

# Death on the Gambia

It is the spring of 1939. Across Europe, countries are preparing for war. However, a smaller drama is about to unfold in the distant British colony of Gambia as the tramp riverboat *Christabel* starts a routine trip from Georgetown to the capital, Bathurst.

The air is hot and humid, the mosquitoes ubiquitous, and the waters slow moving. It is a two-day journey to Bathurst. Two days cut off from the outside world, with only a brief stop at Mansa Konko to break the monotony. Much can happen in two days...

In *Death on the Gambia*, the two-day journey from Georgetown to Bathurst will be played out over the course of a single evening. The passengers aboard the *Christabel* include a journalist, a big game hunter, an archaeologist, a detective, an artist and a missionary. However, not everyone is as they seem—some (well, all) passengers have dark secrets and will do anything to prevent them from being revealed.

The players can form alliances, blackmail each other, steal items and money and maybe even try to kill one another. Along the way, they may solve some of *Death on the Gambia's* mysteries. What is the Sharpe safari's secret? Who has stolen the Idol of Bones—and what does it do? Join us aboard the *Christabel* and find out in *Death on the Gambia*.

**All aboard!**

## What is included in Death on the Gambia?

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.
- Item cards and name badges.
- Announcements and other essential items.

## How many people are needed for Death on the Gambia?

*Death on the Gambia* is for 8 to 11 guests—plus one host (the game coordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 11 guests (you need at least 8, however).

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that anyone can play
8	2	2	4
9	2	3	4
10	2	3	5
11	2	3	6

If you have even more guests, we have a few free extra characters for *Death on the Gambia* that come with the game.

## How does Death on the Gambia work?

*Death on the Gambia* runs for three or four hours and suits a buffet meal. The host acts as organizer, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly. The host does not count towards the maximum or minimum number of players.

Your guests are all present aboard the *Christabel*, a riverboat. They are passengers or crew and have their own goals and agendas; how they choose to achieve those goals is up to them. *Death on the Gambia* is an evening of double-dealing, intrigue, secrets and maybe even murder!

## Where can I purchase *Death on the Gambia*?

*Death on the Gambia* is available from [freeformgames.com](https://freeformgames.com). We accept all major credit cards and PayPal.

When you buy the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it immediately.

We will also email you a download link and password so you can collect your game later if that's more convenient.

## What if I don't like *Death on the Gambia*?

We offer a cast-iron, no-quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with *Death on the Gambia*, let us know within 30 days, and we will refund you.

# Gambia Tribune

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## WAR IN EUROPE?

As the Nazi forces under the command of Adolf Hitler continued to occupy Czechoslovakia, Great Britain and France guaranteed support to Poland against German aggression.

Hitler is believed to be negotiating with Mussolini over Italy's part in any upcoming conflict.

In Bathurst, His Majesty's First Gambian Reserves have been put on standby alert. An official spokesman confirmed this was "as a precautionary measure only."

The Gambian government reminds visitors that travel papers must be carried at all times and should be made available for inspection by any official of the Gambian government. This is for your convenience in these troubled times.

Also in Bathurst, Herr Heinrich Wehrmacht, the German ambassador to Gambia, made this statement... Continued on page 2.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### PEANUTS DOWN

Peanut plantations are reporting a bumper crop this year, driving the price of peanuts down to a five-year low. See Analysis inside.

#### IDOL STOLEN

The Idol of Bones, an ancient good luck symbol from Mali, has been reported stolen. Sources report that the German authorities are paying good prices for ancient artifacts and that the Idol is already on its way to Berlin. See page 5.

#### RIVER FEVER

Official sources denied reports of an outbreak of river fever in Mansa Konko yesterday. Full report inside.

### MULTI-MILLIONAIRE'S FIRST GAMBIAN SAFARI

The Gambia Tribune welcomes multi-millionaire John Sharpe and his daughter Miranda to the Gambia. The American industrialist is enjoying the start of a six-week safari based out of Georgetown.

Sharpe is a keen hunter and has traveled extensively in Africa. Sharpe added three lions and a crocodile to his trophy collection on his first day of hunting.

This is his first visit to the Gambia—we wish him luck.

I just wanted to let you know that we had a great time with **Death on the Gambia** on New Year's Eve. We've played a few conventional murder mystery games before but we all agreed that your type of one was more fun . . . We'll certainly recommend your games to others. **Becca**



As promised I thought I'd drop you a line to let you know what a **FANTASTIC** success our *Death on the Gambia* evening was! 10/10! **Darroch**



Oh my gosh, we had too much fun. Thank you for this game . . . I am telling all of my friends about this. I will be back again. **Eric**



I would like to say that I have never laughed so much, and saw my long-standing chums in a completely different light! They were all a bit worried too about how it would work and if it would be fun but after the *Christabel* had set sail, there was no going back (and no stopping them) . . . We all thank you for helping make our New Year party the best yet. **Cathy**

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## Cast list

Jane Carter: an American journalist working for the Gambia Tribune.

Dexter Fairchild: an intrepid big game hunter from England.

Captain Sam Ironheart: captain of the *Christabel*.

Uzoma Jobe: first mate aboard the *Christabel*.

Joey Keene: one of Gambia's finest detectives.

Connor McDouglas: a rugged Scottish archaeologist, adventurer and finder of antiquities.

Marie Renard: a famous French artist.

Gabe Schwartz: a brilliant German doctor bringing aid to the people of the jungle.

Caroline Tanner: an English widow seeing the world.

Alex Thomas: chief buyer for the Happy Peanut Spread Company.

Vic Townhill: an English missionary.

