

# Qatar – facts and figures



Qatar is made up of mostly desert – **99%** of population (**2.9 million**) lives in capital, **Doha**



**25%** of people are female. Men outnumber women by three to one



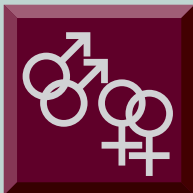
Qataris are in minority, with foreign workers comprising over **85%** population



Qatar is among richest countries by GDP per capita: **\$61,276** (world: **\$12,263**)



Qatar has world's third largest proven natural gas reserves after Russia and Iran



Sex outside of marriage and homosexual behaviour is illegal



Drinking alcohol in public places could result in **\$800** fine or even prison sentence



Swearing and making rude gestures can result in jail or deportation



Hereditary monarchy. Current ruler is Emir **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani**



Name **Qatar** dates from 50AD, when Roman writer **Pliny the Elder** referred to inhabitants as “Catharrei”



Flag's colour, defined as Qatar maroon, is nod to country's role in purple dye industry



**Arabian Oryx**, seen in **Qatar Airways** logo and saved from extinction in 1970s, is national animal