



# DICKENS CHRISTMAS HOUSE PARTY

WITH GERALD & IAN DICKENS

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AT THE ROYAL HOTEL  
13<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT

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Step into a world of wit, warmth and wonder as The Royal Hotel proudly presents Dickens Christmas House Party, an exclusive weekend event celebrating Charles Dickens' works and his rich connection to the Isle of Wight.

Back by popular demand following the outstanding success of our February event, we once again bring together, as hosts and in performance, Gerald Dickens and Ian Dickens, great-great-grandsons of Charles Dickens.

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# A LITERARY WEEKEND BREAK

## FRIDAY - WELCOME TO YOUR DICKENSIAN ESCAPE

Check in, unwind, and begin your Dickensian escape.

**Welcome Drink** on arrival with **Gerald and Ian Dickens**

During which Gerald and Ian Dickens will perform some **light hearted Christmas themed extracts** from some of Dickens' novels, his love of the festive season and some **new anecdotes about Charles Dickens life** and connection to the Isle of Wight.

**Dinner** - A 3 Course Set Menu - 2 AA Rosette fine dining

## SATURDAY - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DICKENS

### *In The Morning*

#### **Full English Breakfast**

A relaxed light **activities and memorabilia** to discover.

Enjoy a **short, heartfelt reading**, written by Ian and Gerald's father, sharing **memories of Christmas** spent with his grandfather, the **son of Charles Dickens**.

Or, you may like to follow the free, self-guided **Charles Dickens Trail** — visiting many of the places where Dickens stayed, lived and found inspiration. Please note that this is an independent, self-guided walk and is not organised or supervised by The Royal Hotel.

### *In The Afternoon*

**Free to explore the Island** - Your options Include:

- Ventnor's seafront, shops and coastal walks.
- Historic landmarks such as Osborne House.
- Taking a ride on the Isle of Wight Steam Railway
- Exploring the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary
- Visiting Ventnor Botanic Garden

An optional Royal **Afternoon Tea** will be available (not included in the price)

### *In The Evening*

A **live performance by Gerald Dickens** of his world renowned one man show **"A Christmas Carol"**

Followed by a **7-course tasting experience** curated by our Head Chef Jacob Gough.

An optional **Smoking Bishop** will be available - A Victorian warm, mulled wine cocktail mentioned in "A Christmas Carol"

## SUNDAY - FAREWELL TO A MAGICAL WEEKEND

#### **Full English Breakfast**

**Check-out** & a fond farewell from Gerald and Ian Dickens.

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