



WARWICK CASTLE TO HOST WINTER MARKET

- Opens 5th December - free entry
- Festive food, drinks and gifts galore
- Covid-secure Christmas shopping set against beautiful Castle backdrop



20 November 2020: Warwick Castle has an exciting new addition to its Christmas offering for 2020 with its first ever festive Winter Market, free to visit and open to all - not just Castle ticket-holders. Open daily between 5th December 2020 - 3rd January 2021 from 10am to 8pm, the Winter Market is the perfect opportunity to buy local this Christmas, in spectacular surroundings.

Located along the iconic East Front of the Castle, independent stall-holders from Warwickshire and the surrounding area will be offering a wide range of seasonal best-sellers including craft beer, artisan gin, handcrafted jewellery, homewares, gifts and plants.

The outdoor Winter Market provides a safety-conscious solution to Christmas shopping, with contactless payments, one-way systems and additional hygiene measures in place.

For those looking to combine a spot of shopping with a day out at the Castle, there are plenty of other festive attractions on offer, from spectacular decorations to yuletide stories with some help from Santa and his elves. Wrap up warm and step on to the Castle's Ice Rink (back by popular demand), or follow the new magical Light Trail to explore the Castle and its grounds. The illuminated walk winds its way around the beautiful grounds and gardens telling a Christmas story of hope.

Inside, discover the grand Great Hall and State Rooms in their full festive splendour including a 20-foot Christmas tree, and learn about Christmasses past on a guided tour with one of the Castle's historical experts. To truly raise Christmas spirits, stay the 'knight' for a Santa's Sleepover* at the Castle, including a special wake-up call from Santa.

For more information or to book a Christmas visit, head to www.warwick-castle.com.

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Note to editors

- New Winter Stalls can be found at the Castle from 5th December - 3rd January 2021.
- Ticket prices for Castle entry below are based on advance booking online. Some attractions incur an additional charge (including Ice rink and Light Trail).

Tickets:

Winter Stalls - free, open-access to public via the main Castle entrance.

Parking costs £6 from Stratford Road car park

Tickets for the Castle's main Christmas attractions:

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

Images

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Warwick

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

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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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