Qatar’s hospitality sector has added new projects in the last couple of years, demonstrating resilience despite the exceptional situation created by the COVID-19 pandemic. With a variety of breath-taking beaches, sunshine all year, the gastronomy choices for all tastes, and the diversity of activities, Qatar is developing and increasing its offer to become a destination for all types of tourists, whether they are looking for a cultural trip, a relaxing vacation, or adrenaline-related activities.
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RITZ-CARLTON, DOHA to revive authentic ritual with RAMADAN NIGHTS

Three new chefs specialise in combining traditional and authentic flavors with contemporary preparation techniques and touches. With friends and family, guests can indulge in some inimitable blends that are testament to the success of the hotel’s new culinary ventures.

This Holy Month of Ramadan is the time of the year when you gather your family and friends to break fast after the fast for the month. This year, The Ritz-Carlton, Doha is creating a truly luxurious experience of your choice and true to the month, to reveal the traditions of Ramadan and bring them together in one destination to celebrate those special moments of celebrations. Both authentic cuisines and exotic oriental fare in the hotel transforms under the theme of Ramadan Nights. The venue invokes a spiritual ambiance that is far from the spirit of the month. With wonderful surprises, a host of culinary offerings and some very unique traditions brought to life, Ramadan at The Ritz-Carlton, Doha is going to be extraordinary indeed.

The Ritz-Carlton, Doha has three new chefs who are celebrating the gastronomic experience of the hotel. Each chef brings something unique to combine traditional and authentic flavors with contemporary preparation techniques and touches. With friends and family, guests can indulge in some inimitable blends that are testament to the success of the hotel’s new culinary ventures.

The Ritz-Carlton, Doha has been renowned as a beautiful story by authentic chefs, and the experience is improved by chefs who are authentically blending, preparing and presenting dishes. The climate and surroundings make it easy and relaxed. This is the perfect opportunity to bond with your family, or to enjoy a romantic dinner, a delightful Iftar or Suhoor experience awaits you at the lavish Iftar set-up at The Ritz-Carlton, Doha. Enjoy a special buffet with authentic and unique Middle Eastern delicacies. The menu promises to impress even the most discerning diners. With unexpected and unique flavors, the chefs will leave you more astonished in imparting an unforgettable dining experience for guests like Ramadan.

There are plenty of Five stars and you can continue everything from your lavish to your quiet. Don’t miss out the special Half-Carved Lamb and Debbie’s Chicken with Oatmeal Rice, Chef Johnathan’s, a true flavor combination, will expertly prepare some impressive desserts. Please your palate with brand-new flavors you have probably never tried before such as date pudding with Dates and sesame and distinctive Oatmeal Rice instead of rice. Aam, Kiwi and Chai Karkh Unna All.

For those looking for a more intimate set-up for Ramadan this year, The Ritz-Carlton Doha has an excellent offering for outside catering. Guests can book at a private venue without compromising on the excellence of Ramadan Nights offerings at The Ritz-Carlton Doha. The special and authentic offers will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate with your family. The food and drinks will be fresh and authentic, all the traditional Middle Eastern and Halal cuisine, a selection of the finest traditional and contemporary dishes, and Ramadan machinery will all be available.

The Ritz-Carlton, Doha will also host guests in its other outlets from 12 noon to 10 pm. Lounges, Lobby Lounge, ND & Moll and ITSH Doha will be open during Ramadan during the aforementioned timings.

Prices at QAR 250 per person for Blue or Black, QR 25 per person for Blue delivery, inclusive of food and Ramadan beverages. QAR 25 per child between 6 to 12 years old.

For more information on The Ritz-Carlton, Doha please visit www.richardtona.com or call 994 53599 0916.
Qatar hotels gear up to host Ramadan guests

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With summer fast approaching and many people getting ready for the holy month of Ramadan, a number of hotels in Qatar are gearing up to be the top destination for the season while taking into highest consideration the safety of guests and staff.

Relaxing escape from the city

As one of the city’s few five-star oasis hotels and located on Doha’s longest private beach, the InterContinental Doha is rising up to the challenge of making domestic destination attractive.

InterContinental Doha will be offering a wide array of packages for residents during the Holy Month of Ramadan. The menu will be served at the hotel’s Eat Market, a four-day package and outside catering packages will also be on offer.

