



Welcome to Dukhan

Dukhan is a wonderful place to live and work.

The aim of this brochure is to give you a feeling for the lifestyle and facilities that are offered to employees of QatarEnergy.

This is then backed up with insights from our own teaching staff into what you can expect from a move to the west coast of Qatar.



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“Dukhan has of a great deal of activities taking place throughout the year, and there's something for everyone! If you like to exercise and meet people at the same time, then the weekly walking, cycling, swimming, badminton, football, and yoga clubs are a great place to start.

The Hash House Harriers meet monthly with a walk (or run!) in the desert followed by a themed social, which is a fantastic way for both adults and children to get to know each other. A more sedate, but just as notable social gathering, is the monthly ladies book group. There's no pressure to read the book and it's a great excuse to meet up with people.

The golf club offers lots of social opportunities and you don't even have to play golf - just join the club to join in the fun! However, if you do want to learn to play, members are more than happy to get you started on the driving range and show you the ropes out on the course.

The DWS offers an annual sailing course followed by weekly sailing races and is a great way to meet fellow sailors.

The gym offers lots of different courses and personal training or you can join the many staff that use the facilities to pump some iron, or just wallow and chat in the jacuzzi.

Your children will make fast and firm friends at school, but they can also meet other children by joining one of the many extra-curricular clubs offered in the community, including football, swimming, dance, and Girl & Boy Scouts.”

“Living on the west coast of Qatar has so many perks. Topping them all has to be the easy access to the beach. Having two dogs who absolutely love the beach, I spend a lot of down time there. It's a great place for quiet contemplation as well as gathering with friends, whether that be for a BBQ or a spot of paddle boarding.

The water is a lovely temperature pretty much year-round, so you don't have to worry about falling off, which I often do! It's also a great opportunity to spot some of the sea life. The sunsets are simply stunning and the coastline is so long that you can be in amongst the hustle bustle, or find your own private beach spot.”



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“Dukhan is a wonderful town, full of beautiful people from all over the world. It is a safe place to raise a family, with lots of amenities on site. As a family, we enjoy having a barbecue at our private beach club provided for QatarEnergy colleagues as well as watching the beautiful sunsets.

We have access to a medical centre on site, with knowledgeable doctors and dentists who are also part of the community. You are never far from a friendly face in Dukhan, everyone looks out for one another.

Life in Dukhan can be as quiet or as busy as you like, we all choose what’s right for us!”



“My family enjoys the quiet, safe and peaceful life in Dukhan. The enclosed compound we stay in is a home for several thousand employees of Qatar Energy Company.

Residents live within a walled multicultural community. This means social life can be established very quickly, with the added bonus of a secure environment for children and families.

On the other hand, an eight-lane highway connecting Dukhan to Doha has reduced the travelling time to Qatar’s main towns and Doha City Centre.

Dukhan is a safe and peaceful place for your children.”

“In the cooler months there are lots of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors here in Dukhan. We have some superb beaches, quiet well-paved roads for cycling, small but well-designed family parks, lots of nice walking routes within the town, grass football and cricket pitches, basketball and tennis courts and our own golf course. The nearby Ras Abrouq peninsular (also known as Bir Zekreet), the location of the East-West art installation, is the best place in Qatar for camping and offers some excellent opportunities to enjoy some desert adventures - sunset and sunrise over the desert are spectacular and the stars are amazing!”



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"I have lived in Dukhan for over 10 years now and raised two children here with my wife. My children are now in their teens.

The transition from the UK was seamless, the weather is fantastic, and the Qatar Energy teacher package has a lot to offer. It is safe to say that this is one of the best in the region. Housing is varied and spacious.

The recreational facilities within the compound are fantastic, including a private member's beach club, fitness centre, bowling alley and two swimming pools.

