



## MURDER MANSION

Murder Mansion is a team based event that requires teams to think outside the box as they solve a series of **complex clues** and **puzzles** to solve a 1920's murder. Similar to an **escape room**, the event requires lateral thinking and puzzle solving to get through all the stages to crack the case.

Teams are transported back in time as they attempt to solve the murder of Elizabeth Sutton. Over the course of 2.5 hours, teams will need to put on their detective hats to find out who the murderer is, what murder weapon was used and the motive behind the murder.



Once teams have solved all the puzzles, they will submit their findings and debrief with the entire group as to how they arrived at their conclusion. Communication, problem solving, lateral thinking, logic and reasoning will be the key to each team solving the mystery.

The event can be run in any boardroom or conference venue. However, Murder Mansion is best run at Montsalvat in Eltham or Eildon Mansion in St Kilda. These venues are steeped in history with their complex of buildings that evoke a European and renaissance past while exemplifying a very Australian trait of recycling and architectural inventiveness. Since a rumoured murder back in the 19th century, these mansions have their own resident relic of the past: a ghost. According to many stories, the resident ghost of Elizabeth Sutton has been haunting these mansions since the 1920s.

Alternatively, Murder Mansion can be run at other mansions or castles around Melbourne allowing participants to explore the unique architecture of these sites and buildings. Some of which feature an assemblage of late nineteenth century European, French and Scottish style interior decoration. These can include, painted ceilings, lead-lighting, opulent fireplaces, bluestone flooring, ceramic tilework, rough textured masonry, oak parquetry and stained glass. Murder Mansion is a truly unique and fun team building event allowing teams to test their brain power through many fun and thought provoking challenges!

So whether it is for the whole company, project teams or groups within a company, Uplift Events can tailor the event to suit the size of the group for whatever the purpose (teambuilding, end of the year functions, celebrations of a goal/milestone/achievement, product launches, incentives and birthdays).





**Synopsis:** Teams are transported back in time as they attempt to solve the murder of Elizabeth Sutton.

**Ideal For:** Christmas & end of the year functions, project / team celebrations, team building, graduate programs and as a corporate social activity.

**No. of People:** Up to 60

**Team Size:** 6 teams of 2 to 10 people

**Duration:** 2.5 hours

**Focus Areas:** Team Building, Communication, Problem Solving, Lateral Thinking, Interpretation

**Locations:** Any boardroom or conference venue in Australia. However, Murder Mansion is best run at one of our suggested venues below

**Fitness Level:** Low



**Objectives/Benefits:**

- Team Building (great team activity where teams will explore the mansion together to solve the mystery)
- Communication (participants must communicate effectively as some of the puzzles will require everyone to listen to each other's ideas to move quickly through the investigation)
- Problem Solving (teams will need put on their detective hats to solve the mind boggling puzzles and clues that will require different abilities from each team member to unravel the murder mystery)
- Lateral Thinking (teams will need to think outside the square as some puzzles and clues are not straight forward)
- Interpretation (reading the storyline will require teams to interpret hidden clues to assist them to solve the murder)

**Includes:**

- 2 – 3 Officials (includes a host)
- Event design and execution
- Event delivery to your office / conference room **OR** access the following venues for an additional venue fee
  - The Mission to Seafarers\*
  - Montsalvat\*
  - Abbotsford Convent\*
  - Eildon Mansion\*
  - Overnewton Castle\*
- All activities, equipment and props for challenges
- Public liability insurance for up to 20 million dollars
- 2.5 Hours of fun & challenging puzzles, clues and activities
- Medals for each person on the 1st placed team (up to teams of 5)
- Bandanas for each participant (to be returned at the end of the event)
- Event summary and results (to be sent via email after the day of the event)
- Optional additional prizes can be added to the event
- Photos from the memorable event provided on a USB (to be sent after the day of the event)
- Debrief

**Packages:**

To make your Murder Mansion even more enjoyable, add a package option which can include:

- Trophies
- Bottles of water / Lunch / Snacks
- Prizes (movie tickets, bottles of wine etc)

**VENUES** (Quoted on request and subject to availability)

**The Mission to Seafarers - Docklands**



Solve the murder on the grounds of The Mission to Seafarers. Built in 1907, the historical Mission complex is architecturally significant as being a fine urban example of the Arts and Crafts Style in Melbourne.