Its staycation packages have also been reined with residents in mind, offering guests an escape from the urban life with Doha’s longest private beach, luxury spa treatments and amenities, spacious and stylish rooms, and recreation facilities including the award-winning The Bay Club.

“We would like to wish everyone to stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you during the Holy Month of Ramadan. InterContinental Doha offers a wide range of guests. From families to couples, or those seeking a relaxing escape from the city, the hotel offers a host of experiences for all guests to choose from. It’s been our tradition to make our guests’ stay a memorable experience,” says Dennis Eng, Area Director of Sales & Marketing at InterContinental Doha.

On health and safety front, the hotel follows the HHG Way of Clean guidelines and has partnered with industry-leading experts Cleveland Clinic, Elvis and Diversity. InterContinental Doha is certified in the Qatar Clean programme and one of the first hotels in the world to become ‘Sharjah Health Security VERIFIED®’ with Forbes Travel Guide.

Fine dining and exquisite lifestyle scene

Home to the Doha restaurants of Marklein and Capella, known for its extravagant cuisine, Mondrian Doha will be offering an incredible culinary experience to its guests at three venues during Ramadan with its “Taste to Go” offer.

Offering the convenience of take-away and delivery, it will deliver some of its most popular dishes from its restaurants including Hudson Tavern, Maximo, El Mirador and Wabi.

Furthermore, Mondrian Doha invites guests to experience its Ultimate Wabi Package, where they can discover modern Qatari hospitality with a staycation package including a special set menu dinner in Walima for QR59 on top of the room rate available. As part of the package, guests can enjoy a three-course Middle Eastern dinner in Walima that includes mouth-watering oriental dishes like signature Walima pepper in style, lamb shank and resin selection of hot and cold meze, offering a taste of Arabian fairy tale.

Walima also boasts a large, sunlit majilis that is perfect for large family meals, while the embraced private glass houses offer VIPs the chance to enjoy Blue or Filsir in the comfort of their own space.

The year 2020 has been a challenging year for the hospitality sector. The road towards recovery might take some time, but will come with consolidated improvements in terms of safety measures, online services, and customized experiences, which will all contribute towards reshaping the future of hospitality in the era, and further reinforcing Mondrian’s leading position as a game changer in the region,” says Stephen, Regional VP Sales and Marketing.

“Mondrian Doha is more than just a hotel, and we are quite sure that visitors will appreciate the revolutionary aspect of Mondrian. We are determined to remain the epicenter of Qatar’s hospitality sector and to offer experiences that differentiate us from our competitors.”
fine dining and exquisite lifestyle scene, setting a high bar for the country and the region,” he added.

Reracting the hotel’s commitment to the safety and well-being of its guests and employees, all Mandarin Doha outlets offer Qatar Clean safety, logistic, and social distancing measures in addition to a number of contactless services and provides across bookings, payments, and menus.

Culinary and wellness experience

Surrounded with elegance and opulence, Hilton Doha’s Pearl Hotel & Residences is offering a very staycation package which will give guests a special room experience with Suite and Flat deals at a competitive market price. Guests are also expected to take away from the stay cemented offerings which was well-received last year.

For those up for a gastronomic treat, the hotel will offer both flat and suite in its upcoming staycation package. Lavish dining options which give guests the choice of dining indoors or outdoors. The hotel has a focus on sharing and gathering, with great views and food options.

Guests should look in mind that our hotel’s rooms are often adorned in sunlight which floods in through the windows. Further, as most rooms have balconies and we are on The Pearl, guests can enjoy amazing city views and guests can enjoy panoramic views over the magical island. In addition, for members of our Hilton Honors loyalty program, they will earn points to their account by committing one night in a Pearl Hotel & Residences.

For foodies and wine enthusiasts, Hilton Doha The Pearl Hotel & Residences will also have packages in its Spa & Health Club running from April 14 to May 16. It includes a spa treatment to steep raising laughter called The Cure with complimentary 30-minute chocolates box by QR106 and Ramadan Iftar which is 50 minutes of authentic high intensity workout for two sessions of which will be offered for QR150 at the health club.

