

# Khartoum's luxury address

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**L**ocated in the heart of Khartoum, the Burj Al-Fateh, better known outside Sudan as the Corinthia Hotel Khartoum, has established itself as the capital's most luxurious hotel, an architectural masterpiece of steel and glass that adds new elegance to the city.

A reflection of the growing success of Sudan's economy, the hotel sits amid beautifully tended gardens, sparkling miniature lakes and fountains, providing travellers with an oasis of calm in what can be a tiring and hectic city. The hotel's eye-catching architecture, paired with its one-of-a-kind accommodation and unmatched service and attention to detail have earned it a reputation with guests from the region and around the world, whether on business, enjoying a weekend getaway, or as the starting point for a longer trip to discover the many wonders of Sudan.

Overlooking Tuti island, where the Blue and White Nile converge, this elegant, blue and white five-star architectural gem brings to mind a twin sail. The hotel's rooms and suites, each offer unparalleled panoramic views of Khartoum as well as the River Nile, while cutting-edge automation systems and business facilities provide the perfect business environment, meeting the highest standards.

Part of the Corinthia Group's collection of five-star luxury hotels founded by the Pisani family of Malta in 1962, since when it has expanded its presence to leading destinations such as London, Prague, Lisbon and St. Petersburg, the Hotel Khartoum has changed

the skyline of the Sudanese capital. Opened in 2008 and the tallest hotel in the city, the Corinthia Hotel Khartoum has established itself not just as one of the city's most iconic buildings, but a benchmark for excellence. The complex spreads over 45,000 square meters, incorporating the latest in leisure and business technology, luxury accommodations and unrivalled services and facilities, redefining the luxury hotel category from the ground up to its 18th floor.

A ten minute drive from the capital's airport, the hotel is within walking distance of the National Museum of Sudan and barely a mile from many of Khartoum's landmark buildings and historic sites.

## Luxurious rooms

The Corinthia Hotel Khartoum has 230 modern, luxurious and spacious air-conditioned rooms. Luxurious Deluxe City and Nile View rooms offer beautiful views and exceptional comfort and peace to every guest. Our Deluxe Nile View offers breath-taking vistas of the magnificent Blue Nile, while a Deluxe City View gives a stunning view of Khartoum's cosmopolitan heart. Available as both Queen and Twin, each room comes complete with all the luxuries you'd expect from a grand, five-star hotel. These include a two-seater sofa bed, Wi-Fi access, TV with a large selection of English and Arabic channels, a spacious working area and a mini bar with tea and coffee making facilities.

Similarly, the handsome, spacious Executive Club rooms offer beautiful views and provide a comfortable retreat at the end of a busy day in the Sudanese capital. In addition, Executive Room guests are offered complimentary transport from the airport to the hotel on arrival and are granted access to the Executive Club Lounge where they can enjoy breakfast while watching the sun rise over the Nile or sample evening refreshments as it sets, bathing the view in red and gold.

As well as providing greater space, the Ministerial Suites offer a range of luxury amenities such as a king-size bed, marble bathrooms and jacuzzi, an expansive living area, dining table and working desk and a two-seater sofa. Ministerial Suite guests are offered complimentary airport



An executive room of the Corinthia Hotel in Khartoum

pickup to the hotel on arrival and also enjoy access to the Executive Lounge with complimentary breakfast and refreshments, along with many other benefits.

The Presidential Suite is the largest hotel accommodation in Sudan and offers the ultimate experience in luxury. The Presidential Suite features two separate bedrooms, one with a luxurious king-size bed and marble bathroom with large jacuzzi and massage shower and another with twin beds. Guests can relax and watch a film on a 55" flat screen TV, get some work done or enjoy freshly-brewed tea while taking in the spectacular views. Equally, they can host up to eight guests for lunch and dinner or hold meetings in the en-suite office, equipped with the latest technology and internet connection. No detail has been overlooked in creating our signature statement of modern luxury and comfort.

#### Dining in the hotel

Dining options include the Mugran Restaurant located on the 16th Floor, with spectacular views of the White and Blue Nile. Light and airy – and blessed with panoramic views – it serves breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner, with a daily changing buffet menu with specialties from around the world.

Situated on the 18th floor, the Rickshaw is the city's best restaurant. It offers an evening menu that takes in the best of Asian cuisine, with influences from China, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Le Grill Restaurant offers wide range of mouth-watering snacks and meals in a cosy atmosphere, whilst watching daily sports events on the big screens. Light meals can be enjoyed at the outdoor area African Garden in a lush, green and exotic surrounding.

The Nile River café and Café Khartoum are the perfect setting for a relaxed meeting or other events, featuring freshly made snacks, salads and light meals, along with local drinks and juices.

The hotel provides additional services such as 24 hour room service, laundry and dry cleaning as well a business centre.

#### Meetings, events and weddings

The Corinthia Hotel Khartoum offers 10 meeting rooms ranging in size from the 36 m<sup>2</sup> Boardroom to the 900 square metre LebDAH Ballroom, supported by a business centre providing ideal venues for a variety of events from an exclusive board meeting to larger corporate gatherings, product presentations, fairs or unforgettable wedding and parties.

With a setting that can only be described as magical, the Corinthia Hotel Khartoum has set new standards for elegant weddings and honeymoons. Whether you dream of an intimate gathering of family and friends or long for a lavish, traditional Sudanese reception, the dedicated wedding planners will be delighted to help


organise every aspect of the big day. From flowers and decorations to the perfect menu, no detail is overlooked in the quest to create a truly fairy-tale wedding.

The total capacity of our indoor function areas is 1,000 people. Special outdoor events can be accommodated in our lobby terrace overlooking the garden and Nile. We offer ample free, secure self- and valet parking. The Corinthia promise is a unique, refreshing approach to organising the frequent meetings, incentives and conferences that keep all modern businesses thriving. In a nutshell, it's about bringing warm welcomes, inspired cuisine and world-class service to each of your events.

#### Spa and sports

A haven of wellness and a place to relax, the Sabratha Spa and Fitness centre features a large and fully equipped state of the art gym, an indoor swimming pool, saunas, jacuzzi, steam rooms, massages, hairdressers, squash and tennis courts, and a traditional Turkish bath (Hammam). Separate sauna and steam rooms are available for ladies and gentlemen. The spa director and his team extend an array of services through a wide selection of tailor made programs. The Spa has earned a unique reputation in the city and is sought by the most discerning clients looking for the ultimate in relaxation and well-being. This is a place where cultures are respected and catered for by dedicated staff. All beauty and health facilities are separate for ladies and gentlemen and with dedicated times at the indoor pool and jacuzzi for ladies.

The hotel sits within a secure complex that include a range of shops and services such as Egyptair, Qatar Airways, Dal Rent a Car and serviced offices.

Despite the hotel's size, visitors often comment on how they are made to feel part of a large family by the friendly and attentive staff. The Corinthia Hotel Khartoum is the place to be when visiting Khartoum, Sudan. 

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The Mugran Restaurant with views of Sunut Forest, and the White and Blue Nile

