

A photograph of two champagne flutes filled with bubbly liquid, set on a white tablecloth. A pink ribbon is draped across the foreground. The background is softly blurred, showing a plate of food and a glass. The overall color palette is light and celebratory.

Themed Events

Themed Dinners & Parties from Maruba Events

Themed events are my specialty, whether as dinners or parties. Take a look at some of my themes - or suggest your own theme and I'll turn it into reality!

Themed events can include room decor, menu theming (always with a vegetarian option), table decor, specialist entertainers, themed background music, costume hire, themed invitations and menu cards, firework and laser shows and much more.

If you'd like a theme not listed here, contact me with your ideas - I like a challenge!

Dinner Themes

Around The World Dinners



Feast on a five course dinner with each course originating from a different continent. Menus can be tailored to requirements and provided by either hotels or outside caterers. Maybe enjoy Icelandic prawns, Italian pasta, Mexican burritos, New Zealand lamb, Thai curry, Belgian chocolate torte or French cheeses washed down with South African wine? Tables can be themed by nationality. For an informal option guests can dress in national costume. For a more formal affair this event can be black tie with a variety of travel related after-dinner speakers.

Burns Suppers



Celebrate the life and work of the Ayrshire Bard, Robert Burns, with a formal dinner. Burns Suppers have an established formula with audience participation; the piping in of the haggis, an address to the immortal memory of Robbie Burns, the address to the haggis, a toast to the lassies and a reply from the lassies, plus poetry reading or singing. With a four course meal, why not choose haggis, neeps and tatties as an intermediate course so that everyone can taste it yet still be adequately fed on more standard fare as the main course? Continue the evening with a ceilidh band leading some traditional Scottish dancing. Burns Night is 25th January but Burns Suppers are popular all year round

Chinese Banquets



Ideal to celebrate the Chinese New Year in late January/early February or just as much fun throughout the year. An array of Chinese food can either be served buffet style or silver service. Decor includes wall panels with information about the Chinese zodiac signs, traditional handpainted parasols, Chinese lanterns and Chinese writing good luck messages at each place setting. Gentle Chinese background music can also be supplied.

Christmas Parties



Who says you can only celebrate in December!? I have hosted Christmas parties in May complete with twinkling tree, rooms festooned with festive decor and the sounds of Christmas songs! Be novel and eat your turkey dinner in the height of summer! Handmade personalised crackers can be supplied to make it that extra special celebration.

James Bond Dinners



Start the evening with a vodka martini cocktail (shaken not stirred, of course) before moving to your table. Each one gets a makeover themed to a specific Bond film. Listen to Bond themes as background music whilst dining and maybe attempt a Bond table quiz during coffee. This event can be formal with tuxedos and cocktail dresses or casual with guests dressing as Miss Moneypenny, Blofeld or other characters.

Masquerade Balls



Masquerade balls were first held in the 14th century in Italy and were elaborate dances. Today the emphasis is more on fine food and fine clothes with participants encouraged to wear eye masks. If guests can arrive a couple of hours prior to the event then a 'mask making' session is highly recommended where both ladies and gentlemen can have creative fun with cardboard, glitter, paints and ribbons! Tables can be serenaded by a lute player and the evening rounded off with traditional ballroom dancing or a more modern disco.

Medieval Banquets



There is nothing so atmospheric as a banquet with everyone in costume from medieval times, a wandering minstrel serenading the tables, a court jester entertaining the King, serving wenches bringing out flaggons of cider and mead, and the guards throwing a serf into the stocks. Fun for all ages!

School Dinners



Relive your youth with a 'skool dayz' event! This is simple in terms of both food and costumes. The menu will invariably include items such as vegetable soup (to get those five portions a day!), sizzling bangers 'n' mash and spotted dick with not-so-lumpy custard. Fancy dress is optional. Surely everyone has a black or navy skirt/trousers and white shirt in their wardrobe? But who still owns knee high socks, a school tie or prefect badge!? Fun activities between courses can be arranged to score team points. Or simply round off the evening with a 70s or 80s disco.

Wartime Parties



Go back in time to the World War 2 era. The room can be decorated with giant wartime posters, canvas backdrops of spitfires, and bunting. Entertainment can be provided by a Vera Lynn sound-a-like, a 1940s big band or simply a disco complete with 1940s music and air raid siren sounds! Hand in your imitation ration book to enjoy a 'street party' buffet complete with spam sandwiches, victory Scotch eggs and celebration trifle. Or fill in your dance card and jitterbug the night away.

Wild West Nights



Enjoy a finger-lickin' hot buffet or sit down meal followed by 'hoe down' entertainment. A great night out for those wanting a less formal event. The wearing of jeans, checked shirts, cowboy boots and stetsons is encouraged! As is dancing to a live band. A professional caller leads you through the steps and you'll soon be swinging your partner with ease. This type of event is also a great way to mingle as you'll move around the floor dancing with everyone.

Taste Of India



An afternoon of Indian culture followed by an evening of Indian cuisine. Take part in a Bollywood and traditional Indian dance class and/or learn the techniques of Indian head massage with the opportunity to have a mini-treatment. Enjoy a curry buffet with a selection of meat and vegetarian curries, rice, naan bread and accompaniments then work off the calories with a disco.

Party Themes

Here are a selection of popular themes for parties, all of which I'm able to provide...

Pirates of the Caribbean, Heaven and Hell, Out of Africa, Explorers, Monsters Inc., Carry On Films, Kids' TV, Under The Sea, Movie Stars, Rocky Horror, Science Fiction, National Costumes, Back To School, Wild West, Eurovision, Midnight at the Oasis, Circus Circus, Stars and Stripes, Halloween, Mythology, Uniforms, In The Army Now.

Charging

My fee is 10%-15% of the total event budget, depending on the level of work involved. I'll agree terms with you at the outset.

Quotations

Contact me for a free, no-obligation quotation for your event. My contact details are on the back page.

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