The hotel management also stressed on its extreme vigilance in the adoption of safety for its guests and staff which includes following the very high standards of the Hilton Clean Message protocols which means sanitizing all of the hotel’s public areas like bathrooms, elevators, hallways, lobby offices, etc., at every hour. In addition to deep-cleansing of each guest room before guest arrival and scaling it with clean staff to ensure maximum safety.

Ideal family gateway at the city’s new social and civic hub

Mandarin Oriental Doha is delighted to welcome guests to experience where traditional Middle Eastern culture meets international luxury.

For a family getaway, the hotel has designed an exclusive, immersive experience called Staycation by 2BQ which includes daily breakfast for two, easy check-in, late check-out and dining or spa credit. For those looking for unforgettable culinary experience, the hotel’s new dining outlets offer an inviting culinary experience, introducing unique flavors from destinations around the world as well as focusing on classic local dishes and delicacies.

Home away from home experience

Conveniently located in Doha and one of the most popular landmarks in the city, Radisson Blu Hotel, Doha is all set for the important season with its new fanfare of special room staycation packages. The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Doha offers a holistic approach to relaxation and rejuvenation and focuses on the well-being of mind, body and soul. We are delighted to unveil these exciting packages at Radisson Blu, Doha and, together with our legendary service excellence, we promise to ensure an unforgettable getaway. To ORDER or查詢 booking, guests can visit our website or contact us to book your accommodation. Doha — the city’s most exciting neighborhood," he added.

The safety and well-being of the hotel’s guests and colleagues is addressed through Mandarin Oriental’s group-wide "We Care" programme. This programme of health and safety practices and procedures aims to uphold Mandarin Oriental’s commitment towards the comfort, safety and health of its guests and colleagues.

The effective management of COVID-19 pandemic by Qatar body well for the country's tourism industry with a number of hotels reporting higher levels of occupancy. Hotels are offering a range of staycation deals to Qatari residents ranging from discounts on room rates and food and beverage to family entertainment.

Appraoching staycation Staycation is a very popular option. Hilton Doha The Pearl Hotel & Residences is offering very appealing staycation package which gives guests the choice of dining indoors or outdoors. The hotel has a focus on sharing and gathering, with great views and food options.

Mandarin Oriental’s legendary hospitality. Guests can choose from the hotel’s enticing Pacifica Offers, weekend dining experiences and exclusive Spa wellness journeys.

Inspiried by Chef Lau’s travels, Izu’s menu showcases Mediterranean-inspired dishes, featuring fresh ingredients. The restaurant is the perfect choice for groups of all sizes looking for an intimate experience or a casual dining experience that combines the best of both worlds. The restaurant offers a variety of dishes that cater to different tastes, from classic Italian cuisine to modern fusion dishes.

After takeaways

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Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas, Qatar’s largest and most iconic beach resort, has announced the launch of ‘Ramadan Journey’, a collection of packages that reflect the essence of this Holy Month. With curated and unforgettable room, villa, bar and suhoor packages, guests can celebrate with friends and family within the comfort of their rooms. Experience the true traditions of this month in selected restaurants within the resort.

Guests are invited to create lasting memories with loved ones with the resort’s luxurious custom room packages starting at QR1099 including iftar and suhoor.

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Villa guests can enjoy an exclusive, personalized dining experience with the “Tahini in a Box” package, custom designed to satisfy late cravings. Alternatively, they can enjoy a special family meal in the private garden of their villa.

Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas has also launched the “Ramadan Nights” package in partnership with Tahini, guaranteeing exclusive hotel guests to enjoy a complimentary Tahini box during Ramadan, which offers hard candies and a tailored yoga and zikr experience to discover the month and walk along the picturesque beaches.

With ‘Ramadan Nights’, our goal is to immerse guests in an authentic experience that feels like nowhere else. We have curated and thoughtfully packaged activities to enhance your enjoyment while staying or dining at Hilton Salwa Beach Resort and Villas. On behalf of the entire team and myself, I wish you all a Ramadan Kareem,” says General Manager, Raimundo Claro Guirao.

To book your ‘Ramadan Nights’ experience, call +974 4245 5000 or email us at sales.qatar@hilton.com.

