HAYYA TO QATAR

The details you need to know

THE 2022 WORLD CUP IS FINALLY HERE AND *JORDAN NEWS* HAS COMPILED A LIST OF WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY THIS YEAR'S MATCHES. FROM PREVIOUS TITLE HOLDERS AND THIS YEAR'S STAR PLAYERS TO INTRODUCTIONS TO THE STADIUMS AND THIS YEAR'S MATCH BALL HISTORY, YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT YOU ARE IN THE LOOP.

THIS YEAR'S WORLD CUP IS THE FIRST TO BE PLAYED IN THE ARAB WORLD. AND FROM NOVEMBER 20 UNTIL DECEMBER 18, YOU CAN TRACK YOUR WORLD CUP PREDICTIONS USING OUR BRACKET SCHEDULE BELOW.

Previous World Cup title holders

- Brazil ◆ 5 ◆ **1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002**
- Germany ◆ 4 ◆ **1954, 1974, 1990, 2014**
- Italy ◆ 4 ◆ **1934, 1938, 1982, 2006**
- Argentina ◆ 2 ◆ **1978, 1986**
- France ◆ 2 ◆ **1998, 2018**
- Uruguay ◆ 2 ◆ **1930, 1950**
- England ◆ 1 ◆ **1966**
- Spain ◆ 1 ◆ **2010**

Meet Al-Rihla

Qatar's World Cup match ball

With bright colors and a pearlescent background, Al-Rihla, which means "the journey" in Arabic, will be this year's World Cup match ball.

Designed to represent Qatar's culture, architecture, iconic boats, and flag, Al-Rihla is the first World Cup ball made exclusively with water-based inks and glues.

Beyond its commitment to sustainability, here are a few things to know about Al-Rihla:

◆ It uses CRT-core, meaning it is designed to "provide speed, accuracy, and consistency".

◆ It was made to withstand and support peak game speeds with its textured PU skin and new 20-piece speedshell panels.

◆ It is the first World Cup ball that will directly contribute to raising funds for global community benefit. One percent of Al-Rihla's net sales will go to the Common Goal Movement.

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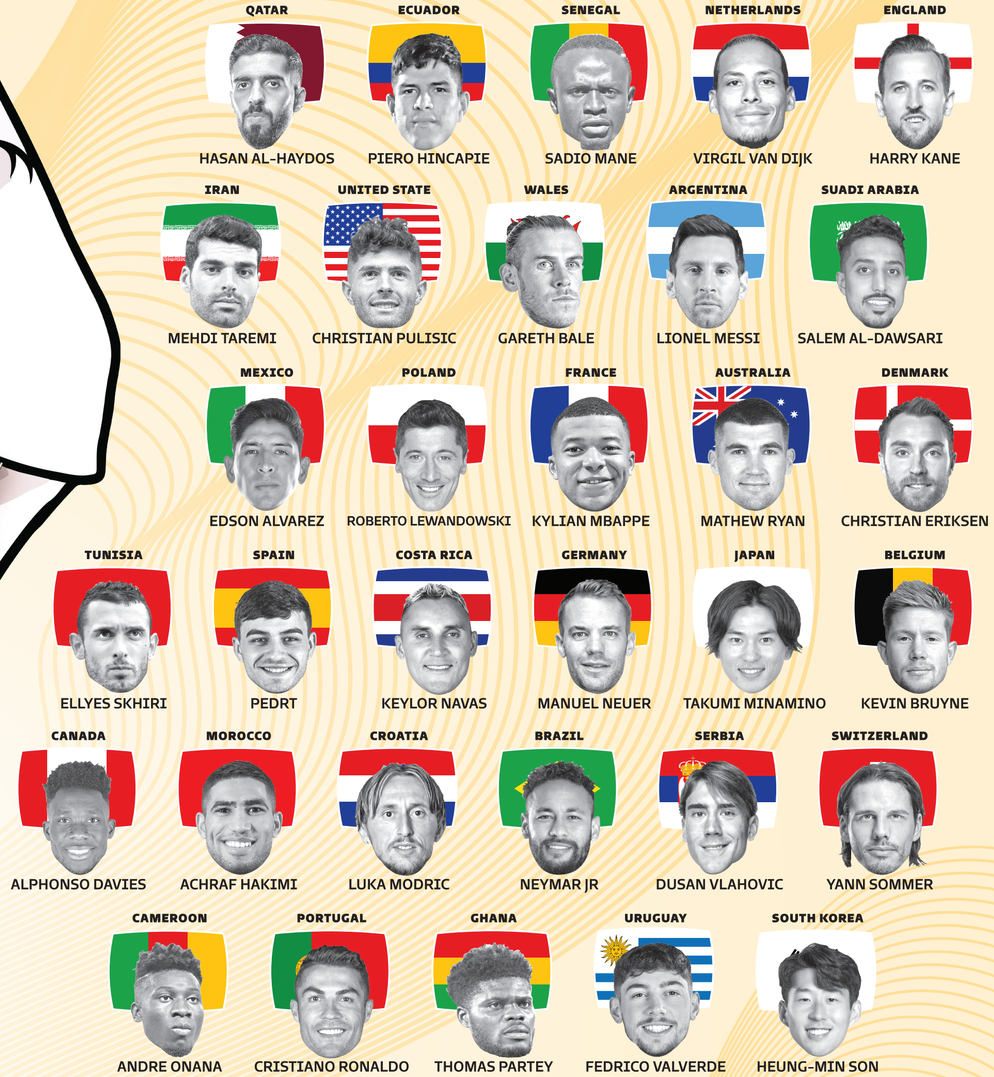
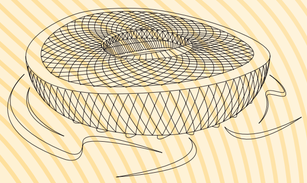
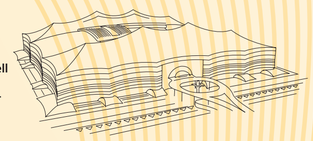