Explore the Norla Dome which is a feature of the site. Originally designed as a gymnasium for seafarers, this vast space is perfect for the event. The magnificent dome measures 17m in diameter and is a unique and impressive space with natural lighting that makes it a true experience.

Visit and experience the St Peter the Mariner Chapel with the fantastic stained-glass windows and a truly gothic feel as they tie into the story of the murder of Elizabeth Sutton.

Explore the various rooms of the venue including the Celia Little Boardroom which opens up onto a Spanish-style historic courtyard.

**Montsalvat - Eltham**



Solve the murder on the grounds of Montsalvat which is steeped in history and marvel at its complex of buildings that evoke a European past while exemplifying a very Australian trait of recycling and architectural inventiveness.

Explore the great hall filled with historic chandeliers, antique furniture and the stone balconies carved in the Gothic manner which gives it its unique character.

Explore the small corridors to find hidden spaces in the great hall which create the perfect atmosphere for solving a 1920's cold case murder.

Take in the breathtaking architecture complete with limestone windows and gargoyles which incorporate the traditional grotesque faces that now adorn the Great Hall as seen in medieval architecture.

**Eildon Mansion – St Kilda**



Situated in St Kilda, Eildon Mansion is one of the largest renaissance style mansions in Melbourne, built in 1877 in Grey Street, St Kilda which is on the Victorian Heritage Register.

The basement room is the old original kitchen of the Mansion. It has an eerie and haunting charm with many of its original features intact. It features old wallpapers, bluestone flooring, brick and stone walls.

The largest space in the mansion, The Ballroom has retained many of its original features from dado rails, ceiling corner and medallion mouldings to the impressive marble fireplace. It is bright and light and has access to the back veranda and garden.

Murder Mansion takes place in certain rooms of Eildon Mansion, which gives it an authentic feel for a truly unique team building experience.

**Overnewton Castle - Keilor**



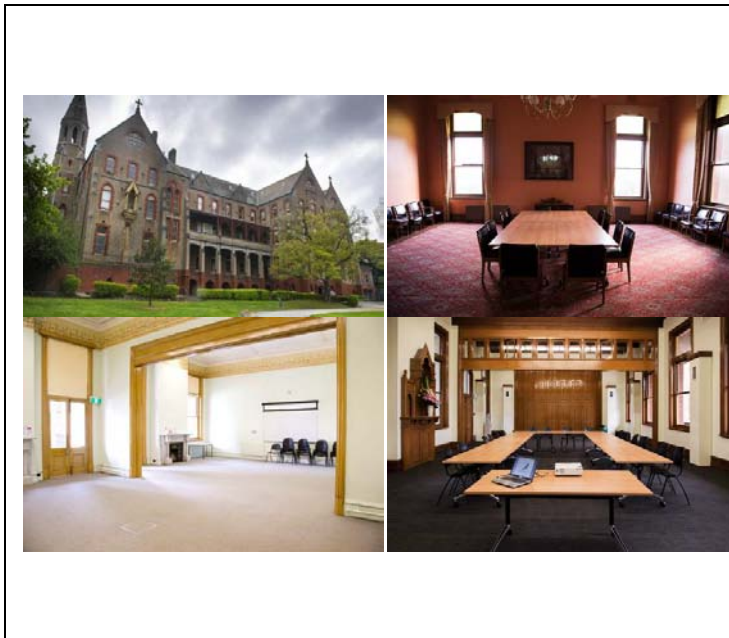
Overnewton castle was built in 1849 in the Victorian Tudor style, inspired by 16th century English & Scottish architecture. The Scottish baronial style is characterised by its rough textured masonry, steeped pitched roofs and overhanging battlement corner turrets. The candle snuffer roofs show the influence of the French architecture.

