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EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS & DAYS OUT

September 2019 – March 2020



CHRISTMAS 2019

Make this Christmas go down in history as you join us to celebrate the festivities at Stirling and Edinburgh Castles. Enjoy opulent Christmas lunches, indulgent festive afternoon teas, evenings filled with carols and gifts and the ever popular Christmas theatre.

- **Christmas Shopping Fayre** 3 Dec, Stirling Castle
- **Christmas Afternoon Teas** 5-24 Dec, Edinburgh Castle
- **Christmas Lunches** 12-22 Dec, Edinburgh Castle
- **Christmas Lunches** 13-23 Dec, Stirling Castle
- **Carols at the Castle** 15 Dec, Stirling Castle
- **A Christmas Carol** 20-22 Dec, Stirling Castle
- **A Very Mary Christmas** 22-24 Dec, Edinburgh Castle



Look out for more details on our unmissable events throughout this leaflet, marked with this icon.



Find out more at:
historicenvironment.scot/festive

CASTLE OF LIGHT

Expect wonder, enchantment and a spectacle of colour this festive season as Edinburgh Castle, the defender of the nation, becomes the 'Castle of Light'.

Follow in the footsteps of Scotland's heroes and be welcomed by stunning visuals and state-of-the-art lighting installations. Watch as the history of this iconic landmark illuminates the very walls that saw it unfold. A magical experience for all of the family – prepare to be dazzled!

Nov 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 24, 29, 30

Dec 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22
Edinburgh Castle
5.30pm-10pm

Book online in advance for the best rate:

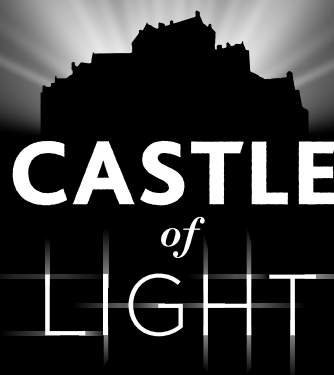
Adult £20, Concession £16, Child £12

Family (1 adult, 2 children) £40

Family (2 adults, 2 children) £58

Family (2 adults, 3 children) £68

10% discount for Historic Scotland members



Find out more and book your places at:
castleoflight.scot

RANGERS

Get hands on with the great outdoors with our Rangers as you discover the history, wildlife and folklore of our sites.

Join us this season for an exciting programme packed full of crafty holiday clubs, Halloween and festive themed walks, and special events in Gaelic. Choose from regular events at Holyrood Park, Linlithgow Peel, Blackness Castle and the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site. Look out also for special events at Inchmahome Priory and Dryburgh Abbey.

Please note. Many of our ranger events are free to join, but pre-booking is essential.

Be sure not to miss:

- **Inchmahome Mushroom Quest** 28 Sept, Inchmahome Priory
- **Saints & Sinners** 27 Oct, Holyrood Park
- **Mushroom Magic** 9 & 10 Nov, Holyrood Park & Linlithgow Peel
- **Winter Warmer Walks** 23 Nov & 8 Dec, Blackness Castle & Linlithgow Peel
- **Arthur's Secrets Christmas Special** 27 Dec, Holyrood Park



Find out more and book your places at:
historicenvironment.scot/ranger-service

THE ENGINE SHED, STIRLING

The Engine Shed is our dedicated building conservation centre, and the perfect place to unleash your inner building geek!

Join us this season for guided tours and workshops for both 'wee' and 'master' builders, getting hands on and messy discovering metal working and mortar.

Be sure to also look out for our relaxed visiting hours, with sensory areas and lighting and sound adjustments made to suit visitors with autism.

A shed load of fun awaits!



Find out more at:
engineshed.scot



Date(s) **Event / Venue / Description (Cost)** **Time**

**Sat 7-
Sun 8** **The Loyal Gordons** 12pm-4pm
Huntly Castle
In the ruins of this much attacked castle, meet the Gordons and the royalist defenders. Find out about the Gordon family and hear about the mid-seventeenth century attacks on the castle, learning more about weapons and tactics. (Included in admission price)

**Sat 7-
Sun 8** **Parkaeology** 11am 4pm
Holyrood Park
Celebrate Scottish Archaeology Month with us in Holyrood Park, home to nationally important archaeological sites dating back thousands of years. Meet some of the archaeologists responsible for looking after these precious and fragile archaeological remains, hear first-hand about exciting research projects and have a go at hands-on activities. There's even an opportunity to visit our dig taking place in the park! (Free)

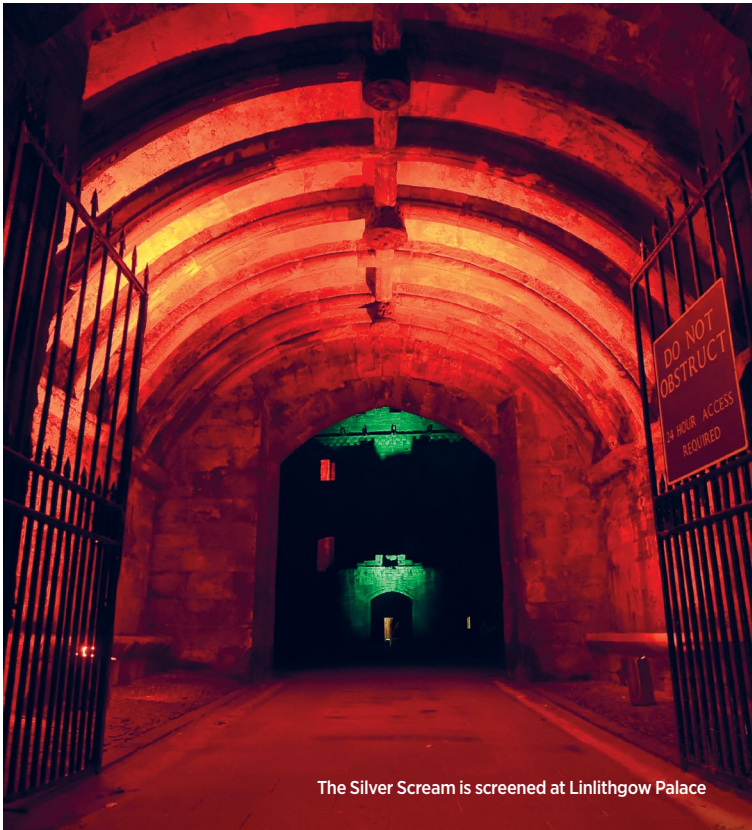
**Thu 19-
Fri 20** **Study Days** 9.30am-4.30pm
Duff House
'There's hardly keeping out people from walking' - Landscapes around Duff House, 1770 to today. This year's Study Days will look at Duff House and its landscape setting, how it is shown and shaped through art, travel and landscape design. (More details on website)

