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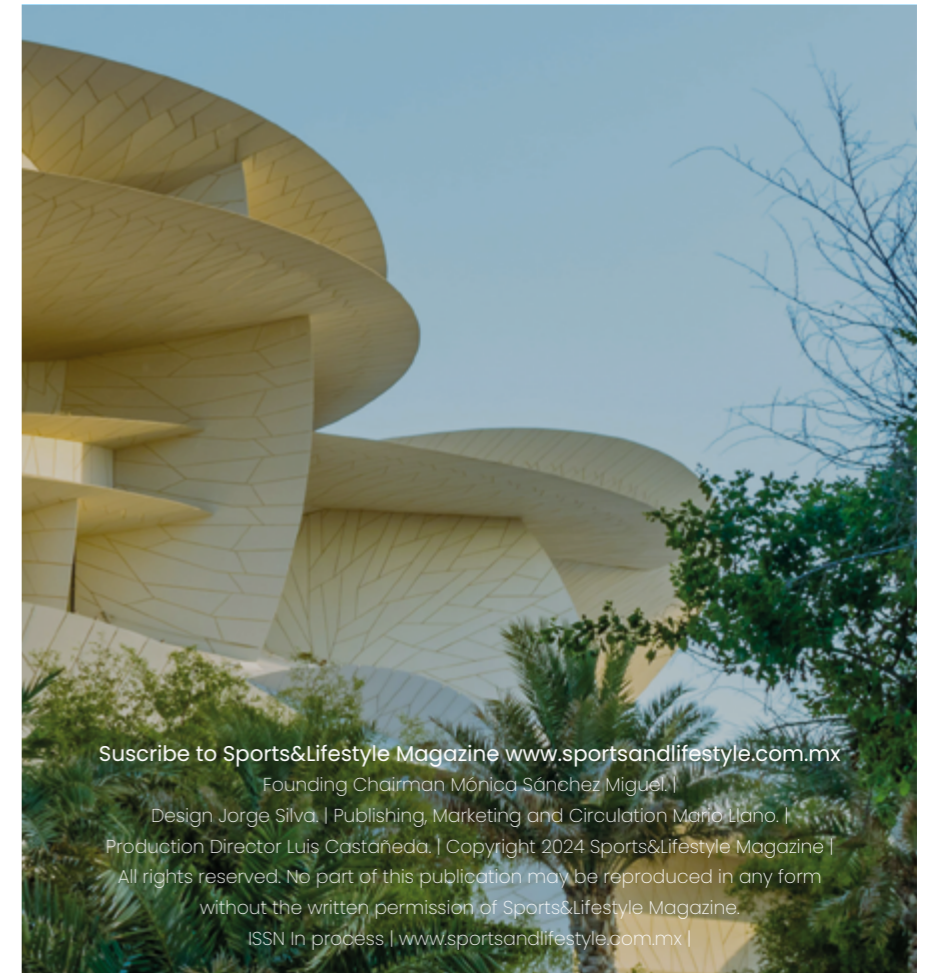
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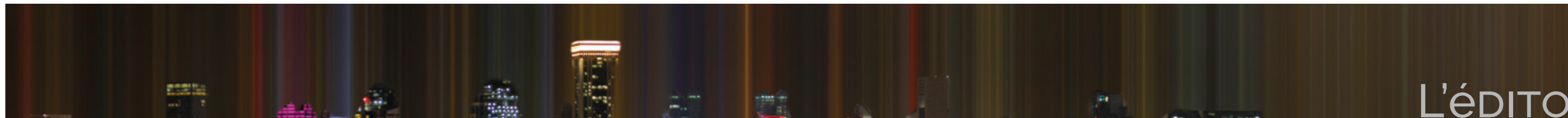
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This month we start with the adrenaline of sporting events and **Bahrain** has us buzzing as it celebrates 20 years of hosting the first **Grand Prix** of 2024 on its state-of-the-art motor racing circuit.

A mix of traditional and avant-garde architecture is what these two countries have to offer, which is why we couldn't leave behind **Qatar**, that is capable of creating a city out of nothing to end a World Cup in luxury in the iconic **Lusail** stadium. Without a doubt, we cannot overlook the creation of islands in Doha that are made with sustainable materials and care for the environment, without neglecting the sophistication of the city.

The admiration and respect for animals doesn't go unnoticed in sporting tournaments such as the world-renowned *Longines Global Champions Tour* event held in one of the most exclusive and sophisticated equestrian centres such as **Al Shaqab**, which has the greatness to continue with the care and breeding of thoroughbred Arabian horses to offer this species the best care to preserve their lineage.

If we are looking for a five-star hotel that combines modernity, tradition, art, culture, gastronomy and music. The best is to stay at **Raffles Doha** which takes us to a magical environment where we can perhaps find a first edition of our favourite writer and read it accompanied by an exclusive smoked cocktail.

In this edition from Bahrain to Qatar we have confirmed that you just have to imagine something to make it happen!

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ARABIAN CAMEL RACING

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From 2nd September 2023 to 1st April 2024, the state-of-the-art **Al-Shahaniya** racecourse will host Arabian camel racing, one of Qatar's premier activities. Every year since 1973, they started this traditional sport with only 300 camels. In 1990, H.H. The Emir Father ordered it to be held on a new racetrack in Al-Shahaniya, a small hamlet just 40 km from Doha, and it's now recognised as the sport of the sheikhs and is considered a tournament of high social and economic status. Entry to the competitions is generally free and they usually take place from 7 am to 2 pm.

Race distances vary according to the tournament and can be national or international. The main festival races cover distances of 6, 8 and 10 km, while the others are no longer than 5 km each. The racing camels can reach top speeds of up to 65 km/h on the short course and up to 48 km/h on the endurance course.

The main festivals began on 25th November with **Founder Sheikh Jassim bin Mohammed**

bin Thani Festival for purebred Arabian camels, then the annual festival for purebred Arabian camels on the sword of **His Highness the Emir, the Father Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani** which was held for seven consecutive days from 13th January and finally the annual purebred Arabian camel festival which is competed from February 24th to March 7th on the sword of **His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of Qatar**. More than 6,000 camels from the country and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) compete to win various valuable prizes such as golden and silver daggers in addition to the prestigious Emir's Sword and to be recognised as the best in the region.





