



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 is about deep, rich colors: Reds, oranges, purples, yellows, bright greens and golds.

INVITATION IDEAS

These invitation ideas could be created by your preferred local advertising or marketing company. If you really have it in you, you could also make them yourself.



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



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- 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 shimmery font
- For something unique, create a scroll and fasten with faux gems

ENTRYWAY

The entryway can be made out of turrets and columns with a red carpet running through it, as if guests are stepping into the Sultan’s palace. Swag the ceiling with purples, orange, hot pink drapes and gold tassels. Swags should be not only the length of your entry but criss crossed across the ceiling. You can’t use too much drape on this theme.

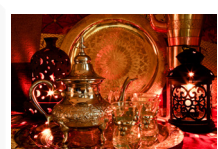
PRE-FUNCTION AREA

For the pre-function area, have it set as an elegant Bedouin tent. Create a tent-like feeling by hanging swags of drape across the ceiling; colorful drape would work best. At points where the drape pulls up, add ornate Moroccan lanterns.

Create seating areas using brightly colored pillows and poufs (make sure these look classy and not cheap). Have these set up in different groupings along with flat couches very low to the ground. Add touches of greenery around the room to pull the look together.

Play soft Arabian music in the background.





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MAIN ROOM

Hang an Arabian themed backdrop and surround it with sheets of colorful fabrics hung around the room. Add feather towers around the perimeter of the room as well. Build a large tree and drape it with colorful fabrics and hang Moroccan lanterns and mirrors on the branches.

Add mirrored garland or crystal garland hanging from the ceiling to add that extra sparkle. Red ribbons and lots of red flowers will finish your look. WOW.

STAGE AREA

For the stage, set up a large backdrop with elephants. Remember to finish off the look by adding turrets on the corners of the stage in three sizes for each corner. Add greenery for the final touch.

DÉCOR

Ceiling treatment: Ornate lanterns in bright colors and elaborate umbrellas, along with rich colored fabrics, draped across the ceiling will set the mood. Create vignettes using white palm trees uplit in bright colors and camel statues or cutouts. Add lanterns around the room to maximize the effect.

Line the floor with persian rugs.

FURNITURE ACCENTS

Take an iron canopy and drape it with elegant fabrics. Beneath the canopy, place pillows and cushions. This will help create the effect of a Moroccan Caidal Tent. Place a low mosaic table with oil lamps, candles, and gold coins on top within the tent as well. Play exotic Arabian music in the background.





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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

DINNER SET UP

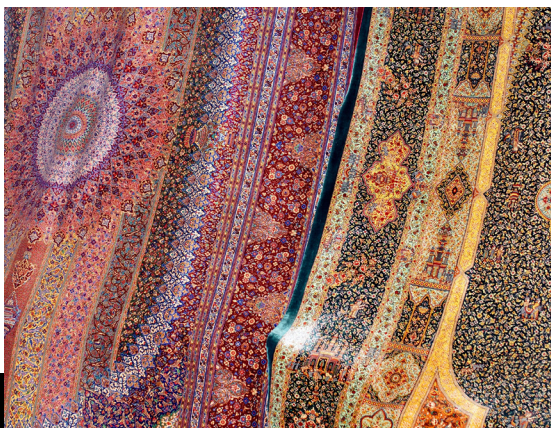
Your guests will feel like Moroccan sultans and princesses sitting at an exotic trio of rich table settings in a shimmering rich purple table linen with red napkins. Purple chair covers with red chair sashes will provide an exotic look. An iridescent orange table linen looks brilliant with purple napkins.

Finish with orange chair covers with an opulent purple chair sash. For the third table setting, use gold linens and hot pink napkins. Pair this with hot pink chair covers with gold ties.

Buffet tables could have brass vases, pots, cups, and beads. Cocktail tables are adorned with colorful satin linens draped with shimmering overlays.

Add lots of candles (battery operated) around the room and on the tables. Bring in Moroccan, Turkish, or Lebanese catered food. If feeling truly authentic, have guests eat without cutlery and rinse fingers in lemon and rose water dishes.

Dessert foods options include: Baklava, Turkish Delight, Umm Ali





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BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK

Place a camel cutout or statue on either side of the bar. Have bartenders serve drinks in large ornate goblets. (For a fund raiser, consider charging \$15 for a specialty drink in a fancy goblet they can take home.)

