



Exterior views of Grand Hyatt Doha



A 5-star hotel with tradition

OVERLOOKING the Arabian Gulf are the 249 guestrooms and suites at the palatial paradise, the Grand Hyatt Doha. This five-star hotel presents majestic interiors of Italian marble and gold, an extensive array of leisure facilities and traditional Arabic restaurants and cafés for all to enjoy. I recently made the long-overdue visit to the Grand Hyatt Doha to see just what the hype was all about!

Upon arrival, I was whisked away to the Private Club Lounge where I was swiftly checked in and given my handwritten 'welcome letter' personally signed by front-desk manager, Rebecca Hong. During check-in, I took some time to relax in the fabulously exclusive Club Lounge. This luxury, private lounge is available for all residents of the hotel suites with continental breakfast served weekdays till 10.30am (weekends 11am), complimentary juice, tea and coffee throughout the day and beverage and canapés between 6 and 8pm.

As I opened the door to my Grand King Suite I was astonished by its enormity. Greeted with an enormous living space and office, leading into a bedroom, walk-in wardrobe and bathroom. The 80 square-metre spacious corner suite offers expansive sea views from your private balcony, equipped with dining table and chairs, perfect for a lazy Saturday morning breakfast.

My in-room experience was second to none, with the addition of several features exclusive to booking a suite at Grand Hyatt Doha: the complimentary pressing service for one item per day, 24-hour concierge service and complimentary airport transfer.

At Grand Hyatt Doha guests benefit from indoor and outdoor pools, a 400-metre private beach, and renowned Jaula spa and state-of-the-art gym. For those who enjoy sports, there is a selection available such as volleyball, kayaking, paddle-boarding and a host of water sports. Alternatively for those who prefer to relax in the sun, there is a poolside service offering select beverages and snacks although from my



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experience, it can be rather slow.

Discover the unparalleled beauty of Doha and majesty of living well at the winner of World Luxury Spa Awards 2014 and 2015, Jaula spa (open 9am-10pm). The facilities include 8 spa suites, several VIP hydro-spa suites and even VIP couple suites with private pools. So, why not indulge in one of the invigorating spa treatments on offer at Grand Hyatt Doha?

During my stay I indulged in a chocolate and coffee wrap (QR450 for 45mins) to be kind to my skin. I would highly recommend the treatment, but then again I would recommend any treatment at this spa!

Guests enjoy a broad selection of international cuisine and local flavours at the hotel's restaurants. Al Maha is the meeting point of the hotel. It is located at the centre of the lobby where guests can relax and enjoy breakfast, snacks and beverages all day. Then there is the winner of the renowned *Fact Awards* Favourite Middle Eastern Restaurant 2015, Majlis – popular for its contemporary take on Arabian cuisine and shisha service. This famed hotel features many more restaurants, such as the winner of *Time Out* and *Fact Awards* Best South East Asian Restaurant 2015.

This November, the hotel will feature some huge events that you just don't want to miss. Fan of Frank Sinatra? On November 18, the hotel will be celebrating the Sinatra Centenary in the Al Silia Ballroom. The exclusive 2-hour concert will be headlined by British jazz and swing sensation Matthew vanKan along with The vanKan band, dancers, showgirls and some extra special guests!

For the full package, including 3-course meal, unlimited beverages, silver tickets are available for purchase now (QR496). Call 4448 1123 for reservations!

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