

Mystery Weekend Timeline
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Since 2017 Murder Café has produced mystery weekends at a variety of resorts. It all began with Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, New York, the originators of Mystery Weekend in 1976. Murder Café also produces and performs mystery weekends bi-annually at The Pridwin on Shelter Island, New York and Congress Hall in Cape May, New Jersey.

Murder Café has several themes available for your mystery weekend. Fall shows usually have a Halloween theme and our spring and summer offerings have wide range of subjects and time periods. All include music, comedy, and murder with your guests having to keep track of clues in order to solve the mystery. Show themes are listed on our website, www.murdercafe.net

This is a sample of a mystery weekend timeline. It outlines the various activities involved. Please note, the times and activities presented by your venue are suggestions, we are flexible and very accommodating.

Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Participation:

***Reservations are required.** The fee for participation in the Mystery Weekend program includes two night's of accommodations and meals and access to the venue's amenities. You may participate as an individual; you may join a team, or bring a team of your own.*

MYSTERY WEEKEND CLUES ON WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO GET AROUND

- Sign-up at the Registration Table in the lobby from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Friday.
- If you don't make it to the opening event on Friday, do not fret. At the Saturday morning event there will be a printed recap of the show.
- On Saturday the Mystery will continue to unfold at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. so don't miss these events!
- **Team Solutions** - Each team presents a creative solution on Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m. for a chance to win prizes. There will be five minutes per team presentation, with teams called at random. Prizes are given in two categories: "most accurate" and "most creative" solutions.
- The murder mystery can be solved individually and whodunit sheets (distributed after the 5:00 p.m. show on Saturday) will be collected by staff after the Saturday performance. On Sunday prizes will be given to the most accurate solution.
- All winners will be announced or chosen at the 11:00 a.m. event on Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

Check in and receive a welcome packet that includes the welcome letter and schedule.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 pm. Three course dinner in the dining room

8:00 p.m – 8:50 p.m. ACT 1

The characters introduce themselves, conflicts are established, and the plot begins to unfold. Everyone seems to have a motive for murder, and everyone appears to be a victim. By the end of the act it is obvious something sinister is about to happen.

9:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Live music in the lounge (optional)

You'll meet the cast of characters who comprise mystery weekend and clues may be dropped.

SATURDAY

8:00 am – 9:30 am: Guest Breakfast

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. ACT 2

The conflicts between the characters are heightened. A murder occurs, everyone appears suspicious, fingers are pointed, clues are dropped and the guests are left hanging.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Afternoon Tea (optional)

Guests will interact with the characters from the murder mystery. Questions will be answered and clues will be dropped.

5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. ACT 3

As each character appears to have had a motive for the murder, and the clues continue to mount, an investigator takes control of the chaos. Motives and clues are examined and characters turn on each other. At the end of the scene the investigator instructs the guests on how to fill out their "whodunit" sheets. He takes questions from the guests before exiting.

Before Sunday morning guests will submit their completed "whodunit" sheets, placing them in a box that is conveniently displayed outside the dining room.

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm: Three course dinner in the dining room

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Individuals and teams gather to solve the mystery!

9:00 pm - ?: Entertainment for the guests in the lounge, i.e., live band with music that reflects the theme, or era, of the mystery

SUNDAY

8:00 am – 9:30 pm: Guest Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Solutions Presented

The guests, either individually or in groups, entertain, and maybe even show-up the Murder Café actors as they act out their version of the solution. They will be encouraged to be creative, bold, and imaginative. If guests decide not to participate they are encouraged to come and watch an entertaining and fun part of the weekend.

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Mystery Solved! Act 4

As the fingers are pointed, the investigator presents clues and motives and proceeds to lay out his, or her, case in front of the suspects and the murderer is revealed. After, the winners of all the contests will be revealed and prizes awarded.

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