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A WORLD of difference

» Smallest host nation set to stage first ever winter World Cup

Whatever the next month brings, the 22nd football World Cup will be one of the strangest.

It is the first World Cup to be staged in the Middle East, and host nation Qatar will be the smallest country to have staged the global football event.

Sitting on a peninsula in the Persian Gulf, Qatar is barely 100 miles long and 50 miles wide. It has a population of around 2.7 million people – slightly fewer than Greater Manchester.

But the most unusual aspect of the tournament, which runs from November 20 until December 18, is that it is the first to be staged during the northern hemisphere winter.

The event was switched from its usual summer slot because of the extreme heat at that time in the Middle-East. Temperatures will still be higher than many players are used to performing in, and many of the newly-built stadiums feature air-conditioning systems.

The timing means top-level club foot-

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ball in England and Wales, as well as many other competing nations, will be paused while many of the clubs' leading players are representing their countries in Qatar.

The World Cup final will be on December 18, just a week before Christmas Day, and the Premier League programme will resume on Boxing Day.

Qatar won the right to stage the World Cup when the sport's governing body,

Fifa, chose it ahead of a joint bid by Canada, the United States and Mexico.

Disgraced former Fifa boss Sepp Blatter has recently said the decision was wrong because of Qatar's size, while there have also been criticisms of the country's human rights record and its treatment of the many immigrant workers brought in to build the new stadiums.

On the field, the timing means national team coaches will have little time to prepare, with their squads only coming together barely a week before the start of the tournament.

England will hope to shake off a recent slump in form while Wales are eagerly anticipating taking part in the World Cup for only the second time.

As so often, five-time winners Brazil will start as favourites, with Argentina, France and Spain their main rivals.

Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium will also be in the hunt, with England hoping to break into that group and Wales aiming to spring some surprises.

THE FINALS

1930, Uruguay

Uruguay 4-2 Argentina

Only 13 teams entered the inaugural World Cup – and just four from Europe. The hosts beat their traditional rivals, Argentina, in the final after both had won their semi-finals 6-1, Uruguay beating Yugoslavia while Argentina overcame the United States.

1934, Italy

Italy 2-1 Czechoslovakia

(after extra time)

With 36 applications to enter, qualifying was staged for the first time and 16 teams made the finals. It was the only World Cup at which the holders did not play after Uruguay boycotted the event in protest at the poor European entry four years earlier. Angelo Schiavio scored Italy's extra-time winner after they were held 1-1 after 90 minutes by Czechoslovakia.

1938, France

Italy 4-2 Hungary

Italy retained their title when they beat Hungary in the final in Paris, strikers Gino Colaussi and Silvio Piola scoring twice each. Coach Vittorio Pozzo remains the only man to lead the same team to two World Cup triumphs.

1950 Brazil

Uruguay 2-1 Brazil

After the 1942 and 1946 competitions were cancelled because of World War Two, the World Cup returned in Brazil. Uniquely, the deciding game was not actually a final. Four teams qualified for a final round-robin group and Uruguay regained the title when they beat the hosts in the last game. England entered the competition for the first time but did not make it out of the first-round group stage. They beat Chile 2-0 in their first game but were then beaten 1-0 by both the United States and Spain.

1954, Switzerland

West Germany 3-2 Hungary

Hungary had hammered West Germany 8-3 in their group game before they met again in a final known as the Miracle of Bern. All-time great Ferenc Puskas was among the Hungarian scorers as they led 2-0 after only eight minutes but Germany drew level with the game still only 19 minutes old. Helmut Rahn then scored his second goal of the game six minutes from time to put Germany ahead. Puskas thought he had made it 3-3 and the referee indicated a goal, but Welsh linesman Sandy Griffiths flagged for a dubious offside.

Which England will turn up?

» Southgate's men aiming to end slump

It is not long since Gareth Southgate was being hailed as England's best manager since 1966 World Cup winner Alf Ramsey.

The former defender, himself capped 57 times for England, led the national team to the semi-finals of the last World Cup, where they were pipped 2-1 after extra time by Croatia.