Hilton Salwa Beach Resort & Villas is located at Salwa Road, East Doha, Qatar.
Bo’s Coffee reaches out to more customers in Qatar with fifth POS at MoQ

Al Majid Group Holding-Qatar’s Al Majid continues to promote its strong and established brand by opening a new outlet of Bo’s Coffee, one of the well-known and highly regarded international coffeehouse chains in the world, at Mall of Qatar (MoQ).

Commenting on the opening of the new outlet, Al Majid said, “Setting up Bo’s Coffee outlet at the biggest shopping mall of Qatar is a big achievement for us. We adhere to the highest standards in terms of the ingredients and choice of the art coffee machines and equipment. Bo’s Coffee is the perfect place to meet up with friends or business associates for a quick coffee, a hearty breakfast, or a relaxed business meeting. We are proud to offer Bo’s Coffee at the right price by creating a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere for people seeking to escape the crowds and hustle and bustle of the city. Bo’s Coffee is a homegrown specialty coffee chain that has more than 10 stores all over the Philippines. Bo’s Coffee celebrates and supports coffee from the Philippines, putting the spotlight on the highland coffees of Baguio, Benguet, Mountain Province, and the Philippines in general. Bo’s Coffee also carries other blends such as Barista, Espresso and Columbia-donaled. Almost two percent of Bo’s Coffee beans are sourced from the Philippines.

Each new location has a distinct face and body that truly epitomizes the rich diversity of its geographic origins. Bo’s Coffee prides itself as an authentic Filipino coffee chain that offers a homegrown coffee at its finest.

Al Majid Group is known for its continuous accomplishments and unique operations which always stand out and offer a different concept such as Benjarong Doha Restaurant, Anantara’s Café, Tastes Restaurant, The House, and Shimmer.

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Hyatt Regency Oryx Doha is renowned for its wide selection of dining options offering something for everyone from casual to fine dining. The Celosia, a Spanish-themed restaurant offering mouth-watering tapas and a cozy ambience for dinner or a night out. Take delight in our international flavours at Choices, with a sumptuously rich breakfast, lunch, and different themed buffets. A Naturalis Garden, an idyllic hub in which to enjoy your favourite Thai Buddha, watch live sports games and taste a delectable and cold drinks as well as a number of unique dishes.

Sky Lounge, a hip-stylized amenities where guests and visitors can relax on hanging chairs, book beverages, and a selection of traditional Arabic food.

The hotel offers a multi-purpose meeting room that can accommodate up to 50 guests, a ballroom, business center, and meeting rooms. Some venues can be combined to one meeting room if required.

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Wendy’s restaurant chain in Qatar has witnessed unprecedented success since the opening of its first branch in Qatar 3 years ago, and this success is evidenced by the high turnover of burger lovers, which confirms the distinctive taste of our customers in Qatar and their continued choice of Wendy’s.

The first Wendy branch in Qatar was considered the first milestone in a comprehensive and integrated plan that included opening other branches in wide spread places in Qatar. The secret of Wendy’s success is its reputation for fresh ingredients and high-quality services that exceed customer expectations. The menu offers a wide range of meals, burgers, salads, snacks and side dishes such as chicken rolls, nuggets and baked potatoes.

The success of Wendy’s is also shown by the opening of 3 branches in Qatar (Al-Jazeera Station, Al-Andalus Station and Al-Mesaila Station), which encourages us to continue providing the best services and the most delicious food, and most importantly, renewing and offering different options to our valued customers to satisfy all tastes.

In Wendy’s, we pledged to provide the best services while always maintaining the highest safety standards. Our top priority is to protect the health of our customers to ensure that they enjoy the best of our menus while spending quality time with family or friends.

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Lovers of Cinnabon and Cinnabon Rolls cannot resist the rich and creamy taste offered by Cinnabon Qatar, we are working hard to provide the perfect service to satisfy all tastes and most importantly to provide unparalleled quality for our products where everyone can enjoy the best Cinnabon. Our ultimate goal is to create a unique experience that makes every visitor a friend to Cinnabon Qatar.

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Sharq Village & Spa gears up to offer guests an enriching Ramadan experience

Sharm Village & Spa, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel, welcomes the Holy Month of Ramadan with a luxurious agenda, while maintaining the highest standards of safety in line with global health protocols. For the benefit of our guests and the local community, the resort has implemented all necessary government guidelines in light of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure our patrons can celebrate a safe month within a safe environment.

