



Ahlan wa sahlan! Welcome, darlings, to our esteemed guide—the ultimate handbook for planning an Egyptian wedding like no other. As the illustrious mothers of the happy couple, we graciously invite you into our world of exquisite taste and impeccable standards. Prepare yourselves for a journey through the captivating pre-wedding rituals and the grandeur of the main event, all while adhering to our esteemed traditions. With our expert guidance, you shall orchestrate a wedding that will leave your guests in absolute awe, ensuring that your special day becomes a testament to unparalleled elegance and unassailable social prestige. Now, let us delve into the realm of wedding preparation fit for the upper echelons of society!





First thing's first! The groom's family is invited over to the bride's family's home to ask for her hand in marriage. Now, pay attention to the details, dears. It is <u>imperative</u> that they show up with a luxurious chocolate arrangement presented in the finest of silver trays. And oh, don't forget the flowers, they must be absolutely stunning!

> The groom's mother has to gift the bride-to-be with a piece of jewelry, usually a necklace...

diamond-incrusted of course!



Then, if all goes well, after dinner it's time to take the first official step. Both families join in reciting Al Fatiha, a sacred verse from the Quran, showering the couple with blessings.



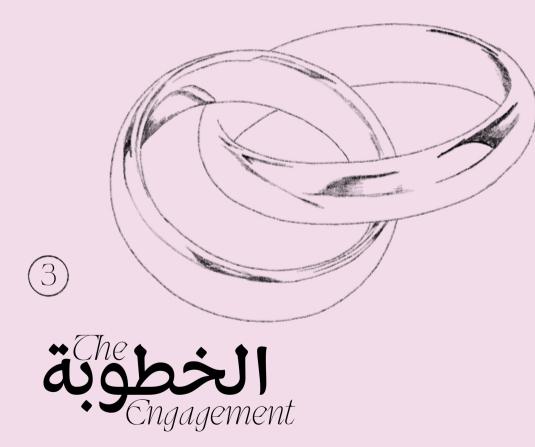
The groom has to present the bride with her Shabka or engagement gift, a tradition that dates back to Ancient Egypt! Yes, the Pharaohs! That includes two beautiful rings: the diamond wedding ring as well as the Mahbas, the exquisite diamond eternity ring.

> Remember, darling, when it comes to this momentous occasion, there's no room for hesitation. It's so go big or go home... <u>single.</u>

As for the engagement party, it is a lavish celebration hosted by the bride's family, at home or at a trendy venue.



Fifty to a hundred of the couple's friends and families witness the future bride and groom exchange their gold wedding bands.





The dress you choose for your special day will follow you for the rest of your life, dear. So, don't settle for anything less than extraordinary. Book a flight ticket with your mother to Paris, Dubai, New York, Beirut or Milano and get that beautiful custom-made designer wedding gown that you deserve!

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Oh our favorite part: the trousseau! Yes the bride does get to pick out <u>a whole new wardrobe</u> - obviously including a vast array of gorgeous lingerie sets to strut in during the honeymoon.

A new closet for a new beginning!





Now, let us delve into the most delightful of affairs—the Henna night, our equivalent of a bachelorette party. The bride's beloved female friends and relatives gather to celebrate her last hurrah as a single woman.

> In the spirit of merriment, we spare no expense. Picture it: a female DJ, belly dancing costumes, and suggestive desserts.

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<u>Elegance is our guiding principle</u>, dears, and so, no actual Henna application should take place.





You might think this is a detail but it's not, it's crucial. This hashtag (that you will display on a a huge neon sign at your venue) will be flooding timelines and captivating hearts during the days - or even weeks if you're lucky - following your wedding.

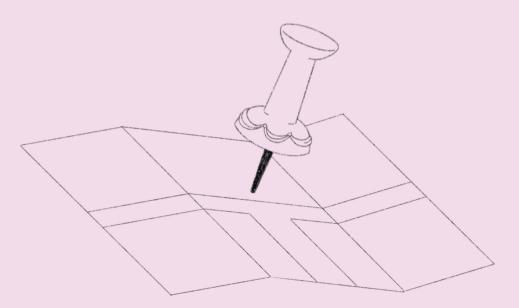
Find a clever pun using both of your names and make sure everyone uses it when posting pictures of your special day for <u>maximum exposure</u>



Location. Location. Finding the perfect venue, my dear, is an art form. You must secure a grand space that exudes elegance, sophistication and grandeur.

A palace! A massive boat overlooking the Nile! A 5-star hotel with a view on the Pyramids! Or even a sacred Pharaonic temple! Think of a venue that has never been used for a wedding before, stand out darling!

> Your wedding planner will transform the venue into a dreamlike paradise. Picture cascading floral arrangements, shimmering drapes, and colorful lights flickering on the dancefloor tiles. Your guests will feel as though they've stepped into a fairy tale!





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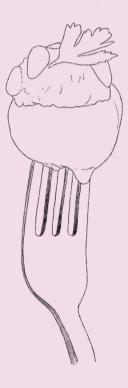
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Of course, there will be the classic bellydance portion of the evening, but not just any bellydancer, oh no! Must be a famous one, maybe Amie or Dina...

But now the main event! What's going to make your wedding stand out from all the others? The entertainment, of course! Who's the hottest international DJ right now? The most sought-after entertainment acts today? Go-go dancers from across the world? Cirque du Soleil? Whoever they are, make sure you secure them for your three-day wedding extravaganza or should we say: <u>the</u> social event of the century! Darlings, let's talk about food! Choose the hottest caterer in town for a grand buffet that can feed your thousand guests three times over.

No stinginess allowed!

Remember, chocolates and Marron glacé from Beirut, and cheese platters from France or Switzerland—don't embarrass yourself with local products.



Ah, the grand finale. A must-have for our distinguished celebration: an open bar. Spare no expense, dear ones. Engage the services of the finest mixologist in town, one who can create exquisite cocktails that will leave your guests in awe. Naturally, imported alcohol is the only acceptable choice. We simply won't settle for anything less.





Ah, the Zaffa procession! We musn't forget the traditions... we are still Egyptian after all, darlings. Picture this: a mesmerizing parade of adorned performers and rhythmic drummers. The radiant bride and dashing groom step into the venue, music fills the air, and cheers erupt from their adoring guests showering them with fragrant rice. You know this symbolizes a prosperous future!



As we bid you farewell, we hope this guide has equipped you with the knowledge and finesse to navigate the journey towards matrimony and plan a wedding that will be cherished for years to come. Remember, darlings, that perfection lies in the details. With our guidance, you are ready to embark on this remarkable journey and make us proud. And, of course, we fully expect an invitation to your exquisite celebration! Mille Mabrouk, dear!



