

Saudia to launch matchday shuttle flights to Doha during FIFA WC 2022

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Jeddah : Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) will operate shuttle flights to Doha from multiple cities during FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

An agreement was signed between SAUDIA and Qatar Airways to operate shuttles from Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam to the Qatar capital. The airline has already started taking bookings.

In May 2022, five Middle Eastern airlines, including Qatar Airways, flydubai, Saudia, Kuwait Airways, and Oman Air, announced that they will be offering special shuttle flights to Doha during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 later in 2022.

The amount of accommodation available in Qatar has been subject of much discussion, as has the rising cost of hotel rooms in the country and elsewhere in the region.

Travel to the event in Qatar is another flashpoint, with airlines offering hundreds of shuttle flights in and out of the country every day and a visit visa is needed for anyone flying in to attend games.

In addition, a multi-entry visit visa for the UAE has been announced. Anyone visiting Qatar will need a Hayya Card to enter the country. From November 1, the UAE will offer any Hayya cardholder a multiple-entry tourist visa is available for a one-off AED 100 fee.

Also as part of its push, Qatar Tourism has launched a new holiday campaign led by English footballer and model David Beckham, as it seeks to attract more than six million visitors a year by 2030.