The sport of camel racing in Qatar has been revolutionised and today **Al Sheehaniya Square** has an auditorium with a main terrace, a veterinary clinic, modern camel stalls and a large mosque. It's also equipped with the latest technology and accessible road networks that allow the sport's lovers to follow the races while remaining in their cars, as well as state-of-the-art night racing with a state-of-the-art lighting system.

Today jockeys are small toddler-sized robotic riders clothed

in a colorful racing silks that delight locals and tourists alike. The operator applies the whip antenna, orders the jockey to pull the reins and encourages the camel through a built-in loudspeaker.

The tournaments have become a Qatari hallmark and attract crowds of people, especially tourists who arrive during the tournament season. A visit to Al Shahaniya gives them the unique opportunity to admire the care and attention paid to the camels and to encounter some of the most expensive camels in the world.



The camel racing sport is considered by the people of Qatar and the GCC as a popular heritage, as the inhabitants have a great appreciation and admiration for this animal, as it has been their means of transport for centuries. Even today, the Emir's guard continues to ride in herds around the working palace, located in Doha between the Souq Waqif and the Museum of Islamic Art, on the back of Arabian camels.

Training camels

It's advisable to arrive at **Al Shahaniya Camel Racing Track** before 10 am to watch the camels being trained by experts, as well as being able to walk around the paddocks and see them in their living environment.

The baby camels start training in pairs from a very young age, as they are taken away from their mothers when they are about a year and a half old, the youngest ones are placed on the racing track

with the rest until they become skilled enough to take part in the competitions. They train twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening, for about 45 minutes each session, until they become racing camels and can run at least 40 km/h in order to compete.

The race-trained camels are fed special diets to ensure they are fit and ready to compete. Approximately ten years is the time they can compete and then they are retired to make place for younger and more fit camels.



A MODERN CLASSIC BY TWO DECADES

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The Bahrain circuit celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, and for the fourth consecutive year the **Bahrain Grand Prix™** begins the Formula One racing season, from 29th February to 2nd March 2024. From 21st to 23rd February, pre-season testing began, offering fans the opportunity to see the drivers and cars of several teams, which will participate in F1®. The *Home of Motorsport in the Middle East* will host the 57-lap main race in a **desert night sky**, which will be held on Saturday 2nd March to accommodate the Muslim holy period of Ramadan.

The **Bahrain International Circuit (BIC)** will welcome 92 drivers from 37 countries, the action will take place over 3 days in four ultra-competitive series, with F1, F2, F3 and Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East (PCCME) racing on the Sakhir tarmac with competitors driving identical Porsche 992 GT3 Cup cars. In addition, F1 show cars from 2004 and 2024 are on display to attract fans from across the country ahead of the race.



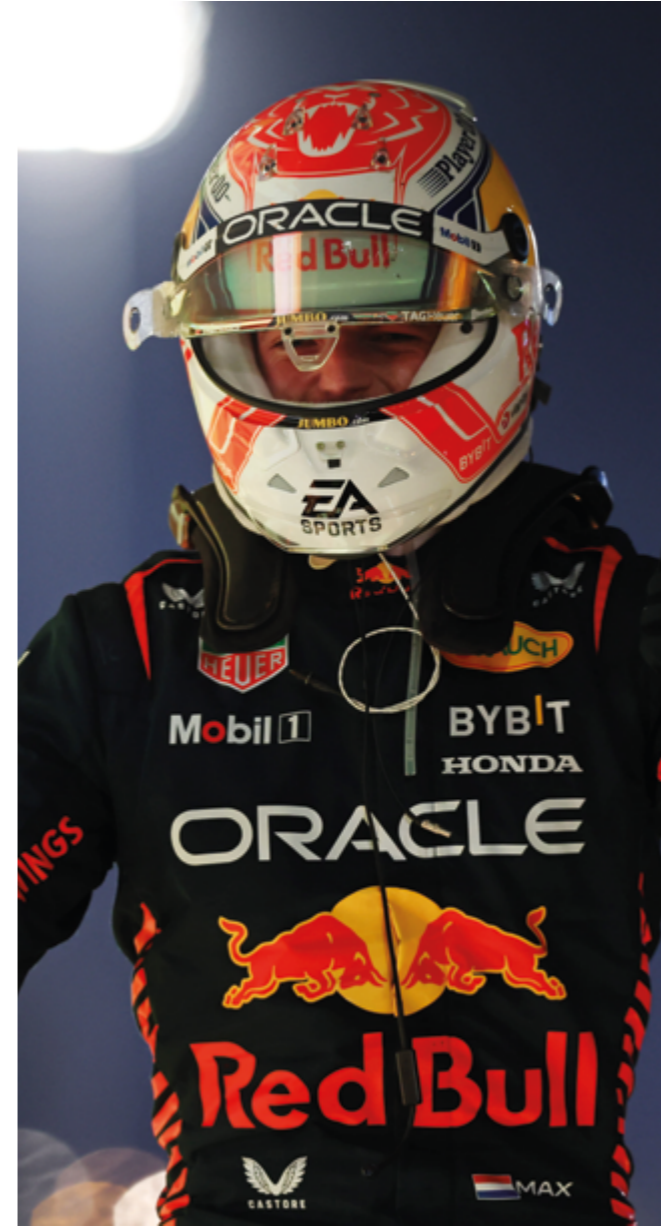
Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa showed his pride in the circuit's history and said: "I think there are many fans who might find it difficult to believe that we are 20 years old, as we are often seen as one of the 'new' Grands Prix. However, we are honoured to be amongst the first in a generation of modern tracks, the first in the Middle East, and have had the opportunity to contribute to 20 years of racing heritage in F1," concluded the BIC Chief Executive.



The first Gulf Air Bahrain Formula 1 Grand Prix was held on 04/04/04, the first F1 race to be held in the Middle East, providing a unique spectacle in the Arabian desert. In 2019 the Bahrain circuit saw the 999th F1 race where iconic football player, David Beckham, waved the chequered flag at the end of the race and in February 2022 a contract extension

was published for the Formula 1 season to be held in Bahrain until 2036.

