

# events this month



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**D**oha is set to host a series of international events during April, bringing together experts in Islamic finance, sports, design, sustainability, and Arabic language and culture.

According to Visit Qatar, the 11th Doha Islamic Finance Conference is set to take place tomorrow (April 8) at the Ritz-Carlton Doha, bringing together global experts, researchers, and decision-makers to discuss innovative solutions and future trends in the sector.

Under the patronage of HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim al-Thani, the conference will explore the theme of *Integration of Blockchain and AI: The future of Islamic finance*.

The roar of engines will take over on April 11-13 as the 2025 MotoGP Qatar Airways Grand Prix returns to the Lusail International Circuit.

The event will also feature a fan zone with entertainment for all ages.

The spotlight shifts to artistic prowess at the 17th Artistic Gymnastics World Cup from April 16-19 at the Aspire Dome.

More than 200 elite gymnasts from over 50 countries will showcase their skills, aiming for a crucial step towards the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

A family-friendly fan zone is expected to enhance the spectator experience.

From April 16 until June 30, 2026, *Design Doha Biennale* returns for its second edition, an expansive event that reinforces Doha's position

as a global hub for design, creativity, and cultural exchange.

It has extended an open call to curators to submit innovative exhibition proposals that highlight the region's cultural heritage and pioneering design talent, contributing to a dynamic dialogue on contemporary design.

The deadline for submissions is May 12. Continuing the focus on cultural exchange, the *BiAraby Summit*, a global gathering dedicated to amplifying Arabic voices, will take place on April 19-20 at Education City.

This platform for changemakers, thought leaders, and creatives will feature talks, discussions, and workshops addressing challenges and opportunities shaping the Arabic-speaking world.

Sustainability takes centre stage from April 22-23 with the second edition of the *Earthana Summit*, themed *Building our Legacy: Sustainability, Innovation and Traditional Knowledge*.

Scheduled at Msheireb Downtown Doha, the summit will explore how both traditional knowledge and innovation can inform modern sustainability practices in hot and arid environments.

The summit will feature an expert track for professionals and a community-driven exhibition space with engaging activations for all ages.

The month culminates with a diverse range of cultural and entertainment offerings: on April 26, the Qatar Philharmonic will present Mahler's Symphony No. 5 at the Qatar National Convention Centre, and on April 30, global music superstar Ed Sheeran will bring his '+-x' tour to the Lusail Multipurpose Hall, marking a highly anticipated return to Doha for the award-winning artist.



## Qatari students visit ACE award monument on trip to Malaysia

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**T**he Nomas Centre, affiliated to the Ministry of Culture, continues its Malaysia trip, which kicked off with the participation of 44 students under the theme *Knowledge, Etiquette, and the Companionship of the Noble*.

The participating students visited the monument of Sheikh Tunim bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence (ACE) Award.

They learned about the award's objectives and mission to promote the values of transparency, integrity, and combatting corruption internationally.

This trip is part of the Nomas Centre's programmes, which aim to strengthen national identity among young people by connecting them to their heritage and culture, while also broadening their horizons through their experiences abroad.

As part of the programme, the students visited Qatar's embassy in Malaysia's administrative capital Putrajaya, where they were received by several members of the diplomatic mission

and were briefed on the embassy's efforts to support cultural and educational relations between Qatar and Malaysia.

The visit included a tour of the Holy Qur'an Publishing Complex, during which the students learned about the stages of printing the Qur'an.

The history of the complex and its most prominent collections reflect the Malaysian state's commitment to serving the Qur'an and its sciences.

The students also visited a water park as part of the programme's accompanying recreational activities.

The Nomas Centre was keen to enrich the trip with cultural and educational content, offering students courses in "Maritime Heritage" and "Falconry Arts", introducing them to aspects of Qatari heritage, developing skills, and strengthening their sense of belonging to their national identity.

The students also visited the Handicrafts Complex, where they had the opportunity to interact with artisans and experience a number of traditional handicrafts, enhancing their understanding of the importance of preserving heritage.

## QNL to organise 4th Libraries Lead forum

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**T**he Qatar National Library (QNL) is preparing to launch the 4th edition of its annual "Libraries Lead" forum for librarians.

The forum, scheduled to be held on May 4-5 at the QNL's events area, will feature broad international participation.

The event is being organised in co-operation with the International Federation of Library As-

sociations and Institutions (IFLA) Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

This year's forum aims to explore ways for libraries to grow and flourish by enhancing co-operation and integration among library institutions through strategic partnerships, innovations, and shared resources.

Two pre-forum workshops are to be held on May 4: the first workshop on *Building Collaborative Arabic Library Networks*, with speaker Mohamed El-zakabany, the library systems consultant

at Egyptian Prime Vision, from 8.30am-10am in Arabic (with English interpretation).

The second workshop on *Thriving Together in Open Library Ecosystems* will be presented by Ellen Hartman, library solutions and member relations manager for EMEA & APAC regions at the Online Computer Library Centre (OCLC), from 10.30am-12 noon in English (with Arabic interpretation).

The target audience would be librarians and educators.

The forum will be an opportunity

for professionals to exchange experiences and best practices.

Arabic sign language interpretation will be provided for the forum's activities on May 5 to ensure inclusive participation.

In addition, the QNL invites forum participants to learn more about its services and resources through introductory tours.

These tours will be held on May 5 from 8.30am-3pm in Arabic and English.

Pre-registration is required due to limited seating via <https://events.qnl.qa/event/5d214/EN>

## ICAI-Qatar hosts annual meet

**T**he Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) - Doha Chapter has hosted its annual Iftar meet, bringing together its members to navigate Qatar's tax reforms and global developments.

The event was a blend of professional insights and community spirit, featuring speakers from Deloitte with an insightful session on *Navigating the Future: Qatar's Evolving Tax Landscape and the Onset of Pillar Two Reforms* and attracting more than 100 finance professionals from leading entities across various sectors.

The meeting began with Dewald Nandan Tibrewal delivering the open-

ing remarks, setting the tone for the session.

The guest speakers were Osama Abubani (partner - Business Tax Qatar, Deloitte) and Prakash Joshi (manager - Business Tax Qatar, Deloitte), who shared insights into Qatar's taxation policies, upcoming regulatory reforms, and the impact of global tax changes, particularly the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)'s Pillar Two framework.

The session provided a platform for attendees to gain a deeper understanding of the evolving tax environment and its implications for businesses in Qatar.



ICAI Doha Chapter event addressing Qatar's tax regime.