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**Doha, Qatar
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GENERAL INFORMATION

**Full information on the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee is
available at the following website:**

www.38whcdoha2014.qa

This site provides important information concerning registration forms,
compulsory visas, travel advice, recommended hotels and tourist information.

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1. PURPOSE

The **World Heritage Committee** comprises representatives from 21 States Parties to the *Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* elected by the General Assembly of States Parties to the Convention.

The current composition of the Committee is as follows (for further information see: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/committee/>)

Algeria, Colombia, Croatia, Finland, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Serbia, Turkey, Vietnam.

The essential functions of the Committee are:

- i. To identify, on the basis of nominations submitted by States Parties, cultural and natural properties of Outstanding Universal Value which are to be protected under the Convention, and to inscribe those properties on the World Heritage List;
- ii. To monitor the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List, in liaison with States Parties; decide which properties included in the World Heritage List are to be inscribed on or removed from the List of World Heritage in Danger; decide whether a property may be deleted from the World Heritage List;
- iii. To examine requests for International Assistance financed from the World Heritage Fund.

The 38th session of the World Heritage Committee will be held in Doha, the State of Qatar, from 15 to 25 June 2014. All useful information is available on the Internet site of the meeting: <http://www.38whcdoha2014.qa>

2. SESSION ORGANIZERS

The 38th session is organized by UNESCO and the State of Qatar (Qatar Museums Authority with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

The session will be held in Doha at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC).

Please find below the contact details for the individuals in charge of the major issues:

For general information queries regarding the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee, please contact the Coordination Committee at the following email address:

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Registration of participants and visa process

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Hotel bookings

(Delegates should make hotel bookings directly with the hotel of their choice, please see Annex 1 for further information on a selection of hotels in Doha).
For general hotel information assistance, please contact Mr Redouane Salahhdine.
Phone: +974 55376438
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Side events and exhibitions, including catering requests

Please inform the World Heritage Centre about your intention to organise a side event or an exhibition, as well as for venue, catering and technical needs.
Person in charge: Mr David Martel
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Requests for Side Events

After having informed the World Heritage Centre, please send an e-mail to:
sideevents@38whcdoha2014.org

Exhibition bids for States Parties at QNCC

Zoom Company
Person in charge: Mr Obaida Chaiban
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Excursions

Cultural Tours only
Person in charge: Ms Maja Knezevic – QMA and cultural sites (free of charge)
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Media

All Media will need to be approved by the Qatar News Agency.
Please refer to the media section on the webpage for instructions.
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3. PARTICIPANTS AND REGISTRATION

3.1. Participants

The main participants of the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee are the **21 members of the Committee**.

The **States Parties** to the Convention which are not members of the Committee may attend the sessions of the Committee and its Bureau as observers.

Non States Parties to the Convention who are Member States of UNESCO or of the United Nations may also be permitted by the Committee, upon written request, to attend the sessions of the Committee and its Bureau as observers.

Representatives of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will attend the sessions of the Committee in an advisory capacity.

The United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system, upon written request, and at least 15 days prior to the date of the session of the Committee, as well as other international governmental and non-governmental organizations, permanent observer missions to UNESCO and non-profit-making institutions having activities in the fields covered by the Convention, according to criteria defined by the World Heritage Committee, may be authorized by the Committee to participate in the sessions of the Committee as observers.

3.2. Registration

Please note that all requests to participate in the 38th session of the Committee **must be submitted online** at the following address <http://www.38whcdoha2014.qa>. The online registration database is now open to participants.

All delegates and those who wish to attend the 38th session as observers are kindly requested to register as soon as possible and **before 1 May 2014**, which is the deadline for registration. This will provide the session organizers with sufficient time to process the information, organize visas, and guarantee the reservation of hotel accommodation recommended by the organizers.

Should you require any assistance or encounter any problems with the on-line registration, please send an email to the following address: registration@38whcdoha2014.org

Requests to participate in the 38th session of the Committee can only be made using the registration form at the following address <http://www.38whcdoha2014.qa> which is now available.

The form is available with the **access code** contained in the invitation letter addressed to the Permanent Delegation, National Commission or organization to which you belong.

If you do not have this code, please contact the Permanent Delegation or the National Commission that you represent. (Contacts are available online at the following address: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/worldwide/>).

Once you have registered online, and your accreditation has been granted, an email confirming your registration will be sent to you.

4. PROTOCOL

The Host Country is in charge of all matters relating to protocol and the reception of VIPs. For more information, please send an email to the following address: info@38whcdoha2014.org

5. SECURITY

A special department will ensure the safety of all participants of the 38th session of the Committee. The department is under the responsibility of the Host Country. For more information please send an email to the following address: info@38whcdoha2014.org

6. ACCOMMODATION

All participants must reserve their accommodation directly with the hotel and duly inform the organizers.

A selection of hotels with preferential prices has been listed in Annexes 1 to 3 of this document. This list is for reference only and is not restrictive. The hotels in Annex 1 are the closest to the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), approximately 20-30 minutes' drive. The hotels in Annex 2 are further away at approximately 40 minutes' drive from the QNCC. A regular shuttle bus will be provided by the Host Country for hotels in Annex 1 and Annex 2 to and from the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) several times a day. An additional hotel with preferential prices approximately 40 minutes' drive from the QNCC has also been listed in Annex 3. Please note that the Host Country will not provide any shuttle bus service for this hotel, however the hotel may provide limited transportation to the QNCC. Please see Annex 3 for further information.