Last year's podium was won by Max Verstappen with a time of 1h:33:56.736 and second place went to Sergio "Checo" Pérez both with Red Bull Racing, while Fernando Alonso took third



place driving Aston Martin. We will soon know who the winners of this first circuit and we will see if Verstappen continues his winning streak this 2024 and starts the year winning in Bahrain.

Bahrain International Circuit

Located in the heart of the Sakhir desert and designed by the renowned German engineer Hermann Tilke, the ultra-modern motorsport facility incorporates six separate track layouts, five of which are FIA-certified and include a test oval and a drag strip, and can host a variety of sporting, corporate, social and community events throughout the year.

Construction began in October 2002 and was completed just a year and a half later, highlighting the desert track's local cultural traits and quickly becoming *The Cradle of Motorsport in the Middle East*. The circuit was inaugurated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on 17th March 2004.

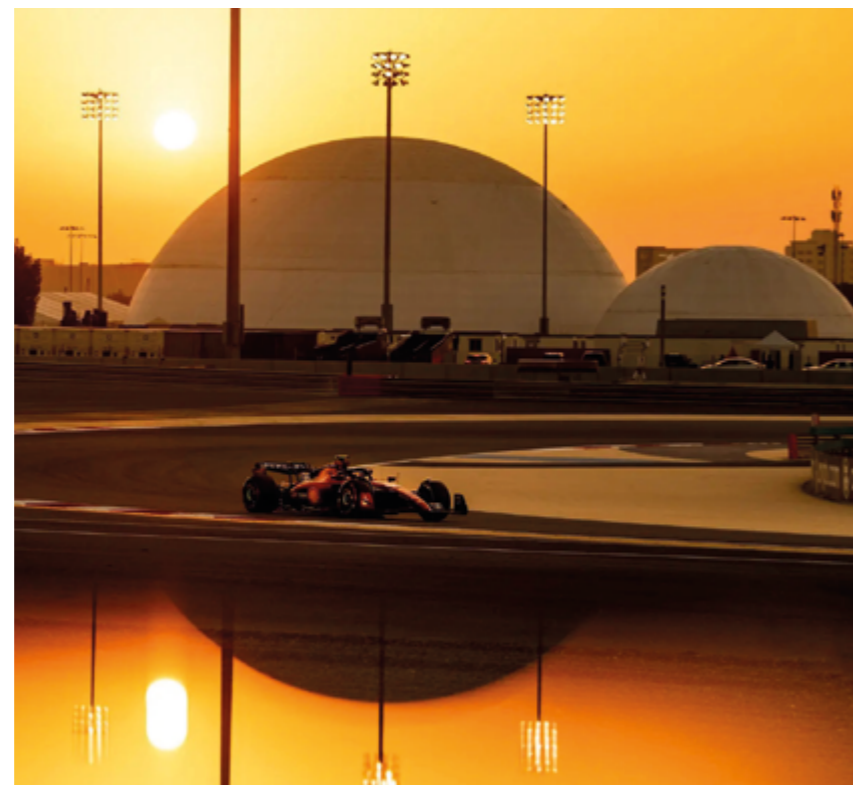
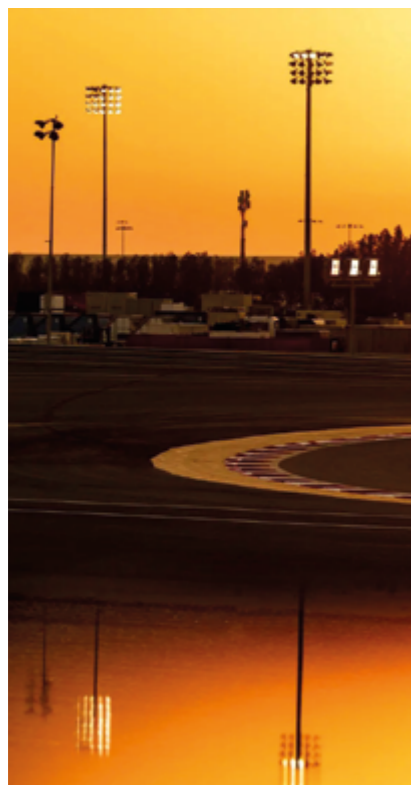
The opening day of the race saw some of the biggest names in motorsport compete, with Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher taking pole position ahead of team-mate Rubens Barrichello. Both held their positions throughout the 57-lap race and made history in the first F1 race held in the Middle East.

A large number of fans and top drivers have flocked to the drag racing, the region's "traditional" motorsport activity and the International Drag Racing Festival. This has led to the growth of the region's motorsport industry which has sparked a huge interest in racing such as the Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East led by Austrian racing legend Walter Lechner, who heads the organising Lechner Racing team and features some of the Arab world's most talented young drivers who aspire to become the first top driver at international level and take a place on the Formula One grid.



The **Sakhir Tower** has an impressive 360-degree view that gives spectators a bird's eye view of the entire BIC circuit and its surroundings. The architecture of the tower has become an important part of the circuit and stands as an iconic Bahraini landmark. The complex houses the executive boxes, located at the top of the main grandstand, which give an unrivalled view of the pits and paddock, the **VIP Paddock Club™ suites** located above the pits and offering red carpet treatment to corporate guests of the teams and world-class conference facilities.

The BIC Tower has become an emblem in the Kingdom and is now one of Bahrain's most rec-



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ognisable structures with a brilliant permanent video and lighting installation reflecting the speed and power of motorsport surrounding it.

The concept was conceived by international lighting designers Woodroffe Bassett Design and comprises bands of high-resolution LED panels installed on the front of the handrails and sun louvres on the top 7 levels of the tower. The content displayed on the tower façade is a mix of Bahraini cultural elements, abstract motifs, effects and information reacting to the events of the race.



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BETWEEN BAHRAIN AND QATAR



Bahrain is an archipelago of 33 islands in the Arabian Gulf, meaning 'Two Seas' in Arabic, and its strategic position has made it the centre of important trade routes and the region's pearl diving industry since ancient times. This small country of 765 sq km is the first nation in the Arabian Gulf to adopt a non-oil dependent economy based on banking and tourism and is recognised as one of the most liberal cultural heritages in the region.

