

# Historic Scotland in ticket giveaway



Some of Scotland's best known heritage attractions will be giving away thousands of free tickets to people who pre-register online as part of this year's St. Andrew's celebrations.

Scotland's most visited paid for tourist attraction, Edinburgh Castle, the former home of the Stewart Kings and Queens, Stirling Castle, and Urquhart Castle on the banks of Loch Ness are amongst 35 of Historic Scotland's winter ticketed attractions participating across the length and breadth of the country.

Members of the public can register for tickets from today, 10<sup>th</sup> November, at a special website, [www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk](http://www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk). Visitors can register for a free ticket for their chosen site for either Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November which will provide admission for up to two adults and three children.

There is no limit to how many sites can be applied for, although visitors are being urged to be quick to register so they don't miss out on the chance to visit a great historic property for free with registration closing at 5pm on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November.





Stephen Duncan, Director of Commercial and Tourism for Historic Scotland said:

“The ticket giveaway is a great way to visit Scotland’s iconic heritage attractions for free.

“By registering online at [www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk](http://www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk), visitors can apply for tickets which will provide complimentary entry on either Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. There are a huge amount of sites to choose from – from the recently restored palace of James V at Stirling Palace to the magnificent border abbeys.

“In order to ensure a quality experience for visitors, numbers

will be capped at participating sites so we would urge people to get in quick to ensure they get their first choice of venue and have the opportunity to enjoy a visit to a heritage site for free.”

The ticket giveaway is part of the Scottish Government’s Winter Festivals campaign which celebrates Scotland’s unique festivals – St. Andrew’s Day, Burns Night and Hogmanay – and this year forms part of Homecoming 2014, which has seen events take place the length and breadth of Scotland.

Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop said:

“We are in a privileged position in Scotland to enjoy some of the most diverse and celebrated heritage in the world.

“This ranges from magnificent prehistoric monuments to grand castles and cathedrals to symbols of our more recent industrial heritage.

“Each of these magnificent sites has its own individual story to tell as well as their wider contribution to the rich tapestry of Scotland’s past.

“The St. Andrew’s weekend is a fantastic time to get out and about and learn more about the heritage on your doorstep or indeed further afield, helping to connect people today to the past.”

For tickets and a full list of participating sites visit [www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk](http://www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk).

For details of opening hours for individual sites, visit [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/places)

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