Participants of the 38th session shall be responsible for all expenses incurred during their stay. In general, hotels request a credit card number for any reservation.

7. PASSPORT, VISA AND OTHER TRAVEL INFORMATION

7.1. Passport Requirements

International visitors must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months, before entry into the State of Qatar. GCC (Gulf countries) can travel to Doha on a valid ID Card.

7.2. Visa Requirements

Please note that visas will be free of charge for all accredited participants to the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee, who **apply through the following official channels as listed below:**

For all enquiries concerning visas and other formalities required to enter the State of Qatar, participants are requested to contact directly the consulate or the diplomatic mission of Qatar

in their own country, **only once they have successfully completed their online registration.**

Through the Qatari Embassy

The confirmation email received upon online registration and accreditation (see paragraph 3.2 in this document) must be presented to support the visa request, together with a copy of the official UNESCO invitation letter, as well as two copies of the passport, a visa application form, 2 colour passport size photographs, a confirmation of the hotel booking, and a flight reservation.

All Qatari embassies will be notified of the participants who have been successfully registered and accredited through the online website and cleared by the Qatari Ministry of Foreign affairs (MOFA).

Participants who have limited or no access to an embassy or diplomatic mission of Qatar

Participants who have limited or no access to an embassy or diplomatic mission of Qatar may apply for a visa directly through the online registration system and website of the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee. Once validated in the system and approved by the Qatari Ministry of Foreign affairs (MOFA), participants will either 1) receive an electronic visa which will be sent to them by email, or 2) a visa approval letter which will enable them to board the plane and collect their visa upon arrival in Doha.

Participants should follow instructions on the website with regards to the status of their visa request and whether they will receive an electronic visa or a visa approval letter to carry with them on the plane and pick up the visa on arrival at the airport desk in Doha.

If you require any further assistance or encounter any problems with your online visa request please send an email to **registration@38whcdoha2014.org** or call the following number: **+974 4441 7787**. The contact person to assist and advise participants on visa processes is **Ms Liezl Sapopo and her team**.

To avoid any delays, participants are kindly requested to take steps to obtain their visa by **1 May which is the deadline for visa applications**. No visa request can be guaranteed for timely review after this date.

Please note that UNESCO World Heritage Centre will be unable to intervene regarding decisions taken on visa applications by the Qatari authorities.

7.3. Flight Reservations

Once participants have received an email confirmation of their accreditation, they are strongly advised to reserve their flights as soon as possible. As a reference, the Qatar Airways website will provide you with additional information on flights and schedules: **www.qatarairways.com**

7.4. Medical Insurance

A first-aid service and an ambulance shall be available to participants in case of need, near the place of the session, but no other medical service shall be provided. Participants are expected to cover the costs of any medical expenses incurred in the State of Qatar. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that participants take out medical insurance in their home country in order to be covered in Qatar and elsewhere during their travel.

8. THE MEETING

8.1. Meeting Place

The 38th session of the World Heritage Committee (15th - 25th June, 2014) will be held at the Qatar National Convention Centre, Doha, State of Qatar. For further information please call the following number: +974 4470 7001 or consult the following link www.qatarconvention.com

QNCC is a member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (Qatar Foundation). It aims to support Qatar on its journey from a carbon-based economy to a knowledge-based economy by unlocking human potential. It was established in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir. His wife, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, is Qatar Foundation's chairperson and driving force.

QNCC is located on Qatar Foundation's 2,500-acre campus, which hosts faculties from world-renowned universities such as Weill Cornell, Texas A&M, and Georgetown, as well as home-grown centers such as Sidra Medical and Research Center, Qatar Science & Technology Park, and Al Jazeera Children's Channel.

8.2. How to get there

The QNCC takes approximately 40 minutes by car from Doha International Airport. A comfortable shuttle service will be provided for participants, between hotels (recommended in Annex 1 and Annex 2 only) and the meeting place, several times per day. Taxis can be ordered at any time from the hotel reception.

8.3. Local transportation and transfers to the meeting place

Hotels in Annex 1 are located approximately 20 – 30 minutes away from the QNCC Convention Centre. Hotels in Annex 2 are located approximately 30 – 40 minutes away from the QNCC.

As indicated in Section 6 of this document, and to facilitate the circulation of participants, bus shuttle services will ensure the daily transportation of participants between the QNCC and the recommended hotels (in Annex 1 and 2 only).

You may also book taxi services, limousines or car rental services should you wish to do so.

8.4. Registration desk and deliverance of badges at the meeting place

As of Friday 13 June, 2.00 pm, the registration desk will be opened. From 14 June 2014, until the 25 June the registration desk will be open between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm. Participants may follow the registration procedure and receive their badge at the registration desks situated at the QNCC registration area which will be indicated. All participants are encouraged to register at the desks before the opening of the session of the World Heritage Committee on the 15 of June. An information dossier on the 38th session will be provided. For participants who arrive at a later date, the registration desk will be open every day from 8.00 am until 8.00 pm (except on Friday 20 June when the registration desk will be open only from 2.00 pm).

8.5. Badges

Once you have registered, you should have uploaded your information and photos online. Subject to approval and accreditation through the online registration process, a badge will be ready for you to be printed and collected when you identify yourself on arrival at the venue.

