

CHIVALRY IS NOT DEAD! WARWICK CASTLE JOUSTING KNIGHTS RETURN 19 JULY

- **Bigger, bolder, better than ever before**
- **More horses...more passes...more thrills and spills!**
- **Need more than a day? Glampsite offers a 'good knight's sleep'**

Let battle commence! Prepare to hear the thunderous sound of horses' hooves and the loud chinks of clashing lances as [Warwick Castle](#) welcomes back its famous Jousting Tournament on Saturday, 19 July (until 31 August): bigger, better and bolder than ever.

During the two daredevil daily shows, Castle visitors can marvel at the skill and horsemanship as the gallant knights fight to defend their honour and be amazed as they attempt to unhorse one another.

To mark the Castle's 1,100th anniversary, the Jousting Tournament is bigger, better and bolder than ever before, with more horses and more 'passes' (when the knights run at each other with lances).

The brave knights join a whole host of attractions that make Warwick Castle a full fun day out for all the family this summer.

Horrible Histories® Foul Fayres remain at the attraction until 31 August, determined to make the most of the grim and gory aspects of British history; Rosie the Andean Condor, vast vultures and soaring eagles amaze visitors in the twice daily Flight of the Eagles; and the Trebuchet Fireball Spectacular brings the heat of battle to the banks of the River Avon with 30-foot high jets of flame twice every day.

Inside the Castle, visitors can explore The Great Hall & State Rooms with the expert History Team and the bravest can venture into the Gaol deep under Caesar's Tower – as well as enjoying The Castle Dungeon and The Princess Tower.

Geoff Spooner, General Manager at Warwick Castle, said: "Chivalry is very much alive and well at Warwick Castle this summer with the return of our famous Jousting Tournament. Our knights are more daring than ever and they respond very well to the cheering crowds so we urge everyone to choose a side and support them loudly!"

He added: “With so much going on at the castle this summer for our anniversary, some visitors might find them need more than a day to see everything so our Mediaeval Glampsite allows families to sleep comfortably in the Castle grounds and enjoy two days at the Castle. Were sure out guests will enjoy a ‘good knight’s sleep’!”

Book online seven days in advance and save 30%: www.warwick-castle.com.

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Notes to Editors:

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 1,100th anniversary.

The Trebuchet Fireball Spectacular,) 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.

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 was 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 (until 6 September), 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.

Visit www.warwick-castle.com for further information.

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