

Find the Treasure!



Category: Adventure, Deduction
Mechanic: Pattern Recognition
Players: 2-6
Time: 45 minutes
Components: 154 tiles, 26 cards, 58 tokens

What is the game about?

You play a pirate searching for a treasure. You do have a map but it is not complete and you are not the only one searching for the treasure.



How do you win?

The winner is the pirate who first finds 2 diamonds and gets back to the ship.

How do you play?



The treasure island is constructed of tiles with paths and obstacles. The players take turns to move their pirate 1 tile at the time and there are 9 tiles at which they may dig for the treasure. The content of each spot is determined by a longitude card and a latitude card and whenever a pirate digs there, he or she looks at the 2 cards intersecting at that spot to see what lies beneath. Each white diamond counts as 1 but each black diamond counts as -2 so digging randomly is dangerous.



At the start of the game, each pirate may only look at 1 longitude or latitude card. To find out the exact location of the treasure, a pirate need to look at more cards and there are only 3 ways to do so:

1. Fight with and win over another pirate to look at his or her starting card
2. Fight and win over another pirate to steal 2 found cards with the risk of stealing a black diamond
3. Dig randomly with the risk of finding a black diamond



Once enough diamonds are found, the pirate must return to the ship to win the game before the others find out and try to steal it. The challenge of Find the Treasure! is not only to find the treasure but also to conceal the finding.

What makes the game special?

The unique mechanism of Find the Treasure! is the two-level hidden information. The treasure is hidden but by finding the right cards, a player may narrow down the search and find it.