

Are you ready to be a voice crying out in the wilderness to make a way for the Lord?

# Qatari Arabs

## Who are the Qatari Arabs?

The Qatari people come from the nomadic Arabian tribes, and although they continue to deeply identify with their tribal roots, the past century and the discovery of oil and gas reserves have brought about a transformation of urbanization and modernization. The country has the 3rd largest natural gas and oil reserve in the world, and this industry is the primary source of income for the country. Due to its wealth as well as its media influence (Aljazeera, a state-funded news agency, is one of the largest in the Middle East.) Qatar has a prominent voice on the world stage.

The influx of wealth brought about a modernization of infrastructure as well as education and urbanization. The country is now 99 percent urban and the capital of Doha is a thriving metropolitan city. Urbanization has also brought in a huge inflow of ex-pats and out of the 2.5 million people in the country, only 11.6% are Qatari.

Despite all of the modernization, the Qatari are still very tribal in identity and though they have left behind nomadic desert life, they continue to visit traditional goat hair tents to have picnics or camp as well as participate in hunts with falcons and the ancient Arabian Saluki breed of dogs. Qataris cherish the past and have become a hub of art and culture in the Gulf region boasting lavish museums and cultural events.

They are deeply conservative Muslims who practice the Wahabi branch of Islam, praying several times a day at the mosque. Men find their core sense of community sitting in their Majlis (hospitality room) visiting with friends, while women are largely at home and find most of their community in their family circles.

*I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

— Isaiah 43:19 —



 **290** thousand  
yet to be reached  
 **100%**  
of the population is online



## Quick Facts

Population- 290,000

Progress- Engaged yet  
Unreached

Language- Gulf Arabic  
Bible Translation, Gospel  
Recordings, and Jesus

Film- Available

Radio Broadcast- Not Available



A voice cries out in the wilderness,  
"Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness;  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God...  
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed."  
— Isaiah 40:3,5 —

## Pray

- Pray for Qatari families to come to faith together and have a passion for bringing the good news to their whole tribal group.
- Ask that many would see and learn about the true path through social media.
- Ask the Lord of the Harvest to open doors for laborers, and to give perseverance to those who are laboring in this challenging field.
- Closed eyes among the officials who closely monitor Christians in the country.
- Ask that the Lord would bring more dreams and visions and more workers to help interpret them.
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- Pray that their wealth will not be sufficient for them, but they will long for the true treasure of salvation through Isa al Massiah.



## Engage

The need for gospel witnesses among Qataris is great. Though it is not a physically challenging place to live, it can be challenging to get into the personal lives of Qataris. Laborers are needed who are ready to build purposeful friendships through work, hobbies, and social events with the Qatari people.

Those who are able to use professional degrees are a great fit for working in Qatar. Long-term visas into the country are generally found through employment. There are many job opportunities with large Oil and Gas companies such as QP, ExxonMobil, and Shell, or with Qatar Airlines. There are also opportunities to teach at Universities, ESL, as well as in primary and secondary education.

Workers should consider spending a year or two studying language before coming and then continuing with tutors upon arrival. Some who are not able to have a gap in their resume, have found success in prefield online programs followed by language intensives during their breaks.

There are several organizations that work together, forming a God's team and a community of believers. There are many educational opportunities for children as well as many family activities in the cities.

Is God calling you to live among the Muslim peoples of the Middle East? Contact us.  
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