Qatar in deal with 56 hotels for summer offers

Qatar Tourism Authority (QTA) has partnered with 56 members of the hospitality industry in a GCC-wide roadshow during the Qatar Summer Festival, which will take place throughout the nation from August 1 to 31.

Bred partners are offering special packages during the Festival, which include offers to pay for two nights and stay for three in hotels, and pay for five nights and stay for six in hotel apartments. Food establishments will provide additional incentives covering a variety of options including free breakfast, late check-out, free meals for children when accompanied by their parents, a maximum of three children per family and free transfers to and from Hamad International Airport. These offers are also available to residents booking during the same period.

The number of hotels participating has doubled since last year’s Festival, as the hospitality sector works even more closely with QTA to ensure that Qatar is viewed as the preferred destination in the Gulf Cooperation Council. Qatar’s hospitality sector, which was recently ranked at the top of GCC destinations in the Guest Experience in the Middle East report released by hospitality and travel data providers Olery, presents a key attraction to the visitors targeted by QTA initiatives such as Qatar Summer Festival 2016.

The roadshow will travel through leading cities, Riyadh, Al Khobar, Muharraq, Kuwait City, Doha and Muscat.

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Deal to raise flights to 91 between Doha & three Saudi cities

Within a framework between Qatar and Saudi Arabia, the two countries have signed a new agreement to increase the number of flights from 31 a week between Doha and three major Saudi cities — Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam.

The two sides also agreed to open skies between Doha and Madinah and Taif to run any number of flights. The number of Saudi tourists visiting Qatar in the first quarter of this year increased by 28 percent to 280,255 compared to the same period last year, according to data released by Qatar Tourism Authority (QTA).

Under the agreement, Qatar Airways will also operate 16 weekly flights to three airports in Saudi Arabia, such as Taibah, Jeddah, Abha, Taif and Al Ula and Madinah.

The deal also seeks to increase the number of flights up to 54 a week to major airports in the Saudi Arabia and open skies between Doha and Dammam airport with “fifth freedom” for shipping flights.

The agreement was signed following talks between aviation authorities of Qatar and Saudi Arabia on the sidelines of the Third Middle East Aviation Safety Summit recently.

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The summit, attended by Abdulla bin Nasser Al Suleimani, chairman of Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Abdulkhalik Al Rakee, Deputy to Saudi Arabia’s General Authority of Civil Aviation’s President for Safety and Air Transport. Both sides are scheduled to hold another meeting before the end of this year to update the air transport agreement and add new items to facilitate operational matters of mutual carriers with the two countries.

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Qatar may be first to launch 5G services

The 5G technology is expected to go on trial by the end of 2018, which is slated to be launched commercially by 2020 worldwide.

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Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel, the 5 star luxury hotel, will mark the Holy Month of Ramadan by reflecting the ambience of a traditional Souq and hosting special Iftars and Sohurs, assuring guests an unforgettable experience.

Guests can break their fast at Al Hubara Restaurant, located at the lobby, which offers exceptional Iftar experiences every night.

The Iftar menu includes an assortment of traditional Arabic and international culinary delights prepared by expert chefs. Interactive cooking stations will come to life celebrating cuisines from all around the world, featuring Qatar traditional dishes and more for QR 225 per person with 50% off for kids aged 6 to 12. Children below age of 6 dine for free.

During the Holy Month, the hotel invites the guests to indulge with in traditions and culture at its old-style Souq located near the hotel’s dedicated Ramadan Tent.

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The Tent also hosts special lounges for ladies and a private entrance from Al Majlis, where guests will enjoy a truly authentic Suhour. Featuring live cooking stations, different flavors of shisha and a traditional band, the Ramadan Tent is designed to be family-friendly.

The Souq is dressed with vibrant stalls in Arabesque design displaying hand-made Ramadan goods, handicrafts, souvenirs and traditional Arabian specialty foods. The Souq offers an inimitable experience and will open doors to newer insights on the traditional way of life, and acquainting overviews local culture and values.

To make a reservation, call +974 44853000, email F&Breservations.Doha@sheraton.com or log on to: http://www.sheratongranddoha.com.

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**Al Hubara-Iftar Buffet**

QR 225* per person

**Ramadan Tent-Suhoor à la carte**

QR 110** per person

The Souq

Everyday, 8:00 PM-2:00 AM

*Including soft beverages. Children below 6 eat for Free and kids between 6 to 12 years get 50% off the price.

**Served only between 11:00 AM-1:00 PM per person; Includes Iftar soups, juices and sheesha.
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QDF and Doha Bank reward travellers

Qatar Duty Free (QDF) and Doha Bank have teamed up again to offer customers a special shopping promotion to enjoy across QDF’s exceptional selection of branded beauty and gourmet food boutiques at Hamad International Airport (HIA). Travelers holding a Doha Bank credit card will enjoy 10 percent savings when they shop at QDF stores between May 10 and July 31.

Passengers will discover a tempting array of products inside the departure terminal, from cosmetics to designer labels, all perfect purchases for those returning on summer vacations, and business travelers keen to benefit from the offer.

