

# Casino Fatale

On the banks of the River Seine in Paris is the Hotel D'Etoile, with a casino named the Casino Fatale. Rumour has it that the casino is connected to the mysterious underworld character "Mr X".

No one seems to know exactly who the elusive Mr X is, or what he looks like – and there are many people who would love to know. Among those trying to find Mr X are Interpol, the local police, the local organized crime family, and the agents of several countries in which Mr X is believed to operate.

Tonight, however, a charity auction is being held at Casino Fatale and it has drawn all sorts to the casino – playboys, starlets, maybe even a jewel thief... Who will you play?

Everyone invited to *Casino Fatale* is given a character. As they arrive the Events Manager, Ali Ryder, welcomes them. Each character has goals and objectives that they must try to complete before the end of the evening. Everyone has their own goals – and not all the goals are compatible. If one person achieves their goals, another may fail!

The guests can form alliances, blackmail each other, steal items and casino chips and maybe even try to kill one another. Along the way they may uncover some of the secrets of Casino Fatale. Who is Mr X? Why should you be very careful with your jewellery? Who killed scientist Dr Havelott, and where are his plans for a nuclear device? Why is Matt Bond so handsome? Who is the 'Black Panther'? And is the casino really up for sale? Join us to find out more in *Casino Fatale*.

**Join us at Casino Fatale...**

## What is included when you buy *Casino Fatale*?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules and special abilities.
- Items and casino chips for each guest.
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

### How does *Casino Fatale* work?

*Casino Fatale* has been written for 15 to 30 guests – plus a host and maybe an assistant host. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 30 guests (you do need at least 15, however). Here's how that works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by either sex
15	7	4	4
16	7	5	4
17	7	6	4
18	7	6	5
19	7	6	6
20	7	7	6
21	8	7	6
22	8	8	6
23	9	8	6
24	9	9	6
25	8	8	9
26	9	8	9
27	9	9	9
28	10	9	9
29	10	10	9
30	11	10	9

Note – for more than 20 guests, you need to buy *Casino Fatale Expanded*, which includes the extra 10 characters. And if you have even more guests, we have free extra characters for *Casino Fatale* available on our website.

*Casino Fatale* runs over the course of three or four hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. One person is the Events Manager, and acts as organizer and coordinator,

responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all the guests have the information they need.

Your guests will all be present at a charity auction held at the casino. They have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve those goals is entirely up to them. *Casino Fatale* is an evening of double-dealing, intrigue, secrets and even murder!

As the evening draws to a close, secrets will be out in the open and a mystery will have been solved. Then everyone has a chance to find out exactly what went on.

#### **Where can I get *Casino Fatale*?**

*Casino Fatale* is available from [www.freeformgames.com](http://www.freeformgames.com). It costs £25 (UK pounds), or the equivalent in your own currency- or £30 for the expanded version with all 30 characters. We accept all major credit cards – and PayPal.

When you purchase the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it right away. We will also email you a download link and password, so you can come back to the site and collect your game later if that's more convenient.

#### **What if I don't like *Casino Fatale*?**

No product is perfect for everyone. We know that and you know that and that's why we offer a cast-iron, no quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *Casino Fatale*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you. You can read our full terms and conditions here: <http://www.freeformgames.com/terms.php>

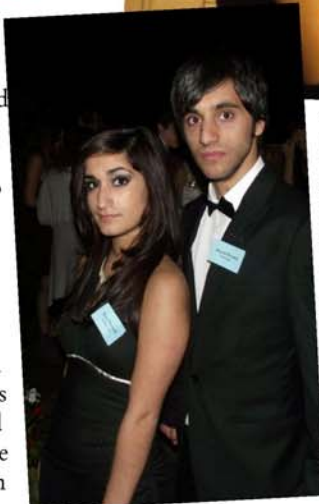
“Just to let you know what a fab time we had playing **Casino Fatale** this weekend – everyone was absolutely brilliant in their characters and the outfits donned by everyone were hysterical. As the host I was a little concerned how things would run, but I needn’t have been, it all ran really well. Will be definitely getting another one of your games!”  
*Kirsty Gwynne, United Kingdom*



“Our **Casino Fatale** party was great – thanks so much for your help! This was the first murder mystery I’ve hosted so I was anxious that it go well – anyway, fantastic night, definitely going to do another one!”  
*Daniel Hesford, United Kingdom*



“We used **Casino Fatale** as the evening entertainment for our staff holiday party. The game was played by 27 people, plus 2 hosts. All participants had to be ‘in character’ from the moment they walked into the party. Some of them became their characters a couple of days early! From all accounts, a good time was had by all. Takes a bit of organization – but it is well worth it. We did embellish with some real props – dollar store guns and knives (nail polish makes wonderful blood on a knife...); a bandage box became a first aid kit; a small vial filled with beads became poison; a ‘diamond’ pendant and an ‘emerald’ bracelet. A fun-filled evening of murder and intrigue! Thank you.”  
*Kathy Collier, Canada*



