

## Qatar Airways - A Review

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David Bolland recently flew with Qatar Airways between Manchester and Manila, transiting in Doha.

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### My Thoughts

I love Qatar Airways.  
The flights were all on time and we even arrived into Manila early.

Qatar have become a lot stricter with their hand baggage allowance and my hand baggage was weighed upon check-in at Manchester airport. They wrote tags for my baggage with the exact weight of each piece, apparently for tamper prevention measures.



**Manchester airport** was empty at that time of night and many of the airport shops were already closed. Some restaurants and bars were open though.

**Doha airport** is a great place to connect plenty of Qatar staff to meet the flight and direct passengers to their next flights. We didn't pass through security again, which sometimes happens in the Middle East.

A small train runs between some of the gates that were further apart and there are travelators for anyone not wanting to stretch their legs. Signage scrolls between Arabic and English and there are plenty of duty free shopping.

There is a **hotel** inside the airport terminal for longer connections however, pre-booking is essential.

We landed at 2330 into **Manila Airport**.

Immigration wasn't busy, but sometimes it is at that time of night. There is free wifi in the airport, although it's not reliable. The yellow taxis outside can be expensive as the journey is metered by time and distance and Manila traffic can be very heavy. White taxis (metered by distance only) can be obtained from the upper level (departures) terminal one, however they can be picky

about which fares they accept.

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I can't really fault anything about Qatar airways.

Really excellent entertainment system with plenty of variety, something for everyone from the latest Hollywood blockbuster to World Cinema highlights, food is very good, with a good balance of choices for Western and Eastern palates, friendly multi lingual staff, modern spacious aircraft.

Announcements in English and Arabic.

The only very minor downside is that flying times have become slightly longer later due to the current political climate.

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*"This time my hand baggage was weighed at check-in in Manchester and It was explained that QR are very strict with hand baggage allowance now."*

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