It is **imperative** that participants identify and present themselves at the reception desk as soon as possible upon arrival to allow sufficient time for the badges to be printed and collected.

The identification badge is non-transferable. For security reasons, the badge must be visible at all times to gain entry to the conference center and to participate in meetings and other activities. Entry will be refused to all persons not officially accredited or who use their badge in an inappropriate manner.

8.6. Reception Area for Participants

A room equipped with computers, Internet access and printers will be available for delegates at the QNCC. Technicians will be available to assist participants at all times.

Documents relating to the 38th session will be available for each delegation, as well as a memory stick containing all the relevant documents for the session. All documents will also be made available online.

8.7. Coffee Breaks

During the 38th session, the organizers will offer coffee breaks to the participants outside the main meeting room area on a complimentary basis.

9. INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF QATAR

The State of Qatar is a peninsula located halfway down the West coast of the Arabian Gulf. Its territory comprises a number of islands including Halul, Sheraouh, Al-Ashat and others. It has maritime and land borders with Saudi Arabia as well as maritime boundaries with Bahrain, United Arab Emirates and Iran.

The modern history of Qatar began in the early eighteenth century AD when the ruling family "Al Thani" reached the southern part of Qatar. The "Al Thani" family's roots are connected with Al Maadeed tribe (Branch of Bani Tamim) in the Ushaiqir of Al Washm district in Najd. In the middle of the eighteenth century the family moved to the northern part of Qatar, which includes Zubara and Ruwais and Fuert.

In 1878, H.E. Sheikh Jassim Bin Mohammad Al Thani succeeded his father H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Thani.

In 1913, H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Jassim Al Thani assumed power, and oil was discovered in the country for the first time during his rule.

H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al Thani assumed power in 1940 and ruled the country until 1948.

In 1949, H.E. Sheikh Ali Bin Abdullah Al Thani became the ruler of the country until 1960 and was succeeded by H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Ali Al Thani who ruled the country until 1972.

H.E. Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al THani assumed power in 1972; Qatar had gained independence on the 3rd of September 1971.

In 1995, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani came to power with the allegiance and support of the ruling family and the people of Qatar.

In 2013, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani assumed power and is the current ruling Emir of the Sate of Qatar.

The official language is Arabic. English is widely spoken.

The religion is Islam.

Population

The population of Qatar is 2 million.

Climate

The climate in Qatar has a moderate desert climate with long hot summers and short mild winters and a little rain in winter.

Introduction to Doha

Doha was declared the capital of Arab culture in 2010, an occasion which was celebrated with different events throughout the year. Besides being the country's financial and political center, Doha also takes the reins as the cultural capital of Qatar.

The cultural scene in Doha is diverse. Souq Waqif, with its small shops and restaurants, is one of the most visited places by tourists. There is no recorded date for the establishment of the market, but stories that surround it confirm the existence of the market decades ago when Doha was still a small village. It proudly shows traditional Qatari architecture situated at the heart of the rapidly growing city. This is a great location to shop for traditional objects and souvenirs.

Katara Cultural Village is the largest and the most multidimensional cultural project of Qatar. It is a place where people come together to experience the cultures of the world. With beautiful theatres, concert halls, exhibition galleries, excellent restaurants and cutting-edge facilities, Katara aims to become a world leader for multi-cultural activities.

One of the most important landmarks of Doha is the Museum of Islamic Art. It is the inevitable destination for all visitors to Doha. It is dedicated to reflecting the full vitality, complexity and diversity of the arts of the Islamic world. It is a world-class institution, which preserves, studies and exhibits masterpieces spanning over three continents and 13 centuries. As a centre for information, research and creativity, the museum aims to reach a wide and global audience and serve as a hub for dialogue and cultural exchange. The Museum also boasts a five star restaurant managed by the world renowned Chef Alain Ducasse. (Reservations only.)

Another important landmark is MATHAF, the Modern Arab Art Museum located near the Qatar Foundation.

Al Zubarah Archaeological Site, one of the largest and best preserved examples of an 18th-19th century traditional pearl fishing and merchant town in the Gulf, has been inscribed onto the UNESCO World Heritage List, as of June 2013.

A historic coastal town that is now abandoned, Al Zubarah is situated approximately 100 km north-west of Doha. Founded in the mid-18th century, the town developed into a centre for pearling and international trade and rose to become the country's largest and most important settlement.

The success of Al Zubarah attracted the attention of other Gulf powers, and after several attacks the town was eventually burned to the ground in 1811. It never fully recovered and was abandoned by the mid-20th century.

9.1. Currency and Exchange

The Qatari currency unit is the Riyal. Bank notes of the following denominations exist: 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500. The exchange rate in relation to the euro and US dollar fluctuate slightly, but are roughly: 1 EUR = 4.932 Riyals and 1 USD = 3.641 Riyals. Money may be exchanged in all foreign exchange offices or banks, which are widespread in the malls, and Souq Waqif. A large number of ATMs are available 24h/24 and 7/7. Credit cards are widely accepted in larger restaurants and hotels, but not in small shops or market places.

9.2. Telephone Service

To make a telephone call from Qatar to a foreign country using a land line or cell phone, dial: 00, successively the country code, the city code and finally the telephone number of the person.

For local calls, dial the telephone number preceded by +974 from an international line, whether it is a land line or a mobile number.