That was England best performance at the global event since reaching the same stage at the gripping 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Reaching the last four of the 2018 World Cup was followed by getting to the final of the last European Championship, where they lost to Italy at Wembley, and England then went unbeaten as they topped their qualifying group for this year's World Cup, winning eight and drawing two of their 10 matches.

Since then, though, things have taken a turn for the worse. England are without a win in their last six games – three defeats and three draws – making it their worst run of results for 30 years.

And with little time to prepare because the World Cup falls in the middle of the domestic season, England head to Qatar surrounded by plenty of question marks.

Southgate's task has not been made any easier by a series of injuries. Chelsea wing-back Reece James failed to make the squad because of a knee injury, while fellow defender Kyle Walker has only just recovered from an operation and his Manchester City team-mate Calvin



England captain Harry Kane

Phillips has barely played this season because of injury.

There are concerns, too, about England captain and centre-forward Harry Kane. He won the Golden Boot as top scorer at the last World Cup and is now only two behind all-time England record scorer Wayne Rooney's 53 goals for his country.

But Kane has played every game for Tottenham this season and his club manager, Antonio Conte, described him as being "really, really tired" after he failed to complete a recent training session.

A revitalised Kane will be crucial to England's hopes.

ENGLAND SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Jordan Pickford (Everton), Nick Pope (Newcastle), Aaron Ramsdale (Arsenal).

Defenders: Harry Maguire (Manchester United), Luke Shaw (Manchester United), Eric Dier (Tottenham), John Stones (Manchester City), Kyle Walker (Manchester City), Kieran Trippier (Newcastle), Conor Coady (Everton), Ben White (Arsenal), Trent Alexander-Arnold (Liverpool).

Midfielders: Jude Bellingham (Borussia Dortmund), Mason Mount (Chelsea), Conor Gallagher (Chelsea), Declan Rice (West Ham), Jordan Henderson (Liverpool), Calvin Phillips (Manchester City).

Forwards: James Maddison (Leicester), Phil Foden (Manchester City), Jack Grealish (Manchester City), Harry Kane (Tottenham), Bukayo Saka (Arsenal), Raheem Sterling (Chelsea), Callum Wilson (Newcastle), Marcus Rashford (Manchester United).



Dragons set to bring the noise

Wales may be among the underdogs in only their second World Cup – and first for 64 years – but there will be no mistaking their passionate fans.

Rob Page's side qualified through the play-offs to reach their first World Cup since competing in Sweden in 1958, where they lost 1-0 to eventual winners Brazil in the quarter-finals.

There were remarkable scenes after qualifying as the fans, many in their distinctive red, yellow and green bucket hats, sang the country's iconic national anthem and the emotional folk song Yma o Hyd, which has been adopted as Wales' official World Cup song.

And there was an emotional moment, too, when Page announced his squad. While Group B rivals the United States announced theirs at the top of the Empire State Building in New York, Page did so

at a humble hall in his home village of Tylorstown in the Rhondda valley.

Tylorstown is barely three miles from the neighbouring village of Pentre, home of Jimmy Murphy, who was Wales manager at the 1958 World Cup.

There were sighs of relief for fans when Page was able to include some senior players who had been doubts because of injury.

Captain and star player Gareth Bale admitted he was less than 100 per cent fit despite scoring in Los Angeles FC's MLS Cup final win a few days earlier.

Joe Allen, the 32-year-old former Liverpool midfielder now with Swansea City, was also included despite not having played since September because of a hamstring injury. Page admitted Allen may still not be fit for Wales' opening game against the United States on November 21.

WALES SQUAD //

Goalkeepers: Wayne Hennessey (Nottingham Forest), Danny Ward (Leicester City), Adam Davies (Sheffield United).

Defenders: Neco Williams (Nottingham Forest), Ben Davies (Tottenham), Ben Cabango (Swansea), Joe Rodon (Rennes, on loan from Tottenham), Chris Mepham (Bournemouth), Ethan Ampadu (Spezia, on loan from Chelsea), Chris Gunter (Wimbledon), Connor Roberts (Burnley), Tom Lockyer (Luton).

