pm-11.30pm; Fri-Sat 12.30pm-4pm, 7pm-11.30pm. Sheraton Hotel, West Bay (4485 3000).

**Le Vesuvio** Freshly prepared and delicious Italian food using authentic ingredients.

→ Open Sun-Wed noon-10.30pm; Thu-Sat noon-11.30pm (5pm-6pm pizza only). Building 20, Katara Cultural Village, West Bay (4408 1500).

**Lo Spaghetti** A homely feel, always packed and with Italian chefs at the helm, this restaurant is a much-loved favourite in Doha, serving typical Italian selections.

→ Open daily noon-3.30pm, 6.30pm-11pm. Al Sadd (4434 1601).

**Nonna Zanon** Good, honest Italian cooking in a rustic, homely style. Come here for a casual, no-fuss meal.

→ Open daily noon-11pm. The Residence Tower, Diplomatic Area (4029 0348).

**Paper Moon** A relaxed place and top Italian food.

→ Open daily 11am-4.30pm, 6pm-11pm. Jaidah Square, Airport Road (4016 6000).

**Porcini** Elegant, uncomplicated Italian food, all beautifully presented.

→ Open daily 6.30pm-11pm. The Ritz-Carlton Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4484 8000).

**Riva** Classic Italian with a contemporary twist.

→ Open noon-3.30pm, 7pm-11pm. Banana Island Resort by Anantara, www.anantara.com, riva.adoh@anantara.com (4040 5116).

**The Italian Job** Traditional Italian dishes cooked in wood-burning ovens and enjoy the serenading servers during dinner.

→ Open daily 6pm-11pm. Radisson Blu Hotel Doha, Rawdat Al Khail (4428 1555).

**Trattoria** With an open kitchen layout, this restaurant offers authentic Italian recipes with natural ingredients and an à la carte menu.

→ Open daily 4pm-midnight.



Concorde Hotel Doha, Airport Road (4407 3333).

## JAPANESE & KOREAN

**Korean Garden Restaurant** Immense yourself in an authentic Korean dining experience.

→ Open daily 11.30am-11pm. Ramada Junction, C Ring Road, Freej Bin Mahmoud (4442 1853).

**Megu** High-end Japanese cuisine at The Pearl.

→ Open daily 11.30pm-2.30pm, 7pm-11.30pm. La Croisette 6, The Pearl-Qatar (4409 5237).

**Neo** Best known for its sushi, but offers other dishes like soup and pizza.

→ Unlicensed. Open daily noon-11.30pm. Salwa Road, Nasr (4432 2539).

**Nobu** High-end Japanese cuisine from the master.

→ Open daily 6.30pm-11.30pm. Four Seasons Hotel Doha, West Bay (4494 8888). 🇯🇵 Japanese.

**Nozomi** Excellent food, service and ambience. A sophisticated and faultless dining experience awaits you.

→ Open Sat-Wed noon-4pm, 7pm-11.30pm; Thu-Fri noon-4pm, 7pm-12.30am. Lounge open Sat-Wed 4pm-midnight, Thu-Fri 4pm-2am. Marsa Malaz Kempinski, The Pearl-Qatar (4035 5089). 🇯🇵 Japanese. 🌹 Romantic.

**Sakura** Catch the action live as the chefs create culinary masterpieces right in front of you, in a theatrical setting.

→ Open daily 6pm-11pm. Radisson Blu Hotel Doha, Rawdat Al Khail (4428 1555).

**Yee Hwa** Enjoy a large selection of great tasting sushi and excellent Korean barbecue options.

→ Open daily noon-11pm. Al Kinana Street, Al Sadd (4441 9898).

**Yen Sushi Bar** Enjoy sushi and sashimi at this intimate sushi bar, served on a special rotating belt amidst alluring mood lighting, rice paper walls, and fashionable furniture by acclaimed designer Philip Starck.

→ Unlicensed. Open daily 11.30am-midnight. La Cigale Hotel, Bin Mahmoud (4428 8888).