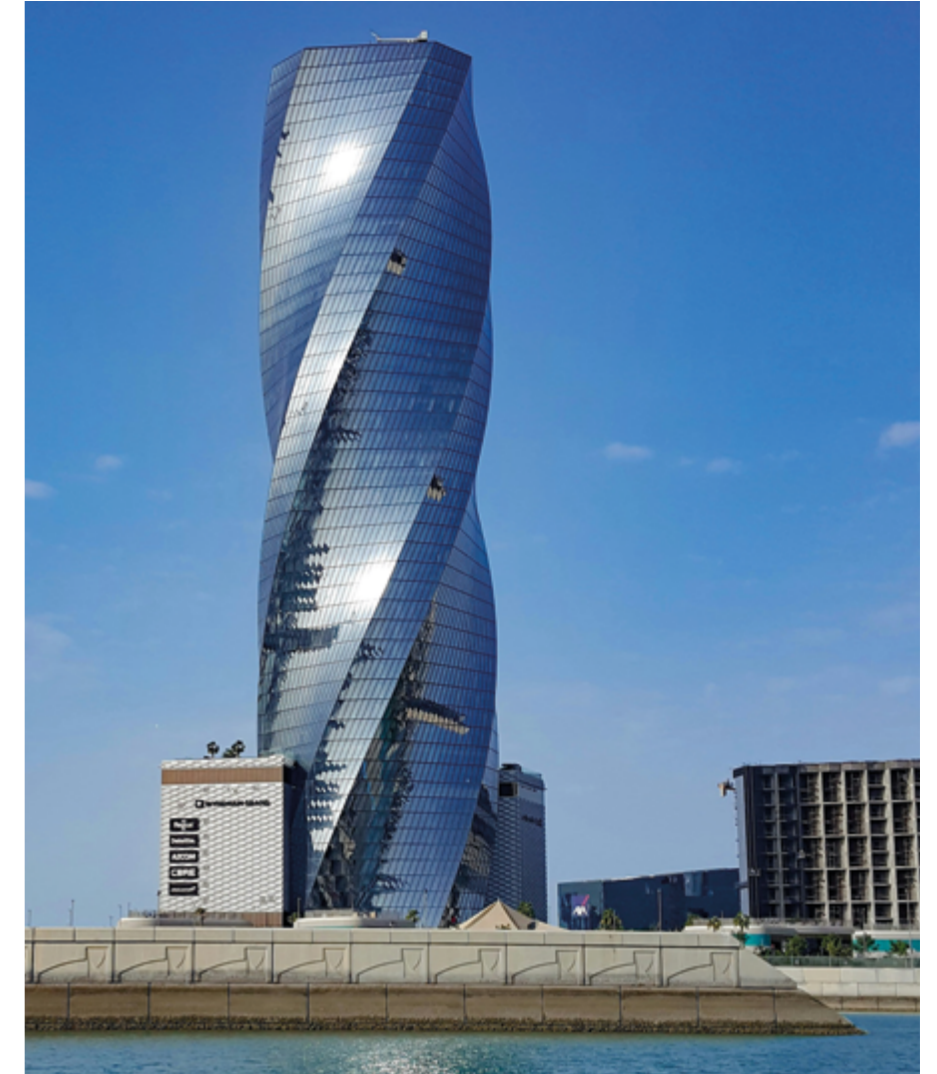
Arad Fort

One of the most important fortified castles in Bahrain, Arad Fort is a classic example of Islamic fort architecture of the 15th and 16th centuries. The fort used to protect a separate island, but for more than four centuries it has been connected to Muharraq Island. Arad Fort was used as a defensive fortress throughout various phases of Bahrain's history, including the occupation of the country by the Portuguese in the 16th century. It has undergone several phases of construction over the years, and is now open to the public for tours, with strategic views of a series of sea passages, a trench, two wells, a canal and watchtowers at each of the four corners of the fort with connecting passages, as well as hosting a series of seasonal festivals.

Al Muharraq

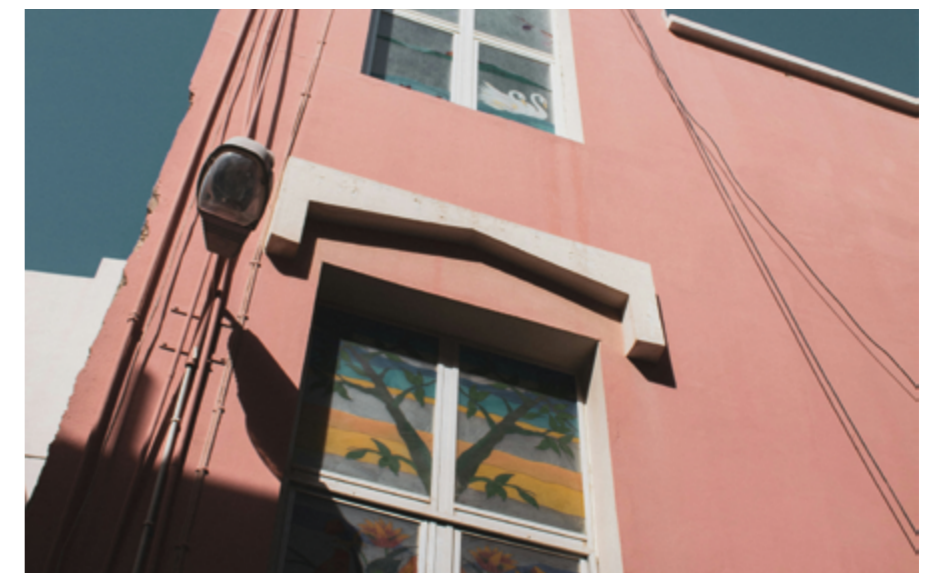
The second most populous city in Bahrain, Al Muharraq was for centuries the most active and prosperous pearling city in the Gulf and the largest number of pearl divers lived there. Virtually everyone was directly involved in pearl processing, or its supply industries and the island had the largest fleet of pearl fishing vessels.

