

MidCon 2018

2 – 4 November 2018

Hallmark Hotel, Derby

Britain's longest running annual board games convention

Now in its **39th year** (or 40th, if you count the first one held in someone's house in Digbeth), **MidCon XXXIX** takes place in a comfortable hotel in the city of Derby from Friday morning (9am) to Sunday evening (6pm).

The convention features:

- the opportunity to play board games with like-minded adults, including all the hot games from this year's Essen games fair
- the **MidCon** music and general knowledge quiz for teams of four on Saturday evening
- a Diplomacy tournament, subject to numbers
- the chance to buy even more board games from Spirit Games
- the chance to sell your surplus games on the Bring & Buy stall on the Saturday or pick up a bargain

MidCon is primarily about playing games and meeting people. You can play any of the number of games people bring along with them, including the hot new games from the Spiel games fair in Essen, which takes place a few weeks before **MidCon**.

What sort of games are typically played?

Popular games include 18XX, Pandemic Legacy, Agricola, Scythe, Terraforming Mars and Great Western Trail, but you are welcome to bring along your own favourite games – you will almost certainly find people willing to play at least one of them.

How much does it cost?

We've yet to finalise the contract with the hotel but I would be surprised if this year's prices were much different to last year's, which were:

£25 per person for the whole weekend, when booked before 1st November, £30 afterwards, and on the door.

The day rates were: £15/£15/£10 for Friday/Saturday/Sunday.

Do I have to stay overnight at the hotel?

Nope, but if you want to, you get a special **MidCon** rate. Last year, bed & breakfast prices at the hotel were £67 a night for a single and £80 for a double or twin room (i.e. per room, not per person), while across the road at the sister hotel the rates were £54 (single) and £67 (double/twin).

How many people attend?

Over the course of the weekend, about 260 people attend. We pretty much take over the whole hotel for the weekend – we even have our own private real ale bar – and we've started to colonise the sister hotel across the road, too.

Where can I find more details?

Web site: <http://www.midcon.org.uk/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MidConBoardgames/>

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MidConDerby/>

Boardgamegeek: <https://tinyurl.com/midcongeek>