

DINNER SHOW

MURDERWATCH MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

GROSVENOR RESORT

- ★★★★ ENTERTAINMENT (An outstanding professional cast. One of the best shows at WDW.)
- ★★★★ FOOD (Above-average buffet-style food, good prime rib, and a very good value.)
- ★★★★ SERVICE (Self-service. Attentive, helpful servers bring beverages and clear plates.)
- ★★★★ ATMOSPHERE (A pleasant, charming setting for music, humor, dinner, and -- murder.)



BIG EVENTS

LOCATION: MurderWatch Mystery Dinner Theatre is staged at the Grosvenor Resort, located on Hotel Plaza in the Disney Village Resorts Area. The show is held in Baskervilles restaurant.

ENTERTAINMENT: Guests are asked to help solve a murder with a zany and animated group of players, some of whom are clandestinely planted in the audience before the show. A few subtle alterations occur while guests are dining, to attract attention to the large cast and to create suspicion. After witnessing a murder, compiling clues, guessing at motives, and listening to a number of hilarious, heartrending confessions, guests are asked to choose the most likely suspect. The winners receive their awards on stage. Show plots and endings vary, so there's always a new "whodunit" to enjoy.

DINING ROOM: Guests are seated at tables or banquettes in a spacious but intimately proportioned Edwardian-style dining room. The walls of this recently remodeled restaurant are decorated with framed etchings illustrating scenes from famous Sherlock Holmes detective stories.

MENU: The all-you-care-to-eat buffet includes *Roast Prime Rib of Beef*, *Fresh Red Snapper*, *Coq au Vin*, *Baked Stuffed Pasta Shells*, *Fresh Mixed Vegetables*, and a complete *Salad Bar*. Side dishes include *Wild-Blend Rice with Raisins and Almonds* and *Duchess Potatoes*. Guests select from an array of desserts at the *Dessert Buffet*. The menu may vary.

BEVERAGES: Coffee and tea are available at the buffet. Soft drinks, wine, and beer, as well as cocktails from Moriarty's Pub, next door, are brought to the table by servers.

PRICE: Tickets are about \$35 (about \$15 for children), including taxes and gratuities. Guests pay as they enter. Readers receive a \$5 discount per person. (See "Vacation Discount Coupons!" page 272.)

SHOW TIMES: There is always one show at 6 PM on Saturday nights; during peak seasons, show times are at 6 and 9 PM. During summer months, there may be a special al fresco dinner show and buffet on the lawn. Shows may also be scheduled on additional nights during peak seasons.

MAKING RESERVATIONS: Reservations for the MurderWatch Mystery Dinner Theatre can be made up to three months in advance by calling the Grosvenor Resort (800 624-4109 or 407 827-6534). Same-day reservations are available as space permits.

TIPS: Don't miss the Grosvenor's Sherlock Holmes Museum, a replica of the famous detective's 221B Baker Street digs. The museum is tucked into the back of the restaurant and includes such props as Holmes's Meerschaum pipe and purple dressing gown, and the famous Stradivarius violin. Give yourself a little extra time after the show to view the collection and meet the performance's friendly cast.

The atmosphere at these shows is more like that of a supper club than a regular restaurant, so there are usually very few little children present. The children who do attend are generally old enough to understand the premise of the show and are often drawn into the action as clue hunters by the hosts.

NOTE: Dress is casual dinner wear. The restaurant has a smoking area. ♦