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Banana Island

Situated in the Arabian Gulf, 11 kilometres from Al Shyukh terminal on the Corniche of Doha, Banana Island Resort Doha by Anantara is an exclusive 13-hectare island that comes with a promise of serene bliss, family adventures and ocean thrills.

A B S O L U T E t r a v e l

This glorious 900m crescent of private golden beach has its own marina and reefs and is accessible by private catamaran. Once you arrive, you'll find your own personal paradise with over-water villas, an Anantara Spa, nine dining options, a cinema theatre and a tranquil lagoon pool.

Banana Island offers 141 rooms, suites and villas, which combine soothing sea views with modern amenities for a blissful stay. Choose a space to suit you, all teaming with sumptuous Arabian style in every detail. From the Over Water Villas to private dining terraces, you are sure to find relaxation in luxury surroundings. The elegant and sophisticated accommodation is each include a flat-screen TV, an outdoor seating area and a minibar. The villas make for ideal destinations for entertaining and multigenerational holidays, with each coming with a large living room and each bathroom is decked out with Anantara signature amenities, a relaxing bathtub and shower.

Exceptional gastronomy is high on the agenda at Banana Island Resort, with a breathtaking array of restaurants to choose from. You can dine at a different restaurant every single day, should you wish to, experiencing flavours from around the world at each visit.

Treat all your senses at Zest, the chocolate and pastry café. Sip on mouthwatering beverages and nibble tasty creations and find a versatile menu of fresh, delicious dishes served from morning to night. For global flavours, visit Azraq, or 'blue' in Arabic. It's an all-day dining destination where buffet and live cooking stations showcase Middle Eastern, Asian and international cuisine with a touch of traditional Qatari flair. Delight in breakfast favourites, light à la carte options and a live grill station offering kofta, steaks and seafood for dinner. Health conscious guests are treated to wholesome options as part of the buffet and à la carte menus, all designed with your well-being in mind.

Al Nahham enjoys a dramatic setting perched at water's edge, where an iconic thatched pavilion leads through to a stunning deck with views across the Arabian Gulf. Explore local flavours and spices with a selection of mezze from around the region and end your evening with a selection of shisha out under the stars.