Remember, not everyone partakes in alcoholic drinks, so be sure you know your audience before offering specialty cocktail options. There are plenty of authentic non-alcoholic drinks you could feature, such as teas, coffees, and sodas from the region.

If you do choose to serve alcoholic drinks, get creative. Additions of mint to drinks or coffee flavored options are one idea. Otherwise, get creative and add drinks with olives and oranges as the main inspirational ingredient, as these are popular additions to cuisine

in the region. Ask your bartender to help you make something tasty and creative.

ENTERTAINMENT

This theme offers a wide variety of entertainment options. Hire actors to fan guests as they eat and drink. Snake charmers, fire jugglers, aerialists, belly dancers (consider having them teach belly dancing), an authentic band to play your background music, and a henna tattoo station are other good options.

PHOTO OPS

Have an area set aside for guests to take pictures. People always love having pictures to take home or that they can see on social media to look back on what a fun time they had at the event.





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supply list

How to determine which elements in each theme packages is right for you and your client:

- \$-\$\$\$\$ Some of the theme elements require a very small investment while others require a higher spend. You can guide your client and help them determine how to use their budget to achieve their desired result.
- Star ratings: Determine the impact your client wants to make. A one-star element in a theme package works well for simple and professional events, whereas a five-star element will leave your client and their guests in complete awe! There are many options in between, so you'll always have a way to meet your client's needs and goals.

Supplies	Source/Notes Vendor Suggestions	Price Range	Value
Invitations:			
Invitations	Create your own with items purchased at your local craft store or use a local print shop or advertising agency	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
Entryway:			
Turrets and columns	Check with your local décor company	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	****
Red carpet runner	Check with your local décor company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
Fabric swags	Check with your local décor company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	***



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Pre-Function:			
Elegant Bedouin tent	Shop Wild Things www.shopwildthings.com/fabedca.html#viewall	\$-\$	***
Ornate Moroccan lanterns	One Kings Lane http://bit.ly/1L6nlu9	\$-\$	****
Low couches	Trenton Trading Co. http://trentontradingcompany.com/	\$\$\$	**
Pillows and poufs	Boyles http://www.boyles.com/catalogsearch/result/index/?p=2&q=throw+pillows	\$\$\$	**
Greenery	Check with your decor company	\$\$-\$\$\$	***
Main Room:			
Backdrop	Backdrops Beautiful www.backdropsbeautiful.com/middle-east-backdrops/desert-city-1.html	\$\$\$	*****
Fabric	Check with your local decor company	\$-\$\$\$	***
Feather towers	Fancy Faces www.fancyfaces.com/Fancy_Faces_Decor/Mini_Towers.html	\$\$\$	
Moroccan lanterns	One Kings Lane http://bit.ly/1L6nlu9	\$-\$	***
Glitter mirror garland	Shop Wild Things http://www.shopwildthings.com/gaandst.html	\$	**
Crystal garland	Shop Wild Things http://www.shopwildthings.com/searchshopwildthings.html?catalog=shopwildthings&query=mirror+garland	\$-\$	**



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Stage Area:			
Backdrop with elephants	Backdrops Beautiful www.backdropsbeautiful.com/africa-backdrops/african-elephant-sunset-2.html	\$\$\$	*****
Turrets for stage	Check with your local decor company	\$\$\$\$	****
Greenery	Rent from your local florist	\$-\$\$\$	**
Décor:			
Ornate Lanterns	One Kings Lane http://bit.ly/1L6nlu9	\$-\$\$	***
Elaborate umbrellas	Luna Bazaar www.lunabazaar.com/paper-parasols.aspx?gc lid=CjwKEAjwluetBRD98L639p35p0QSJACC8BIKnfS5X92mbKmh5-ZTwCyN256my7h2Zj_O1ANh0QX9qhoCeCvw_wcB	\$\$	***
Camel statue or cutouts	Interior Gallery www.theinteriorgallery.com/pd-camel-statue.cfm	\$-\$\$\$\$	****
White palm trees	The Canvas Nursery www.thecanvasnursery.com/	\$\$\$	****
Lanterns	One Kings Lane http://bit.ly/1L6nlu9	\$-\$\$	***
Persian rugs	Check with your local decor company or Rugs USA www.rugsusa.com/rugsusa/control/newsearch?&cid=7003&PRICE_RANGE=100-199	\$-\$\$\$	****