## MENA

**Al Mourjan** A Lebanese restaurant serving excellent grilled meats and seafood, plus very good mezze. It's the only restaurant on the waterfront of the Corniche, so you get excellent views too.

→ Unlicensed. Open Sat-Wed 12.30pm-12.30am; Thu-Fri 12.30pm-1am. Al Corniche Street, West Bay (4483 4423). 🇱🇧 Lebanese.

**Al Nafourah Garden** Light Middle Eastern bites and shisha in a garden setting.

→ Oryx Rotana, Umm Ghuwailina. Open daily noon-2am (4402 3333).

**Al Sufra** A contemporary Middle Eastern restaurant with modern décor. The menu blends traditional recipes and flavours from Lebanon, Cyprus, Syria, Jordan and Palestine. Al Sufra has a coffee lounge, open terrace and shisha as well as à la carte dining.

→ Open daily 12.30pm-midnight. Marsa Malaz Kempinski, The Pearl-Qatar (4035 5011). 🇱🇧 MENA.

**Ard Canaan** Authentic Palestinian food and intricate interiors with lots of stories to tell. Try the classics.

→ Open Sat-Thu 12.30pm-11.30pm, Fri 1pm-11.30pm. Building B26, Katara Cultural Village (4408 0811).

**Aziza** A Lebanese seafood spot that has fantastic live Arabic music and an extensive menu.

→ Open daily noon-2am. Marriott Marquis City Centre Doha Hotel, West Bay (4488 6644).

**Damasca One** Something of a Doha institution, the

rooftop terrace is a wonderful spot to people-watch while indulging in delicious, authentic specialties from Syria and across the Levant.

→ Open daily 8am-1.30am. Souq Waqif (4475 9089).

**Debs w Remman**

Recreates the atmosphere of the old streets, souqs and eateries of Beirut, serving a wide variety of traditional dishes that capture the essence of authentic Lebanese cuisine.

→ Plaza Andalucia, Building B14, Medina Centrale, The Pearl Qatar (4456 8374). 🇱🇧 Lebanese.

**Dunia** A restaurant combining Persian and Oriental cuisines.

→ Sat-Wed noon-11pm; Thu noon-11.30pm; Fri 12.30pm-11.30pm. Villaggio Mall, Muraikh (4450 7259).

**Layali** Good Lebanese food and a relaxed, non-rushed atmosphere where you can enjoy live music from an Oud player and fareb singer.

→ Unlicensed. Open daily noon-midnight. Salwa Road, Al Nasr (4431 0005).

**Mamig** An Armenian-Lebanese restaurant with wooden benches, a terrace with good views, beautiful fountains and excellent food.

→ Open daily 1pm-1am. Building 2, Katara Cultural Village (4444 0060).

**Nassayem** A first of its kind restaurant in Doha, a place serving traditional Qatari cuisine in a trendy and fine-dining space.

→ Open daily 4pm-12am. The Diplomatic Club, West Bay Lagoon (4484 7470).

**Sofra** Some of Doha's finest Arabic cuisine is right here. Get a taste of local heritage and delicious flavours from the hummus, kibbeh, falafel and samosas.

→ Open daily noon-11pm. Alwadi Hotel Doha, Wadi Msheireb (4409 9666).

**Turkey Central** A long menu of juicy shawarmas, excellent mezzes and juicy grills await at this stalwart hole-in-the-wall.

→ Unlicensed. Open daily 11am-12.30am. Al Mirqab Street (4443 2927). 🇱🇧 Budget.

## SEAFOOD

**Al Sultan Ibrahim** Qatar's version of the Lebanese seafood restaurant, complete with terrace and shisha.

→ Open Mon-Sat noon-4.30pm, 6.30pm-11.30pm. The St. Regis Doha, West Bay (4446 0220). 🇱🇧 Seafood.

**Amwage** Serves seafood and barbecue options in a casual setting at the beach.

→ Open Thu-Sat 5pm-11pm. Marsa Malaz Kempinski, The Pearl (4035 5011).

