



Dallah: Arabic Coffee Pot

In Arabic countries it is considered rude to decline taking coffee since offering coffee is a symbolic gesture of hospitality.

The coffee is poured from a pot not dissimilar to what you would consider a large Aladdin's lamp into a small cup called finjaan, which is about the size of an espresso cup. The pot, called a Dallah, usually has a long spout and is made from brass.

The coffee is called Kahva and it is different to western coffee as it is both bitter and spiced. The spice most commonly used is cardamom.

A shake of the cup shows that you have finished. Not shaking the cup and giving it back to the server will result in another cup being poured.

Tea is actually more popular than coffee, although both are a prominent part of Arabian society.

