

May	Ramadan	Day	Imsak	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
26	10	Sat	03:06 am	03:16 am	4:47 am	11:35 am	03:02 pm	06:23 pm	07:53 pm

Iftar with cab drivers across Bahrain



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As part of its ongoing commitment to the Holy Month of Ramadan, Marriott International celebrated the ninth annual 'Iftar for Cabs' initiative at participating Marriott hotels in the Middle East, including

three in Bahrain. During the hour of Iftar on Wednesday cab drivers who drove through the main entrance of Sheraton Bahrain Hotel, The Westin & Le Meridien City Centre Bahrain received complimentary Iftar packs to break their fast. Catering teams at each hotel pre-

pared Iftar packs which included a diverse selection of food and beverage items. Associates from across various departments within the hotels, including Catering, Administration and Guest Services joined forces to bring the 'Iftar for Cabs' initiative to life.

Launched in 2010, the 'Iftar for Cabs' initiative has turned into an annual tradition for many cab drivers throughout the region. The initiative has been widely appreciated by hotel owners, local communities and transport authorities. "We thank the cab drivers who sup-

port our hotels throughout the year. Iftar for Cabs embodies the spirit of Ramadan and we are extremely proud of our hotel teams as they unite to give back and recognise important members of our community," said Guido De Wilde, Chief Operating Officer, Middle East, Marriott International.

Best Ramadan destinations

Here is a carefully collated list of Ramadan-friendly cities to visit during the month of fasting. Vacationing in these destinations will offer you the opportunity to explore each city's uniquely local Ramadan practices and customs, while being fully immersed in the essence of Ramadan. We spoke to travel app Wego who gave us their list of the top 5 places to visit.



Compared to European countries and other northern destinations, Malaysia has fewer daylight hours during this time of the year, which will be great for those fasting from dawn till sunset.



Zanzibar, Tanzania

Escape the summer heat by heading to the Zanzibar Archipelagos that boast crystal blue waters of the Indian Ocean and unspoilt white beaches. Also not to be missed are the beautiful mosques in the historical Stone Town, on this island paradise getaway. Alternatively, just opt for a relaxing sail on a traditional local dhow.



Baku, Azerbaijan

The capital city of Baku is prized for its picture-perfect scenery as well as its delightful old-world charm. If you love architecture, get ready to experience a cityscape that has the best of Paris and Dubai. And once you are done sight-seeing, pick from the city's wide range of restaurants that serve special iftar menus.



Amman, Jordan

This cosmopolitan and young metropolis offers a halal-friendly and quiet vacation spot; loaded to the brim with cultural gems such as historical ruins, museums, souks and mosques. It also forms a great base for exploring highlights of Jordan, such as Petra and Wadi Rum.



Almaty, Kazakhstan

Visit Almaty for its great weather and luxurious hammams. You could also catch world-class ballet and opera at strikingly low prices. And if you want to experience a bit of snow in the peak on the Middle Eastern summer, head to the popular Medeu outdoor ice skating rink, situated at an altitude of almost 1,700 metres.



Alexandria, Egypt

Give the tourist-traps of Cairo a miss, and head over to the port city of Alexandria. Bibliophiles can read to their hearts' content at the famous Library of Alexandria, where a copy of every book published in the world is kept. To soak in some history you could also visit some interesting Roman catacombs, the site of the Pharos (the great lighthouse) and a stunning Roman amphitheater.