**L'Wzaar** Excellent seafood, with a fish and chip shop.

→ Open Sun-Wed noon-2.30pm, 7pm-10.30pm; Thu-Sat noon-3.30pm, 7pm-11.30pm. Building No 27, Katara Cultural Village, West Bay (4408 0710). 🇱🇧 Seafood.

## STEAKHOUSES

**Astor Grill** Open kitchens and a menu inspired by the Astor family. The steakhouse is turn-of-the-century New York and French cuisine.

→ Open Sun-Fri 7pm-midnight. The St. Regis Doha, West Bay (4446 0211). 🇱🇧 Steakhouse.

**Bentley's Grill** Warm atmosphere and a menu that focuses on premium steak crafted from the finest wagyu.

→ Open daily 6pm-11pm. Radisson Blu Hotel Doha, Rawdat Al Khail (4428 1555). 🌹 🇱🇧 Romantic.

**JW's Steakhouse** Drop in here for slabs of USDA prime beef – not to mention the signature potatoes.

→ Open daily 6.30pm-11.30pm. Doha Marriott, Khulaifat (4429 8888).

**New York Steakhouse**

American style steakhouse with seriously excellent desserts and decent prices.

→ Open Sun-Thu noon-3pm, 6.30pm-11.30pm; Fri-Sat 6.30pm-11.30pm. Marriott Marquis City Center Doha Hotel, West Bay (4419 6100).

**Prime An elegant** steakhouse offering prime cuts of meat.

→ Open daily 6pm-11pm. InterContinental Doha The City, West Bay (4015 8888). 🇱🇧 Steakhouse.

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# Family & Community

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# Family festivities

Here are six holiday-themed activities perfect for you and the kids

**IT'S THE MOST** wonderful time of the year and in between all the blowout brunches and festive feasts, it might be a good idea to spend quality time with the kids. Not sure what to do? No worries, we've picked the best family-friendly events including tree lighting and gingerbread house decorating for the holiday season.

## CHECK OUT A WORKSHOP

The little ones have lots to look forward to this month. There's a gingerbread house workshop for kids and it's a great opportunity for them to express their creativity, learn something new and build an adorable little house. It's the perfect time to bond, too. Seats are limited, so make sure you book in advance.

→ QR120 (per house), Dec 6 and 13, 11am. City Centre Rotana Doha, West Bay (4445 8888).

## DECORATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Try this fun family festive activity at [InterContinental Doha The City](#). Teach your kids to decorate their own gingerbread houses. Each house comes complete with all the icing and sweet treats they'll need to create their very own masterpiece. The chefs will also be around just in case you need some expert assistance to create that ultimate gingerbread house. At the very least, your kids will have something fabulous to take home and show off.

→ QR150 (per house), Dec 21, 3pm-6pm. Intercontinental Doha The City, West Bay (7021 8803).

## EXPLORE A FACTORY

Gather with your kids and let them explore the beautiful Gingerbread House Factory where they can step into the snow and enter the woods. It's the best way to get them into the festive spirit. The kids can also create the gingerbread house of their dreams together with the Sheraton's master bakers.

→ QR175 (per child including snacks and soft beverages), Dec 22-23, 3pm-5pm. Sheraton Grand Doha, West Bay (4485 3000).

## FIND SOME FESTIVE CHEER

Come experience the festive spirit at Oryx Rotana's grand lobby. There will be a wonderful choir that will entertain you and your family while a spectacular tree lighting





# Rise



→ Open daily 5pm-1am. Mondrian Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4045 5999).

**RISE EXTENDS MARCEL** Wanders' magnificent theme from the hotel lobby, and keeps it going with oversized furniture and a chessboard-style floor. The comfortable scarlet armchairs and sofas stand in direct contrast to the monochrome flooring, creating a stylish setting.

There's a strong lamp theme with numerous lanterns and candelabra dotted around the bar, along with two chandeliers looming over the swimming pool. The Art Nouveau design of the ceiling, with its amber and green floral pattern, makes us feel like we're inside a giant Tiffany lamp.