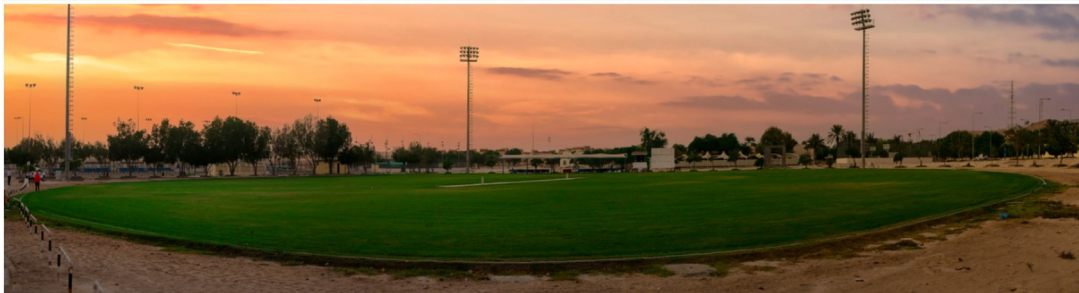
There is also an active community vibe where people from many different walks of life come together for sporting, social and charity ventures. Dukhan is a great place to live, work and raise a young family."

"One of the most valuable assets in the community life of Dukhan is the breadth of activities and interests that are evident. Given its size, Dukhan has a rich and varied mixture of special interest groups which new staff will find welcoming and accessible at a range of levels.

Alongside the mainstream activities such as regular football, golf or meeting in the gym, there are a plethora of other interests for staff to immerse themselves in. Running, walking, cycling and exploring the desert are all activities that newcomers will find themselves invited to take part in. Furthermore, reading groups and artistic pursuits also vie for the time of those new to our community.

The jewel in the crown is our proximity to the Arabian Gulf; there are a myriad of ways to be in, on or under the water here and you will always find company if you want it.

If none of the above appeal then Dukhan is the sort of place where you can start your own group and see where the adventure takes you. Welcome to our community."



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“The family accommodation was completed within the last few years, providing exceptional, modern, family housing. With four bedrooms, three bathrooms (including en-suite), additional WC and a separate quarter for a maid / nanny, the provision is exceptional.

The huge family room means you can design a multi-purpose space to suit your needs - and every resident has their own twist on layout and furnishing. There is a small private lawn to the front and patio to the rear, with room height French Windows opening on to both. There is also an enclosed driveway with remote shuttered entry.

There is a natural housing boundary with the local park in the centre. Providing a fun meeting point for the community's children, the shaded play area in the park teases kids out even in the warmer months.

This, coupled with unparalleled peace of mind, means children can play out with friends and enjoy childhood in ways unimaginable to most other places we know.”

“Dukhan is the perfect place for young families. There is lots to keep the little ones entertained! From swimming pools, football pitches, outdoor and indoor play areas to a bowling alley! Our boys love to play outside with their friends in a clean, safe, traffic free and friendly environment.”

“I have worked at DES and QatarEnergy for more than two decades and have been fortunate to send my daughter to school from nursery to college. We are looking forward to her graduating in her final year. She has had an excellent learning experience, and is a well-rounded, happy student who has always felt safe. She is now looking forward to further her studies abroad.

The school has met both her social and academic needs, and we are proud as parents to have been part of the Dukhan English School Family.”

“Dukhan is the perfect place for families, it's very safe here and there are parks and playgrounds dotted throughout the community. I am now in my 12th year here and know that this friendly and close-knit community, outside of school hours, was instrumental in supporting the development of my own children. The generous housing benefits generally mean that for every child you have, you get a residence that allows a bedroom each. This is not the norm on the international school circuit.”

“Doha is a great hub for travel around the Middle East or indeed further afield: 4 hours to Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Many amazing destinations are available.”



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“Dukhan is a microcosm of the many nationalities and cultures that have moved to Qatar to further their careers and broaden their horizons. Wherever in the world you are from and whatever your cultural background, you will normally find some kinship with like-minded families and individuals.

Moving to a new country is a great adventure but it may also sound daunting at first. However, I can personally vouch for the level of support and guidance received by colleagues when I first arrived; many of whom I now count as personal friends. Whether you enjoy the beach, playing golf, a weekend BBQ or simply a shopping trip to treat yourself, you will normally find someone who will join you in your activities.

