A 4-Day Qatar Itinerary

Four days in Qatar — a soft-lit Persian dining room and a glass-domed souk in the old quarter, I.M. Pei's Museum of Islamic Art and Jean Nouvel's desert-rose National Museum, a sunset dhow on the Corniche, and a full day in the dunes ending with a Bedouin-style camp under a sky with almost no light pollution — with real hotels, real tour operators, and 2026 prices for evewi stop.

DURATION	BEST TIME TO GO	FROM
	daytime highs of 68–82°F (20–28°C) and cool evenings for the desert camp; April and October are still workable shoulder months, but May–September brings 100°F+ (38°C+) heat that makes daytime outdoor plans impractical	for 2 people, incl. 3 nights' lodging (2 hotel + 1 desert camp), the desert safari, and key museum tickets

Day 1 Doha Arrival & Souq Waqif

A first evening in Doha's rebuilt old souk, its lantern-strung lanes leading down to a Persian dining room with a mosaic-tiled courtyard.

Airport Transfer — Hamad International Airport (DOH)

~20–25 minutes to Msheireb/Souq Waqif · taxi/Karwa ~$15–$20 USD, private transfer ~$35 USD

Hamad International sits a few miles southeast of downtown Doha — metered Karwa taxis and ride-hailing apps queue outside arrivals, or a hotel can arrange a private transfer for a fixed rate.

Souq Waqif

~2 hours, self-guided · free

A restored 19th-centuwi marketplace of wind-tower architectuwe and mud-rendered walls, its lanes packed with spice stalls, falcon shops, textile merchants, and shisha cafes — busiest and most atmospheric after the evening call to prayer, when the lanterns come on.

Dinner — Parisa Souq Waqif

~1.5 hours · $35–$50 USD / person

A Persian restaurant inside Souq Waqif built like a mirrored, mosaic-tiled palace room — hand-cut kebabs and saffron rice served under an arched, jewel-toned ceiling that's as much the draw as the menu.

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Overnight — Al Najada Doha Hotel by Tivoli

From $190–$240 USD / night, for 2 people

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Day 2 — Museum of Islamic Art, the National Museum & a Sunset Dhow

Two of the Gulf's most striking buildings in one day — I.M. Pei's limestone fortress on its own island, then Jean Nouvel's desert-rose museum along the bay — closed out with a wooden dhow gliding past the West Bay skyline at sunset.

Museum of Islamic Art (MIA)

~2.5 hours, self-guided · free (closed Tuesdays)

I.M. Pei's last major building, a geometric limestone fortress on its own reclaimed island, holding more than 1,400 years of Islamic art and design — free to enter, with a landscaped waterfront park behind it that's popular for an early-evening walk.

Museum of Islamic Art

National Museum of Qatar

~2.5 hours, self-guided · ~$21 USD / person

Jean Nouvel's interlocking desert-rose discs wrap around the restored 1906 palace of Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al Thani — inside, an immersive, chronological walk through Qatar's pearling, oil, and Bedouin history with a striking central gallery of suspended screens.

National Museum of Qatar

Sunset Dhow Cruise, the Corniche

~1 hour · ~$25–$35 USD / person

A traditional wooden dhow, once used for pearl diving and fishing, now ferries evening passengers along the curve of the Corniche with the glass towers of West Bay lighting up behind the water.

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A second night in Msheireb, close to both museums and the dhow dock.

Al Najada Doha Hotel by Tivoli

Day 3 — Dune Bashing, Khor Al Udeid & a Night in the Desert

A full day south into the dunes — a 4x4 rollercoaster of a ride, sandboarding, and camel time, ending at the 'Inland Sea' where the desert meets the Gulf, then a Bedouin-style camp with dinner and stargazing far from any city light.

Desert Safari Pickup

~1 hour drive to the dunes · included in tour price

A 4x4 collects guests from their Doha hotel mid-morning for the drive south to the Sealine dune fields near Khor Al Udeid.

Dune Bashing, Sandboarding & Camel Ride — Discover Qatar

~4–5 hours, guided · ~$95 USD / person

A roller-coaster drive over the Sealine dunes in an experienced driver's 4x4, a stop to sandboard down a dune face, and a short camel ride, before reaching Khor Al Udeid, the 'Inland Sea' where the desert runs straight into a narrow Gulf inlet.

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