There was a time when the town was inhabited only by women, once the men boarded the *dhow*s and set sail for the pearling season. The women were left behind with their children and the



few older men who could no longer work aboard the pearl dhows, unfortunately these men died and the crew didn't return, so the women had to live off the cash advances provided by their husbands and carefully calculate their expenses to make sure they lasted the whole season, some even took up occupations such as baking and fishing, while the wealthier women made little difference as they were continually attended by their maids.

The main pearling season, *al-ghus al-kabir*, is associated with two main festivals, *al-Rakbah* which is the official boarding day that was



traditionally announced by the head of state a few days before the departure of the *dhow*s and was when crowds of people gathered along the coast to bid farewell to the men who set sail for the pearling season and where the women performed *Mrad* which are songs for their loved ones. And *al-Quffal* on an important day during the pearl season awaited the return of their husbands, sons and fathers, when they saw the black flag flying from a *dhow*'s mast indicating that there had been a death on board and the crew would not return complete. **Bu-Mahir Seashore** served as a departure and arrival point for the pearl fleets and is the site where the farewell and welcome festivals would be held.

Jalahma House is a magnificent example of how women influenced the city's architecture and urban component of the World Heritage Site of Pearling. The house hosts an exhibition that presents its prototypical design features and conveys the extraordinary role of women in pearling society.

Manama

This modern capital of the country was nominated as the *Capital of Arab Culture* in 2012 and named *Capital of Arab Tourism* in 2013 and *Capital of Asian Tourism* in 2015.




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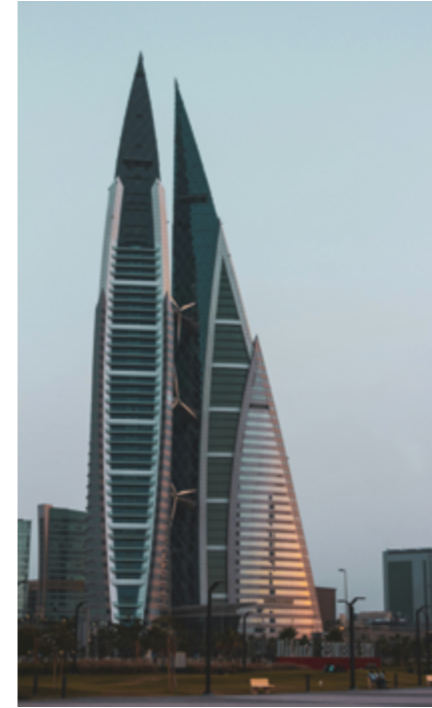


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The **House of Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa** is a true example of 19th-century Islamic architecture, characterised by wind towers and consisting of several rooms arranged around four courtyards. This residence is also the seat of government. **Al Fateh** is the largest mosque in Bahrain and one of the largest in the world. It was built under the patronage of the late Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa in 1987, its walls are beautifully ornamented with *Kufic* calligraphy, and it's crowned with a large fiberglass dome. While one of the oldest mosques in the Arab world is **Al Khamis**

Mosque which was built around 692 A.D. Its foundation dates back to the 11th century and it was rebuilt in the 14th and 15th centuries.

Bab Al Bahrain is located at the entrance of Manama Suq, built in 1949 by Shaikh Salman Bin Ahmed Al Fateh, this building was restored with the support of the Ministry of Culture to become the tourism sector offices. Behind it is the old **Manama Suq**, an amazing choice of shops with a diversity of products such as textiles, perfumes, spices, incense, handicrafts, as well

as some traditional cafes and restaurants located among the narrow alleyways.

Bahrain World Trade Center was designed by the multinational architectural firm of Atkins and is renowned for its cutting-edge engineering and commitment to sustainability and renewable energy. Two sail-shaped towers, inspired by traditional Arabian merchant ships, rise 240 metres above the city and are equipped with twelve lifts, including four panoramic glass cabins that provide spectacular views of the gulf.

The building received the prestigious *LEAF Award for Best Use of Technology in Large Environments* and the citation for *Best Tall Building in the Middle East and Africa* from the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) for creating an innovative elliptical design in its buildings that channels offshore winds between the towers and creates air pressure that increases wind speed as it enters the turbines.

MODA Mall is the shopping centre with more than eighty luxury brands of renowned international designers and world-class restaurants in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The mall is located in the landmark *Bahrain World Trade Center* and owes its origins to the former *Sheraton Complex*.

City Centre Bahrain is the largest shopping, leisure and entertainment destination in Bahrain. The 158,000 sqm of retail space offers an international mix of more than 340 exclusive brands and 60 restaurants, as well as a 20-screen *Cineco Cinema* and a *Magic Planet*.



The **Bahrain National Theatre** opened in November 2012 on the orders of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. Its architectural design is unique as the wood-covered interior walls are inspired by the tales of 1,001 Nights and it has 1,001 seats and views of the sea. Among the most important artists who have performed here are Placido Domingo, Il Divo, Yanni, Orchestra of the 21st Century of Russia, the Bolshoi and Mariinsky Ballets from Russia.

Qal'at al-Bahrain or the Fort of Bahrain, formerly known as Portugal Port, is built on 180,000 sq ft on a large artificial mound that was created by centuries of reconstruction during continuous occupation. Excavations over the years have revealed a wealth of residential, cultural, commercial, religious and military discoveries. It was occupied around 2800 BC and has the remains of two earlier forts surrounding it, making it a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most important archaeological sites in the Arabian Gulf.



Seef

Located in the financial district of Seef is the Al A'ali Shopping Complex, with an architectural design that combines the elegance of contemporary architecture with traditional Arabic style, offering visitors a wealth of luxury boutiques in a 52,000 sqm space. The sophisticated atmosphere of the central atrium with a magnificent glazed canopy allows light to filter into the shopping space creating an open-air experience that extends into Saraya's contemporary wing. Al A'ali Shopping Complex is the place to be for home furnishing shops, luxury gift shops, pearl traders and a spa.