Like a breath of fresh air, Sharq Village & Spa Hotel knows for creating experiences that resonate with its guests.

“A time where spending quality, shared moments with loved ones is the preferred choice for those guests who wish to enjoy a quiet Blue or Sharm at home, our ‘Homes of Sharq’ has been prepared for families to enjoy home-cooked meals of traditional Arab and International cuisine, and a variety of wines and spirits at the Patios, Bar, and the Shisha Lounges,” the resort stated in a statement.

Signature dishes of Sharq Village like the famous Stem Puppet from Al Maha, prepared by Chef Calafat or the succulent chicken kabsa from Al Bloc, crafted by Chef Samir worst fabulously in design.

In addition, guests can enjoy the tender Kabob from Patios or choose toushi the flavorsomeDimension from El Cobre with creamy Hummus chips. These dishes include their fresh Fudo Board with rich mussels piled with lemony rice.

“Withers of Sharq Village & Spa,” the resort said, “we ensure that guests enjoy a personal and relaxed experience at our restaurants, so the menu is set to suit the day and our guests’ needs.”

Offers included:

• 10% to 25% percent savings on room stay in a Deluxe Room View Room
• One free drink for a child
• The hotel said their breakfast can be available from 6 a.m. and it will apply to the entire stay of the guests’ stay and cannot be amended.

Promotion cannot be combined with any other offer and its validity will be from April 12 to May 31, 2022, the hotel said.

The Holy Month of Ramadan brings with it blessings and goodwill to all. We invite you to celebrate this season at Sharq Village & Spa, A Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

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Papa John’s Takes Additional COVID-19 Steps for Ramadan

Delivers food with ‘Quality Guarantee Seal’ to ensure safety of customers in Qatar

While Papa John’s Qatar has always prioritized serving the best food, it has also taken various measures to ensure the safety and health of its customers, team, and local communities. Papa John’s Qatar General Manager Joseph Joseph has said:

With the outbreak of COVID-19 on the rise and Ramadan approaching, Joseph said, “We appreciate our customers for waiting as long as they did and we make sure to work hard and efficiently to provide them the best of services.”

Due to the extreme conditions of the pandemic, Joseph said, “We have taken additional measures to enhance the procedures to a higher standard. We appealed to all people in Qatar to stay safe and support the government in this situation. Additional measures and protocols have been taken by us at all our outlets to ensure the prevention and spread of the virus are in place. All our meals will be delivered with Quality Guarantee Seal. This is the effort that will be placed on even less amount of sugar, oil, and salt content in our products,” added Joseph.

“We want to let all our customers and customers know that we have not been rushed from the moment we opened up our doors,” he said. “You can be rest assured that all our staff are well trained on food-safety awareness and follow the prescribed guidelines. Post each hand wash, our staff are required to sanitize their hands using compliant sanitizers. Our staff members undergo a body temperature check upon joining their shift. Staff members registering a temperature greater than 37.5 degrees Celsius will have to report to a doctor instead of joining their shift,” he said.

“We thank you for being our customer. We will ensure that we have the very best measures in place to serve you and our community, especially those who are working hard in the healthcare sector. We strongly encourage you to celebrate at home with us, and we believe in making that same true for you all by our actions,” Joseph said.

A big thank you to our staff, cafes, deliver partners and all employees who have stepped up during the rest of us can’t step out. Papa John’s Qatar Team offers best wishes to you, your family, and your friends. We are here for you. Whatever the pizza craving hits, we will bring it safely to your door,” he said.

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Tourism Sector Getting Back on Track

Qatar making efforts to factor agility and resilience to boost the country’s tourism sector

LOUISCHE KERKACHA AND SHAHRAZ YADAV

Qatar’s economic policies had a major impact on the global tourism industry, perhaps none more so than in Europe where many countries are considering or have already imposed travel bans and other restrictions. Qatar’s tourism sector remains small by comparison, but one can be no denying that it has also taken a hit. However, this is not the first time the country has confronted an existential challenge to this increasingly important economic activity.

TROUBLE AHEAD

Travel makes a formidable contribution to the global economy. According to the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), travel and tourism contributed 6.7% of the world’s GDP in 2019, which translates to $8.9 trillion in revenue and 10 million jobs. It is also one of the most positively growing sectors, with tourism in 2019 increasing by 4% over the previous year.

