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Author A.C. Frieden Visits Doha, Qatar, a Growing Regional Commerce Hub

DOHA, Qatar (Mar. 3, 2017) – Chicago-based thriller author A.C. Frieden spent a short weekend in Doha, Qatar, visiting key sites that he intends to add to a future novel, either in the Jonathan Brooks series or the recently announced Kaden Black series. Frieden's research included visiting some of the city's most interesting sites, like the skyscrapers in the downtown financial district, the newest property developments (The Pearl, Porto Arabia, Bahriya, Qanat Quartier, West Bay, and Isola Dana) as well as the new Lusail City, a 15-square mile zone that includes four exclusive islands and multi-use areas for residential and commercial buildings and a port.



(Photo above) From his hotel room novelist A.C. Frieden overlooks modern skyscrapers along Doha's 4-mile long bayfront Corniche.

During his short stay, Frieden also visited the Museum of Islamic Art, a modern structure influenced by ancient Islamic architecture located on an artificial peninsula on the southern end of Doha Bay. The museum's collections include Islamic artifacts from the Persian Gulf region, North Africa, Turkey, India and Central Asia spanning a period of 14 centuries. It opened to the public in 2008.

Frieden also toured the Imam Abd al-Wahhab Mosque (also known as the Qatar State Mosque), a huge, modern mosque opened in 2011 that can accommodate up to 30,000 worshipers. Since it opened, the mosque has been the site of several highly controversial sermons by various religious leaders and has on numerous occasions been part of CIA surveillance missions.



*(Photos above) A.C. Frieden visiting the Museum of Islamic Art on the shores of Doha Bay.
(Photo below) The Al Fanar Qatar Islamic Culture Center located near the old town.*





(Photo above) Flying over The Pearl community, a large artificial island complex located on the north side of Doha that is expected to be house over 45,000 residents by 2018.



(Photo above) A.C. Frieden at Katara Beach, on the northern side of Doha.

About the author: A.C. Frieden is an international author of mysteries and thrillers, including the acclaimed Jonathan Brooks series. He is also an attorney, private pilot, scuba instructor, martial artist, equestrian and former biologist and military sniper. For more information, visit his website at www.acfrieden.com or follow him on Twitter (@acfrieden), Instagram, Facebook or his various blogs.

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