A'ali

The **Riyadat Mall** was built to help Bahraini women promote and develop their skills under the patronage of Princess Sabeeka Bint Ebrahim Al Khalifa, president of the *Supreme Council for Women* and wife of His Majesty the King. Princess Sabeeka aims to empower Bahraini women, which is why the mall's boutiques and restaurants are owned by Bahraini women to develop their talents and showcase their work. This project was set up by the *Supreme Council for Women* in alliance with the *Bahrain Development Bank* and the *Bahrain Centre for Industrial Development* to help women find better work opportunities.



Riffa

Sheikh Salman bin Ahmed Al-Fateh Fort also known as Riffa Fort is the ideal place to get an insight into the history of Bahrain's ruling family from their architecture, their personal artefacts and information about their favourite pastimes, as well as the family tree of the Al Khalifas, in the carefully curated exhibitions. You can also enjoy the picturesque **Al-Haniniya Valley** at the *Saffron Café*.



Awali

A highlight is the **Royal Golf Club**, which hosts Bahrain's 18-hole championship course and a par 3 9-hole course, designed by the legendary Colin Montgomerie. In addition to exquisite facilities, the Royal Golf Course also boasts award-winning restaurants, a golf academy for those wishing to turn pro-skill, meeting rooms and even a country club to offer players an ambience of luxury and sophistication.

Qatar is one of the most urbanised countries in the world and has been populated for almost six centuries. Its status as a peninsula in the middle of the Arabian Sea made it a key naval and trading post for the region from the beginning. The country exports huge quantities of oil and natural gas, which account for 97% of its exports, with a total value of more than



\$58 billion. Prior to the discovery of natural gas, Qatar's economy was based on fishing, pearling and trade.

Lusail

Lusail is a city of 35 sq km and was built to host the **Qatar 2022 World Cup** final. It's now the premier entertainment city in the region, with super-luxury hotels and restaurants, two golf courses, an impressive waterfront marina. In addition to shopping malls, residential areas, theme parks, schools and health centres.



The **Lusail Stadium** was designed by architect Albert Speer Jr to host the World Cup. Due to the country's high temperatures, the stadium has a cooling system, has a sliding roof and is surrounded by water, so spectators can only enter via six bridges.

Place Vendôme is an exclusive shopping centre that houses 580 international boutiques in a 1,150,000 sqm open space inspired by classical French architecture, surrounded by cafés and fine dining restaurants.

Downtown Lusail is a model of modern lifestyle experiences integrated with cosmopolitan urbanism. **Lusail Boulevard** is a dynamic, diverse and unique 1.3 km long commercial and residential destination. It comprises a range of mixed-use residential units, luxury retail, office and premium residential units, all designed and built to world-class quality standards in every detail. Its



public realm, size and buildings are inspired by the *Avenue des Champs-Élysées*, an international experience brought to life by prestigious commercial, leisure and cultural activities with an area of 250,000 sqm.

Al Rayyan

The second largest city in Qatar, its name means 'irrigation,' as due to its low elevation during the rainy season it accumulates water and can provide irrigation supply to the crops in the area.

Al Khor is a very small town, famous for its traditions of diving, pearl harvesting and its coastal airs have long attracted desert dwellers. Its main attraction is the Al Khor Park which is the largest and oldest park in the country. Other highlights include Purple Island, one of the few beaches surrounded by plantations in the area, and the Al Thakhira and Farkeh beaches.



Doha

The country's capital on the Persian Gulf peninsula, Doha was founded in 1825 under the name *Al-Bida*. Its growth and development are one of the fastest in the world, from 600,000 inhabitants to almost two million today.

The **Museum of Islamic Art** was designed by I.M. Pei and is located on an artificial island. It houses an extensive collection from all over the Muslim world. The **National Museum of Qatar** was designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel. Its



40,000 sqm building is inspired by and recreates the natural glass formations known as 'desert roses,' and is located around what was originally the palace of Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al-Thani and the seat of government for 25 years.

The **Pearl Island** is a man-made island on the shore of Doha's famous **West Bay district**. It features an iconic Mediterranean-style marina, residential buildings, villas, hotels, a variety of cafes and

numerous boutiques and upscale restaurants. And *Medina Centrale* represents squares, gardens and playgrounds for children, as well as great choices of cafés, restaurants and shops.

Al Wakrah

Is the third most populous city in Qatar, located 14 km south of the capital. It's recognised as the first urban centre on the peninsula, dating back to the time when pearling was the country's main economic activity in the 18th and 19th centuries. The name of the city comes from the Arabic word *wakar*, meaning "bird's nest." It's said that there were flocks of different species of birds on nearby hills and that is why it was so named.

As with Al Rayyan to the north, Doha's expansion has hastened the development of Al Wakrah, although it has lost much of its ancient architecture and appearance.



charming restaurants. It also offers a luxury shopping experience in its boutiques and showrooms of high fashion designers.

The Island is highlighted by the *Qanat Quartier*, a Venice-inspired neighbourhood with colourful buildings, canals and bridges. This is an ideal place to stroll through its alleyways and enjoy a coffee in one of its elegant cafés. *Porto Arabia* represents a modern Mediterranean district that echoes of the French Riviera lifestyle with an open-air design overlooking Qatar's largest and award-winning marina. The colourful promenade, known as *La Croisette*, is a lively 3.5-kilometre pedestrianised esplanade, lined with





THE VALUE OF ARABIAN HORSES

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The Arabian horse is the oldest thoroughbred horse breed in the world, with its roots in the Arabian Peninsula. Its main characteristics are a high neck, a head with an elongated nose and a tail that is always held high. In addition to being highly valued for its beauty, it also stands out for its intelligence, speed, docility and endurance, which makes it an ideal species for dressage and for which it is highly valued on the international market.

The thing that makes Arabian horses special is that they keep the same bloodline and don't mix their genes with other breeds. The breeding of these animals is an art carefully preserved by owners, breeders, trainers and craftsmen. For thousands of years, these equine breeds lived alongside the nomadic Bedouins, surviving in the harsh desert conditions, evolved to develop great lung capacity and incredible endurance.

