Free entry to Edinburgh Castle

With St Andrew's Day just over a week away, why not plan to celebrate Scotland's national day with a visit to one of our country's great historic sites?

Historic Scotland is offering the perfect incentive – free entry to 48 outstanding heritage attractions throughout the country for four days : Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th , Monday 29th and St Andrew's Day itself, Tuesday 30th November.

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Minister for Culture and External Affairs said: "Enjoying a visit to one of Scotland's finest historic properties is a wonderful way to mark our country's national day and celebrate our rich heritage and culture as part of Scotland's Winter Festivals.

"The offer of free admission, on the run-up to St Andrew's Day and the 30th itself, will encourage and enable as many people as possible to do just that. It's a great opportunity to enjoy a memorable day out whilst appreciating and taking pride in our nation's rich built heritage."

The St Andrew's free entry offer covers a selection of leading historic attractions across the length and breadth of Scotland.

In Edinburgh and the Lothians the free entry includes Edinburgh Castle, Craigmillar Castle and Dirleton Castle. Edinburgh Castle will also be getting in the St. Andrews spirit by turning blue for the duration of the free opening.

To find out your nearest participating attraction and details of opening times, you can text GO FREE to 84118.

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