

# World Cup 2022 – a fans' guide to Qatar

Football fans travelling to the World Cup will need to abide by strict Qatari regulations



Above: Modern skyline of West Bay, Doha as viewed from Museum of Islamic Art on city's Corniche waterfront promenade

## TRAVEL

- ◆ All fans must pre-register for **Hayya card** – acts as visa, stadium pass (when used in conjunction with valid match ticket), free metro and bus pass
- ◆ Online details: [bit.ly/3W4NRuT](https://bit.ly/3W4NRuT)
- ◆ Foreign visitors are required to have medical insurance that is valid in Qatar

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- ◆ Avoid photographing or filming people and religious, military or construction sites

## ALCOHOL

- ◆ Drinking in public or drunken, unruly behaviour is not tolerated
- ◆ Access to alcohol is limited to licensed restaurants and hotels, and you must be over 21 years old

## WHAT NOT TO TAKE WITH YOU

- ◆ Weapons
- ◆ Alcohol
- ◆ E-cigarettes (vaping)
- ◆ Drugs
- ◆ Pornography
- ◆ Pork products
- ◆ Non-Islamic religious books



- ◆ Drinks will be sold at stadiums and at special **Fan Festival** in Doha, but only from **6pm-1am**
- ◆ Alcohol will not be sold during matches and cannot be consumed within sight of pitch

## COUPLES

- ◆ Co-habitation and sex outside wedlock are forbidden in Qatar – meaning unmarried couples are not permitted to share hotel rooms. Refrain from public displays of affection

## LGBT

- ◆ Homosexuality is illegal in Qatar. However, FIFA is pressuring hotels to allow same-sex couples to share rooms



## HEAT

- ◆ Despite cooler time of year, average temperatures could still reach **25°C**

## COVID-19

- ◆ Must download and register for **Ehteraz** Covid-19 app, three days prior to arrival
- ◆ Must present negative PCR test certificate dated no more than **48 hours** before flight, or negative antigen test certificate dated no more than **24 hours** before flight
- ◆ Online details: [bit.ly/3TWlyvB](https://bit.ly/3TWlyvB)  
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## CLOTHES

- ◆ Conservative clothing should be worn in public
- ◆ **Men:** No shorts or toplessness in public
- ◆ **Women:** No bikinis on public beaches – only at hotel pool. Should cover shoulders and wear long skirts or trousers in public



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