The **World Arabian Horse Championships**, a prestigious global showcase of Arabian equine excellence, will be held for the first-time outside France in 2023. From 7th to 9th December at Doha Old Port, it brought together more than 100 purebred Arabian horses from over twenty-five countries, along with around two thousand passionate horse owners, breeders and equestrian professionals. The organisers announced its return to Qatar in December 2025, to highlight the beauty of this select species.

These horses are judged on their special and elegant trot, their form, the grace of their movements and their relationship with their handlers. Clearly the country not only pays tribute to its horses, but also encourages future equestrian champions, always highlighting the values of loyalty, love for horses and pride in their Qatari heritage.

In honour of his ancestor, Sheikh Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Thani, Father Emir located the Arabian horse breeding farm at the landmark *Al Shaqab*, where almost a century earlier, in 1893, Bedouins had fought a pivotal battle that led to Qatar's independence. Arabian horses played a significant role in the battle and were an integral part of the local culture, so the preservation of these animals and their heritage is paramount.

Al Shaqab

Qatar's ultramodern equestrian centre established in 1992 by His Highness Father Amir, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Than to harness the country's Arabian horse heritage, as well as help preserve and perpetuate the breed. *Al Shaqab* is more than 980,000 sqm in size, with a state-



of-the-art Main Arena holding more than 5000 spectators. It stands out for its unique horse-shoe-shaped architectural design, demonstrates its ability to host major international sporting events at the highest level and is renowned throughout the world as Qatar's most iconic equestrian destination.

Home to more than 700 horses, it has become a multi-dimensional equestrian centre. In addition to breeding horses, it educates children in the art and values of horsemanship, and trains riders and horses for long-distance endurance racing.

It has world-class facilities such as indoor and outdoor arenas, riding arenas, air-conditioned stables, an equine veterinary and a training centre equipped with the latest technologies, including high-endurance treadmills, massage areas and hydrotherapy pools.

From 29 February to 2 March, the Global Champions League will be held for the sixth consecutive year and will inaugurate the 2024 season of the Longines Global Champions Tour to welcome the top international horses and riders from around the world.



BLEND OF CONTEMPORANEITY AND TRADITION

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Usail offers visitors one of the most exclusive resorts in the country. Its imposing contemporary structure that can be admired from afar blends with sumptuous Arabesque architecture. **Raffles Doha** hosts 132 elegant and innovative suites designed to bring the five elements - fire, earth, metal, water and wood - into harmony.

The **Katara Towers** are inspired by the crossed swords of the country's seal, a striking symbol of strength and charm. Upon arrival you are greeted by an art collection that alludes to the richness and radiance of Qatar, where you can discover exquisite pieces and a collection of over 60,000