Qatar's eight World Cup stadiums

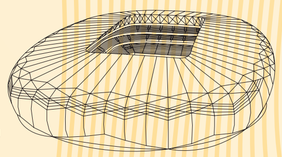
Lusail Iconic Stadium
(80,000 capacity)
Qatar's biggest stadium will host the final on December 18 as well as, amongst other matches, the first semifinal. Built in Lusail, a planned city for a population of 200,000 people situated 15km north of central Doha, there are plans for the stadium to be transformed into a community hub after the World Cup, with most of its seats being removed and donated elsewhere.



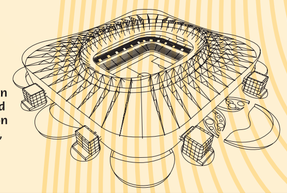
Al-Bayt Stadium
(60,000 capacity)
The venue for the opening game between Qatar and Ecuador on November 20, as well as the group-stage showdown between Spain and Germany and the second semifinal. It is constructed in the form of a Bedouin tent, although there are plans for the upper tier to be removed after the competition. Situated on Qatar's northeast coast, around 35km from Doha, it is therefore beyond the reach of the capital's metro system, making it one of the harder venues to access for supporters.



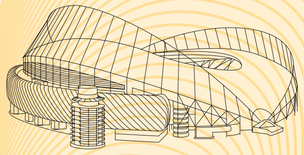
Education City Stadium
(40,000 capacity)
Situated among university campuses in Al-Rayyan, just to the west of Doha itself, and reachable by metro, the stadium will notably host one of the quarterfinals. Its capacity will be reduced by half after the tournament with plans for the seats to be donated to developing countries.



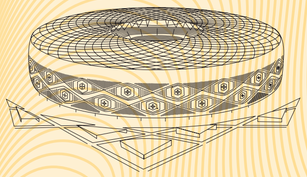
Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium
(40,000 capacity)
The home of one of Qatar's most successful clubs, Al-Rayyan, the stadium has been built on the site of the old venue of the same name and is one metro stop beyond the nearby Education City. Located where the city meets the desert, its capacity will also be reduced by half after the tournament.



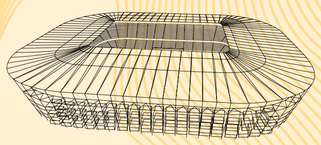
Khalifa International Stadium
(40,000 capacity)
Built in 1976, it is the only venue that already existed before Qatar was awarded the World Cup, although it has since been transformed. Hosted the 2011 Asian Cup final and also the final of the 2019 Club World Cup between Liverpool and Flamengo. Will host England's opening clash with Iran.



