It's rare to see a great city in the making these days, but with Doha people have the chance. In addition , a number of schemes plan to preserve the city's cultura identity and architectural heritage, such as Katara Cultural Village and the renovated Soug Wag Significant changes have happened in Doha, a city which almost 1.5 million people call home. However, the discovery of offshore gas reserves has allowed Qatar to invest in the future, including many large - scale infrastructure projects, particularly in Doha Along the Corniche, new skyscrapers and luxury hotels rise out of the desert sands, while waterfront apartment complexes emerge alongside private villas . This is a 2,500 - acre campus on the outskirts of Doha where universities like Comell Medical School and Texas A & M are teaching a new generation of students Two of the largest urban projects underway are Lusall City and the infrastructure for the 2022 World Cup, Lusal City is a planned community covering 38 square kilometres. And just offshore, on a man - made island among the blue waters of the Arabian Gulf, stands the Museum of Islamic Art it houses one of the world's greatest collections of islamic art textiles and rugs. With its changing skyline and landmark buildings, Doha is becoming one of the most confident and dynamic cities in the region .Doha is transforming its transportation network, including the addition of new highways and the construction of a 93 km metro system . If you enjoy visiting museums or shopping malls , Doha is a great . destination