



Arriving in Doha

Many of you have asked what happens when the plane lands. Go through Immigration, not the GCC line, with your Visa and Passport. Once your luggage has been collected, walk through the double doors and look for the Marriott stand or the person holding the sign with your country's name on it. The Marriott provides your transportation to and from the airport. *Do not walk out of the airport without finding the Marriott representative.* Like all airports, it is very hard to get back into the arrival area once you have left.



Spices at Souq Waqif



Transportation to
and from the airport-
Just Kidding!

Clothing

It is very important to be sensitive to the dress code in Qatar and although tourists are not expected to cover up completely there are a few things all WSDC participants should be conscious of.

- Girls/Women

The most important thing to remember is that shoulders and knees must be covered and low cut tops should be particularly avoided.

It is not necessary to cover the lower part of the leg but girls may choose to wear dark or opaque tights or leggings underneath their skirts if they are concerned and crop trousers are perfectly acceptable. Again there is no problem showing the lower part of the arm but the shoulder must be fully covered and preferably not with material which is partly or fully see through. The best way to cover up is to bring a light jacket or simply wrap a scarf/pashmina around the shoulders.

- Boys/Men

Shorts/trousers should cover the knee and clothes in general should be respectful and not have rude or inappropriate slogans or images viable. As with girls, shirts and T-shirts should cover the upper arm.

- In General

Sandals are perfectly acceptable for both men and women.

Both men and women can wear their normal bathing suits etc to the pool or on the beach but they should be fully clothed when walking through the hotel.

Although the temperatures in Qatar may be warmer than other countries in February, it is still winter so evenings are cooler and on occasions so is the day. There is air conditioning in nearly every building which can often be on very high, making the temperature very cold inside, so it is worth while bringing some warmer clothes to take off the chill.

There will be an organized excursion to the desert and it will be cold after the sun sets.

This dress code applies to all events including the opening and closing ceremonies and the break night party.

Registration

Registration is closed. No more participants or observers will be added. This takes the total number of teams to 57, a WSDC record! Teams will be released after the draw is completed on 1 February



Oryx Sculpture



Sunrise

Clothing for Specific Events

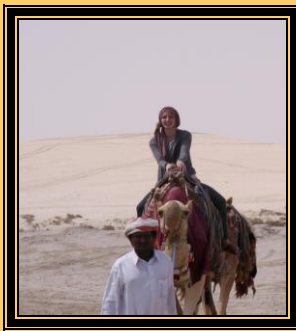
Opening Night- National Dress or Formal Wear adhering to the clothing expectations above since there will be many Qatari dignitaries present.

Debates- Debating uniform or smartly dressed. If your uniform includes a skirt, leggings are most appropriate to wear as well.

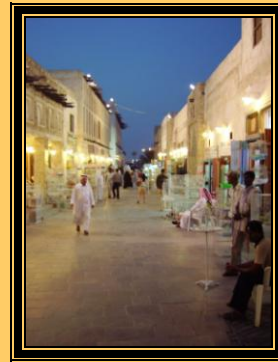
Break Night- Casual, still adhering to the clothing expectations above.

Desert Safari- Casual (suggest jeans or trousers if you want to ride a camel)

Closing Night- Formal Wear, adhering to the clothing expectations above since there will be many Qatari dignitaries present.



Camel Riding



Souq Wakif

Schedule

Monday 8th February

Teams arrive and check into hotel

Tuesday 9th February

Briefing Day
Afternoon Tours
Opening Ceremony Evening Dinner
National Attire Should Be Worn

Wednesday 10th February

Debate Round 1
Debate Round 2

Thursday 11th February

Debate Round 3
Debate Round 4

Friday 12th February

Morning Free
Afternoon Desert Safari

Saturday 13th February

All day Tours / Events
Evening Debate Round Zero

Sunday 14th February

Debate Round 5
Debate Round 6

Monday 15th February

Debate Round 7
Debate Round 8

Tuesday 16th February

Octo Finals

Wednesday 17th February

Quarter Finals
Semi Finals

Thursday 18th February

Morning Free Time
Grand Final
Closing Ceremony Dinner

Friday 19th February

Teams check out from hotel and depart
Doha



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Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do about money?

ATMs are easily available everywhere in Qatar, including the lobby of the hotel. There is no reason for you to bring money in advance.

What meals do I need to pay for?

3 meals a day are included in your registration fee. This begins with dinner on 8 February. The only food you need to buy are snacks for yourself. There will be a café-type snack shop set up in the hotel.

What is the weather/climate like?

The average temperature for Qatar in February is 12-28 degrees Celsius. This month (January) the daytime temperature is consistently in the high 20's. But, the evenings can be chilly and the air conditioning is on in most building, so bring a light sweater or jacket.

Are there cheap laundry facilities near the hotel?

Unfortunately not

What are the regulations on alcohol?

Alcohol cannot be brought into the country.

In Qatar the legal drinking age is 21. Alcohol is only served in hotels, in certain bars and restaurants. They scan your passport when you enter. Alcohol is not available in shops for non-residents.

What evening activities will there be?

A large game room will be set up in the hotel. The hotel also has tennis courts, a swimming pool, soccer area, volleyball nets, and is on the beach. Some nights will have shuttles to and from Souq Wakif and the local shopping malls where there are cinemas and ice skating rinks.

Is the Internet accessible and free?

Internet is available in your hotel room for 1 computer per room. There will also be computers with Internet access set up in the hotel for those participants who do not have their own.

Is the country safe?

Qatar is one of the safest countries in the world!

When will a detailed schedule be available?

A detailed schedule will be available upon your arrival.



Local Architecture



Artwork in Schools