Midfielders: Aaron Ramsey (Nice), Joe Allen (Swansea), Harry Wilson (Fulham), Joe Morrell (Portsmouth), Dylan Levitt (Dundee United), Rubin Colwill (Cardiff), Jonny Williams (Swindon), Matthew Smith (MK Dons), Sorba Thomas (Huddersfield).

Forwards: Gareth Bale (Los Angeles), Dan James (Fulham, on loan from Leeds), Kieffer Moore (Bournemouth), Mark Harris (Cardiff), Brennan Johnson (Nottingham Forest).

THE FINALS

1958, Sweden

Brazil 5-2 Sweden

Pele burst onto the world scene at the age of 17, scoring twice in the final to bring his tally for the tournament to six. Uniquely, all four home nations qualified. England and Scotland went out at the group stage while Wales and Northern Ireland lost in the quarter-finals.

1962, Chile

Brazil 3-1 Czechoslovakia

Brazil retained their world crown thanks to goals from Amarildo, Zito and Vava in the final. They had beaten England in the quarter-finals. It was the first World Cup at which there were an average of fewer than three goals per game, and that has been the case at every World Cup since.

1966, England

England 4-2 West Germany (after extra time)

Having under-performed in previous World Cup appearances, England made the most of home advantage as they went unbeaten before Geoff Hurst became the first man to score a hat-trick in the final. It remains the only major tournament the England men's team has won.

1970, Mexico

Brazil 4-1 Italy

Brazil were allowed to keep the Jules Rimet Trophy after becoming the first country to win three World Cups. Their win over Italy is rated as arguably the greatest World Cup final, capped by a sublime team goal finished off by full-back and captain Carlos Alberto. England, the UK's only qualifiers, lost to Germany in the quarter-finals, 3-2 after extra time.

1974, West Germany

West Germany 2-1 Netherlands

The first of two World Cup final disappointments for the Dutch purveyors of 'Total Football'. English referee Jack Taylor gave the Netherlands a penalty after only two minutes, which was scored, but then gave the Germans one as well to equalise before legendary striker Gerd Muller scored the winner. England failed to qualify while Scotland exited at the group stage.

1978, Argentina

Argentina 3-1 Netherlands (after extra time)

The football-mad hosts finally won their first World Cup amid another blow for the Dutch. As in 1974, England failed to qualify while Scotland again went out at the group stage.

THE FINALS

1982, Spain

Italy 3-1 West Germany

Italy striker Paolo Rossi was the competition's top scorer with six goals, including one in the final, only months after returning from a two-year ban for match-fixing. Among the highlights was Italian midfielder Marco Tardelli's ecstatic goal celebration. Scotland went out at the first group stage and England and Northern Ireland at the second.

1986, Mexico

Argentina 3-2 West Germany

All-time great Diego Maradona led Argentina to their second World Cup triumph, but is remembered here for his infamous 'Hand of God' goal in the 2-1 quarter-final win over England. Scotland and Northern Ireland failed to make it out of their first round groups.

1990, Italy

West Germany 1-0 Argentina

A late penalty by Andreas Brehme gave West Germany revenge for their final defeat four years earlier. It was England's best performance since 1966 but there was penalty shootout heartbreak against West Germany in the semi-final. The Republic of Ireland – in their first World Cup and under the management of Jack Charlton – reached the quarter-finals, where they were narrowly beaten by hosts Italy. Scotland once again went home after the group stage.

1994, United States

Brazil 0-0 Italy

(aet; Brazil won 3-2 on penalties)

Brazil's fourth World Cup success came when they won the first final to be decided by a penalty shootout. After slugging it out in a goalless game, two of Italy's greatest ever players, Franco Baresi and Roberto Baggio, were among those who missed penalties at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

1998, France

France 3-0 Brazil

Hosts France won the World Cup for the first time when they swept Brazil aside in the final. It was a traumatic night for Brazil, who had initially left superstar Ronaldo out of their final line-up. Under enormous pressure, the forward was said to have suffered a seizure before the game, but he was restored to the team 45 minutes before kick-off. England suffered more penalty shootout woe, this time against Argentina in the round of 16, while Scotland, in their eighth and last World Cup appearance to date, finished bottom of their group yet again.

