

# QA doubles New York City-Doha flights

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**NEW YORK:** Qatar Airways (QA) has added a second daily, non-stop flight along its popular route between John F Kennedy Airport (JFK) in New York City and Hamad International Airport in Doha.

The new route features the acclaimed Airbus A350 and a new morning departure time from JFK, allowing passengers to arrive in Doha in the morning the following day.

The new flight represents the 10th QA route between Doha and the US. The airline, named '2015 Airline of the Year' (Skytrax), has been

operating in the US for nine years and added daily, non-stop service to Boston on March 16 and will commence service to Atlanta on June 1.

"The new route is evidence of our rapid growth in the US," said Akbar Al Baker, Chief Executive, QA Group.

"By offering a second flight from JFK, we provide our leisure and business travellers with convenient connections via Doha to top destinations in Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia and the Far East.

"In particular, business travel between New York City and Singapore on QA is now one of our most popular routes, offering business travellers a best-in-class experience featuring the Airbus 350 — the most

**Qatar Airways brings third Airbus A350 to the US and adds convenient morning route between JFK and Doha.**

technologically advanced aircraft in commercial aviation flying today — on every leg of the journey."

QA was the global launch partner of the A350 in 2015. It operates eight of the advanced aircraft on four continents, including to Frankfurt, Munich, Singapore and from next month, Adelaide.

In the US, the A350 operates to Philadelphia and Boston, in addition to the second daily flight to JFK. QA has an additional 72 A350s on order, and maintains one of the youngest and most advanced fleets.

Along with QA's award-winning services and amenities, the A350 features an innovative system for the reduction of jet lag. By using a high precision air management system to reduce cabin pressure and optimise humidity, along with a dynamic LED lighting system to manage passenger melatonin levels, the A350 combats the effects of international travel and leaves passengers feeling more

refreshed upon arrival.

"The Airbus A350 is an iconic commercial aircraft of the next decade," said Al Baker. "We were proud to be part of its inception and look forward to introducing this unparalleled aircraft with business and leisure travellers along our New York-Doha route."

The second daily flight departs JFK from Terminal 7 at 11:15 hours and arrives at HIA at 06:45 hours local time. The new flight to New York City arrives at JFK's Terminal 7 at 09:15 hours, providing convenient access to the city and connecting flights across the USA.

Terminal 7 is also home to other new members, including British Airways, Cathay Pacific, Iberia and Qantas. QA will continue to operate its evening route, scheduled to depart New York at 23:00 hours from Terminal 8, providing an alternative and convenience when visiting Doha or connecting with outboard flights to the airline's global network of over 150 destinations around the world.

Daily, non-stop flights between Doha and JFK: QR Flight 701 Doha-New York 08:15/15:15 Terminal 8 Boeing 777-300ER; QR Flight 702 New York-Doha 22:00/17:35 -1 Terminal 8 Boeing 777-300ER; QR Flight 703 Doha-New York 02:25/09:15 Terminal 7 Airbus A350-900; and QR Flight 704 New York-Doha 11:15/06:45 -1 Terminal 7 Airbus A350-900.



The Economy class in the acclaimed Airbus A350.



Cultural Adviser to the Emiri Diwan H E Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al Kawari and other officials at the event.

## Azerbaijan's tourism future looks brighter after Gala Dinner in Doha

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working in cooperation with Qatar.

**DOHA:** Azerbaijan's Ministry of Culture and Tourism presented a roadshow to develop cooperation in the field of travel and tourism in business and leisure and highlight information about tourism to diversify the country's dependence on oil and gas. Development of tourism is a key priority for Azerbaijan.

The roadshow was attended by Qatari ministers, pioneers in the industry and other dignitaries.

Rashid Al Noori, Representative of the ministry in the GCC, presented his country's travel and tourism portfolio for various segments and discussed features to engage industries and government to support Azerbaijan's tourism growth.

Minister for Culture and Tourism Abulfas Garayev gave a presentation on the solution basket to help make Azerbaijan the ultimate tourism destination offering unparalleled travel and holiday experiences.

"We'd like to inspire travellers from all over the world to visit and explore Azerbaijan. We'd also like to deliver a global network to support tourism promotion in Azerbaijan and to champion tourism."

He spoke about the importance of the Middle East, particularly the GCC states, for Azerbaijan's tourism. He shared his best experiences

"The government of Azerbaijan has lifted advance visa requirement for the citizens of the GCC countries, as well as Japan, Malaysia, China, South Korea and Singapore.

"This is a milestone in our relationship with these countries. We are pleased to inform the public, travel trade companies and those planning to visit Azerbaijan and enjoy historical sites and its beautiful landscaping," he added. Azerbaijan has diverse attractions to offer and this visa waiver will facilitate "an excellent traffic of all categories of people to visit Azerbaijan."

Azerbaijan is a next-generation travel destination. It was chosen to organise World Tourism Forum Lucerne Think Tank with the presence of World Tourism Organisation Secretary-General Taleb Rifat, and World Tourism Forum President Reto Wittwer. It also hosted the First European Games in Baku in 2015 and has signed a contract with Formula 1 to organise Baku Grand Prix this year. These events will attract people from all over the world, impacting the tourism sector positively over the next decade. "With excellent air accessibility, world-class conference facilities and high-quality hotels to accommodate events, unique dining venues and authentic on site activities, we're working together to make Azerbaijan visible to the world of meetings," he added.