To facilitate phone calls between correspondents abroad or in Qatar, you can also purchase a local SIM card, if the mobile is equipped with GSM. Prices are very advantageous. Certain types of phones need to be unlocked before departure in order to use a local SIM.

9.3. Gratuities

It is customary to leave a small tip in restaurants (10% of bill).

9.4. Driving in Qatar

In Qatar, driving is on the right-hand side of the road. Cars are equipped with manual or automatic gear change. Drivers and all passengers must wear a seat belt. For safety reasons the use of a mobile telephone while driving is against the law. The consumption of alcoholic drinks is strictly forbidden for the driver, with zero tolerance.

It is inexpensive to rent a car, but it is recommended to hire a driver for convenience and safety reasons. Traffic can be hectic during rush hour.

Driving regulations in Qatar are similar to those of international standards. Unless otherwise indicated, the maximum speed on city roads and in built-up areas is 80 km/h, outside urban areas is 100 km/h and on highways is 120 km/h.

9.5. Electricity Supply

The sector power is: 240v 50Hz

9.6. Postal Service

Post offices in Qatar are generally open from 07.30 to 11.30 am and from 2 to 5.30 pm. The Central Post Office is situated in the city centre, however the hotel reception can also assist and advise you on postal services.

9.7. Smoking and Alcohol Regulations

In Qatar, it is forbidden to smoke in public places. Nevertheless, sometimes, restaurants and cafeterias have a designated area for smokers. Some hotels may offer their guests a smoking room. The availability of such rooms should be verified with the hotel.

It is prohibited to bring any alcohol into the State of Qatar and it will be confiscated on arrival at Doha airport. Alcohol is available in some five star hotel restaurants. There is a high tax on

all alcohol sales. Passport identification is required to enter many outlets which sell alcoholic beverages such as bars and nightclubs, and will be requested at the entrance.

9.8. Time Zone

Doha is 3 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT + 3). There is no time change in winter.

9.9. Weather

The temperatures in Qatar are on the higher side. Since most of the country is a desert, the temperatures rise above 45°C. June to September is the peak summer time in Qatar. During summers, the temperatures soar to about 50°C. It is extremely hot during the day, while the nights are warm, and not as extreme as the day conditions. Humidity is also quite high during the summer months. Please remember that sunglasses and sunscreen of a high factor should be worn when outside and that it is important to keep hydrated at all times.

It is advised to bring appropriate clothing, shoulders should be covered at all times, skirts below the knee are acceptable. Men should not wear shorts in public unless they are by the beach or the pool. Be prepared to have something warm at hand, because the meeting rooms are often heavily air-conditioned.

9.10. Drinking Water

It is recommend to drink bottled water. Bottles of mineral water are widely available in shops and hotels, at a reasonable price.

10. RECEPTION PROGRAMME AND RELATED EVENTS

As a registered participant, you are cordially invited to attend the receptions and events that will be held during the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee. The program will be made available on the website.

The **opening** ceremony of the 38th session will be held on **15 June 2014** at 7.00 pm at the QNCC theatre and will be followed by a reception. Formal dress is recommended for this event. The buses to the QNCC will leave the hotels in Annex 1 and Annex 2 at 5.45 pm and return to the hotels after the Event.

The **closing** ceremony of the 38th session will be held on **25 June 2014** at the Qatar National Convention Centre. It will begin at 6.00 pm and will be followed by a reception. Buses to the venue will leave the hotels in Annex 1 and Annex 2 at 4.45 pm and return to the hotels after the Event.

10.1. Complimentary Guided Tours

Free guided 'Cultural Tours' will be offered to participants and their companions. You are requested to register online and to confirm your participation at the Cultural tour registration desk located in the main hall of the QNCC.

Please note that availability for each tour is limited and therefore you are encouraged to book early to avoid any inconvenience

Other tours of Qatar may be booked from the official tour operator who will be located at the QNCC. These tours will be at a fee.

10.2. Other Trips

A choice of cultural excursions will also be offered during the week and in the afternoon of 24 June and morning of 25 June. For all information concerning these excursions, please write to the following address: registration@38whcdoha2014.org or visit the website.

11. MEDIA

11.1. Accreditation

Accreditation is mandatory for journalists wishing to cover the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee. To become accredited, please apply using the online form at the following address: <http://www.38whcdoha2014.qa>. All media who have registered will also need to be approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the State of Qatar and the Qatar News Agency. However, please note that journalists do not need to take any additional steps as this is part of the overall online registration process.

In the event of problems concerning registration, please write to the email address or call the Media unit's phone number which is indicated at the beginning of this document.

11.2. Media Registration and Security Measures

The registration area of the 38th session will be set up as of 13 June after 2.00 pm and from 14 June 2014 from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm at the QNCC. A special reception desk onsite will be reserved for media representatives. Please note that your online application for registration and accreditation must be received by 1 May and approved by the Qatari Authorities before you present yourself at the onsite reception desk.

Once you have registered online, you should have uploaded your information and photos online. Subject to approval and accreditation through the online registration process, an identification badge will be ready to be printed and collected when you identify yourself on arrival at the venue.

It is imperative that participants identify and present themselves at the reception desk as soon as possible upon arrival to allow sufficient time for the badges to be printed and collected. Identification badges must be worn and visible at all times to gain access to the venue of the meeting, and must be presented to the security personnel upon request.

Identification badges are non-transferable. Access to the Plenary or meeting rooms will be denied to any individual who uses the badge improperly.

