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Story Telling

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The Rebirth of a mythical hotel



Only at the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan,
a legend is never narrated… it is lived!

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A Glimpse of History

The story of the hotel begins across the world, when the Victorian empire was dominating the global scene by the second half of the 19th century. Founded by Thomas Cook, and triggered by the interested yet scrupulous British occupier who decided to dig deeper inside the mysteries of the Egyptian civilization, the first concrete hotel was built in the heart of Nubia, Aswan.

First legend related to the hotel is its name, as it refers to the old convention that the collision of the river Nile with the northernmost granite barrier of land is actually the ending point of the civilized world. Also, the name is inspired by the hotel's location, which overviews the island of Elephantine that witnessed the flourishing cult of Khnum, god of the cataract and inundation.

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Hotel Story

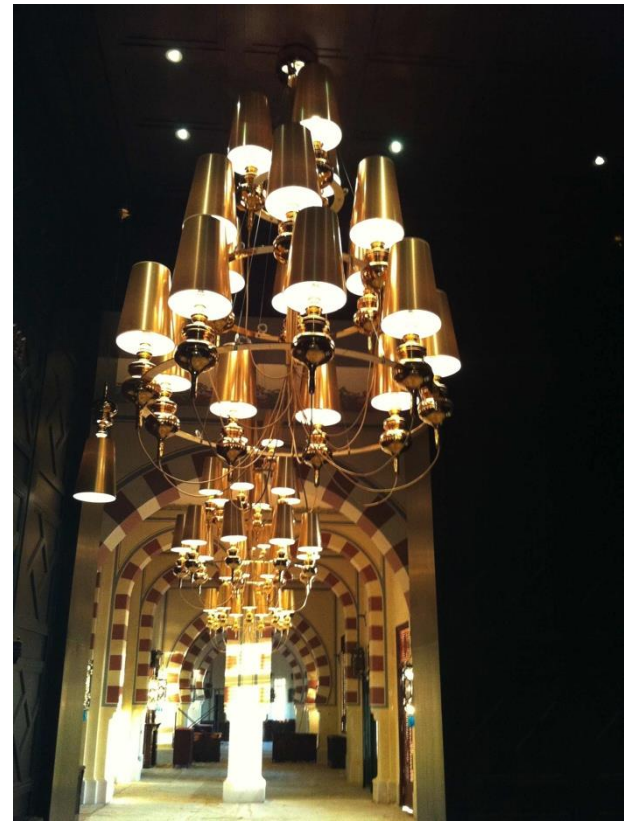
Just before the closure of the 19th century, The Old Cataract announced its inauguration in December 1899, featuring the latest state-of-the art amenities and luxury interiors that could accommodate 60 guests. By 1900, after undergoing a prosperous enlargement, the hotel could accommodate twice as many guests, and Aswan became the new campus for exploring travelers and meditation seekers.



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The second legendary feature of the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan is its series of significant events and golden guests list of celebrities that it has welcomed and hosted over eleven decades. The matchless interiors that were designed exclusively for the Old Cataract have won the hotel a name for combining heritage with style. Every time the sun completed an orbital rotation, the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan marked the Egyptian skies with a unique new star.



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Legendary People

Some prestigious guests that have frequented the hotel are Mohamed Chah Agha Khan III, the Tsar of Russia, Nicolas II; the Duke of Connaught, third son of Queen Victoria; Lord and Lady Cromer; Sir Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie. In addition to a chain of Egypt's royalties such as Khedive Abbas Helmy and King Farouk, the last king of Egypt.



…Writing a new page of the Legend

Indeed, if beauty is in the eye of the beholder, then history is embedded within the tiles of the Old Cataract….

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Enter the world of Sofitel Legend at the Old Cataract

Legendary People

Legendary Places

Legendary Stories



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Legendary Tour

The Palace Lobby

Legendary places

Mention Thomas Cook company as the hotel builder in 1889 and the VIP guests staying at the hotel at latest 19th Century. Describe the Moorish architectural design.

Legendary library with antique books and decor items.

Welcome ritual: local tradition, karkade (hibiscus) drink the check-in.



1902

Legendary people

Renown restaurant in the country, master piece of the Palace, inaugurated in 1902 to host a dinner with world politic representatives, King of Egypt, Queen's Elisabeth son, Winston Churchill…



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Legendary Tour

The Bar

Legendary people

British style bar, makes honor to Sir Winston Churchill. Inclusion of Legendary cocktails linked to famous guests preferences in the drink list

Exclusive cigars selection with cigar ritual – presentation, menu, cutting, service box, etc.



Fouad's Corner

Legendary moments

Located in the closest area of the Nile, used to be King Fouad's and his son's, The King Farouk, favorite dinning place. Specially dedicated to tailored made menus and romantic dinners.

The menu will be printed on a papyrus paper in advance for the guests to keep it as souvenir.



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Legendary Tour

The Terrace

&

Promenade

Legendary stories



Mrs. Agatha Christie inspired by the view from

The Terrace, related her famous novel, “Death on the Nile”. The movie based on the novel was filmed at the Old Cataract.

We offer a selection of 16 teas, and a tea tin as giveaway.

Old Cataract own tea blend to enhance the high tea experience. (TBD)



Legendary Tour

THE NILE WING

The Swimming Pools

Yasmine

So Spa – So Fitness



•**So Spa**

Special treatments Linked with Egyptian cultural heritage :

- Local ingredients : sha butter, coconut, orange peel, red clay, honey, yogurt, milk, spices
- Specific protocols : Pharaonic wraps, milk bath,-
- Egyptian high quality products Nefertari (vegetal oils) & Integration of French Cosmetic brands,



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Legendary Tour

THE PALACE & THE NILE

ROOM EXPERIENCE

Iconic Suites: Winston Churchill &

Agatha Christie

at the Palace, Ahga Khan in the Nile facing

The Mausoleum.

“Un Jardin sur le Nile” Hermes amenities.

Hermes created this perfume inspired

in Aswan and has been launched

in the Old Cataract.