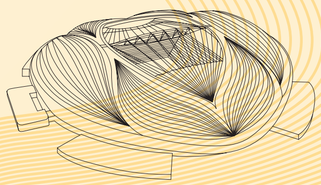
Al-Thumama Stadium
(40,000 capacity)
Situated to the south of central Doha, close to the city's Hamad International Airport, the stadium is built in the form of a gahfiya, the traditional cap worn by men across the Middle East. It will host one of the quarterfinals, while its capacity will be reduced to 20,000 after the World Cup.



Stadium 974
(40,000 capacity)
Built out of shipping containers on Doha's waterfront, the pop-up stadium will be completely dismantled after the World Cup. The number 974 is the international dialing code for Qatar, but also represents the number of containers used for the stadium's construction.



Al-Janoub Stadium
(40,000 capacity)
Located south of Doha in the city of Al-Wakrah, the stadium's design was inspired by the traditional boats used for pearl diving and fishing.



◆ *DETAILS FROM AFP*

GROUP A

QATAR	–	ECUADOR
SENEGAL	–	NETHERLANDS
QATAR	–	SENEGAL
NETHERLANDS	–	ECUADOR
ECUADOR	–	SENEGAL
NETHERLANDS	–	QATAR

GROUP B

ENGLAND	–	IRAN
USA	–	WALES
WALES	–	IRAN
ENGLAND	–	USA
WALES	–	ENGLAND
IRAN	–	USA

GROUP C

ARGENTINA	–	SAUDI ARABIA
MEXICO	–	POLAND
POLAND	–	SAUDI ARABIA
ARGENTINA	–	MEXICO
POLAND	–	ARGENTINA
SAUDI ARABIA	–	MEXICO

GROUP D

DENMARK	–	TUNISIA
FRANCE	–	AUSTRALIA
TUNISIA	–	AUSTRALIA
FRANCE	–	DENMARK
AUSTRALIA	–	DENMARK
TUNISIA	–	FRANCE

GROUP E

GERMANY	–	JAPAN
SPAIN	–	COSTA RICA
JAPAN	–	COSTA RICA
SPAIN	–	GERMANY
JAPAN	–	SPAIN
COSTA RICA	–	GERMANY

GROUP F

MOROCCO	–	CROATIA
BELGIUM	–	CANADA
BELGIUM	–	MOROCCO
CROATIA	–	CANADA
CROATIA	–	BELGIUM
CANADA	–	MOROCCO

GROUP G

SWITZERLAND	–	CAMEROON
BRAZIL	–	SERBIA
CAMEROON	–	SERBIA
BRAZIL	–	SWITZERLAND
SERBIA	–	SWITZERLAND
CAMEROON	–	BRAZIL

GROUP H

URUGUAY	–	SOUTH KOREA
PORTUGAL	–	GHANA
SOUTH KOREA	–	GHANA
PORTUGAL	–	URUGUAY
GHANA	–	URUGUAY
SOUTH KOREA	–	PORTUGAL

ROUND OF 16

MATCH 49: WINNER GROUP A – RUNNER UP GROUP B

MATCH 50: WINNER GROUP C – RUNNER UP GROUP D

MATCH 52: WINNER GROUP D – RUNNER UP GROUP C

MATCH 51: WINNER GROUP B – RUNNER UP GROUP A

QUARTER FINALS

MATCH 58: WINNER MATCH 53 – WINNER MATCH 54

MATCH 60: WINNER MATCH 55 – WINNER MATCH 56

MATCH 57: WINNER MATCH 49 – WINNER MATCH 50

MATCH 59: WINNER MATCH 51 – WINNER MATCH 52

SEMI FINALS

MATCH 61: WINNER MATCH 57 – WINNER MATCH 58

MATCH 62: WINNER MATCH 59 – WINNER MATCH 60

THIRD PLACE

MATCH 63: LOSER MATCH 61 – LOSER MATCH 62

ROUND OF 16

MATCH 53: WINNER GROUP E – RUNNER UP GROUP F

MATCH 54: WINNER GROUP G – RUNNER UP GROUP H

MATCH 55: WINNER GROUP F – RUNNER UP GROUP E

MATCH 56: WINNER GROUP H – RUNNER UP GROUP G

FINAL

WINNER MATCH 61 – WINNER MATCH 61