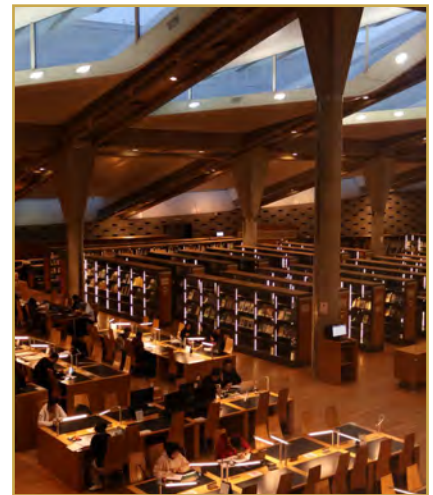
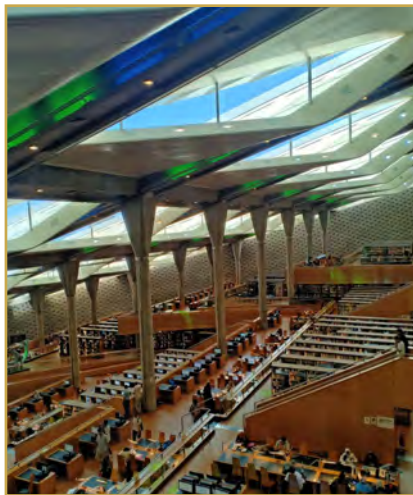


# BIBLIOTHECA ALEXANDRINA

Rebuilt on the same stretch of Alexandria's harbor as the fabled ancient Library of Alexandria, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina opened in 2002 as a bold modern tribute to the world's original center of learning. Designed by the Norwegian firm Snohetta, its tilted circular form evokes a second sun rising from the Mediterranean, with a granite facade carved in letters and symbols from more than 120 written scripts. Guests visit with a private guide to explore its vast reading hall, museums, and planetarium, connecting Egypt's ancient intellectual legacy to the present day.



## THREE WOW FACTS

- **120+ SCRIPTS**  
The library's 6,000-square-metre granite wall is carved with letters and symbols from over 120 writing systems, from hieroglyphs to Braille.
- **500,000 SCROLLS**  
At its height, the ancient Library of Alexandria is believed to have held around 500,000 scrolls, the greatest archive of the classical world.
- **A NORWEGIAN DESIGN**  
The striking tilted-disc building was designed by Snohetta, evoking a second sun rising from the Mediterranean Sea.



### Meet Rewan

#### GUIDE IN ALEXANDRIA

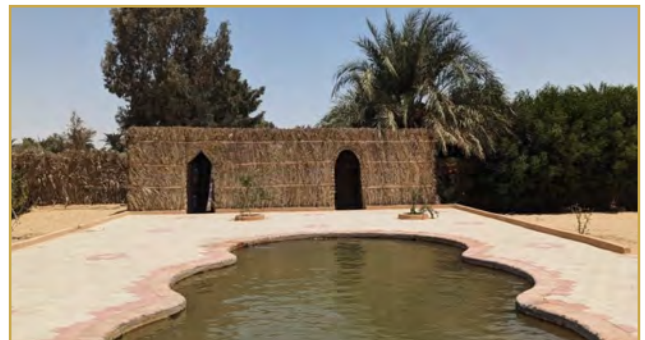
Passionate about Egyptian history, Rewan brings the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and the city's ancient legacy to life for every Boreas guest.



# CLEOPATRA'S SPRING

An Authentic Luxury Desert Adventure

Just outside Siwa town, Cleopatra's Spring rises naturally from deep beneath the desert floor into a pool ringed by palm groves and reed-thatched huts. Known to the ancient historian Herodotus as the "Eye of the Sun," it has drawn travelers, from Alexander the Great to local Siwans, for thousands of years. Today it remains one of Egypt's most authentic desert retreats, a rare bespoke addition to any Boreas journey.



## THREE WOW FACTS

- **SINCE 5TH C. BC**  
Herodotus named it the "Eye of the Sun" nearly 2,500 years ago, in one of the earliest written records of the spring.
- **29-30°C**  
A natural artesian spring keeps the water at a constant, bath-like temperature year-round, with no pumps or pipes.
- **ROYAL LEGEND**  
Local legend holds that Cleopatra herself bathed here while visiting Siwa's ancient Oracle of Amun.



# DAKROUR MOUNTAIN

## An Authentic Luxury Desert Adventure

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Just southeast of Siwa town, Dakroul Mountain rises from the palm groves as one of the oasis's most revered natural sites. For generations, Siwans have practiced traditional sand-bathing here, resting neck-deep in the mountain's naturally hot sand as a folk remedy for aches and stiffness. Each autumn, the community gathers at its base for the Siyaha Festival, a centuries-old celebration of unity that guests can experience as part of a bespoke Boreas journey.



## THREE WOW FACTS

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- **ANCIENT NAME**

Long before it was Dakroul, the mountain was known as Adrar Bariq in the Amazigh Siwi language.

- **SAND THERAPY**

Locals have practiced neck-deep hot sand bathing here for generations, especially through July and August.

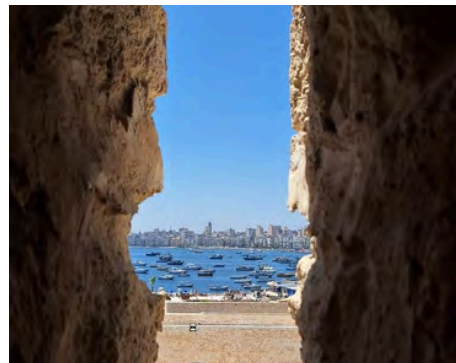
- **SIYAHA FESTIVAL**

Each October, Siwans gather at the mountain's base for a centuries-old three-day "Feast of Forgiveness."



## CITADEL OF QAITBAY

Rising on Alexandria's Pharos peninsula, the Citadel of Qaitbay stands on the exact site of the legendary Lighthouse of Alexandria, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Built in 1477 by Sultan Qaitbay using stone salvaged from the fallen lighthouse, the fortress was raised to defend Egypt's Mediterranean coast against Ottoman naval threats. Guests can walk its stone ramparts today for sweeping views across the harbor, tracing over two thousand years of maritime history in a single afternoon.



### THREE WOW FACTS

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- **SEVEN WONDERS SITE**

The citadel stands on the exact foundations of the Pharos Lighthouse, built circa 280 BC as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

- **BUILT FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE**

Many of its limestone blocks and granite columns are believed to be salvaged directly from the fallen lighthouse.

- **RUINS BENEATH THE WAVES**

Thousands of the lighthouse's original blocks, statues, and columns still lie on the seabed just beside the citadel.



# SIWA SALT LAKES

An Authentic Luxury Desert Adventure

Tucked deep in Egypt's Western Desert near the Libyan border, the Siwa Salt Lakes are hyper-saline pools formed over centuries by low rainfall and intense desert evaporation. Their extraordinary salt density lets guests float effortlessly on the surface, framed by white salt dunes and glowing turquoise water. It is one of Egypt's most authentic luxury adventures, and a rare bespoke addition to any Boreas journey.



## THREE WOW FACTS

- **95%**  
Salinity reaches up to 95 percent here — nearly triple the Dead Sea's roughly 34 percent.
- **CENTURIES**  
Siwans have harvested salt from these lakes for centuries, even building the ancient Shali Fortress from salt-saturated clay.
- **4M DEEP**  
Some pools run up to four metres deep, yet the water's density keeps every guest effortlessly afloat.