HOT SHOTS

» Five world stars going for goal in Qatar

LIONEL MESSI

Argentina

164 caps, 90 goals

Despite winning 34 major trophies while with Barcelona and another couple since moving to Paris Saint-Germain, Lionel Messi's international career has met more limited success.

He was named player of the tournament at the 2014 World Cup, but finished on the losing side against Germany in the final.

In the Copa America, he captained Argentina to the 2021 title but they finished runners-up in his three other final appearances.



CRISTIANO RONALDO

Portugal

191 caps, 117 goals

The highlight of Cristiano Ronaldo's international career turned out to be a bitter-sweet moment.

He led Portugal to the final of the 2016 European Championship, but was forced to limp off injured only 25 minutes into the game against France. He was still able to lift the trophy after watching from the sidelines as Eder scored the only goal of the game.

As well as more than 700 club goals, Ronaldo's 117 goals at international level is a world record.



NEYMAR

Brazil

121 caps, 75 goals

There is always pressure on Brazil at the World Cup and nowhere more than on the man who wears the iconic yellow No.10 shirt.

The man under that spotlight is now Paris Saint-Germain and former Barcelona forward Neymar. Brazil may be a record five-time world champions, but he leads them in search of a first World Cup win for 20 years. They are favourites to end that drought and Neymar will be key if they are to succeed.



ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI

Poland

134 caps, 76 goals

The Poland captain is now 34 but remains a deadly goalscorer at club and international level.

After his early career in Poland, Lewandowski has had goal-laden spells with Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich in Germany and now Barcelona in Spain.

But he goes into the World Cup under a cloud. In his last game for Barcelona, a 2-1 win over Osasuna, Lewandowski was sent off for a second yellow card and faces the possibility of a long ban for making gestures about the referee.



ROMELU LUKAKU

Belgium

102 caps, 68 goals

The striker had a hit-and-miss career in the Premier League but has had no such problems as part of Belgium's golden generation of players.

He scored at almost a goal every other game for both Everton and Manchester United but had less happy times in his two spells with Chelsea and is now on loan at another of his former clubs, Inter Milan.

At international level, however, he has been a central figure as Belgium reached the top of the world rankings. They now stand second behind Brazil.



5 CLASSIC MATCHES

» Memorable moments at past World Cups

1966 World Cup final England 4-2 West Germany (after extra time)

In the days long before video assistant referees came the most controversial goal-line decision in World Cup history.

England were on the brink of a 2-1 win thanks to goals from Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters when Wolfgang Weber scored an 89th-minute equaliser to force extra time.

With 11 minutes of the added period gone, Hurst shot powerfully on the turn. The ball crashed against the bar and appeared to bounce down onto the goal-line. England claimed it had crossed the line and Russian linesman Tofiq Bahramov agreed, indicating a goal.

In the very last minute of extra-time, with West Germany pressing for another equaliser, Hurst broke away to blast in his third goal – still the only hat-trick ever scored in a World Cup final.

1970 World Cup, group 3 Brazil 1-0 England

The 1970 final, when Brazil beat Italy 4-1, is often rated the best World Cup final of all time – but there was a real classic earlier in the tournament when favourites Brazil took on defending champions England.

Brazil winger Jairzinho, who would go on to score in every one of his team's game, got the only goal but the game was also marked by two classic moments of defending.

Brazil star Pele (pictured) powered a header towards the bottom corner and started to celebrate a goal only for England goalkeeper Gordon Banks to hurl himself across goal and somehow flick the ball one-handed upwards and away to safety.

The second moment, with the game still at 0-0, saw England captain Bobby Moore produce a perfectly-timed tackle to stop Jairzinho as he closed in on the England goal.



1970 World Cup semi-final Italy 4-3 West Germany (after extra time)

What became known as the 'game of the century' had a modest start as Roberto Boninsegna's early goal seemed to have won it for Italy, only for Karl-Heinz Schnellinger to get a last-minute equaliser to force extra time.

That is when the game went mad. Germany captain Franz Beckenbauer had to play with his arm in a sling, having broken his collarbone after their substitutions had been used up, and he was helpless as five goals flew in within 17 minutes, Gianni Rivera scoring Italy's crucial fourth.