Please be advised that security personnel may examine and verify equipment and personal effects taken into the Media Centre. Please allow for sufficient time in your schedule to pass the security checks.

11.3. Media Centre

A Media Centre will be made available to journalists covering the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee. It will be used as a work station and will be equipped with computer facilities and a WiFi connection. Journalists wishing to organize interviews with Committee members are required to submit their requests to the Press Centre. Eventual changes in the program will be posted in the Press Centre.

11.4. Press Conference Room

Press conferences will take place, for accredited media, in a designated area within the conference centre. The program of events planned for the media will be provided at the time of registration.

11.5. Press Release

Press releases and photos of the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee will be posted on the meeting website. Press releases will be posted on the webpage reserved for media and the photographs displayed in the photo gallery. The meeting website will also contain links to the Committee working documents and the streaming of debates with English and French translations.

11.6. Media Access to the 38th Session

A team in charge of relations with the media will be present at the Media Centre during the 38th session. Information meetings on World Heritage Committee decisions will be held as required, and press releases will be published throughout the session.

The World Heritage Committee session will be held with an online and on-screen transmission of debates at the QNCC.

For any questions regarding media accreditation and facilities, please contact the session organizers at the following address: media@38whcdoha2014.org.

For any media questions regarding the World Heritage Committee, please contact:

Mr Roni Amelan

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12. YOUTH EVENT OF THE 38TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE

12.1. World Heritage Youth Forum, Qatar 2014: Cultural Heritage of Qatar: Management, Preservation, Sustainability and Impact on Local Communities

The World Heritage Youth Forum has become an annual event held in conjunction with the session of the World Heritage Committee. As part of the 38th session, an International Youth Forum is being organized by the State Party of Qatar with the support of the Qatar Museums Authority.

The Youth Forum will be held in Al Zubarah and Doha, Qatar, from 4 to 15 June 2014 with youth representatives from the States Parties members of the World Heritage Committee and from States Parties of the Arab region. The State Party of Qatar welcomes the participation of young people between 18 - 30 years, eager to learn more about World Heritage, its conservation and protection. It would be advantageous for prospective participants to have a background in cultural heritage or neighbouring fields, as one of the exercises during the Forum will be to draft a proposal for protecting a cultural or natural World Heritage site.

Together with heritage experts, the youth representatives will explore the archaeological and heritage sites in Qatar. They will take part in workshops, carry out basic hands-on conservation activities, and participate in discussions focusing on cultural heritage, practices and processes (management, preservation, sustainability and impact on local communities). The participants will also share presentations on selected sites of their country.

A special feature of the event is the Youth Model of the World Heritage Committee session, an educational simulation drawing attention to issues related to heritage preservation and its promotion. Several sessions of this exercise will include substantive debates on themes such as youth and the implementation of the Convention in the Arab Region.

The youth delegates will present their work and the results of the Youth Forum to the Committee at the opening ceremony of the 38th session, on 15th June in Doha. This is an excellent opportunity for them to meet and discuss with the members of the World Heritage Committee and its Advisory Bodies.

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13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION




For further information about the World Heritage Committee and the World Heritage Convention, please see the World Heritage Centre website at the following link: <http://whc.unesco.org>

For all questions of a general nature concerning the 38th session of the World Heritage Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the session organizers at the following address: info@38whcdoha2014.org

Thank you for your attention and have a good trip!

ANNEX I HOTELS CLOSEST TO THE VENUE

A regular shuttle bus will be provided for hotels in Annex 1 and Annex 2 to and from the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) several times a day. Hotels in Annex 1 are located approximately 20-30 minutes away from the QNCC, and hotels in Annex 2 are located approximately 40 minutes away from the QNCC.

St Regis Doha	
	
 	
<p>HOTEL FEATURES</p> <p>Setting new standards of luxury service and excellence in the Middle East, the award winning St. Regis Doha is the finest address in Qatar. The hotel is part of Al Gassar Resort located at the heart of West Bay, adjacent to the Pearl Island and close to the Diplomatic Area. All guest rooms and suites offer extensive views over the Arabian Gulf's tranquil blue sea. With an exclusive private beach and discreet oceanfront cabanas, the hotel welcomes guests with unrivalled magnificence.</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS</p> <p>The St. Regis Doha Doha West Bay – Doha, P.O Box 14435 Qatar</p> <p>Tel:+ 974 44460000 Fax:+ 974 44460001</p> <p>www.stregis.com/Doha</p>

<p>LOCATION</p> <p>Step into Middle Eastern mystique, the hotel is situated in Doha's West Bay, near the Diplomatic District that borders the azure Arabian Gulf, where dramatic sand dunes, ancient architecture and the scenic Pearl Island paint a magnificent landscape.</p>	<p>CONTACT</p> <p>Ali Sayyari Email: ali.sayyari@stregis.com Phone: +974 44460013 Fax: +974 44460001</p>
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ROOM RATE

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Deluxe	QAR 950	260\$
Superior	QAR 1,100	301\$

All rates quoted are in Qatari Riyals (QAR) and are per room per night.

- Rates are inclusive of St. Regis Breakfast served in Vine Restaurant for one person; additional QAR 100 for double occupancy.
- Rates include high speed internet access in the room (512 Kb)
- 25% discount on Laundry.
- 20% discount on the F&B(except Hakkasan, Gordon Ramsey)
- 25%discount on the SPA.
- Welcome coffee & Tea per stay.
- Double SPG point to be awarded

Currently no service charges or taxes are applicable; however, this is subject to change according to the prevailing Qatar law without notice and Qatar Museums Authority will be liable for all mandated service charges and/or taxes in addition to the contracted rates.

