



The Grand Mosque of Egypt - Opened in 2024



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A Magnificent Accomplishment

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Some interesting facts as context for your experience today.

Islamic architecture covers the architectural styles of buildings associated with Islam. It includes both secular and religious styles from the early history of Islam up to this day. The Islamic world embraces a wide geographic area ranging from western Africa to eastern Asia. And whilst there are common aspects shared across Islam, there are unique adaptations that distinguish different regions. Regions have developed their own style according to their history, political, social and economic influences on them. Artistic expression finds different avenues and nowhere greater than in Islam.

The Principles of Islamic Architecture

There are 7 unifying expressions within Islam which unite the approach to architectural expressions. These are: Tawhid (Unity), Ihtiram (Respect), Ikhlas (Sincerity), Ilm (Knowledge), Iqtisad (Balance), Haya (Modesty) Dhikr (Remembrance)

Islamic architecture is characterized by certain forms, decorative elements, and styles that include:

- **Forms:** Minarets, domes, muqarnas vaulting, and arches
- **Decorative elements:** Repeated patterns, intricate woodwork, and Arabic calligraphy
- **Styles:** Indo-Islamic, Moorish, Mughal, and Persian

The 3 main types of Islamic architecture

The main Islamic architectural types are the Mosque, Tombs, Palaces and Forts.

Some Essential Aspects of the Grand Mosque

- Covering an area of 250,000 sqm, the mosque can accommodate approximately 131,000 worshippers, a capacity only exceeded the two Holy Mosques in Mecca and Medina.



- The towering minarets (140 metres high) are almost as tall as Cairo Tower and have observation decks that overlook the new capital
- The main dome sits on the centre of the mosque; from the floor to the top of the dome, the space reaches a staggering height of 58 metres
- Every corner of the mosque is enough, both in size and detail, to be considered a mosque on its own. Each offers a unique view of the 32 metre wide dome, which had been assembled on the ground and then lifted up.
- Drawings by Egyptian artists and painters were painted on special fabrics which were then installed in place.
- The main chandelier (50 tonnes and the heaviest in the world) hangs midair under the dome, with lanterns offering a nostalgic aura within its Islamic star design.
- Ceilings of natural interlocking wood, inspired by various Islamic eras, each of which are depicted with all their intricacies. “
- Positioned on an elevated platform 24 metres high, Masjid Misr will offer a unique view of the new capital and its governmental district.



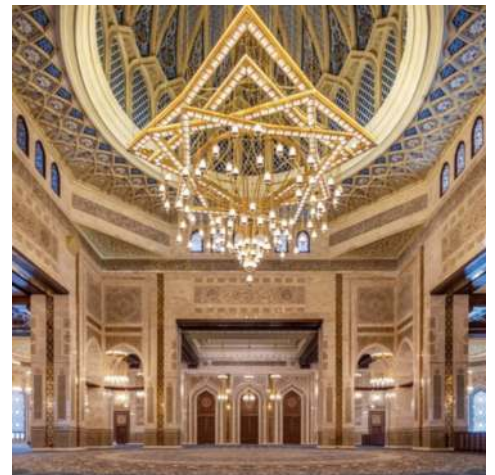
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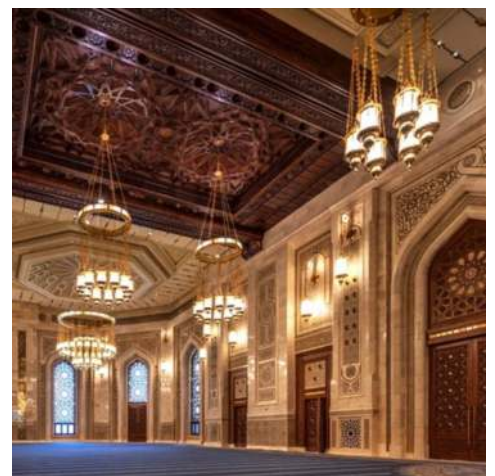
Architectural Grandeur

The Grand Mosque (otherwise known as **Masjid Misr**) is a truly feat that combines history, incredible architecture and design and which provides great insight into the diversity, talent and artistic scope of Islam. Your guide will give you a complete history of the mosque and you will also be free to wander the precinct and enjoy it all.



Traditional Islamic Architectural Features

Egypt's Grand Mosque draws influence from the scenery of the Nile combining modern design elements with traditional Islamic features. The mosque is modelled after a lotus blossom signifying purity and spirituality. Inside are calligraphy, intricate geometric designs, and other elements of Islamic creative culture.





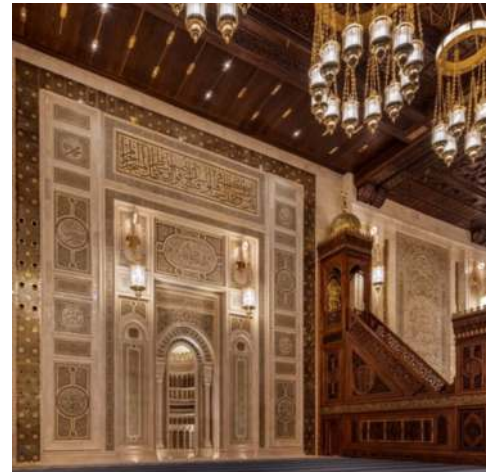
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Lunch

We enjoy taking our guests out for lunch because it's another way to experience Egyptian culture. We just want to make the following points. The restaurant that is part of this experience and as such we hope to give you more insight into Egyptian culture. We choose only the best restaurants and their cleanliness is our top priority when deciding where we will take out clients. We know you will enjoy it immensely and there are always vegetarian and non-vegetarian food options.





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