1982 World Cup semi-final France 3-3 West Germany (aet; W.Germany won 5-4 on pens)

A semi-final with six goals and a penalty shootout is bound to stick in the memory – but that isn't why this game is remembered.

With an hour gone, French substitute Patrick Battiston broke forward, only for German goalkeeper Harald Schumacher to race out of his goal and take a flying jump at Battiston.

The Frenchman lost two teeth, suffered three broken ribs and damaged vertebrae. Amazingly, Schumacher wasn't even booked and no foul was given.

2014 World Cup semi-final Germany 7-1 Brazil

Brazil have so often been the darlings of the World Cup but this time they were humiliated on home turf in Belo Horizonte.

Thomas Muller started the rout in the 11th minute and, incredibly, within 18 more minutes it was 5-0. Two second-half goals took it to 7-0 before Brazil scored a last-minute goal that was little consolation, with many of their players leaving the field in tears.

THE FINALS

2002, South Korea & Japan

Brazil 2-0 Germany

The first World Cup to be staged in Asia started with a series of shocks. Defending champions France went out in the group stage without scoring a goal, and they were followed by second favourites Argentina. China, Ecuador, Senegal and Slovenia all appeared for the first time but it was the big guns who once more reached the final, Ronaldo scoring both goals to make up for his personal drama four years earlier. England reached the quarter-finals and the Republic of Ireland the round of 16.

2006, Germany

Italy 1-1 France

(aet; Italy won 5-3 on penalties)

Italy's fourth World Cup success came thanks to a second final decided by penalties, but the tournament was marked by two famous red cards. In the quarter-finals, England had Wayne Rooney sent off for a foul on Portugal's Ricardo Carvalho before yet another penalty shootout defeat. In the final, the two goalscorers, Italy defender Marco Materazzi and French superstar Zinedine Zidane, squared up in extra time and Zidane was sent off for head-butting the big Italian in the chest.

2010, South Africa

Spain 1-0 Netherlands

(after extra time)

The first World Cup staged in Africa saw a first win for Spain thanks to Andres Iniesta's extra-time goal against the Netherlands, who were beaten in a final for the third time. A woeful England team were beaten 4-1 by Germany in the round of 16.

2014, Brazil

Germany 1-0 Argentina

(after extra time)

Mario Gotze scored the extra-time goal to win it for Germany but the game of the tournament came in the semi-finals when Germany thrashed hosts Brazil 7-1, five of their goals coming in the first half an hour. England were again poor and finished bottom of their group with a solitary point.

2018, Russia

France 4-2 Croatia

France's second World Cup final win came at the expense of first-time finalists Croatia, who had beaten a much-improved England side, 2-1 after extra time, in the semi-finals. Harry Kane's six tournament goals made him England's first Golden Boot winner since Gary Lineker in 1986.