“**Casino Fatale** was a great ice breaker and everyone enjoyed the fact that they chatted to all the guests including those that didn’t take part in the murder mystery. We hired 2 casino tables which gave a very authentic feel to the party. This ensured that all guests were entertained for the evening.”  
*Ann Hallam, United Kingdom*

“We ran **Casino Fatale** for a Christmas party, and our guests are still talking about it a few months on!!”  
*Dorn Carran, United Kingdom*



“We did **Casino Fatale** for my 18th and it was great fun! I was so lucky because we had unseasonably warm weather and decided to host most of it in the garden. We lit it up with lanterns and fairy lights and we really did feel like we were on the banks of the River Seine! There was lots of different side plots so everybody felt involved. It was cool to watch all the different stories unfold and everyone looked fabulous!”  
*Francesca Consiglio, United Kingdom*

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Let the good times roll!

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**Hotel D'Etoile is having its best year ever. To celebrate, it is hosting a charity auction in aid of the local orphanage.**

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If you haven't already received your invitation then you won't be going, as the charity auction is strictly an invitation-only affair.

## Most Eligible Bachelor

Alex Kirk has won a most prestigious award. He has been crowned "Most Eligible Bachelor in Paris". He already has ladies flocking round him, how on earth will he fit his ego through the door now!

## Latest 'It' Girl

The latest 'it' girl in town is Anna Upanova. She has already been invited to all the best parties in town and is tipped to be the hot favourite at the charity auction at Hotel D'Etoile. She will be auctioning her services along with other local celebrities. Calm down boys, she is auctioning her company for a drink at the bar, and that is all!

## The Black Panther Strikes Again

Another jewel has gone missing. A large emerald bracelet was stolen from a Paris jeweller last week. It is reported to be worth over 200,000 euros.

This is the latest in a series of jewel thefts by the notorious "Black Panther". The previous jewel stolen was a diamond ring lifted from a leading Parisian jeweller last week. The local police are refusing to comment.

## New Book for Donovan Jones

The renowned local poet Donovan Jones has just finished a new collection of poems entitled *Paris Seasons*. This new book is expected to go straight into the Top 20 bestsellers list when it is published next month.

His last book *My Town* sold over 3 million copies.

## Award for Nuclear Scientist

Professor James Havelott, a British nuclear physicist has been posthumously awarded the Paris Medal for achievements in science. Professor Havelott worked at the BB Nuclear Physics Centre on the outskirts of Paris for nearly 15 years until his murder earlier this year (his wife was also shot dead). His daughter Melissa accepted the award on his behalf.

Professor Havelott's assistant Ashley Bunsen said "There is no-one else in this country who knew more about nuclear physics than the Professor, he is sorely missed. He really deserved this award and I can't believe he isn't here to accept the award in person."

## *Casino Fatale* Guest List

**Ralph Anderson** a local bouncer.

**Detective Natalie Bois** a police detective, works for Inspector Leclou.

**Matt Bond** the name's Bond, Matt Bond. Debonair, devilish and disgustingly handsome.

**Pat Bullitt** ex-army, now runs a security firm.

**Ashley Bunsen** local award winning scientist, has a bit of a gambling habit.

**Lord James T. Burke** rich English playboy.

**Andre Couvert** tourist. Out tonight before moving on to Switzerland tomorrow.

**Countess Alice de Ville** wealthy, beautiful and widowed.

**Eva Goodbody** freelance reporter for the New York Times and other newspapers.

**Donovan Jones** Bohemian poet.

**Alex Kirk** former racing driver and minor celebrity.

**Joe Knowall** a croupier at the casino.

**Inspector Freddie Leclou** a local police detective.

**Felicity Phillips** young starlet and cabaret dancer at the casino.

**Jacques Renard** local businessman.

**Sam Riley** the casino manager.

**Chris Rowan** a croupier at the casino.

**Selina Skye** a wealthy jewellery designer, here on holiday for a few weeks.

**Anna Upanova** another holiday-maker. A wealthy lady of leisure.

**Zara Zirconoff** young starlet.

**Host: Ali Ryder** – events manager.

### Auction Catalogue

**Lot #1** – **Countess Alice de Ville** – auctioning a drink with her at the bar

**Lot #2** – **Donovan Jones** – auctioning his skills as a poet, offering to write a short poem for the highest bidder

**Lot #3** – A diamond pendant

**Lot #4** – **Anna Upanova** – auctioning a drink with her at the bar

**Lot #5** – **Lord James T. Burke** – auctioning a weekend at his English country mansion

**Lot #6** – **Felicity Phillips** – auctioning a dance with her this evening

**Lot #7** – A poetry book by the poet Donovan Jones

