

# Arabian Nights

## **EVENT EXPERIENCE**

The Arabian Nights come alive as you feast your eyes on the Dance of the Veils by voluptuous belly dancers. Moroccan musicians enchant the crowd with music. White palm trees are grouped throughout the room, rich jewel-toned lighting creates an enchanting fantasy.

## **COLORS & TEXTURES**

This event will feature bright, rich jeweltoned colors.

## **INVITATION IDEAS**

- Create an ornate invitation with the • shadow of a palace or one of the iconic "onion domes" with the details within the outline
- Use black stock paper and have gold ٠ shimmery font
- For something unique, create a scroll and fasten with faux gems



THEME

Take guests on a magical adventure to Arabia for a night of royalty with dining, dancing and drinking fit for a king!

Hop on a carpet and soar through a hot Arabian night. Your guests will feel like the sands of time are turned in their favor. This theme provides an exciting evening like

no other.



# SETTING THE MOOD



## ENTRYWAY

As guests arrive, they will move toward the venue on a red carpet. On either side of the red carpet walkway, turrets, and columns will have it seem as if guests are stepping into the Sultan's palace. The ceiling will be draped in vibrant colors with gold tassels.

#### **PRE-FUNCTION AREA**

Guests will feel as they have stepped into an elegant Bedouin tent as they enter the pre-function area. This will be created by hanging drape in the ceiling to create a false ceiling of the room. Moroccan lanterns will also be hung in various spaces from the ceiling.

Seating areas will be created using colorful pillows and poufs. Small

groupings of these along with low flat couches will be placed around the room. Touches of greenery spaced throughout will pull the look together as soft Arabian music plays in the background.

#### MAIN ROOM

The illusion of Arabian Nights is inspired by a mysterious backdrop surrounded by sheets of colorful fabrics draped throughout the room. Beautiful feather towers will surround the space. A large tree draped with alluring fabrics and filled with hanging Moroccaninspired lanterns and glittering mirrors is the perfect setting for the desert nomads. Hanging garland, red ribbons, and an abundance of red flowers will finish the look in this room.









## STAGE AREA

The stage will be set with a stunning backdrop with elephants. Turrets and greenery will be added to the stage to finish off the look.

## DÉCOR

Ornate lanterns in bright colors and elaborate umbrellas will accompany rich colored fabrics draped across the ceiling. White palm trees will be lighted using bright colors. The floor will be lined with Persian rugs and camel statues and lanterns around the room will help set the mood.

## FURNITURE ACCENTS

An iron canopy can be draped with sheets of amazing fabrics, transforming it into a Moroccan Caidal Tent. Here, guests will feel like kings and sultans sitting atop luxurious pillows and cushions. Beneath the tent, a low mosaic table will be adorned with oil lamps, candles and gold coins. Exotic Arabian music will play in the background.

#### CENTERPIECES

There are a several options for centerpieces:

- Henna lamps
- Centerpieces of hookah pipes are an unexpected touch
- Moroccan Lanterns in different sizes
- Genie Lamps
- Centerpieces with white ostrich feathers





## ENTERTAINMENT



## DINNER SET UP

Your guests will feel like Moroccan sultans and princesses sitting at an exotic trio of rich table settings with bold shimmering table linens adorned with brightly colored napkins.

Buffet tables will have brass vases, pots, cups, and beads while cocktail tables will be dressed in colorful satin linens with shimmering overlays.

Dinner will feature Moroccan, Turkish, or Lebanese catered food. Desserts for the evening could be Baklava, Turkish Delight, or Umm Ali.

### BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK

Camels flank the beverage oasis where oversized goblets hold the specialty drink of the night. Drinks for the evening could feature mint or coffee flavors or use a twist on olive or oranges which play a key role in cuisine in the region.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Actors dressed in white dresses or robes with gold belts fan your guests with palm fans as they drink and eat their foods. Snake charmers, fire jugglers, aerialists, belly dancers, an authentic band to play your background music, and a henna tattoo station are great options for this theme.

## PHOTO OPS

An Arabian backdrop comes alive with a flying carpet placed in front of it so that guests can have photos taken on the "flying carpet".