Grand Hyatt

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HOTEL FEATURES

- Airport limousine and personal airport greeting
- 24-hour Assistant Manager/Concierge
- 24-hour Technology Concierge
- 24-hour Room Service
- High-speed wired and wireless internet access
- Safe deposit boxes
- iPod docking stations
- Foreign currency exchange
- Indoor parking
- Complimentary valet parking
- Laundry and dry cleaning service
- Babysitting service
- Full-service Business Centre
- Private meeting rooms
- Multi-lingual staff
- Beauty salon

LOCATION

Grand Hyatt Doha is a hotel and villa complex occupying 155,000 square meters in an idyllic location directly on the beach. Situated in the new district of West Bay lagoon, the hotel is minutes away from the city financial and commercial centre and places of cultural and historical interest.

HOTEL ADDRESS

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 Doha, Qatar, State of Qatar.
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CONTACT

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 Reservations.ghdoha@hyatt.com
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 Fax: 00974 44481159
 www.doha.grand.hyatt.com

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ROOM RATE

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Deluxe Room	QAR 650	178\$

The rates above include buffet breakfast and internet access.

The Ritz Carlton

Doha



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DOHA
الدوحة



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HOTEL FEATURES

Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Gulf and the exquisite warmth of Arabian hospitality at The Ritz-Carlton, Doha, one of the most elegant Doha hotels. Rising above the coastline in a contemporary display of architectural artistry, The Ritz-Carlton, Doha, takes a cue from Qatar's dazzling capital city, expertly blending both the modern and the traditional to enthrall visitors with a true multicultural experience. After a day spent exploring, guests can enjoy this exclusive island resort's peaceful accommodations, exceptional culinary experiences in the luxury hotel's award-winning restaurants and lounges, and the locally inspired treatments of our world-class spa.

- 50 square meter / 540 square feet private balcony
- Sea or city view
- Choices of one king size or twin beds
- Handcrafted furnishings from Spain and Italy
- Headboards are distinguished by rich gold leaf and shades of crimson red
- LCD flat screen TV with international television channels, DVD and CD player
- iPod docking station
- High-speed Internet access (wired and wireless)
- Plush terry bathrobes and slippers
- Laptop-compatible, in-room safe
- Three telephone sets with data port and voicemail
- Large marble baths with separate shower and bathtub
- Radio alarm clock

HOTEL ADDRESS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generously-sized desk • Hair dryer and scale • Asprey bathroom amenities • Fully-stocked refreshment cabinet with a coffee machine • Twice-daily housekeeping service • 24-hour in-room dining • Laundry Service from 5 a.m. to midnight 	
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ROOM RATE :

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Deluxe Room	QAR 850	233\$
Club Room	QAR 1,200	329\$
Junior Suite	QAR 2,000	548\$
Executive Suite	QAR 2,500	685\$
Amiri Suite	QAR 7,000	1,918\$
Grand Amiri Suite	QAR 12,000	3,288\$

All the above room & suite rates are inclusive of Buffet breakfast at the Lagoon Restaurant and internet access 24h.

Intercontinental



HOTEL FEATURES

The newly furnished rooms were designed with luxurious, modern, comfortable, fresh designs with an Arabic twist. Other features in the rooms include 40 inch LED TV, iPod connectivity, complimentary WIFI internet connection and many other facilities.

LOCATION

InterContinental Doha is in thriving West Bay, near the central business district and 5 minutes away from Doha Exhibition Centre and the City Centre. The hotel features 258 rooms with stunning views of the pool and beach. For your culinary experience, we offer the very best dining experience with Tex-Mex, Mediterranean, Belgian, International, Seafood restaurants and live entertainment. The Bay Club features the longest private beach in Doha, a stunning pool and a 24-hour fully equipped gym.

HOTEL ADDRESS

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ROOM RATE

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Superior room, city view (Double / Single)	QAR 900	247\$
Deluxe room, sea view (Double / Single):	QAR 1,050	288\$

Rates are per room per night. Rates are inclusive of breakfast and internet access.

ANNEX II HOTELS FURTHER FROM THE VENUE

Hotels in Annex II are approximately 30 to 40 minutes from the QNCC. The Host Country will provide a shuttle bus service from these hotels at intervals or you may also feel free to take a taxi. Many hotels in this annex also provide an additional shuttle service.

Hilton Doha																							
																							
 																							
<p>HOTEL FEATURES</p> <p>All the bright and airy hotel rooms feature stunning views of the Persian Gulf or Doha's impressive skyline. Suites and executive rooms offer spacious living areas, balconies, beautiful Arabian glass partitions in the bathrooms and exclusive access to the Executive Lounge, with complimentary breakfast and refreshments throughout the day.</p> <p>Hilton Doha offers guests a wide range of dining options, including Doha's first Trader Vic's. With six restaurants and bars featuring poolside dining, sea and city views, interactive live cooking stations and innovative cuisines from around the world, there is something for every palate and preference.</p>	<p>HOTEL ADDRESSs</p> <p>Hilton Doha Diplomatic District Street West Bay, P.O. Box 24572, Doha, Qatar.</p> <p>TEL: + 974 44233333 FAX: + 974 44233000</p>	<p>CONTACT: Diana Mansour Email: Diana.Mansour@Hilton.com Phone: + 974 4423 3333 Fax: +974 4423 3000 www.doha.hilton.com</p>																					
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Mövenpick Tower & Suites Doha (Shuttle bus provided)



HOTEL FEATURES

Armed with the latest technologies and stunning views, our 347 delightfully furnished rooms are perfect for both short and long-term guests who are looking for a home away from home. Our three uniquely-themed restaurants and lounges vary in taste and specialty, satisfying every palate. On the top floor, you will find Bay View 26 Wellness Centre, the spa with the best views of the city, and with state of the art facilities and relaxing treatment rooms. This is a Dry hotel.

