



International Council for Arts Deans INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Doha, Qatar • May 25 – 30, 2025

Optional addition of another cultural immersion
experience in Abu Dhabi, UAE • May 30 – June 2, 2025



VCUarts Qatar Dean Amir Berbic and the board of directors of the International Council for Arts Deans invite you to join us for an international summer symposium, an informative cultural immersion and educational experience shared by colleagues who are also arts deans and administrators in higher education.

Education City is home to branch campuses of eight leading educational institutions, a homegrown research university, start-up incubators, technology parks, heritage sites, cultural institutions, the Qatar Foundation and the Qatar National Library. Playing the lead role in arts education and blending the innovative spirit and high standards of their home campus with the bold originality and deep traditions of Qatar is VCUarts Qatar. Celebrating 25 years in Qatar, VCUarts programs provide an art and design education that helps students cultivate creativity, probe possibilities, fearlessly question, surpass limits, set new standards, and most importantly, make an impact.

The five-night, four-day program in Doha includes the meals noted on the itinerary, museum and venue admissions, hotel and transportation in the registration fee of \$1,600. Early Birds Save! After November 1, 2024, the registration fee will increase to \$1,900. The price is a per person price based on two people sharing overnight accommodations. The price for single occupancy is slightly higher: \$1,800 through October and afterward \$2,000.

The five-night, four-day program in Abu Dhabi will include breakfast each morning, lunch each day and hors d'oeuvres two evenings, private museum tours, and venue admissions noted on the next page, hotel and transportation in the registration fee of \$3,299. Early Birds Save! After November 1, 2024, the registration fee will increase to \$3,499. The price is a per person price based on two people sharing overnight accommodations. The price for single occupancy is slightly higher: \$3,699 through October and afterward \$3,899.

The total registration fee for both experiences, if reserved prior to the end of October 2024 is \$4,899.





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Sunday, May 25, 2025

Plan to arrive early to relax and adjust to the time change after many hours of travel. A copy of *Qatar Cultural Guide* will be waiting for you. Enjoy exploring Souq Wakif on your own, safely at any hour. With its mud-daubed buildings, the market on the banks of the Wadi Musheireb harkens to a bygone era while remaining a hub of activity, Souq Wakif's winding alleys offer a tableau of traditional street life, and opportunities to visit with camels and see a hospital specializing in the care of falcons. Our hotel, Al Wadi Hotel Doha – MGallery, offering an outdoor pool, workout area, and multiple places to relax with food and drink (including a rooftop lounge), is a short walk from the popular Souq. The Symposium registration fee includes Sunday – Thursday nights' stay at the Al Wadi Hotel.

Monday, May 26, 2025 (B, L, R)

9am - 5pm*

- National Museum of Qatar
- Architecture Afternoon

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 (B, L, R)

9am - 4pm*

- Museum of Islamic Art
- Artists' studio

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 (B, L)

9am - 6pm*

- Education City
- VCUarts Qatar
- Matahf: Arab Museum of Modern Arts
- Qatar National Library

Thursday, May 29, 2025 (B, R)

on your own

- Msheireb Museums
- Pre-reserved optional activities
- Sunset Cruise on a traditional dhow

Public art will be part of each day's travels. Qatar's commitment to cultural excellence extends to a range of impressive public art installations featuring thought-provoking works by well-known international artists.

Friday, May 30, 2025 (B)

Return travel home, or:

Optional additional cultural immersion experience Friday, May 30 – Tuesday, June 2, 2025:

with travel home on Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Abu Dhabi and Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The registration fee includes:

- airfare from Doha to Abu Dhabi
- Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, tentatively with Emirati guest speaker
- Private tour of Emirates Palace including a Beehive Tour and lunch at Lebanese Terrace
- The Louvre Abu Dhabi
- Abrahamic Family House
- NYU Abu Dhabi
- Sorbonne Université Arts and Humanities
- College of Arts and Creative Enterprises, Zayed University
- Guggenheim Abu Dhabi (*if the new museum has opened*)
- Manarat Al Saadiyat
- Sunset reception at Ray's Bar on the 62nd floor of Etihad Towers
- Qasr Al Hosn
- Qasr Al Watan
- A day trip to Dubai where we will visit Museum of the Future; enjoy lunch at the Art Gallery of ME by Melia; have a private Dubai Opera Grand Tour; and sunset cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at At.Mosphere at Burj Khalifa

This tentative agenda is continually evolving;
however, activities are more likely to be added than to be removed.

B – Breakfast • **L** – Lunch • **R** – Reception with hors d'oeuvres

*Approximate times are subject to change.

Our hotels offer full breakfast buffets for you to enjoy before we begin our days.