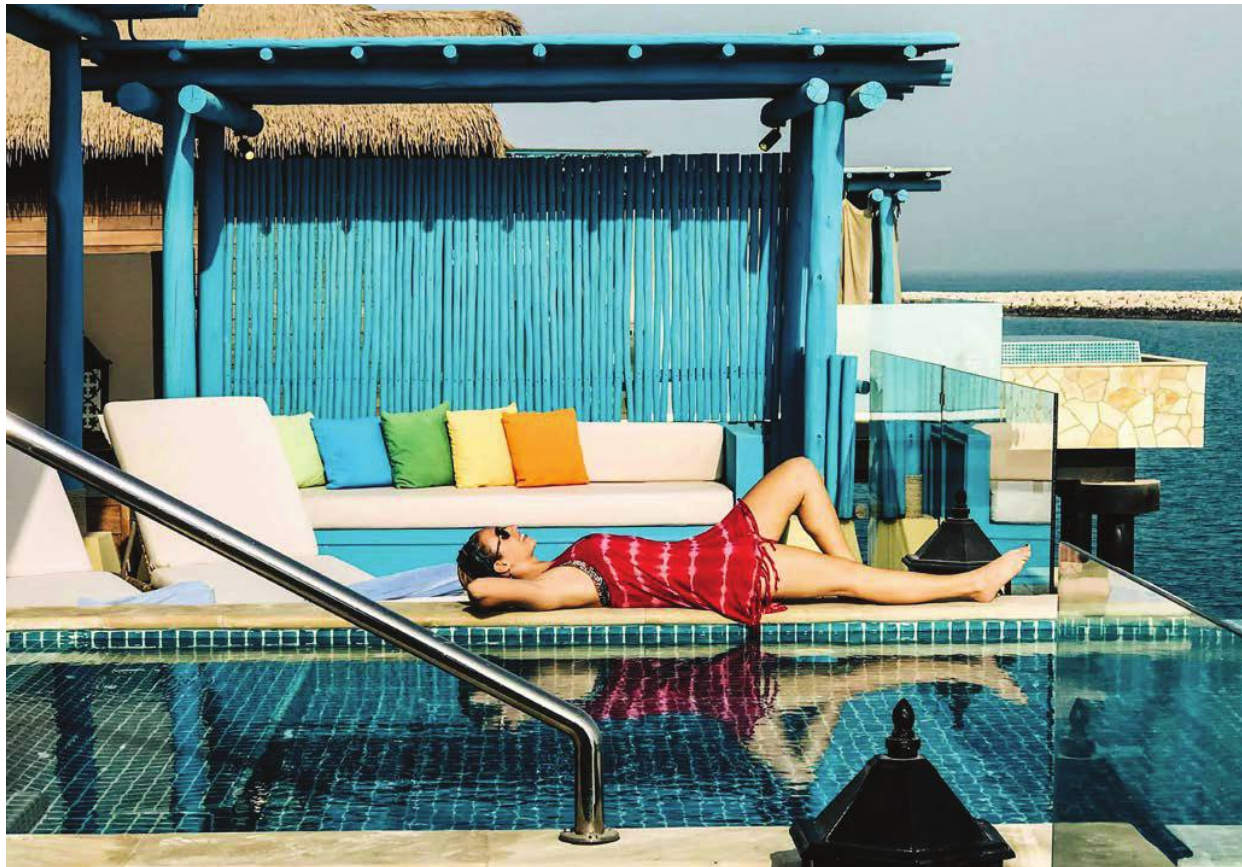




For some Mediterranean flair, make a booking at Riva where you can savour the flavours of Italy served up fresh and with panache. Dine indoors or out on the garden terrace overlooking the Gulf, the restaurant's magnificent soaring architecture a distinct backdrop. If you're travelling with the youngsters, then they will delight in taking part in the children's pizza making classes!

For a full family, relaxed setting, drop by Ted's Diner. Here you'll find a nostalgic slice of Americana awaits you. Hop into a booth and order a burger and shake, choosing from signature Oreo, Rocky Road and mint choc chip flavours. The private dining area is perfect for kids' birthday parties, with entertainment for all ages.

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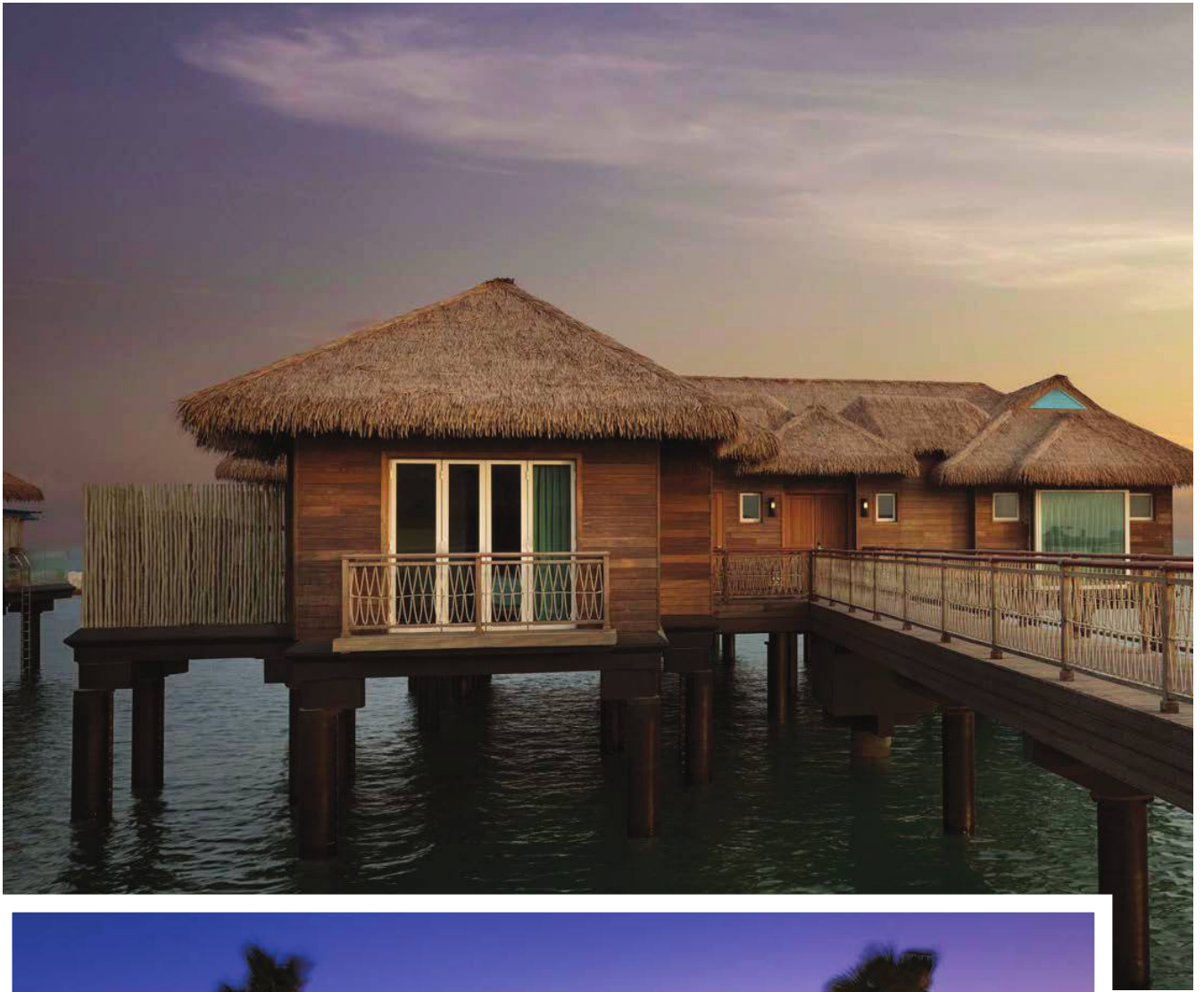
If you are looking for a more intimate and bespoke dining setting, Banana Island Resort offer customised culinary journeys known as 'Dining by Design'. This is a signature Anantara experience that offers guests the freedom to dine outside their restaurants for a unique experience. Choose from a collection of connoisseur menus or craft a brand new one. Cherish an unforgettable occasion as you select a dream setting complemented by a beautiful table and flawless service.