The hotel is in close proximity to Doha landmarks including the City Centre Mall, Katara Cultural Village, The Pearl, Souq Waqif, Museum of Islamic Art and many more.

LOCATION

Strategically located in the bustling West Bay area, Mövenpick Tower & Suites Doha is the ideal choice for business and leisure travellers alike. Combining a modern, contemporary style with the local touch of hospitality, guests will experience stylishly innovative designs and polished professional service.

HOTEL ADDRESS

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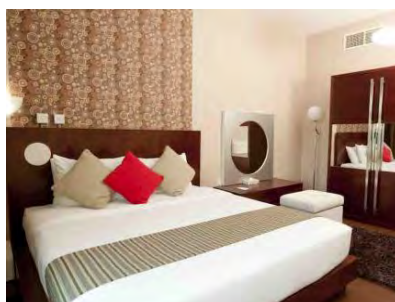
ROOM RATE

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Deluxe Single Occupancy	QAR575	158 \$
Deluxe Double Occupancy	QAR675	185 \$
Executive Room Single Occupancy	QAR775	212 \$
Executive Room Double Occupancy	QAR875	240 \$

The above Rates include breakfast and internet.

All room reservations will be subject to availability at the time of the booking, and to the stated terms and conditions of the reservation.

Retaj Al Rayyan Hotel & Hospitality (Shuttle bus provided)



HOTEL FEATURES

Located in Doha's Al Dafna business district, Retaj Al Rayyan 4-star hotel offers views of the Arabian Gulf and West Bay district. A stone throw away from local businesses, corporations and embassies including Saudi, UAE and French embassies, our ideal location makes us the first hotel choice in Doha for both business executives and leisure travellers on short or extended visits.

Retaj Al Rayyan hotel is only a 20 minute drive from Doha International Airport, and a 10 minute drive from the popular sites Souq Waqif, Katara culture village and The Pearl. At a short walk, are the City Centre Doha Mall and the Corniche.

The 19-story accommodation comes with 360 modern spacious rooms and suites. Our Hotel Rooms are equipped with 32" LCD TVs, high speed Wi-Fi internet and minibars. The bathrooms include one of the best hotels branded amenities, including a bathrobe and slippers. Women and family rooms are also available on some floors. Alcohol is not available in this hotel.

LOCATION

The Hotel is ideally located at the heart of the commercial and diplomatic districts and overlooks the West Bay area, with a full panoramic view. The Hotel features 19 floors-tower hotel offers spacious rooms and suites. All rooms are equipped to high standards and exceptional levels of service.

HOTEL ADDRESS

Retaj Al Rayan Hotel
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ROOM RATE

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Deluxe Single Room	QAR 475	131 \$
Deluxe Twin / Double Room	QAR 575	158 \$
Deluxe Twin / Double Room	QAR 700	192 \$

The above rates are net per room per night on Bed & Breakfast basis.

Buffet Lunch or Dinner upon request will costs QAR 120 per meal per person.

V.I.P Treatment upon Arrival (Small fruit basket & Small bottle of mineral water).

Free access to health club, sauna, Jacuzzi & to the swimming pool.

WI-FI Internet access available in the hotel lobby free of charge.

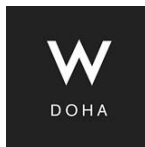
Daily High speed internet in room free of charge; WI-FI.

Free tea & coffee making facilities in the Rooms.

Check-in time starts from 2 pm. Check-out time is at the latest at 2 pm.

All booking requests are subject to availability.

W Doha Hotel & Residences (Shuttle bus provided)



HOTEL FEATURES

Right in the West Bay of Doha, we've got your insider access to the hottest shopping, buzzing nightlife and the most pristine beaches in Doha. Step into style in any of our 442 guest rooms and suites at W Doha Hotel & Residences. Indulge in creative cuisine with chef Jean-George's Market and Spice Market, or taste our Italian chic eats at La Spiga by Paper Moon. Then, mix and mingle in our three fabulous bars and lounges: The Living Room, Wahm and Crystal, the sleekest spot in town.

LOCATION

Located in Doha's West Bay area, W Doha offers true luxury, a personalized service and remarkably stylish design. The hotel is just a short walk to the City Center Shopping Mall and the major business corporations in Doha.

HOTEL ADDRESS

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ROOM RATE

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Spectacular Room single	QAR 900	247\$
Spectacular Room double	QAR 1,000	274\$
Marvellous Room single	QAR 1,150	315\$
Marvellous Room double	QAR 1,250	343\$
Cool Corner Room single	QAR 1,500	411\$
Cool Corner Room double	QAR 1,600	438\$
W Suite single	QAR 2,400	658\$
W Suite double	QAR 2,500	685\$
WOW Suite single	QAR 3,400	932\$
WOW Suite double	QAR 3,500	959\$

All rates are exclusive of internet & breakfast

Rates are per room per night.