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Furniture Accents:			
Iron Canopy	Check with your local decor company	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	*****
Mosaic tables	Check with your local decor company	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	****
Oil lamps	Chairish http://bit.ly/1L6pl5K	\$\$\$	***
Candles	Save On Crafts www.save-on-crafts.com/mercury-glass-candle-holder-set.html	\$	**
Gold coins	Foiled Again http://bit.ly/1L6pru5	\$	*
Centerpieces:			
Hookah pipes	Hookah-Shisha https://www.hookah-shisha.com/c-2-hookahs-hookah-pipes.html	\$\$-\$\$\$	**
Moroccan lanterns	One Kings Lane http://bit.ly/1L6nlu9	\$\$\$	*
Genie lamps	Chairish http://bit.ly/1L6pl5K	\$\$\$	***
Ostrich feathers	Fancy Feathers http://fancyfeather.com/feathers/ostrich-feathers	\$\$-	***



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Dinner Set-up:			
Shimmering purple table linens	Cloth Connection www.clothconnection.com/product-category/table-linens/?filtering=1&filter_color=38&filter_theme=	\$\$\$	***
Red napkins	Cloth Connection http://www.clothconnection.com/?s=red+napkins&post_type=product	\$	**
Purple chair covers	Cloth Connection www.clothconnection.com/product-category/chair-covers-treatments/?filtering=1&filter_color=38	\$\$-\$\$\$	***
Red chair sashes	Cloth Connection www.clothconnection.com/product-category/chair-ties-chair-bands/?filtering=1&filter_color=32	\$\$-\$\$\$	**
Iridescent orange table linens	Cloth Connection http://www.clothconnection.com/swatches/irid-taffetas-satins/apricot-iridescent-taffeta/	\$\$-\$\$\$	***
Purple napkins	Cloth Connection http://www.clothconnection.com/product-category/napkins/?filtering=1&filter_color=38	\$\$	**
Orange chair covers	Cloth Connection http://www.clothconnection.com/product-category/chair-covers-treatments/?filtering=1&filter_color=33	\$\$-\$\$\$	***
Opulent purple chair sashes	Cloth Connection http://www.clothconnection.com/product-category/chair-ties-chair-bands/?filtering=1&filter_color=38	\$\$-\$\$\$	**
Brass vases, pots, cups	Jamali Garden http://www.jamaligarden.com/detail/27792/2/metal/vases/8-x-9-1-2in-antique-brass-vase.php	\$\$	***
Beads	Fire Mountain Gems http://www.firemountaingems.com/	\$	**



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Dinner Set-up (continued):			
Satin linens	Cloth Connection www.clothconnection.com/swatches/irid-taffetas-satins/purple-iridescent-satin/	\$\$\$	***
Shimmering overlays	Express Linen Rental www.expresslinenrentals.com/tableoverlays.htm	\$\$	***
Candles	Quick Candles http://www.quickcandles.com/Red-Pillar-Candles-Unscented-s/1104.htm?Click=2&gclid=CjwKEAjoyvvtBRCdxyKqfL5nUISJACaugG1RuZzK45r-nL_59Jb3vwKT6lj5pxUBHG4g1rYF9BBRxoCfGzw_wcB	\$-\$\$\$	**
Candle holders	Hobby Lobby http://shop.hobbylobby.com/home-decor-and-framing/candle-holders-and-candle-plates/candle-holders/?color=Brown%7cWhite%7cGold%7cRed%7cSilver%7cBronze%7cOrange%7cPurple&pg=2	\$-\$\$\$	**
Bar and Custom Drinks:			
Camels	Interior Gallery http://www.theinteriorgallery.com/pd-camel-statue.cfm	\$\$\$\$	****
Oversized goblets	Amazon http://amzn.to/1Wj6E0x	\$\$	**



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Entertainment:			
Arabian music, Fire Juggler, Aerialists, Belly Dancers, Authentic Band	Nicole at Innovative Entertainment www.inn-entertainment.com	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Snake charmer	Local acting company or Nicole at Innovative Entertainment www.inn-entertainment.com	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Henna tattoo station	Your local entertainment company	\$-\$	****
Photo Ops:			
Flying carpet	Work with your photographer to create the flying carpet	\$\$	****
Arabian backdrop	Backdrop Fantastic www.backdropsfantastic.com/backdrop_themes/backdrops/Backdrop_AW003.htm	\$\$\$	****