



## The Qatar Indonesia 2023 Year of Culture Brings Indonesian Flavors through Multiple Culinary Experiences

*Qatar Indonesia 2023 YoC unveils upcoming collaborations with Qatar International Food Festival, Jiwan, W Hotel and more.*

March 15, 2023 – Doha, Qatar – As Qatar and Indonesia celebrate each other's cultures and traditions during the Qatar-Indonesia 2023 Year of Culture, an annual international exchange designed to deepen understanding between nations and their people, residents of both countries will get a literal taste during a series of culinary partnerships.

To mark the Qatar-Indonesia 2023 Year of Culture, the cultural exchange program will celebrate Indonesian cuisine through collaborations with the Qatar International Food Festival (QIFF), the Jiwan by Alain Ducasse restaurant at the National Museum of Qatar, and the Sultan's Tent Ramadan experience at the W Hotel Doha.

All three of the culinary collaborations are done in partnership with Javara, an Indonesia-based company dedicated to sustaining forgotten food biodiversity heritage. Through partnership with farmers, foragers, fishers and food artisans, Javara offers a wide range of natural, organic and artisanal food products originating from various regions of Indonesia.

Taking place starting March 11 at the Lusail Boulevard, QIFF is a Qatar Tourism initiative celebrating the country's diverse food, beverage, and hospitality offerings. This year, Indonesia will be the designated Guest of Honor and Javara will host live culinary cultural performances on March 17 and March 19 (at the VIP tent).

The presence of Indonesian flavors continues at QIFF, where an Indonesian Corner and two Indonesian restaurants, Mama Rozie and Tofu & Cake, are setting up booths to introduce authentic Indonesian dishes to the local community.

Parallel to the local culinary activations, a five-course dinner menu merging flavors from Qatar and Indonesia will be added to the Jiwan Restaurant dinner service on March 16. The local community is welcome to enjoy the Qatari Indonesian fusion meal by making a reservation through the Jiwan restaurant.

Last but not least, the Years of Culture initiative will collaborate with the W Doha to include an Indonesian menu during the last two weeks of Ramadan at The Sultan Tent. The Javara and W Doha chefs worked together to bring the Indonesian Ramadan experience to Qatar. W Doha will also display artworks and crafts made by artisans in Indonesia.

The Qatar Indonesia 2023 Year of Culture is full of cultural celebrations that highlight the similarities between the two countries, embracing the differences in cuisines and flavors, bringing a merged experience to the public to enjoy and appreciate.

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## About Years of Culture

Culture is one of the most effective tools to bring people closer together, encourage dialogue, and deepen understanding between nations.

Under the leadership of its Chairperson Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Qatar Museums (QM) developed the annual “Years of Culture” initiative — an international cultural exchange that deepens understanding between nations and their people. Though formal programming lasts only one year, the ties of friendship that are strengthened and formed are long-lasting.

Qatar-Indonesia 2023 Year of Culture has been developed in collaboration with leading organizations in Qatar, including Doha Film Institute, Education Above All, Katara Cultural Village, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar Charity, Qatar Cycling Federation, Qatar Foundation, Qatar Museums, Qatar National Library, Qatar Tourism, with assistance from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Qatar and the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Indonesia.

Previous Years of Culture have included: Qatar-Japan 2012, Qatar-UK 2013, Qatar-Brazil 2014, Qatar-Türkiye 2015, Qatar-China 2016, Qatar-Germany 2017, Qatar-Russia 2018, Qatar-India 2019, Qatar-France 2020, and Qatar-USA 2021. In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the 2022 Year of Culture celebrated the entire Middle East, North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) region as Qatar welcomed the world for the Arab region’s first FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™.

## About Qatar Museums

Qatar Museums (QM), the nation's preeminent institution for art and culture, provides authentic and inspiring cultural experiences through a growing network of museums, heritage sites, festivals, public art installations, and programmes. QM preserves, restores, and expands the nation's cultural offerings and historical sites, sharing art and culture from Qatar, the Middle East, North Africa, and South Asia (MENASA) region with the world and enriching the lives of citizens, residents, and visitors.

Under the patronage of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and led by its Chairperson, Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, QM has made Qatar a vibrant centre for the arts, culture, and education in the Middle East and beyond. QM is integral to the goal of developing an innovative, diverse, and progressive nation, bringing people together to ignite new thinking, spark critical cultural conversations, educate and encourage environmental stewardship and sustainable practices, and amplify the voices of Qatar's people. Since its founding in 2005, QM has overseen the Museum of Islamic Art and MIA Park, Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, the National Museum of Qatar, QM Gallery Al Riwaq, QM Gallery Katara and the 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum. Future museums include Dadu, Children's Museum of Qatar, Qatar Auto Museum, Art Mill Museum and the Lusail Museum.

Through its newly created Creative Hub, QM also initiates and supports projects—such as the Fire Station Artist in Residence, the Tasweer Qatar Photo Festival, the creative hub for innovation, fashion and design M7, and Liwan Design Studios and Labs —that nurture artistic talent and create opportunities to build a strong and sustainable cultural infrastructure.

Animating everything that Qatar Museums does is an authentic connection to Qatar and its heritage, a steadfast commitment to inclusivity and accessibility, and a belief in creating value through invention.

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