The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) estimates that COVID-19 could result in a loss of 1.2 billion tourist arrivals, which would have a significant impact on the global economy. The pandemic has left many countries reeling, with tourism-dependent economies facing an uphill battle to recover.

The tourism sector has also been affected by the pandemic. According to the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), the global travel and tourism industry lost 114 million jobs in 2020, and the WTTC projects a recovery of the sector to reach only 74% of 2019 levels by 2022.

Qatar’s tourism sector has also suffered under COVID-19. In 2020, the country recorded a significant drop in tourist arrivals, with figures for April and May expected to be even lower. With lockdown measures still in place, it remains to be seen how many of the country’s restaurants and local tourist facilities will be able to survive the pandemic.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Qatar’s hosting of the FIFA World Cup 2022 nevertheless underscores why its tourist industry needs to make a full recovery as possible from COVID-19. It is expected that millions of fans will visit the country for the world’s premier football tournament. The country will require accommodation, entertainment and services beyond the stadiums.

In keeping with governments around the world, Qatar has initiated several support and stimulus measures to help the tourism sector recover. These include tax breaks, direct payments to businesses, and increased funding for tourism development projects. The government has also developed two initiatives that may be of interest to Qatar: The Marketing Partnership Program aims to support and encourage tourism in the city, while the Qatar Tourism Development Program seeks to develop strategic partnerships with local and international organizations to promote tourism.

Green has already issued a list of protocols for travelling around its network of islands for ferry, boat, and plane, including mandatory face masks and temperature checks. The new initiatives will be rolled out in phases, with the first phase expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

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Qatar’s tourism sector has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the government and the private sector are taking steps to ensure its future success. With the World Cup just around the corner, Qatar has an opportunity to showcase its culture, heritage, and tourism offerings to the world. The country is working on developing new tourism products and experiences, and the message to visitors is clear: Qatar is open and ready to welcome the world.

The tourism sector in Qatar has huge potential for growth, especially with the upcoming World Cup. The government is committed to making tourism an engine of development. Either way, Qatar needs to factor agility and resilience into its future tourism strategy. This entails working with stakeholders to identify challenges as well as opportunities to diversify the country’s tourism offerings. Doing so will help shield Qatar from the volatility of international market fluctuations.

Look for more updates on Qatar’s tourism sector in future issues of Qatar Tribune.
Staycation: The main catch for Qatar’s travel agencies

Tour operators tap staycation market

Due to travel restrictions imposed to limit COVID-19 spread, citizens and residents are left with no options but to spend their vacations in Qatar. The hospitality sector is trying to turn the adversity into opportunity by launching various staycation offers.

NOW that many people are not travelling outside of Qatar due to the COVID-19 pandemic, travel agents who arrange travelling for people have gotten into a new way of doing business. These companies have come up with various staycation offers to attract such people. They have tailor-made staycation packages depending on the client’s taste and preference to make them have a get-away within Qatar. Besides, these agencies are helping in booking a hotel for those who are returning back to Qatar.

One such company is Unique Choice. They offer packages where their clients can stay at hotels or resorts within Qatar. Unique Choice Joint Director Walter Castaldo said that their offerings have become another form of business – Business tourism. We do staycation packages for people who are here and want to go to the beach, stay in Banana Island, Seawave Beach Resort, Reefok Hilton Almaha Beach Resort or other facilities. Some of them want to go to a hotel with a swimming pool.

According to him, people are now choosing staycations instead of travelling outside of Qatar. “If the schools have closed, then they don’t want to stay home and want to go and spend a night in a hotel. Also, there is a trend of spending their weekends in hotels which also have promotions for return e-r and night stays. Staycations are the in-thing. We do packages depending on what the client wants. “Fene said that besides this, the company also does bookings for business in Qatar for events that come to the country, they need to spend seven nights in a hotel booked for quarantine. “According to him, though in minimal numbers, they are also doing bookings for people interested in travelling outside Qatar. “People are going to Maldives. In case they ask for bookings, we can do bookings for the Maldives. Others go to Turkey.

He added that a few people are travelling to Oman and Kuwait to visit their families and friends. “Only when it’s very necessary that they will travel. They are very cautious regarding the safety of themselves and the country and people who are coming back and who have to be quarantined.”

