

# Arabian Nights

## Introduction

Welcome to Ardalán, a small kingdom ruled by a benevolent Sultan. Ardalán has its share of troubles: the city is plagued by thieves and smugglers, including a group known as the Band of Forty Thieves. Try as they might, the Sultan's guards have never succeeded in capturing the Band's leader.

However, not everything in Ardalán is corrupt. The Sultan has a beautiful daughter, Princess Almeera, who has just turned eighteen. Earlier this evening, the Sultan chose a husband for her. Dozens of princes attended the feast, but the Sultan noticed one man who was handsomer, cleverer, and richer than any of the others in attendance. So, the Sultan announced his daughter's engagement to the Prince Ala' ad-Din.

Tragically, the young prince's dead body was discovered in the marketplace only an hour later. The Sultan's guards are surrounding the marketplace, and the Grand Vizier is on his way to oversee the investigations. No one is leaving the marketplace until the murderer is found.

Put on your veil or your turban, and join us to find out how the story ends, in...

**Arabian Nights!**

# What is included when you buy Arabian Nights?

- 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 money for each guest.
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

## How does Arabian Nights work?

*Arabian Nights* has been written for 18 to 24 guests – plus the host or coordinator. The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit should you have fewer than 24 guests (you do need at least 18, however). Here's how that works:

| Number<br>of guests | Male<br>characters | Female<br>characters | Characters that can be<br>played by either sex |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| 18                  | 6                  | 6                    | 6  |
| 19                  | 6                  | 7                    | 6  |
| 20                  | 7                  | 6                    | 7  |
| 21                  | 7                  | 7                    | 7  |
| 22                  | 7                  | 8                    | 7  |
| 23                  | 8                  | 7                    | 8  |
| 24                  | 8                  | 8                    | 8  |

*Arabian Nights* runs over the course of three or four hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. One person is the Genie, and acts as organizer and coordinator, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all the guests have the information they need.

The guests are all present in the marketplace as the body of the Princess's fiancé is discovered. They have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve these goals is up to them. *Arabian Nights* is an enchanted evening of thievery, investigation, betrayal, magic, and even murder!

## Where can I get Arabian Nights?

*Arabian Nights* is available from [www.freeformgames.com](http://www.freeformgames.com). We accept all major payment methods.

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 Arabian Nights?

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 *Arabian Nights*, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.



"Thought **Arabian Nights** was great! Equally as brilliant as the others (also played A Dead Man's Chest and Curse of the Pharaoh)." **Joanne Szedlak, United Kingdom**



"Freeform Murder Mysteries have become an established birthday tradition. **Arabian Nights** is our fourth and totally lived up to expectations. Despite illness striking 3 of our guests down at the last minute – the flexibility of the game enabled us to work round it and have a fabulous time. Our usual mix of established players and newbies worked wonderfully well and much fun was had by all. I continue to be astounded at the quality of writing these games have and can't wait to choose next year's birthday murder. Thank you, we LOVE your murder mysteries :):)" **Clare Rogers, United Kingdom**

"**Arabian Nights** was awesome, and I am so glad we chose it! Fun setting too. All the characters overall seemed more involved with the main plot – which made everyone like it more too. Lots of twists and potentials. A little trickier to host because of all the potential plot outcomes, but worth it. Thanks – this was fantastic!" **Kimberly Flack, United States**



"Because we live in Dubai, **Arabian Nights** was a perfect match! We even had a real Sheikh among our guests. It was such fun especially the dressing up part. All our friends made a tremendous effort and it was an amazing evening." **A Customer, United Arab Emirates**

# Marketplace Messageboard

The Sultan invites all single, young princes and noblemen to a dinner party next week, where the Sultan will choose a husband for Princess Almeera. This young man will be the kingdom's future Sultan. All eligible young men are to arrive at the party later than the...

The Sultan has chosen Prince Ala' ad-Din, who has traveled from the far kingdom of Zagros to meet and marry our Princess Almeera. The wedding will be held in two weeks. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities.

- The Vizier

The Vizier.

## Notice:

The Vizier would like to remind everyone that the following items are illegal and will be confiscated.

1. Crystal swords
2. Ivory Tusks
3. Magic Carpets
4. Live Elephants

## REWARD

The Sultan is offering a reward to anyone with information regarding the leader of the elusive Band of Forty Thieves. If you have any information, please contact Captain Hayat.

## MISSING

An ancient oil lamp has been stolen. While the lamp has no monetary value, it has great sentimental value. If you have any information, please contact the Vizier.

## Performers in the Marketplace

Rasha the Snake Charmer:  
Watch Rasha expertly charm the deadly cobra with her magical flute playing.

Nihad's Monkey:  
Nihad's amazing monkey is guaranteed to make you laugh. You will be amazed at what this little animal can do!

Malak the Firewalker:  
Malak performs only seldomly. If you are lucky enough to see this performance, Malak's jumping and yelling are sure to be entertaining.

# Arabian Nights - Cast List

## Officials and Dignitaries

- **Abdul-Malik:** the Sultan's Grand Vizier
- **Hayat:** Captain of the Sultan's Guard
- **Numair:** a member of the Sultan's Guard
- **Adi:** a member of the Sultan's Guard
- **Prince Amir Barad:** a suitor of the Princess
- **Prince Jabbar Sharifi:** a suitor of the Princess
- **Jinan:** a doctor

## Travelers

- **Hassan:** the caravan leader
- **Jamal:** Hassan's son
- **Kasuni:** a caravan guard
- **Inas:** a trader
- **Deniz:** a trader traveling with Inas

## Stall Holders

- **Kalila:** a merchant
- **Omar:** a jeweler
- **Nadia:** Omar's apprentice

## Entertainers

- **Cantara:** a fortune teller
- **Rasha:** the snake charmer
- **Nihad:** an entertainer with a performing monkey
- **Malak:** a firewalker

## Shoppers and Others in the Marketplace

- **Joharra:** the tailor's apprentice
- **Ara:** a young woman shopping in the marketplace
- **Zahrah:** a young woman shopping in the marketplace
- **Zane:** a messenger
- **Ismat:** the crazy beggar