## Chamber hails ICCIA's selection of Qatar

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The 32nd round of the general assembly of ICCIA and 23rd meeting of its board of directors in the Saudi port city also agreed to let Qatar be represented by its Chamber for the centre for Itqan award which aims to establish the principle of perfection in all aspects of business.

Itqan is an annual award granted to individual or corporation from the private sector for showing excellence in one or more of business areas.

The QCCI praised the ICCIA's

move of selecting Qatar as the host of the central Halal Authority and Itqan (excellence) Award.

The achievement is an advantage for Qatar and an outcome of efforts of the OIC and ICCIA, said QCCI Chairman Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim Al Thani. This will contribute to increasing intra-regional trade among members of the ICCIA, as Halal certifications will ensure safer and healthier products of high quality. Nael Raja Al Kabariti, Chairman, Arab Chamber of Commerce, described the achievement as a victory for Arab chambers and their GCC peers, in particular.

Amid increasing demand for Halal products, a growing number of consumers have been lamenting a lack of an umbrella body for regulatory bodies, said Mohammed Jawhar Al Mohammad, Member, QCCI board.

There are no common standards and specifications for Halal products for a consumer's market with over two billion people and there are millions of products, he added. "We are proud that Qatar won the trust of the ICCIA members and the current centre of Islamic chamber in Doha will include section for Halal certifications."

## FM: Qatar committed to global peace and security

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The Foreign Minister also met members of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee and discussed ways of strengthening and developing bilateral relations in various fields. They exchanged views on topics of common interest, particularly the situation in the region.

The Foreign Minister confirmed Qatar's commitment to work with friendly countries to maintain international security and peace and find real and comprehensive solutions to challenges facing the region.

## 10-20-30 promotion begins at Safari outlets

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**DOHA:** The 10-20-30 promotion of Safari Group, one of the most anticipated events in the retail industry in Qatar, has begun at all its retail outlets — Safari Mall-Abu Hamour, Safari Hypermarket — Salwa Road and Safari Shopping Complex in Umm Salal.

Quality products at astonishing prices is what Safari has always offered during the promotion. More than 1,000 products are on offer — from electronics, toys, cosmetics,

household items, garments, textiles, footwear, office stationery, car accessories, tools, home appliances, fruits and vegetables, fresh fish and meat and culinary delicacies from its hot food and bakery.

"For this promotion, we have added products from every utility to meet demands of our ever-growing and valuable customers — sourced directly from manufacturers to get the most competitive pricing," said Zainulabideen, Director and General Manager, Safari Group.

To enhance shopping experience with fun and entertainment, musical game shows are being held

until tomorrow, with a special performance of folk songs by one of the renowned teams from Kerala. Entry to both events is free. The winners will be receive exciting prizes and goodies in each of these events.

The 'Win 1kg Gold' promotion is also getting an overwhelming response from customers who will be eligible to receive coupons for every purchase of QR50.

The first draw was held on Tuesday with top three winners receiving 500gramme, 300gramme and 200gramme of gold, respectively.

This will continue every month for five months. Zainulabideen added.

## THE One hosts 11th blood donation drive

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**DOHA:** THE One Qatar hosted its 11th annual blood donation campaign.

It aimed to raise awareness about the urgent need for more blood donors and boosting Hamad Medical Corporation's dwindling blood supplies.

Sixty-three donors registered of whom 18 employees and 16 customers qualified to donate blood, which can save up to 102 lives.

In 2013, THE One was recognised by HMC's blood donor unit for being one of the 12 companies in Qatar to consistently lead



Some of the participants pose for a group photo during the event.

and organise mobile blood donation campaigns, in addition to voluntarily donating blood.

In the past 10 years, THE One has

helped generate over 250 pints of donated blood which could potentially save up to 750 lives, an official statement said.

## 'Joyalukkas Shop & Fly' promotion winners named

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**DOHA:** The mega winning opportunity during Joyalukkas Shop & Fly promotion received an overwhelming response from customers across GCC.

The winners of the campaign were announced and will get airline vouchers and the mega winner gets a diamond necklace.

The Joyalukkas Shop & Fly offered every customer shopping for QR500 worth of jewellery or more the opportunity to travel to destinations they have been dreaming of and a diamond necklace.

"It's a pleasure to see such an overwhelming response for Joyalukkas Shop & Fly.

"The opportunity will make many dreams come true and we feel happy



Officials with the winners.

to be able to enable it," said John Paul Alukkas, Executive Director, Joyalukkas Group.

Joyalukkas is an ISO-certified

jeweller with 110 showrooms in 11 countries across the world. It has been awarded the Superbrand status seven years in a row in the UAE.



**Qatar Red Crescent**

**Tender Announcement for Medical Affairs Sector**

Ser.#	Tender No.	Description	Temporary Tender Bond	Documents Fees (Non-Refundable)	Closing Date
1	QRC/WHC/04-2016	Supply, Install, equipment of Information Technology for Workers Health Centers - Qatar Red Crescent	50,000 Q.R.	500 Q.R.	27/04/2016

The documents can be collected from Al Hemalla Health Center located in the new Industrial Area, Sunday to Thursday from 07:00 am to 01:00 pm till the closing date.

**Required Documents:**

- Authorization letter to receive tender documents + ID copy of the person will be receiving the documents.
- Company's Commercial registration copy.

For more information: please call: (50715878), or Email: Tenders.2016@qrcs.org.qa