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Al Moudira Hotel

Luxor, Egypt

“The magic of Al Moudira resides in its whispering palm grove. It casts a dappled golden light over everything, is full of herbaceous scents and even the song of nightingales after dark”

Paula Hardy, Africa judge



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Credit: Al Moudira Hotel / Mark Anthony Fox

Marvellous Al Moudira is a 20-year passion project that has transformed a barren bit of desert into an oasis of swaying palms, fountain-filled patios and frescoed villas. This left-bank beauty, the brainchild of artistic founder Zeina Aboukheir, is now one of Egypt's first Relais & Chateaux properties and provides an incomparable atmosphere and access to Luxor's Unesco treasures.

Everything here has been constructed with respect for the past, thanks to Egyptian architect Olivier Sednaoui employing traditional materials and building techniques. Aboukheir's artful eye has conjured a series of fantastical scenes elaborated with hand-painted murals and textured Middle Eastern antiques – all rescued from crumbling Cairene and Alexandrian mansions.

Doubles from £223, B&B.