

CREATE MAGICAL MOMENTS AT WARWICK CASTLE THIS CHRISTMAS

- Christmas at the Castle: 21st November 3rd January 2021
 - Festive fun from £16 per person
- Glide across the ice rink and explore the new luminous Light Trail



XX October 2020: Embrace the true spirit of Christmas and head to <u>Warwick Castle</u> as the magic of the festive season takes over for *Christmas at the Castle* (21st November - 3rd January 2020).

The Castle has Christmas all wrapped up as it transforms into a winter wonderland with bedecked halls, yuletide stories and festive activities for all the family. Begin by sheltering from the cold indoors and exploring the grand Great Hall and State Rooms, guided by the on-site team reciting stories of Christmasses past. Marvel at the luxurious and opulent decorations and glittery lights, including a 20ft Christmas tree!

Outside, wrap up warm and venture into the Castle grounds to grab warming refreshments from the Winter Stalls offering festive food and drink, or step on to the Castle's Ice Rink, returning by

popular demand after last year's success. Follow the new magical Light Trail to explore the Castle and its grounds. The illuminated trail winds its way around the beautiful grounds and gardens telling a Christmas story of hope.

To truly raise Christmas spirits, stay the 'knight' for a Santa's Sleepover at the Castle, including a special Santa wake-up call and experience in the Knight's village.

Christmas at the Castle, from £16 per person

Warwick has Christmas all wrapped up with a host of festive events and attractions all included with a standard Castle ticket.

Winter Stalls

New this year, enjoy a fantastic selection of Christmas treats, festive food and drink all adjacent to the beautiful Ice Rink in cheery Christmas huts.

Great Hall & State Rooms

Venture through the spectacular Great Hall and State Rooms as they are lavishly decorated for the festive season, including a 20ft Christmas tree in the Great Hall.

Christmas History Tours

Join the Castle's expert History Team as they retell stories of magical Christmases gone by.

Winter Birds of Prey

Marvel as one of the Castle's specialist falconers talks through some of our fantastic birds of prey, whilst they show off their aerial acrobatic skills swooping low over the Castle towers and ramparts - and the audience- in this intimate show.

Horrible Histories® Scavenger Hunt

Journey back in time and join Rattus Rattus to uncover hundreds of years of interactive Christmas history by winding through the Horrible Histories® Scavenger Hunt around the Castle.

Seasonal Treats

Ice Rink - *from £16pp or £25pp combined with Christmas at the Castle*The Midlands' most beautiful ice rink returns for 2020. Following its success last year, the ice rink is once again set against the magnificent Castle backdrop. Glide onto the ice and experience the buzz of skating surrounded by twinkling lights, frosty trees and festive winter stalls as skaters show off their graceful (or not so!) moves on the ice.

Light Trail - from £14pp or £25pp combined with Christmas at the Castle Explore the new glimmering Light Trail at Warwick Castle. The trail weaves through the grounds, guiding visitors as they journey through a glittering Christmas story of hope.

Stories with Santa - *from* £7.50pp (must be added to Castle entry) Cosy up for a story with the big man himself. Head into the Castle at selected times during the day to catch a story with Santa, perfect for little ones.

Santa's Sleepovers - from £372 per night for a family of four

This Christmas, turn a magical day into a truly memorable stay with an unforgettable overnight stay in the Castle's Lodges. Enjoy a stay in the bedecked Knight's Village and cosy up in a Woodland Lodge alongside the River Avon, enjoying an exclusive Santa wake-up call on selected dates* and special festive evening entertainment. All stays include entry to the Castle, car parking, a hearty breakfast in the Knight's village and evening entertainment.

Safety considerations have been taken throughout all attractions, such as social distancing and pre-booked time slots, making for the safest visit possible.

Book entrance and accommodation online at www.warwick-castle.com

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Note to editors

Ticket prices are based on advance booking online. Some attractions incur an additional charge (including Ice rink and Light Trail).

Tickets:

Castle entry – from £16pp
Ice Rink entry– from £16pp
Light Trail entry – from £14pp
Castle + Light Trail entry – from £25pp
Castle+ Ice Rink entry – from £25pp

*Santa Sleepovers available on Friday 27th November and Friday 4th, Saturday 5th, Friday 11th, Saturday 12th December and Friday 18th to Wednesday 23rd December from £372 per night based on a family of four in a Woodland Lodge.

Images

High res Dropbox: www.dropbox.com/sh/o8jlclce96mput1/AACxiiVApo8u6Dp5gENyRn3va?dl=0

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Warwick Castle

Warwick Castle is easily accessible from Junction 15 of the M40, just 40 minutes from Birmingham and 1 hour 40 minutes from London. Warwick Castle is easy to reach by train from London Marylebone in only

86 minutes. The Castle, set in 64 acres of grounds designed by Capability Brown, rests on the banks of the River Avon at the heart of historic Warwick.

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