

What's on in Edinburgh? St Andrew's Day ticket giveaway




If you live in Edinburgh and the Lothians then you have the chance to get your hands on tickets to some of the region's most iconic heritage attractions, as free tickets are made available through online pre-registration, as part of this year's St Andrew's Day celebrations.

Over the course of the Ticket Giveaway weekend, which takes place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November, visitors will have the chance to apply for tickets to explore centuries of history across the length and breadth of the country.

Edinburgh Castle, Blackness Castle, Craigmillar Castle, Dirleton Castle, Linlithgow Palace and Tantallon Castle are amongst the 35 participating winter ticketed attractions taking part in the promotion throughout Scotland.

Thousands of tickets have been released and visitors have until 5pm on Friday 27 November 2015 to register. Visitors can apply for a maximum of two adult and three family tickets to each historic property of their choosing; family tickets admit up to two adults and three children. Tickets can be applied for through a special dedicated website: www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk.

Whilst there is no limit on the number of participating attractions that visitors can apply for tickets to, early online registration is being encouraged to avoid disappointment.

Stephen Duncan, Director of Commercial and Tourism for  Historic Environment Scotland, said: "Our Ticket Giveaway

weekend offers the public a fantastic opportunity to explore and discover more about some of the country's best known heritage attractions, including its iconic castles, abbeys and palaces, amongst others, for free.

"This weekend-long event, which forms part of Scotland's celebrations for St Andrew's Day, sees thousands of tickets released for more than 30 of our historic sites participating in this year's promotion.

"The Ticket Giveaway is always extremely popular with our visitors so we would encourage early pre-registration online through the Ticket Giveaways' dedicated website so people don't miss out on the chance to secure a ticket for the attraction of their choice."

The Ticket Giveaway is part of the Scottish Government's Winter Festivals programme which sees a number of events take place across the length and breadth of Scotland in the lead up to St Andrew's Day, right through Christmas and Hogmanay up until Burns Night. For a full list of participating sites and to apply for tickets please visit: www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk.

To mark the celebrations, social media users are being encouraged to take to Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to share how they plan to mark St Andrew's Day this year using the dedicated hashtag #mystandrewsday.

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Linlithgow Palace's Monument Manager, Alan Mowat, was on hand to collect the ticket of a famous character from the Renaissance Palace's past, as Mary of Guise, mother to Mary Queen of Scots, helped launch this year's Ticket Giveaway weekend which takes place on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November 2015.

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