



## WARWICK CASTLE MAKES FOR A MAGICAL MAY DAY OUT

- **LIVE RE-ENACTMENTS**
- **HORRIBLE HISTORIES™ FOUL FAYRES**
- **FIREBALL SPECTACULAR**
- **WORLD'S BIGGEST BIRD OF PREY**
- **STORIES AND SCARES FOR ALL AGES**

*29 April, 2014:* Keep boredom at bay this May: enjoy a memorable day out, whatever the British weather has in store, at [Warwick Castle](#). From fireballs racing across the sky to a live mediaeval village, from the world's largest bird of prey to historical tales with the nasty bits left in, there are stories, sights, sounds and smells to delight all ages.

The Castle grounds come alive for both May bank holidays with re-enactments showing how the inhabitants of Warwick in the Middle Ages prepared for and coped with life and battle. Lively and engaging, the re-enactment village shows just how hard life could be in the dark days before Britain became a more settled country.

The great and the good – and often the grimy and the gruesome – characters of Horrible Histories® Foul Fayres have invaded the 1,100 year old Castle for the summer to ensure that their version of British history - from the Measly Middle Ages right through to the Vile Victorians, via Slimy Stuarts and Gorgeous Georgians – is told loud and clear. Visitors can explore seven encampments, each with live actors telling stories, and interactive games such as Toilet Tipping in the Measly Middle Ages and exploding barrels with the Slimy Stuarts.

As part of celebrations to mark the Castle's 1,100<sup>th</sup> anniversary every attraction has been reimagined, and the Mighty Trebuchet is no exception: firing twice a day, the Trebuchet Fireball Spectacular now brings the heat of battle to the banks of the River Avon with 30 feet-high flames! Younger visitors can try their strength with the Sword and the Stone, or enjoy the new stories in The Princess Tower.

Eyes up! Rosie is the only Andean Condor to take to the skies in the UK and she is the new star of the twice daily Flight of the Eagles display which has more birds in the sky at once than ever before. Andean Condors are the world's largest birds of prey and can grow to have a wingspan of over 10 feet, larger than the average car.



Don't miss the archer's-eye views from the Towers and Ramparts, and the grandeur of The Great Hall and State Rooms.

And for something very special, why not spend the night at Warwick Castle: the Glampsite re-opens, with 41 tents including three new deluxe tents with four-poster beds – on 24 May. Tents for up to four people start from £200 per night including breakfast, car parking and two days Castle entrance.

Located in the heart of historic Warwick, enjoying an unrivalled position on the banks of River Avon in 64-acres of grounds, Warwick Castle offers visitors over the two May bank holidays For the best value tickets, book online seven days in advance at [www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com): adults - £17.10 and children (aged 4-11 years) £14.85.

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**Notes to Editors:**

Some daily attractions are seasonal – check [www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com) for full schedule.

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 60 acres of grounds designed by Capability Brown, rests on the banks of the River Avon at the heart of historic Warwick. Throughout 2014, every show and attraction at Warwick Castle will be re-imagined as part of celebrations to mark the site's 1,100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Trebuchet Fireball Spectacular, launching this Easter (5 April) features the world's largest working siege engine hurling fireballs further than ever before and towers of flames thirty feet high. The new show, on the banks of the River Avon, is the fiery start to the year-long celebrations and takes place twice daily.

New for March is Afternoon Tea: taken in The State Dining Room from £59pp including Taittinger champagne and a selection of fine teas and patisseries, this is where seven monarchs have been entertained.

New for Easter 2014 is the addition the UK's only free flying Andean Condor and the only one to take part in a show of this kind. With a wingspan of up to 10ft 6in, these birds are the largest bird of prey in the world.

Glamping makes a welcome return to the Castle's riverside meadow this summer (24 May-31 August), now with 41 tents including three new luxury King's Tents and 38 Warwick Tents. Costing from £200 per night for a family of up to six, the price includes breakfast, two-day Castle admission, car parking and entertainment. King's Tents even feature wooden four-poster beds.

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