For those who are moving to an Arab country with a strong Muslim heritage, you may be wondering what to expect when you land here. Well, there are many times during the year that major religious festivals are celebrated in an inclusive manner throughout Qatar. If you have never experienced the holy month of Ramadan in a Muslim country, then if you are open to the experience, you will see a quite different feel compared to the rest of the year.

Muslims will fast during the daylight hours and then break their fast at sunset, this meal is known as Iftar. This will be followed by congregational evening prayers at the local mosques. I urge you to enjoy a communal Iftar either at the many restaurants or hotels in Doha; the lavish array of food and generous Arabic hospitality is something that you simply must experience.

It is highly likely that your neighbours and colleagues will be dropping some freshly cooked food in the evening. This is part of the spreading the communal spirit of Ramadan. The holy month is followed by the festival of Eid al Fitr, this will be 3 days of celebrations during a nationwide holiday. I hope you get a chance to immerse yourself in this aspect of life in Dukhan and that you will be able to share your stories of new adventures with friends and families in your home country.

I hope to see you here and welcome the holy month by saying ‘Ramadan Kareem’ and then enjoying the Eid festival with the greeting of ‘Eid Mubarak’.”



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Dukhan Water Sports Club

Dukhan Water Sports is a beach club owned by QatarEnergy for its employees. It is located on the beach road in Dukhan on the beautiful west coast of Qatar. Founded in the year 1955, it is dedicated to providing the best services to all members of the club.

DWS Club has a vast number of facilities including sailing, wind surfing, open beach swimming pool, boats, jet ski, Barastis and a lot more to add for members, activities and family gatherings.

“The DWS is my family’s favourite place in Dukhan. With its crystal-clear beach, beautiful swimming pool, barbeque facilities, water sports services and green areas, it’s like a paradise getaway 5 minutes from home.”

“Dukhan is a very special place to live. The community itself is both safe and beautiful. During the cooler months, it is lovely to sit out in your garden or the communal areas found throughout the community, enjoying down time with family and friends and catching up on the events of the week. Taking my dogs to the beach is a highlight of the weekend. They love to join me for some paddle boarding and a BBQ, especially if there's chicken on the go! All in all, Dukhan is a wonderful place to live.”

“One of the best aspects of life in Dukhan is our proximity to the beach. The DWS offers a plethora of watercraft for the adventurous to explore aboard while the more sedate can take a relaxing cruise in order to observe the local pod of dolphins. A splendid way to spend a day; don’t miss the spectacular sunset to round off your experience.”



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Dukhan Water Sports Club



“What a wonderful place to spend quality times with friends and family. You can enjoy private beach, sailing, jet-skiing and private boat rides on the sea to watch the dolphins. There are plenty of green places for the kids and family to sit and relax on, use the designated BBQ places or even get your own gazebo set for you by the beach. It really is the highlight of Dukhan.”



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Dukhan Recreation Club

Dukhan recreation club offers a whole host of facilities to keep employees happy. Its friendly staff and safe environment provides essential recreational amenities.

Inside, Members can visit the pool, sports room, kid's play area, toddler's soft play area, multipurpose courts, tennis, lounge, and café as well as areas for various meeting purposes. Members can also participate in year around activities organized by the club. They are fabulous and they are all there to serve Dukhan community.

Dukhan Community outdoor sports facilities include four tennis courts, two football grounds, one cricket pitch, one basketball court, one volleyball court, one badminton court and two squash courts.



“Dukhan is a fantastic and safe place to live. If you want to be busy you can always be busy, but if you want your own space you will always find a place where no one disturbs you. I love the greenery around Dukhan and it is a fantastic place to walk where you will always see someone familiar. I love walking around Dukhan and enjoy the beautiful sunsets and the sealine. DRC’s swimming pool is the next place I would prefer if I am not walking. The calmness of the pool and the beautiful landscape really calms me down. Biking is another activity which you will really enjoy as you can enjoy nature.”

“Staff football on a Wednesday evening has been a mainstay of Dukhan English School for many years. Often described as the 'best evening of the week' by those who play, it provides a great opportunity for some friendly competition, with a range of ages and abilities involved. We also enter staff teams into community tournaments, making use of all the indoor and outdoor pitches available in Dukhan. We're still looking for that elusive goalkeeper!”