Walk the hallways of this great castle as teams solve the clues and puzzles on the ground floor inside the castle.

Explore the various rooms on the ground floor of the castle with the original furniture and styling.

Visit and experience the chapel and other various rooms inside the castle as they tie into the story of the murder of Elizabeth Sutton.

**Abbotsford Convent - Abbotsford**



Solve the murder on the grounds of Abbotsford Convent in the famous Sisters' Convent building steeped with rich history. Built in 1901, the Convent building was where most of the Sisters, novices (nuns-in-training) and postulants (women commencing life as nuns) lived. There are several rooms below which can be booked for Murder Mansion.

**The Bishop's Parlour**

The Bishop's Parlour is one of the rooms in the Convent building. The Bishop's Parlour is the most grand space at the Abbotsford Convent with its beautiful lead-lighting, formal curtains, rich carpet and opulent fireplace. This warm and embellished mid-size space makes it ideal for a murder!

**The Salon**

Situated next to the picturesque Convent courtyard, the Salon is ideal for slightly larger groups. Special features include the original decorative stenciling, timberwork and fireplaces.

**The Community and Linen Rooms**

The Community and Linen rooms are the largest of the spaces in the convent. The room can be hired separately or joined into one large space via the original grand timber bi-fold doors. The unique Gothic character, decorative timber-work, marble fireplaces and views of the formal garden make it the perfect space for Murder Mansion.

**History House – Sydney**



Solve the murder at History House, the home of the Royal Australian Historical Society. Built in 1872, the house is still in its original condition with the drawing room and the dining room available for use. These rooms are a reflection of the Victorian era with ornate timberwork and cornices as well as being elegantly furnished with period furniture, paintings, chandeliers and a grand piano.

**Royal Automotive Club of Australia (RACA) - Sydney**



Solve the murder at the RACA with a few spectacular rooms to choose from. With one room containing a glass domed ceiling and vintage chandeliers lending the space the charm of a bygone era. Another room has French inspired ceiling, Doric columns and original art-deco wood panelling creating an ambience to enhance any Murder Mansion event.



## Murder Mansion Testimonials

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**shaw contract** "I would like to thank you and Sam on such a wonderful Murder Mansion experience. Uplift events were such a delight to work with.

So easy to book with and I appreciated your prompt follow ups and replies to my questions.

The event itself was fantastic. Being in a mansion brought the event to life and seemed to make everyone put the extra effort in to solve the crime!

It was very well organised and the puzzles were challenging enough to promote the teamwork we needed.

It was great that you and Sam were there to give a little hint if needed. Even trying to solve the mystery at the end was challenging but so fun.

I received so much feedback after the event and all of it positive! Everyone had such a great time and they mentioned that it was great to see how their co-workers excelled when challenged in this way. We learnt a lot about each other!

Overall, the Murder Mansion experience was fantastic. Uplift Events did an awesome job organising this for us. I cannot recommend Uplift Events enough!

We will definitely be contacting you again for our next event.

Thank you to you and Sam again,"

**Cheyne**  
**Shaw Contract**

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"Such an amazing experience with both Chandre and Jessica hosting our Murder Mansion event. The team really had a fantastic day and their professionalism, dedication and flexibility made it easy to work with!

Would recommend to all."

**Taylor**  
**Monarch Institute**

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"Thank you to Jess and the Team at Uplift Events, for hosting our Murder Mystery Team Building Event.

Feedback from the teams has been awesome. They loved it!

This style of team building makes the participants realize that they need to leverage the strengths of their entire team – not one team member can solve the problems alone.

I highly recommend Uplift Events to host team building experiences. We would absolutely use them again."

**Kylie (Executive Assistant)**  
**Provision**