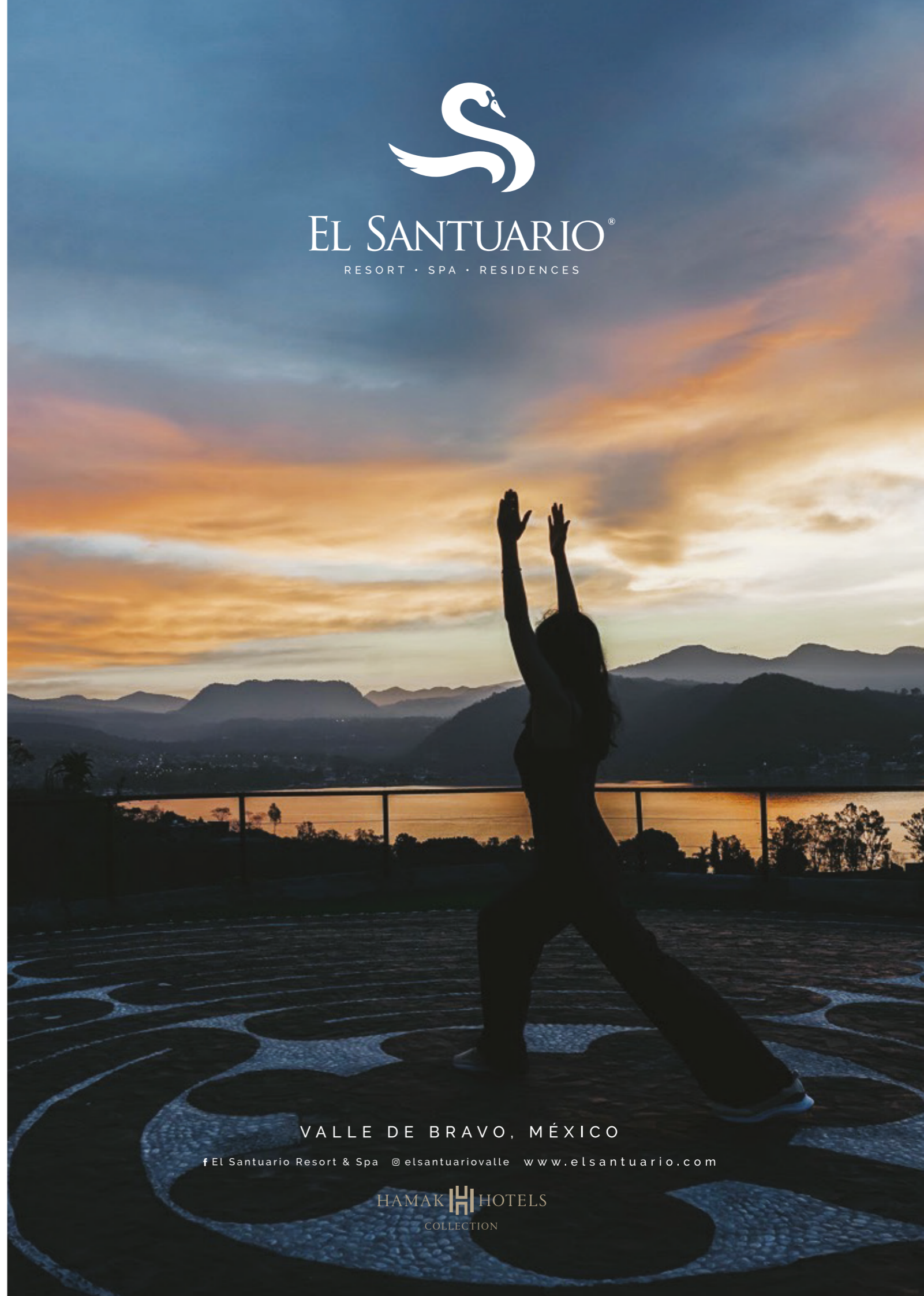
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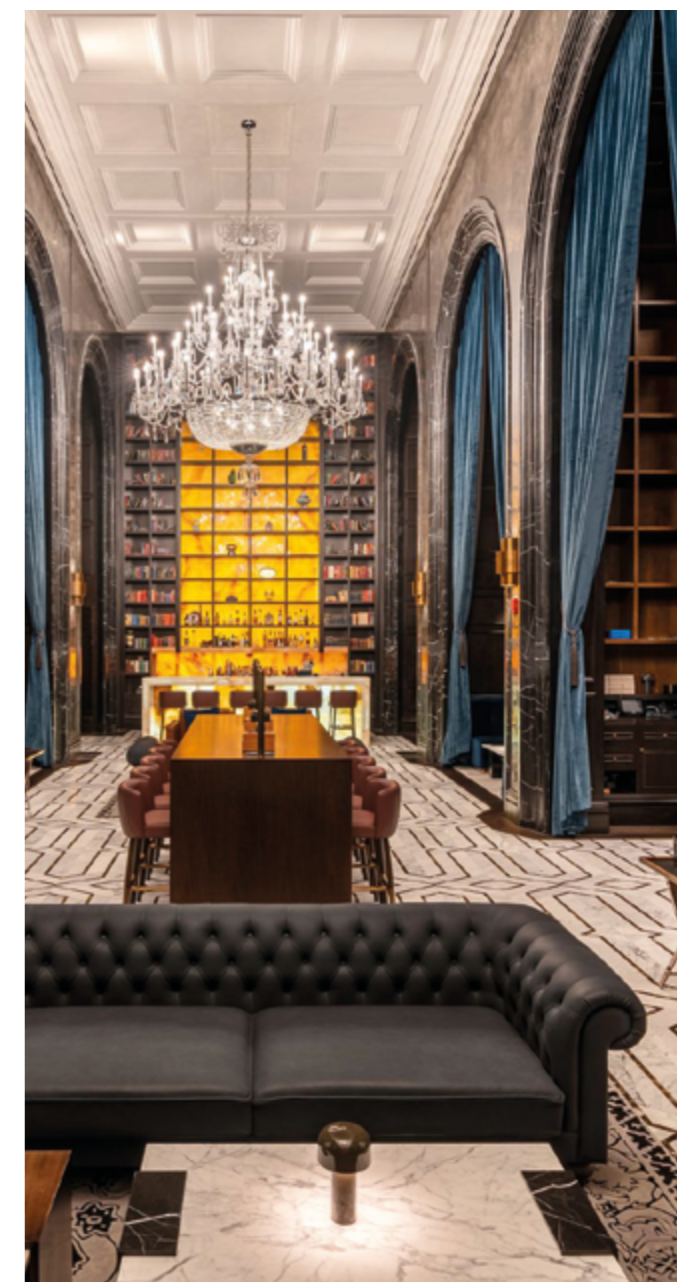
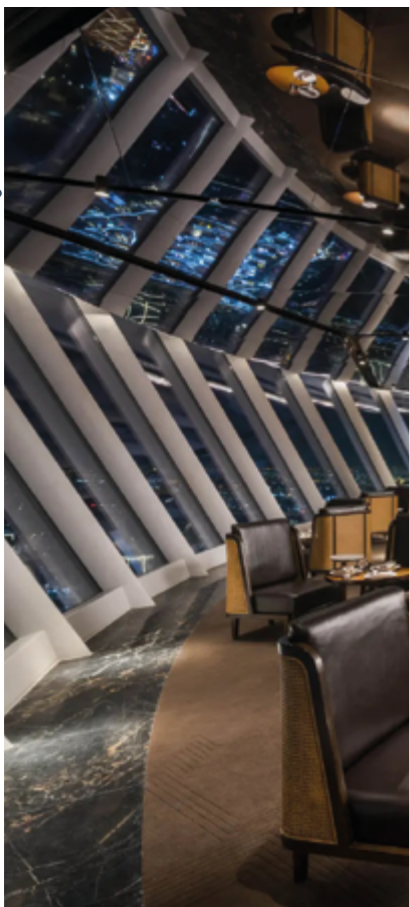
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exclusive privilege of choosing from a carefully crafted menu of three exceptional cocktails and three delicious canapés, ensuring a truly memorable culinary journey.

At this glamorous hotel you will find a gastronomic range at *Alba* restaurant, where the Michelin-starred chef Enrico Crippa offers contemporary northern Italian cuisine highlighting its rare white truffles, while *L'Artisan* offers playful and modern artisan cuisine to taste signature dishes and creative drinks contemplating splendid ocean views or if you prefer a music bar, cocktails and mocktails up in the clouds with panoramic views you can visit *Acoustic Music Penthouse*.

Experience the art of tea with an exclusive royal tea set approved by Queen Elizabeth herself in *Malaki Raffles Lounge*. The Royal Tea combines premium tea with specially prepared non-alcoholic beverages for an elevated and unforgettable experience.

Immerse yourself in one of *Raffles Spa & Wellness Doha's* five pool suites to experience beauty and wellness treatments, bathing rituals or *Hammam* experiences and enjoy the exclusive *Bagatelle Beach Club* at **Al Maha Island** to immerse yourself in the epitome of luxury by the sea while enjoying a spectrum of experiences tailored to your preferences.

Discover the diversity of suites this resort has in store for you where you can stay in small rooms with five-star luxury with the turquoise **Arabian Gulf** in the background, a seductive terrace with sea or city views, a signature sleep kit with calming pillow spray and mask and comfortable living-dining area or a Parisian-style suite with objects d'art, French *savoir faire*, a private gym, home theatre and spellbinding ocean views on the 30th floor or a sumptuous 928 sqm suite spanning the top two hotel floors where this palatial penthouse exudes elegance and grandeur, with soaring domed ceilings and gilded accents adorning the Royal Suite.



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