STADIUM GUIDE

FACT SHED 1

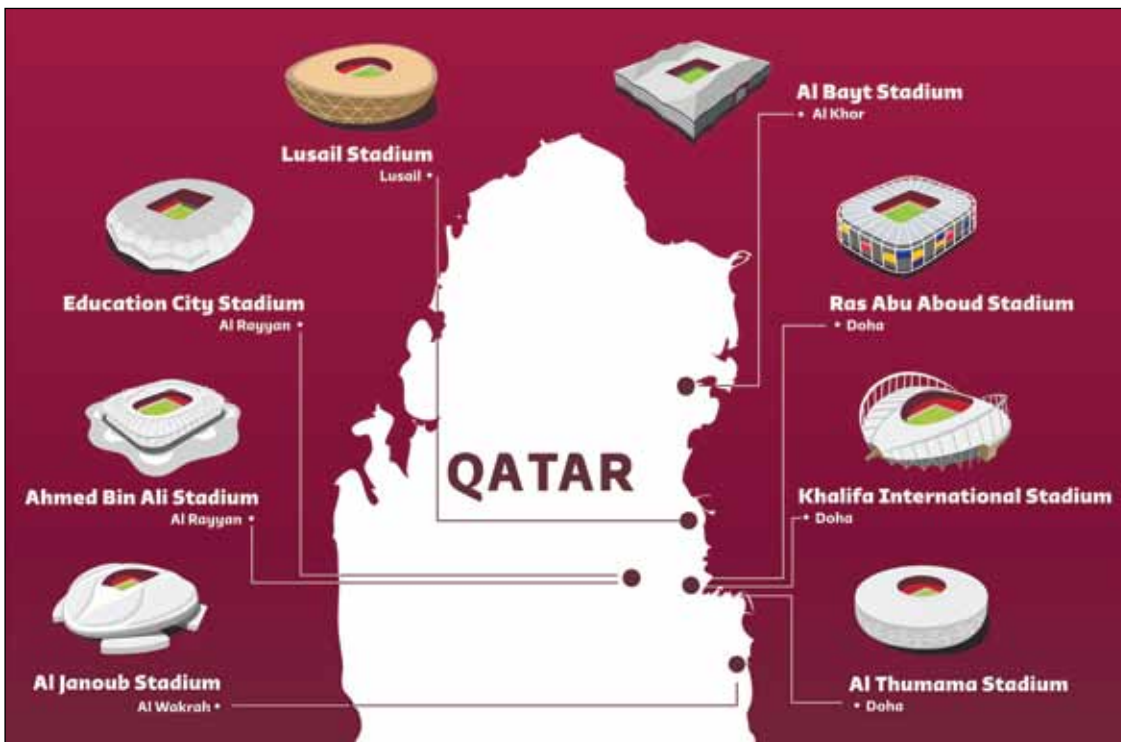
■ The 80,000-capacity Lusail Iconic Stadium will be the venue for the 2022 World Cup final on December 18. The date is Qatar's National Day, anniversary of the country's foundation in 1878.

FACT SHED 2

■ The Ras Abu About Stadium is also known as Stadium 974. It is a temporary stadium built from 974 recycled shipping containers and will be dismantled after the tournament – the first temporary stadium in World Cup history.

FACT SHED 3

■ The Qatari capital of Doha, where 80 per cent of the country's population lives, has three of the World Cup's eight stadiums.



WORLD CUP WALLCHART

» Complete match-by-match guide to Qatar 2022 from The News Shed

GROUP A

Sunday, Nov 20, 4pm
Al Bayt Stadium
Qatar v Ecuador

Monday, Nov 21, 4pm
Al Thumama Stadium
Senegal v Netherlands

Friday, Nov 25, 1pm
Al Thumama Stadium
Qatar v Senegal

Friday, Nov 25, 4pm
Khalifa Stadium
Netherlands v Ecuador

Tuesday, Nov 29, 3pm
Khalifa Stadium
Ecuador v Senegal

Tuesday, Nov 29, 3pm
Al Bayt Stadium
Netherlands v Qatar

GROUP B

Monday, Nov 21, 1pm
Khalifa Stadium
England v Iran

Monday, Nov 21, 7pm
Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
USA v Wales

Friday, Nov 25, 10am
Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
Wales v Iran

Friday, Nov 25, 7pm
Al Bayt Stadium
England v USA

Tuesday, Nov 29, 7pm
Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
Wales v England

Tuesday, Nov 29, 7pm
Al Thumama Stadium
Iran v USA

GROUP C

Tuesday, Nov 22, 10am
Lusail Iconic Stadium
Argentina v Saudi Arabia

Tuesday, Nov 22, 4pm
Stadium 974, Doha
Mexico v Poland

Saturday, Nov 26, 1pm
Education City Stadium
Poland v Saudi Arabia

Saturday, Nov 26, 7pm
Lusail Iconic Stadium
Argentina v Mexico

Wednesday, Nov 30, 7pm
Stadium 974, Doha
Poland v Argentina

Wednesday, Nov 30, 7pm
Lusail Iconic Stadium
Saudi Arabia v Mexico

GROUP D

Tuesday, Nov 22, 1pm
Education City Stadium
Denmark v Tunisia

Tuesday, Nov 22, 7pm
Al Janoub Stadium
France v Australia

Saturday, Nov 26, 10am
Al Janoub Stadium
Tunisia v Australia

Saturday, Nov 26, 4pm
Stadium 974, Doha
France v Denmark

Wednesday, Nov 30, 3pm
Al Janoub Stadium
Australia v Denmark

Wednesday, Nov 30, 3pm
Education City Stadium
Tunisia v France

GROUP E

Wednesday, Nov 23, 1pm
Khalifa Stadium
Germany v Japan

Wednesday, Nov 23, 4pm
Al Thumama Stadium
Spain v Costa Rica

Sunday, Nov 27, 10am
Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
Japan v Costa Rica

