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If you find sleuthing relaxing, these hotels host murder mystery weekends

Love a good murder mystery? Here are clues for overnight getaways where you can channel your inner Jessica Fletcher or Sherlock Holmes for a little sleuthing, sipping and sleeping (if you dare).

Twin Farms

The fifth-annual murder mystery weekend at this all-inclusive Relais & Châteaux resort in Barnard, Vt., in mid-March, will be especially puzzling.

The interactive three-day weekend is partnered with Stave Puzzles, a world-renowned Norwich, Vt., company that creates handcrafted wood jigsaw puzzles. Guests, as well as actors and staff posing as guests, uncover clues and piece together the murder plot throughout the weekend, primarily during lunch and dinner. There will also be designated areas for puzzling during the weekend for dedicated Stave puzzlers.



A Stave puzzle at Twin Farms. WAYNE EARL CHINNOCK

Check-in is on Thursday afternoon (March 19), and the theatrics begin at the Friday night cocktail reception and dinner. A black-tie event including cocktails and a communal dinner is held on Saturday night when the big reveal is divulged, and prizes are awarded for a future two-night resort stay or a 250-piece Stave Traditional puzzle. On Sunday morning, a guided tour of the Stave Puzzle workshop is an option before checkout. The resort's facilities, including six private downhill ski slopes (and a dedicated ski sherpa), cross-country skiing, a library, a Japanese Furo, and all meals, are included; spa services are extra. Cost: \$2,300 per night/per room, all-inclusive, minimum three-night stay. www.twinfarms.com.



A view of Twin Farms.