When dining at Banana Island Resort, it's impossible not to be inspired by the ingenuity, flavours and innovation demonstrated and created by the chefs. For the aspiring chefs amongst their guests, Spice Spoons Cooking Classes are hosted at the resort, taking you on a culinary adventure through the colourful culture and traditions of Arabic food cuisine. Enjoy an option for table set up and napkin folding class and learn about the unique balance of flavours as you prepare a series of authentic dishes. Whether you are an experienced cook or a beginner, you will leave with wonderful memories and impressive new skills to entertain family and friends.

In respect with the local culture and tradition of Qatar, Banana Island Resort is an alcohol-free atmosphere, making it the perfect destination to detox, revitalise and reenergise. To help you do this, the resort offers a host of activities suitable for the whole family. Spend quality time with the little ones as you surf, dive, golf, bowl or cinema. Race across lagoon waters with a host of motorised water sports or pay a visit to the golf course and tennis court, available near the property. You'll even be able to keep the younger guests entertained at the Cool Mint Children's Club and Peppermint Teens' Club, which have a wide range of toys and interactive games.









For those looking for a little rest and relaxation, unwind in the Middle East's only wellness centre in a resort setting, spread across lush botanical gardens; the Anantara Spa. Here you will discover a diverse treatment menu that captures Doha's ancient tribal roots, as well as a souk heritage of vibrant sights, scents and sounds. Experience a traditional Turkish hammam or melt into massages inspired by Thai wellness and desert landscapes. The spa features four single treatment suites, each with a steam room, three couples' suites, a Thai massage suite, Moroccan and a Turkish hammams. You'll also find an indoor pool to exercise in and once you've burnt off some energy, take a plunge in the ice well or visit the sauna, Jacuzzi and steam room. Don't forget to visit the private facial treatment, manicure and pedicure room, should you wish to get spruced up and pampered.

The ideal time to visit Qatar is between October and early April which comprise of winter and early spring. These months are also best for enjoying outdoor and water activities and exploring Qatar's beaches. As one of the region's leading cultural capitals, Qatar offers everything from world-class golfing, incredible shopping, historical sites, the undulating desert and beautiful beaches.

The high temperatures (touching 50°C in July-August) coupled with a 90% humidity restricts outdoor activities during summer, but there is still plenty to do within many of Qatar's well-fitted indoor facilities.

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