Sunday, Nov 27, 7pm
Al Bayt Stadium
Spain v Germany

Thursday, Dec 1, 7pm
Khalifa Stadium
Japan v Spain

Thursday, Dec 1, 7pm
Al Bayt Stadium
Costa Rica v Germany

GROUP F

Wednesday, Nov 23, 10am
Al Bayt Stadium
Morocco v Croatia

Wednesday, Nov 23, 7pm
Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
Belgium v Canada

Sunday, Nov 27, 1pm
Al Thumama Stadium
Belgium v Morocco

Sunday, Nov 27, 4pm
Khalifa Stadium
Croatia v Canada

Thursday, Dec 1, 3pm
Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
Croatia v Belgium

Thursday, Dec 1, 3pm
Al Thumama Stadium
Canada v Morocco

GROUP G

Thursday, Nov 24, 10am
Al Janoub Stadium
Switzerland v Cameroon

Thursday, Nov 24, 7pm
Lusail Iconic Stadium
Brazil v Serbia

Monday, Nov 28, 10am
Al Janoub Stadium
Cameroon v Serbia

Monday, Nov 28, 4pm
Stadium 974, Doha
Brazil v Switzerland

Friday, Dec 2, 7pm
Stadium 974, Doha
Serbia v Switzerland

Friday, Dec 2, 7pm
Lusail Iconic Stadium
Cameroon v Brazil

GROUP H

Thursday, Nov 24, 1pm
Education City Stadium
Uruguay v South Korea

Thursday, Nov 24, 4pm
Stadium 974, Doha
Portugal v Ghana

Monday, Nov 28, 1pm
Education City Stadium
South Korea v Ghana

Monday, Nov 28, 7pm
Lusail Iconic Stadium
Portugal v Uruguay

Friday, Dec 2, 3pm
Al Janoub Stadium
Ghana v Uruguay

Friday, Dec 2, 3pm
Education City Stadium
South Korea v Portugal

ROUND OF 16

Saturday, Dec 3, 3pm
Khalifa Stadium
1. Winner A v Runner-up B

Saturday, Dec 3, 7pm
Ahmad bin Ali Stadium
2. Winner C v Runner-up D

Sunday, Dec 4, 3pm
Al Thumama Stadium
3. Winner D v Runner-up C

Sunday, Dec 4, 7pm
Al Bayt Stadium
4. Winner B v Runner-up A

Monday, Dec 5, 3pm
Al Janoub Stadium
5. Winner E v Runner-up F

Monday, Dec 5, 7pm
Stadium 974, Doha
6. Winner G v Runner-up H

Tuesday, Dec 6, 3pm
Education City Stadium
7. Winner F v Runner-up E

Tuesday, Dec 6, 7pm
Lusail Iconic Stadium
8. Winner H v Runner-up G

QUARTER-FINALS

Friday, Dec 9, 3pm
Education City Stadium
QF1. Winner 5 v Winner 6

Friday, Dec 9, 7pm
Lusail Iconic Stadium
QF2. Winner 1 v Winner 2

Saturday, Dec 10, 3pm
Al Thumama Stadium
QF3. Winner 7 v Winner 8

Saturday, Dec 10, 3pm
Al Bayt Stadium
QF4. Winner 4 v Winner 3

SEMI-FINALS

Tuesday, Dec 13, 7pm
Winner QF2 v Winner QF1

Wednesday, Dec 14, 7pm
Winner QF4 v Winner QF3

3rd/4th PLAY-OFF

Saturday, Dec 17, 3pm
_____ v _____

WORLD CUP FINAL

Sunday, Dec 18, 3pm
_____ v _____

All kick-off times are shown in UK time