



Celebrate Argentina and Chile at the Years of Culture Family Weekend

5 August 2025 – Doha, Qatar – Years of Culture, in collaboration with the Embassy of Argentina in Qatar and the Trade Commission of Chile - ProChile, announced its upcoming Summer Family Weekend, a three-day public celebration taking place from 14 to 16 August 2025, in honour of this year's country partners — Argentina and Chile.

Hosted at the centrally located the Teen Hub (the green-roofed building adjacent to the Fire Station), the free event invites families to take part in a family-friendly cultural experience packed with hands-on workshops, immersive activities, film screenings and more. Designed for children aged 4 to 15, the weekend will also offer educational elements built around exploration, creativity and cultural exchange.

EVENT DETAILS:

- **Dates:** 14–16 August 2025
- **Time:** Daily from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- **Venue:** Teen Hub (green-roofed building next to the Fire Station)
- **Ages:** Children 4–15 and their families
- **Admission:** Free with online registration to yocpress@qm.org.qa
- **Parking:** Complimentary and valet parking available

WHAT TO EXPECT: A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY AND FUN

Creative Workshops

- *Moai Clay Sculptures* – Shape and sculpt figures inspired by Chile's iconic Easter Island.
- *Fabric Traditions of Argentina* – Explore ancient weaving techniques and natural dyes made from turmeric, beetroot, and more. Kids will create fabric tote bags using traditional pattern with Gabriela Salvino, long-time early childhood educator from Argentina.
- *Art & Nature from Chile* – Discover Chile's flora and fauna through daily art sessions with Chilean educator Lisbeth Pino Westermayer, crafting birds, flowers, and forest animals using a bilingual, hands-on approach.
- *Explore Qatari Culture with Dadu* – On August 15 and 16, Dadu, Children's Museum of Qatar will offer Make Your Own Batoullah and Make Your Own Falcon Hood workshops.

Adventure and Play

- *Night Skies* – Explore the night sky and the stories it tells from across the globe.
- *Erupting Candy Volcano* – A fun and fizzy science activity inspired by South America's volcanic landscapes.

Cinema Zone

- In partnership with the Doha Film Institute, enjoy a selection of Made in Qatar **family-friendly films**. Discover new stories that nurture curiosity and cross-cultural understanding.

Collaborative Mural

- Contribute to a giant collective artwork that will grow over the weekend—a colourful memory created by every child who participates.

Move and Connect Through Dance



- Learn the **Chacarera**, a joyful Argentinian folk dance, led by María Paula Reyes Ortiz and María Cristina Ortiz Murcia, a mother-daughter duo from Qatar's Latin American folkloric ballet and long-time educators in Doha.
- Join Daniela Bedmar from the Language Center of Hamad Bin Khalifa University—Chilean educator and community leader—as she teaches the **Cueca**, Chile's national dance, blending rhythm, movement, and tradition.

Language Hot Spot

- Try your hand at basic Spanish through playful “Say it in Spanish” and “Test Your Spanish” sessions, great for beginners of all ages, with support from Marcela Lozano at the Language Center of Hamad Bin Khalifa University.

Taste of Latin America

- Explore the **Food & Beverage Zone**, featuring a variety of traditional snacks and refreshing drinks available for purchase. Enjoy flavours from empanadas to alfajores and more.

Future Careers: Veterinary Science & Equine Care

- Led by Benjamin Uberti, Senior clinician at the Equine Veterinary Medical Center, this 45-minute workshop introduces youth to veterinary science, highlighting equine care's cultural and scientific importance in Qatar, Argentina, and Chile.

The event is part of **Qatar Argentina and Chile 2025 Year of Culture**, which is designed to promote respect and understanding among diverse peoples by engaging across all aspects of culture, recognising it as the fabric of our daily lives.

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About Years of Culture

The Years of Culture initiative, chaired by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, spearheads long-lasting cultural partnerships between Qatar and other nations. It exists to promote respect and understanding among diverse cultures and serves as a catalyst for bringing people together, nurturing connections, encouraging dialogue, and deepening understanding. At its heart, Years of Culture celebrates the power of cultural exchange, which enriches Qatar's ties with partner countries beyond the dedicated year.

Each year is organised with support from Qatar and partner countries' cultural institutions, ministries, foundations, and private and public sector partners, with assistance from Embassies in Qatar and abroad. Programmes are tailored to explore the unique nature of each partner country with a focus on cultural heritage, creative industries, social and economic development, and innovation.

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, Qatar-USA 2021, Qatar-MENASA 2022, Qatar-Indonesia 2023, and Qatar-Morocco 2024.

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