Travel & Tourism CEO Reena Ali Syed said that they have a lot of people choosing to stay in hotels locally for instance Seawave Beach Resort, Hilton Almaha Beach Resort, and others. “People are staying in all prime properties. People are spending time and here because they cannot travel across the globe. They want to take a break.”

He said that the rate of the staycations depend on the property that one selects. “People who are able to travel last year were out to spend because they cannot travel across the globe. They want to take a break.”

One can have a staycation on weekends and weekdays. However, he said that there are people who are opting to travel to Maldives and other green countries.

The number of such people is very less on quarantine is required in Doha after coming back,” he said.

With the most government announcement that those who have received COVID-19 vaccination will not require hotel quarantine, he hoped more people will start travelling outside the country. “We expect a good number of bookings coming in.”

Liaison and Tourism at Orient Travels and Tours Manager Qatar Iftahed Noura said that they book hotel rooms for travellers coming back to Qatar through Qatar Airways Holidays for quarantine. “Not all hotels are listed for the quarantine package so we are helping with the booking.”

“People who also want to stay in hotels can book directly with us,” he said.
Domestic tourism becomes the in-thing this season

Catherine W Onishi

Domestic tourism has become the trend this season as tour operators promote Qatar’s tourist sites which were not really explored a lot earlier. Bearings are mixed that many people are not travelling outside Qatar due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a majority of people have been exploring Qatar’s attractions. Local tour operators have come up with different packages to attract adventure lovers. People have been discovering the Qatar gem that they had not discovered earlier before the pandemic.

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From doing desert safaris to flying over Doha to visiting tourist sites outside of Doha have become some of the favourite getaways for people not only on weekends but also weekdays. “We operate for everybody all the days. We can tailor-make our trips for everyone,” Anis said.

H 365 Adventures told that the company organises a wide range of trips such as desert safari which includes activities such as dune bashing, camel rides, buggy rides, inland sea and sunset watching. According to Anis, visitors can choose to have half-day, full-day or overnight. Anis said that the company also explores the north of Qatar and the northern part of Qatar, a place that showcases Qatar’s rich culture and history. This includes places such as the Al Khor harbour where visitors get to see how pearl diving and fishing was done in the olden days, the cutters get to pass through the Khor and see the mangroves. Other eye-catching sites on the northern part of Qatar include the traditional souks, the traditional Qatar Village and the traditional Qatari Village. “We also take our clients to Ar Rumaila and other places,” he said.

Anis said that hundreds of What’s Newes clients organise the Al Sheba to see and watch with the whole sharks. “We visit the company that organised trips to the whole sharks. We made eight trips only for the ladies. We went to see the whole sharks and we went with them. We may start these trips in April. We are the only company that has this trip. We have camps which have assignments like no other company. We have transport, in fact, beach, kayaks, paddle boats, and others. We said that they are also involved in the preparation of fish, steaks, and others. We are mostly going for a direct safari,” he said.

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Jamavar restaurant opens at Sheraton Grand Doha

Famed for its unique approach to Indian cuisine from across the sub-continent, Jamavar gives food connoisseurs the opportunity to immerse in its authentic recipes.

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They can truly enjoy authentic Indian cuisine,” said Jetal Ali-Kadry, General Manager of Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel.

Samyutala Naik, Co-Founder Jamavar, said, “We are thrilled to partner with Katara Hospitality and open doors to Jamavar at Sheraton Grand Doha. We look forward to bringing a unique and unparalleled Indian fine-dining experience for their patrons to enjoy.”

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“Jamavar Doha is more than just a restaurant, but a unique space that we are proud to be a part of; as a result of the hard work and expertise of our team,”
The future of tourism: Travel trends for 2021 and beyond

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the travel industry continues to evolve and adapt. With the vaccine rollout gaining momentum, travelers are eager to explore new destinations and experience the world's attractions. Here are some of the key travel trends for 2021:

1. **Flexibility in Booking**: The trend toward flexible booking options is likely to continue. Hierarchical structures and long-term travel plans might not be as popular as more spontaneous and flexible itineraries.

2. **Safe Travel**: Health and safety measures will remain a critical concern. Travelers will seek destinations that have implemented robust safety protocols, and operators will prioritize hygiene and safety measures.