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Dukhan Fitness Centre

Dukhan Fitness Center is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to cardio and weight equipment, including more than 29 cardio machines, weight equipment and free weights. There are also specific areas and spaces for assessment, stretching, and personal training.

The space is designed to accommodate all types of workout styles and preferences, with personal viewing monitors and TV screens.



“The DFC is a fantastically resourced gym with free weights, machines and so much more. There are a variety of classes that you can sign up for too. A massage at the DFC is an absolute must!”

“Dukhan has some fantastic recreational facilities within the compound, all within a leisurely walking distance. The fitness centre has an excellent range and state of the art equipment to carry out a variety of different goals that individuals may have. It has a sauna, steam room and a jacuzzi and it is a brilliant place to unwind and relax.”

“Dukhan is home to a state-of-the-art gym facility which is available to staff for about £60 a year. Included within the fitness facility is a jacuzzi, steam room and masseuse parlour.”

“Alongside the gym, the community is a hot bed of all sporting activities, and you will be hard pressed to find a sport or interest not represented in some form of the other.”



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Dukhan Golf Club

Dukhan Golf Club (DGC) is an 18-hole, 7050 yards, 72 par, golf course. This golf course is the oldest in Qatar (about 54 years old). Located inside the Dukhan Township, consists of a mixture of sand and oil. Initially it was set as a 9-hole and later expanded to 18-hole course in 1997.

Aside from its course and practice range, the club offers its other facilities such as the clubhouse, lounge area, changing rooms, kitchen, barbeque area and children's playground. Throughout the year, the DGC clubhouse can always be considered as venue for events and private functions to serve the diverse Dukhan community as a whole.

The regular golfing season and competitions for DGC normally start in September and continue till mid-May the following year. The club also arranges for professional coaches to help train beginners as well as encouraging children to pick up the sport at young age.

Since Golf is an outdoor game, DGC arranges weekly competitions when the temperatures are moderate for outdoor activities. The club has a floodlit driving range which is open to members throughout the year.

“The Dukhan Golf Club has been an integral part of our time here in Dukhan. It is a great place for beginners to start playing, with a practice range and putting area, as well as an excellent challenge for more experienced golfers. A sand-based course, it's the oldest golf club in Qatar. It has also been a social hub for many years for members of the Dukhan Community.”



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Dukhan Community Centre

Dukhan Community Center was inaugurated in 2016 to provide health, wellness, educational and recreational opportunities to all Dukhan residents. It is located next to Dukhan Fitness club. The Community Center comprises a standard bowling alley, a vast indoor sports hall, multipurpose hall, meeting rooms, activity rooms and Library.



“The Dukhan Community Centre is a fantastic recreational resource. I regularly take my children for a couple of games of bowling over the weekend. They can accommodate all age groups, particularly now they have the children’s aiming ramp. We have also had several birthday parties there, the children can either play a few rounds of bowling or take advantage of the table tennis and pool tables, along with some old school arcade machines. Our little one always enjoys running around in the soft play area.”

“We are so in love with our house: it is spacious, private and has a big garden. It is an incredibly safe community and my children love it here. There are 3 parks less than a 2-minute walk away and all the clubs are extremely close by. We regularly go to the DCC and DRC to play on the soft play, or over to the golf club to use the driving range. The DCC is my 3 year old’s favourite, it has a good-sized soft play area and several other games such as air hockey, table football and mini bowling. The bowling lanes for the older children and adults are very popular too. Being able to go to the beach club after school is such a treat. There are plenty of places for dog walking too if you have one!”



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Dukhan Cinema



Above is a view of the soft play area in Dukhan Community Center.

Dukhan Cinema is considered one of the oldest Cinema houses in Qatar and the GCC. The Cinema was established in 1954 to screen films in the open air for its employees residing in Dukhan. In the 1990s, the Cinema building was renovated and is now known as Dukhan Cinema.

“Excellent place within Dukhan to see some free movies on pre-designated days with a variety of movies. My daughter loved seeing Frozen 2 with her friends.”



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