



2025

ABBEY MURDER MYSTERY MASQUERADE EVENING EVENT

This interactive fully hosted dinner event is for 12+ guests (min) and includes canapés, a delicious main meal, mouth-watering dessert, plus 2 ½ hour beverage package consisting of house beers, red, white & sparkling wine & soft drinks. Not to mention fun, laughter and memories for years to come. Other beverages are available for purchase - no BYO.

**Masquerade Dinner Event Cost: \$136 per person plus accommodation.
OR \$115 with no beverages included, plus accommodation.
Accommodation Ranges from \$175 - \$520 per room for 2 guests.**

SYNOPSIS

The Abbey Manor Historical Society will be hosting the event, and you are invited! The Abbey Manor Masquerade Dinner will host some of the most rich and famous socialites from across the country including astronaut **Yuna Verz**, big city homicide detective **Sherlock Tracy**, ultra-feminine doll designer **Dolly Dee**, ill-mannered optometrist **Dr Mag Niffie**, celebrity Chef **Bameril Lacrosse** and television producer **Pepper Keegrip** just to name a few. The evening will begin at the grand staircase with all guests dressed in character for a photo opportunity, followed by canapés and beverages and most importantly, here you will receive your first clue card for the night!

You'll then be escorted to the grand Reception Room to enjoy a casual, alternate serve main meal. During the evening someone may be murdered... to keep the negative press at bay, the Board & guests avoid calling the police so they can figure out 'whodunit'! And so, as the night progresses, there's finger pointing and blaming one another as the intense interrogations continue and you are presented with next clue cards. After dessert is served - it's time! The guests must declare who they find guilty and as the room erupts in debate, the murderer jumps out of their chair to their feet and shouts "I confess - it was me!!"

AVAILABILITY & BOOKING

If you have organised a small group of **less than** 24 guests, you can book a date up to 3 months in advance & we will promote the remainder places to guests outside your group to join the event.

If you have **more than** 25 guests attending, bookings may be taken 6 months in advance. We can hold your date for 7 days whilst you check who will be attending, then your non-refundable deposit is required.

START TIME & DINNER

Meet at the bottom of the main grand staircase at 6pm for a group photo, followed by beverages and canapés. Three sets of clue cards will be handed out during the evening, alternate serve main and dessert is included, plus 2 ½ -hour beverage package from 6pm-8.30pm, with the bar closing shortly after and the night concludes by 9.30pm with all guests making their way to their rooms or depart the Abbey. Sprints may be purchased from the bar (no BYO).

DRESS CODE

Guests are required to dress in attire to suit their character and wear a masquerade mask throughout the night (no mask no drinks!) Invitations with character descriptions are sent to the group organiser about a week prior to event, once full payment has been received.

ACCOMODATION

If you would like to hold the Murder Mystery dinner on a Saturday night - you are required to make it a 2-night accommodation stay - making it the perfect weekend getaway of fun with your friends! Chat to Abbey staff and we can suggest some other activities to do while visiting us.

For all other nights, only 1 night is needed, rooms range from \$175 to \$520.

Rooms are allocated depending on your total number of guests and needs.

Please chat to the Abbey staff and let them know the following for details of rooms that would be allocated to your group:

- Total numbers,
- Couples,
- Singles who would like their own room,
- Or we have 3 rooms able to accommodate singles who are happy to share a room with separate beds.

PAYMENTS

Please nominate a group co-ordinator as we just liaise with one person and receive payment from them plus send them the character list to decide what friend would best suit the particular characters you could have some fun with this task!!

VIP Exclusive Experience:

A minimum of 30 guests required for just your group to have the Masquerade Event exclusively for your friends and family. Please note there may be other people staying at the Abbey though.

Group Bookings:

After holding the date for 7 days, if you would like to confirm the booking

- a \$1,500 non-refundable deposit for bookings of 12 people
- \$2,200 non-refundable deposit for bookings of 13-18 people
- \$2,800 non-refundable deposit for bookings for groups of 18+

is needed to hold your date. If we don't receive this deposit from you the date will remain available for other bookings.

A further non-refundable deposit is required 60 days prior to bring your total amount of invoice paid to 75% of balance due. Balance of payment and any special dietary requirements are needed at least 3 weeks prior to your arrival so we can then arrange to have your invitations forwarded that explain each character. All payments are non-refundable & non-transferable.

Individual Bookings:

For couples joining a date, full non-refundable payment of accommodation and dinner is required to reserve your spot.

We hope the above information has been helpful in starting your plans. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries regarding the packages available or if you would like to know the availability of a specific date.

We look forward in hearing from you and making your stay at the AbbeyUnforgettable!



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I find out about available dates?

Visit the EVENTS section of our webpage to see upcoming dates you can join in on, or if you are wanting to start your own date give us a ring to check availability.

Can I bring my own alcohol?

Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in your accommodation room, however the ground floor and general grounds are licensed areas therefore beverages consumed in these areas will need to be purchased from the Abbey.

Is late check-out available?

Check out is by 10am - unfortunately late checkout is unavailable as the rooms need to be prepared for new arrivals.

Are murder mystery nights fun?

The more you play your character, the more fun you'll have! Role-playing is essential, or at least you have to be willing to go along with the story-line.

Can I take photos on the night?

Absolutely! Bring your camera along and take plenty of photos throughout the night. Feel free to tag, like and share them on social media channels using our hashtag #abbeyboutiquehotel #murdermysterynight

Are these nights good for work functions or just groups of friends?

Murder Mysteries are ideal for work social functions as they are interactive and help to include all guests, which can be great for partners of team members.

Groups of friends, social groups and birthday parties are another excuse to get together for some organised fun and to add more memories to the vault.

Can you cater for special dietary requirements?

If we are made aware of special dietary requirements at least 2 weeks prior we can cater for vegetarian, gluten free and vegan diets.

Do I need to hire a costume for my character?

You can of course hire or buy a costume new or from an op shop if you want, but most of our characters can be dressed from cloths you can 'put together' from your wardrobe by being a little creative. We do ask you buy or make a masquerade mask to wear throughout the evening - no mask no beverages 😊.

Can each of the guests in my group pay the Abbey directly?

Sorry, with groups you need to arrange one co-ordinator to collect payments from friends, arrange room allocation and email invites we send you to relevant people - the Abbey liaises directly with this person.

Can children attend the Murder Mystery?

If all 17 rooms are booked by the one group children can stay over, otherwise no one under 18 is able to stay at the Abbey. During the dinner, clues do need to be read out and acting out of allocated character, so 'mature' children could be included if you are having a private Murder Mystery dinner.

