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# This was totally unplanned for, but it was a nice revisit to Doha, which I hadn’t seen since back in 2008.

# The first leg to Doha went uneventful. Arriving in Doha is when the problem started. Trying to check-in for my long flight to Auckland, NZ, I was denied. The immigration in NZ has fairly new transiting rules were everyone has to have a transit visa now called NZeTA (similar to what USA imposed a few years back.). With the help of a ground staff, we set about to apply electronically. They had a more costly option 148 $ where one was supposed to get an approval within 3 hours. This did of course not happen. I was forced to stay overnight then in Doha.

# Managed to arrange for a stay at VIP Hotel in the center. Having spent all day to try and sort out flight options as my approval had not yet been granted, I then in the late afternoon eventually after a lot of push mad contact and finally got my approved transit visa. I then hired a limousine service for a 3-hour guided tour around the city of Doha. I went again to the airport some 3 hours before departure, hoping all would go well, and this time I was allowed a boarding pass and off I went on this 15.5 h flight to Auckland.

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# Doha and Qatar

Qatar hosted the World Cup Football games a few years back. Not without controversy, as this small nation has not really been involved in Football on a larger scale previously, However, money and pulling the right strings seemed to tip the scale in Qatar’s favor this time.

Qatar was a British protectorate between 1916 and 1971, when it became independent. Out of the 2.6 million inhabitants almost 2.3 million are expatriates, primarily from Southeast Asia. Qatar has earned its riches from natural gas and oil and is one of the world’s largest exporters of liquefied natural gas.

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