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ENTRY DOCUMENTS

Travelers arriving in Qatar are required to have passports that will be valid for at least six months from the date of departure and contain at least two blank pages for affixing entry and exit stamps. Also required is a confirmed round-trip airline ticket, airline ticket to other destination(s) or cruise ship documents.

Tourist Visas for US citizens are processed on arrival, for QAR 100 for the main applicant and QAR 50 for each accompanying person.

Citizens of other countries should check here <https://www.visitqatar.qa/intl-en/plan-your-trip/travel-tips/reopening-qatar-visitors#anchor-2>

TIPPING

Tipping in Qatar is not expected, but is common practice. Porters are usually tipped \$1 per bag. In restaurants add 10 - 15% of the total to the bill. Taxi drivers should be tipped 10-15 riyal.

VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATION

No vaccinations or medications are currently required for entry to Qatar directly from the USA. Travelers entering from yellow fever areas including, but not limited to, West and Central Africa, should be prepared to show their vaccination or exemption certification.

Travelers taking prescription medications into Qatar are advised to have the medication in the original packaging and bring a copy of the prescription. Medication in baggies is subject to confiscation.

MONEY

Qatar's national currency is the Riyal. Currency is readily available throughout the country at foreign exchanges and ATMs found in just about every major hotel and airport, and at banks. US dollars are not accepted.

Cash is required to shop in souks. In stores and hotels, Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted, American Express less so. Credit cards will usually attract a fee of 3-10%.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Qatar is a very safe destination, however, Africa Answers always recommends using the safe in your room to store cash, important documents and other valuables.

ELECTRICITY

220 volts is the electrical current used throughout Qatar. Power plugs and sockets are 3 rectangular pin; type G. For detailed information, images and links to purchase adaptors, please consult <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com>

POTABLE WATER

Tap water in Qatar is safe to drink. Bottled water is provided by most hotels at a modest cost.

DRESS CODE

Qatar does not have a strict code of dress, however, unless you are at a beach resort, conservative dress is appropriate. Shorts and strapless tops are considered immodest and will attract attention.

To enter a mosque, men and women should both dress modestly, in loose-fitting clothing that completely covers the arms and legs—no shorts or sleeveless shirts for either gender. Women should also bring a scarf to cover their hair.

BARTERING

Qataris enjoy, and expect, to barter on prices. In stores and at markets.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol is only served in licensed restaurants and bars that are located within hotels or clubs.