3. **Sustainable Travel**: With a growing awareness of environmental issues, sustainable travel options are becoming increasingly popular. Travelers are looking for eco-friendly accommodations and activities that minimize their carbon footprint.

4. **Virtual Travel Experiences**: The pandemic has accelerated the adoption of virtual travel experiences. From virtual tours to online classes, these experiences allow travelers to explore destinations without leaving their homes.

5. **Local and Regional Travel**: With travel restrictions and uncertainties, travelers are likely to rediscover the beauty of their local areas and regional destinations. This trend is expected to grow as travelers seek to explore under-the-radar destinations.

6. **Wellness and Mindfulness**: There is a growing interest in wellness tourism, including yoga retreats, spa vacations, and health-focused travel experiences. This trend is driven by a desire for mental and physical well-being.

In conclusion, while the pandemic has disrupted travel plans, it has also provided an opportunity for the industry to innovate and adapt. The future of travel is promising, with a focus on safety, sustainability, and flexibility. As the world opens up, travelers are poised to rediscover the thrill of exploration and the joy of discovering new places.
From Sri Lanka to Seychelles:
Destinations that have opened its doors for tourists amid COVID-19

Countries like Denmark are mulling coronavirus digital passports that will act as proof that the holder has been vaccinated against COVID-19. With most countries now rolling out COVID-19 vaccines for their citizens, a number of destinations are either dropping border restrictions for travellers who have got their jabs, or easing them significantly. Countries like Denmark are also mulling coronavirus digital passports that will act as proof that the holder has been vaccinated against the novel coronavirus. From Sri Lanka to Seychelles, here are the countries which are planning to or have opened its borders to welcome tourists:

Sri Lanka

With a large section of the population being dependent on tourism, the Sri Lankan government opened up for visitors but with rules that “no other nation had implemented” while welcoming tourists. Calling it a “new concept”, Sri Lanka Tourism Chairperson Susil Premadasa had said that tourists can travel to “two bubbles” or coexisting semi-isolated groups that let visitors sightsee without mixing with the local population. The rules, however, apply for just two weeks of their stay. Therefore, guests are free to “interact with the local community” according to a safety booklet provided by the country’s Ministry of Tourism.

Cyprus

The Cyprus government was one of the first around the world that had announced plans to allow tourists who have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Travelers who provide proof that they have received both doses of the vaccine, do not even have to furnish a negative RT-PCR report. Although the new rules were set to kick in from March 1, the government hadn’t issued a statement about if yet and travelers currently have the option to either provide a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours before travel, or undergo a test on arrival. They must then go into quarantine for two weeks in government-assigned accommodation.

Seychelles

Seychelles, in January, became a part of the countries which are gradually opening up for tourists and dropping quarantine norms for those who have been inoculated against the virus. Fully vaccinated visitors are now allowed to enter the country without having to quarantine for 10 days. However, they are still required to present a negative RT-PCR test result taken within 72 hours of travel, as well as a certificate from their national health authority verifying that they’ve been fully vaccinated.

Thailand

The Thai government has rolled out a campaign — #OpenThailandSafely — aimed at welcoming tourists from around the globe by July 1. Last week, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-Ocha had ordered officials to study vaccine certificates for international travel after signaling that the tourism-reliant nation is open to scrapping the two-week quarantine for inoculated visitors. This came after the local tourism industry wanted the mandatory quarantine rule to be lifted so that vaccinated tourists can visit the country. Thailand’s central bank says tourism is key to returning Southeast Asia’s second-largest economy to growth.

Romania

Travellers visiting this European nation from permitted countries after having been vaccinated do not have to quarantine themselves. The rule had come into effect from January 28. The new rules were announced by Romania’s National Committee for Emergency Situation, which stipulated that tourists and returning residents will need to show evidence that they’ve had two doses of the vaccine in order to avoid mandatory isolation.

Iceland

Fully-vaccinated travellers from Europe can skip quarantine when they arrive in Iceland from May 1. They will also not be required to submit a negative RT-PCR report. However, people who have not got their Covid-19 shots and are arriving from destinations where travel to Iceland is permitted must take a Covid test on arrival, before going into quarantine for five to six days and taking a second test.
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