Souq Waqif Boutique Hotels – (Shuttle bus to QNCC provided)

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SOUQ WAQIF BOUTIQUE HOTELS



HOTEL FEATURES

A gleaming set of pearls encircling the historical heart of Doha, Souq Waqif Boutique Hotels is a collection of six luxury hotels in Doha and two full-service residences steeped in timeless Qatari hospitality.

Each of our unique five-star properties, linked by the lively Souq Waqif, invites you to experience the collection's full range of culinary and leisure offerings. During your stay, you have access to the collection's full range of facilities, and enjoy the personalized service and attention to detail that will make each moment of your stay in our boutique hotels unforgettable.

LOCATION

Doha's vibrant cultural and commercial centre since the times of Qatar's Bedouin tribes, Souq Waqif continues to bring together locals and visitors from around the world as it is one of the most outstanding attractions in Doha. Only steps away from Doha's spectacular Corniche, the Souq draws you into its winding, narrow alleyways to reveal merchants trading fine silks, carpets, spices textiles, antiques, musical instruments and Arabian Oud perfumes, entrancing your senses with the sights, scents and sounds of years gone by.

HOTEL ADDRESS

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ROOM RATE

Hotel Name	Room Category				
	Coral Single	Coral Double	Pearl Single	Pearl Double	Coral/Pearl Suite
Al Jomrok Boutique Hotel	500	600	600	700	-
Mushiereb Boutique Hotel	500	600	600	700	-
Arumaila Boutique Hotel	500	600	600	700	-
Al Mirqab Boutique Hotel	600	700	700	800	1500
Al Bidda Boutique Hotel	600	700	700	800	1500
Al Jasra Boutique Hotel	600	700	700	800	2000

QAR 500 = 137\$ / QAR 600 = 164\$ / QAR 700 = 192 \$ / QAR 800 = 219 \$ / QAR 1,500 = 411 \$ / QAR 2,000 = 548 \$

- Above rates are subject to availability
- Check-in time is 03:00PM
- Check-out time is 12:00PM
- Guests must book before 1st June 2014 to benefit from the above rates
- 1st June 2014 onwards, guests can book Best Available Rate
- Guest can only book via our reservations department using the below contact details:
 - Email: reservations@swbh.com
 - Telephone: +974 44336666
- Guest must use the rate code of UNESCOBB at the time of booking to benefit from the rate
- Guest must guarantee the booking with a valid credit card at the time of booking
- Cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to arrival

ANNEX III OTHER HOTEL OUTSIDE ANNEX 1 OR 2 WITH REGULAR SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

Please note that no shuttle bus will be provided by the Host Country for this hotel. However a shuttle bus service will be provided by the hotel once in the morning and once in the evening or you are free to take a taxi.

La Cigale Hotel	
	
 	
<p>HOTEL FEATURES</p> <p>Experience five-star accommodation and a superb level of personal service at the heart of Doha, Qatar at La Cigale Hotel. Behind its polished 20-story façade, this striking high-design hotel offers a stylish yet relaxing haven where business travellers can escape the city's hectic pace. Named the 2010 and 2012 Qatar Leading Hotel and 2012 World's Ultimate Service Award in Hospitality by the World Travel Awards and a member of the Leading Hotels of the World, La Cigale is one of the city's most esteemed hotels, an engaging blend of contemporary style and cosmopolitan ambiance.</p> <p>LOCATION</p> <p>Situated at the heart of the Business District, just 15 minutes from Doha International Airport, this five-star urban sanctuary offers limitless opportunities to explore the best attractions, shopping, dining and nightlife in Doha. Experience the myriad pleasures of Qatar's stylish capital city from its five-star city centre hotel - World Excellence Service Award in Hospitality & World Leading Hotel Dining Entertainment Experience for 2013 by the World Travel Awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located at the heart of the Business District, just 10 minutes from the beach • Convenient to reach the Museum of Islamic Art, Education City, Al Souq restaurants and fashionable shopping malls • Only 15 minutes away from Doha International Airport 	<p>HOTEL ADDRESS</p> <p>Suhaim Bin Hamad Street, Al Sadd Area P.O. Box 25555 Doha – Qata Tel : + 974 4428 8888 FAX :+ 974 4428 8000</p> <hr/> <p>CONTACT</p> <p>Elie Mrad Email: elie.mrad@lacigalehotel.com Phone: 00974 4428 8524 Fax: 00974 4428 8000 www.lacigalehotel.com</p>
ROOM RATE	

Room Type	Room Rate In Qatari Riyals	Room Rate In US Dollars
Deluxe Room single	700QAR	192\$
Deluxe Room double	800QAR	219\$
Premium Room single	800QAR	219\$
Premium Room double	900QAR	247\$
Business Suite single	1100QAR	302\$
Business Suite double	1200QAR	356\$

All rooms includes:

- Buffet Breakfast served at La Cigale Restaurant
- Free High Speed Internet access in guests' rooms and public areas
- Welcome Drink upon arrival
- Welcome in room Amenities
- Complimentary Shuttle Bus transfer to be provided for in house guests on first-come first-served basis from hotel to QNCC and vice-versa on scheduled time once in the morning and once in the evening.