



## **WARWICK CASTLE BANS BOREDOM THIS SUMMER**

***SO GOOD, GUESTS WILL WANT TO STAY THE NIGHT***

- **JOUSTING - BACK FROM 19 JULY**
- **HORRIBLE HISTORIES FOUL FAYRES**
- **BIRDS OF PREY & TREBUCHET**
- **GLAMPING**
- **..AND RAINY DAY GUARANTEE!**

*20 June 2014:* Warwick Castle has banned boredom this summer – and even offers guests the opportunity to stay overnight if they cannot tear themselves away! There is even a Rainy Day Guarantee if the Great British weather misbehaves...

The Castle's famous jousting knights return on Saturday, 19 July to mark the site's 1,100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with two daredevil daily shows (until Sunday, 31 August), and they join swordsmen showing off their skills; characters in five Horrible Histories® Foul Fayres determined to make the most of the grim and gory aspects of British history; Rosie the Andean Condor, vast vultures and soaring eagles in the twice daily Flight of the Eagles; and the Trebuchet Fireball Spectacular which brings the heat of battle to the banks of the Rive Avon with 30-foot high jets of flame.

If this is all too much for one day, visitors can now spend the night in the Warwick Castle Mediaeval Glampsite within the Castle grounds. With wooden floors and wooden beds, free Wi-Fi and a Banqueting Tent, the Glampsite offers riverside accommodation from £200 per night based on four people sharing a spacious bell tent.

On days when the British summer weather fails, there's plenty to do inside the Castle including exploring The Great Hall & State Rooms with the expert History Team and venturing into the Gaol deep under Caesar's Tower – as well as The Castle

Dungeon and The Princess Tower. And, if it rains continuously for one hour or more, visitors who booked in advance online can take advantage of the Rainy Day Guarantee and return to the Castle for free within 60 days.\*

Geoff Spooner, General Manager at Warwick Castle, said: “We’ve banned boredom here this summer, because with so much going on all-day every day for adults and children, there’s simply no time to be bored! With the return of our famous jousting knights - who are now even more daring – and our new sword battle display, there’s more than ever before to entertain our summer guests whatever the British summer weather. The Mediaeval Glampsite allows guests to sleep comfortably in the Castle grounds and enjoy two days at the Castle and really let their imaginations run riot!”

Book online in advance for the best entry prices at [www.warwick-castle.com](http://www.warwick-castle.com) [from £18 Adult, £14.85 Child or £51.72 Family of 2 adults and 2 children aged 4 - 11]. An overnight in a Warwick Tent in the Mediaeval Glampsite starts from £200 based on four people sharing a bell tent including breakfast, priority Castle entry for two days and car parking.

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**Notes to Editors:**

\*See website for Terms & Conditions. Only valid for those who booked online or by phone in advance. The Castle’s decision regarding the weather is final.

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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