QDF’s shopping emporium was recently announced as the world’s fifth ‘Best Airport for Shopping’ at the 2016 Skytrax World Airport Awards. The wide selection of luxury and affordable brands available, together with the competitive prices and the retailer’s outstanding customer service levels, were recognised.

Luis Gasset, Senior Vice-President, QDF, said: “Summer is a key time for travellers, and as such an important time for QDF to reward customers with an offer on one of the most extensive collections of branded and luxury boutiques available. As one of the world’s leading shopping airports, QDF is committed to offering our customers added value by working with partners to deliver generous promotions and the very best in quality, service and variety.”

Dr R Seetharaman, Group CEO, Doha Bank, said: “The bank and QDF have worked in partnership to deliver promotions for passengers at HIA over the years. While last year’s 10 percent cash back promotion was an immense success, we expect this year to be a greater success. Our loyal cardholders will be able to have convenient and privileged payment experiences on these transactions, and what better way for travellers from Doha to embark on their summer vacations.”

Passengers can choose from a wide variety of duty-free products at amazing prices from Tiffany, Burberry, TAG Heuer, Chopard, Bulgari, Harrods, Michael Kors, Coach, perfumes, cosmetics and skincare, Godiva chocolates, Marmalade Market goods, and gifts from Hamad/Al-Markaz.

WATCH BRANDS ON SHOW

Meanwhile, Qatar Duty Free’s luxury watch fair will showcase more than 600 internationally acclaimed timepieces in Hamad International Airport, throughout May and June providing the best in reliable timepieces for watch enthusiasts and global travellers. Omega, Longines and Tissot watches will join the extensive range of brands available to buy from Qatar Duty Free and will sit alongside some of the world’s leading luxury watches from IWC Schaffhausen, Ralph Lauren, Bvlgari, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Hublot and Tag Heuer.

Qatar Duty Free has chosen the latest creations and exquisite collections from nine legendary Swiss watchmakers that will inspire all watch enthusiasts. From classic and elegant traditional timepieces to master complications and specialist dive watches, bold luxury fashion designs to retro favourites, passengers travelling through HIA will be able to choose from an extensive array of watches to find a favourite that reflects their personal style.

Qatar Duty Free Senior Vice-President, Luis Gasset, said: “Qatar Duty Free is a world leading retailer; as such we are able to offer our customers the most sought-after brands. The watch fair showcases the art of watch making by bringing together some of the finest and most-desired timepieces currently available on the global market for passengers travelling through Doha.”

The wide range of premium Swiss timepieces on display represents the ultimate in style and quality, and epitomises the product excellence that can be discovered throughout Qatar Duty Free.”

Gather with your family and friends in a traditional Ramadan ambiance over Iftar or Sohour for QAR 220 while watching the Euro Cup.

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Recreational offers & leisure activities from St Regis Doha

For those that are after fun that the whole family can enjoy, then look no further than the water sports adventure package where you have the opportunity to enjoy the finest water sports in Doha. The St. Regis Doha Full Day Water Sports Adventure Package includes unlimited water sports activities, a private cabana, access to the Olympic-sized pool and private beach. To redeem the offer guests will have to book by August 28, 2016 and stay at The St. Regis Doha by August 31, 2016 for a truly luxurious experience during the summer months.

And to mark Eid celebrations this year, The St. Regis Doha has confirmed the return of its much beloved Eid Brunch on Friday, July 8. At an affordable price of QR35 per person, guests can choose from a number of delicious dining options including the authentic Arabic corner, Asian station, cold station inside, along with patisserie selection with live cooking of pan cake ice cream, making for an excellent Eid experience.

HDC restaurants to offer Ramadan special menus at The Pearl-Qatar

Meanwhile, The St. Regis Doha’s Signature Remède Spa featuring 12 private treatment rooms, has recently introduced the signature Lava Shell Massage Therapy treatment; an indulgent body and stress-reducing treatment that combines the warmth of Lava Shells with deeply relaxing massage techniques. The massage has been proven to create a sense of balance on the entire body and mind, as during the massage, shells are worked over the palms, arms, head and legs. Slow deep moves work to warm and stress the body. This is followed by a wonderfully tranquil massage on key points including the back, neck and shoulder area, to ease away all tension, knots and stress. Once again providing an unforgettable bespoke experience at The St. Regis Doha on only QR200 for the 75 minute massage.

In keeping with the theme of Ramadan, if you book a 90 minute massage this Ramadan then you will receive a complimentary Blue or Sultane along with a QR200 advosere sports voucher next visit at Remède Spa.

Additionally, The St. Regis Doha will also be launching its exclusive Summer Nights offer including one night free stay, available throughout the summer. Guests that book during the special promotion period will be able to book and pay for 2 nights and stay for 3 nights or book and pay for 4 nights, which will include access to The St. Regis Doha’s world renowned Remède Spa facilities, recreation centre along with full access to the Resort’s Olympic pool and private beach.

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