The spectacular interiors of the bar leads to a cosy yet rather windswept terrace, offering impressive views of The Pearl and its waterfront. There are several tables right by the edge and we opt for one of the wooden booths to seek shelter from the wind. There are countless Arabian lanterns around us, adding a lot

of much-needed colour and charm to an otherwise minimalist balcony.

Once seated, we're presented with a sparse happy hour menu, with one choice of hops at QR35 and a very limited choice of grape and other beverages at QR40. The happy hours last from 6pm to 9pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sunday. Despite there being only a handful of customers, we wait for a long time for our orders to be taken. The drinks are quite weak.

There's no music playing for the first hour and after 8pm, we can finally hear some slow, forgettable tracks. The atmosphere then completely flatlines and the crowd thins out further.

The staff are insistent the bar is busier on Thursday and Friday for the African- and Latin-themed nights. If we do return, it would be to check out one of these.

## WHAT IS IT...

A modern bar with a terrace

## WHY GO...

For the stunning interiors and views of The Pearl at best



## THREE OF THE BEST

### Daily happy hours



#### La Vista 55

Wind down after a busy day at La Vista 55's La Hora Loca. The happy hours here have selected beverages at discounted prices all week from 5pm to 8pm.

→ InterContinental Doha The City (4015 8888).



#### Sky View

Enjoy extended happy hours after work at Sky View. You get 50 percent off selected premium and regular drinks and appetisers from Friday to Wednesday, 5pm to 8.30pm.

→ La Cigale Hotel (4428 8204).



#### SMBC

Enjoy special discounts every day on selected beverages at the colourful and vibrant outdoor terrace area at Santa Monica Breakfast Club from 4pm to 8pm.

→ Grand Hyatt Doha (4448 1240).

# BRILLIANT NIGHTS OUT

Nine to try this month



## Mamacita Night

Ladies, get pampered every Wednesday night at La Vista 55. For QR100, you get free-flowing sips from 8pm to midnight. The second beverage bottle is on the house and there's a lucky draw at midnight. There's a live Cuban band and a resident DJ playing Latin hits along with some house music.

→ QR100. Wed 8pm-midnight. La Vista 55, InterContinental Doha The City, West Bay (7021 8803).

## SUNDAY

### Aloha night

This unique ladies' night has an exciting and vibrant tropical atmosphere and some of the grooviest vibes in the city. Ladies enjoy selected aloha drinks from 10pm until midnight. → Free Entry. Sun 10pm-midnight. La Cigale Hotel, Al Sadd (4428 8204).

## MONDAY

### Ladies'night

Ladies get happy hour prices all night long. There's a DJ and saxophonist, too. → Free entry. Mon 6pm-onwards. Nobu, Four Seasons Hotel Doha, West Bay (4494 8600).

## TUESDAY

### Hops and waffles

Le Colonial is serving a combo of waffles and hops starting QR75 with an entire

selection of delicious savoury waffles. We can't think of a better combination.

→ QR75. Until Dec 31, noon-3pm. Alwadi Hotel Doha, Msheireb Downtown (4009 9666).

## WEDNESDAY

### Happy hours

Enjoy live jazz and 30 percent off drinks.

→ Daily 5pm-10pm. N'awlins Jazz House, Marsa Malaz Kempinski,

The Pearl-Qatar (4035 5555).

## THURSDAY

### Holiday season

Boston's has special drinks spiced up

with orange peel, cinnamon sticks, cloves and anise. → QR35. Dec 19-26, 5pm-1.30am. Boston's, City Centre Rotana Doha, West Bay (4445 8888).

## FRIDAY

### Festive fantasies

There are six themed beverages for QR60 each to try at Orion. → Until Dec 31, 6pm-1.30am. Radisson Blu Hotel Doha (4428 1555).

## SATURDAY

### Jazz a little bit

Expect Live jazz and mixed drinks. → QR45. Sat 6pm-1am. Smoke & Mirrors, Mondrian Doha, West Bay Lagoon (4045 5999).



### WHAT IS IT...

A sports package for football and rugby fans at Monkey Tale

### WHY GO...

A selection of bites and unlimited hops for QR179 throughout the game