

10 Tips to pack for a trip to Qatar

- Qatar has a **sub-tropical desert climate**; high daytime temperatures, low night time ones and little rainfall.
- This is a Muslim country and **you will cause offence if you expose too much flesh**; moderate dressing is recommended, especially in public places.
- In **tourist hotels the attitude is more relaxed** but you should always keep your shoulders, knees and stomach covered.
- Pack **lightweight loose-fitting clothes** in natural fabrics such as linen, bamboo and cotton that will keep you cool and are easier to wash and dry.
- **Long-sleeved tops** and long pants will cover you from the harsh sun and protect against mosquitoes at night.
- Be sure to take a [pashmina](#) or wrap because even though it's 45 degrees outside the air conditioning works well and it can be **cool in both shopping malls and restaurants**. Men may like to carry a light jacket.
- Quality **sunglasses** and a sunhat are a must.
- Short tops, short skirts / shorts, tight or body-revealing clothes etc. should be avoided entirely. Cotton or other natural fiber shirts or t-shirts, with cotton pants or an ankle length skirt, are good and do cover your shoulders. **Keep clothing loose** - it has the double benefit of keeping you cooler and attracting less unwanted attention.
- The evenings are the time to dress up - **be glamorous and add accessories**.
- For **business attire**, opt for a dress or skirt below the knee, or pants. Your top should have at least half-sleeves and avoid low necklines.