Sun 29 **Diggin' Dundonald** 12pm-4pm
Dundonald Castle
Delve in to Dundonald's past and meet characters who have featured in its history. Also on this weekend archaeologists will be excavating a series of trenches – see the dig, chat with the team and hear what they've discovered. (Included in admission price)

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**Wed 30-
Thu 31** **Halloween Tales** 4.30pm-6pm and 7pm-8.30pm
Trinity House
Enjoy tales of mysterious ships, haunted U-boats, strange superstitions, hangings, vanishings and storm-creating witches with our resident storyteller. This unique experience includes a twilight tour of Trinity House and the lantern-lit sixteenth century vaults. (More details on website)

Thu 31 **The Silver Scream** 7.30pm for 8pm start
Linlithgow Palace
Trapped in a haunted castle, there is no escape from *The Terror*. We dare you to come to our spooky screening of this classic film: a young officer in Napoleon's Army pursues a mysterious woman to the castle of an elderly Baron. Starring Boris Karloff, Jack Nicholson and Sandra Knight. (More details on website)



The Silver Scream is screened at Linlithgow Palace

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Thu 7	Rob Roy (1922), with live music by David Allison Stirling Castle	7.15pm for 8pm start
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This impressive and rarely screened biopic of one of Scotland's best-known outlaws stars David Hawthorne in full tartan kilt and tammy, and was filmed entirely on location in Stirling Castle and the Trossachs. This special screening will be accompanied by David Allison whose score for *Last of the Mohicans* (HippFest 2018) received rave reviews and was selected to play at Celtic Connections 2019. (More details on website)



Thu 7- Sun 10	Spotlight on Mary Craigmillar Castle	Tours at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm and 9pm
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Back by popular demand, experience Craigmillar Castle in a new light as the story of the infamous Craigmillar Bond is brought to life through illumination and projection. Listen in on the dark plot of 1566 and encounter key characters as you tour the castle and hear of the fate that befell Mary, Queen of Scots' husband, Lord Darnley. (More details on website)



A Christmas Carol

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Tue 3	Christmas Shopping Fayre Stirling Castle	6pm-9pm Last entry 8.15pm
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We're delighted to be bringing back our fantastically festive and incredibly popular Christmas Shopping Fayre to Stirling Castle. We'll be showcasing the very best of local Scottish brands, crafts and fine food and drink. (More details on website)

Sun 15	Carols at the Castle Stirling Castle	6.15pm for 7pm start
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Get festive with us at Stirling Castle with a spot of mulled wine and the National Youth Choir of Scotland, as we prepare to Deck the Halls with an evening of Christmas Carols. (More details on website)

Fri 20- Sun 22	A Christmas Carol Stirling Castle	6.15pm for 7pm start
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Stirling Castle is proud to present this magical adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic as brought to you by Chapterhouse Theatre Company. Cozy up with your mince pie and mulled wine as Scrooge's frozen heart begins to melt and he finally embraces the festive spirit. The performance on the 21st will be BSL interpreted. (More details on website)



Sun 22- Tue 24	A Very Mary Christmas Edinburgh Castle	11.15am, 12.15pm, 2pm and 3pm
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It is the festive season at Court. While Reformation Scotland shuns Christmas festivities, Mary, Queen of Scots is celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas with her courtiers. Come and be part of this and join in the fun of celebration. (Included in admission price)



Spotlight on Mary



Christmas Lunches
and Afternoon Tea

Date(s)	Event / Venue / Description (Cost)	Time
Dec 5-11, 16-18, 23-24	Christmas Afternoon Teas Edinburgh Castle Enjoy a festive twist on our luxurious afternoon tea, served in the beautiful surroundings of the Queen Anne Room at Edinburgh Castle. (More details on website)	10am-3pm
Dec 12-15, 19-22	Christmas Lunches Edinburgh Castle Make Christmas 2019 special with a three course lunch in the opulent Queen Anne Room at Edinburgh Castle, and enjoy a dining experience fit for royalty. (More details on website)	12pm, 12.30pm and 1pm
Dec 13-15, 19-23	Christmas Lunches Stirling Castle Dine in the intimate Green Room in our beautiful castle and add a little festive magic to your Christmas lunch. (More details on website)	12.30pm arrival for 1pm service
Sat 25 Dec- Fri 31 Jan	Burns for Beginners Edinburgh Castle Robert Burns was one of Scotland's literary greats, but what exactly was he talking about? Come along for a light-hearted introduction to the bard and some of his works. Crowd participation highly encouraged! (Included in admission price)	11.15am, 12.15pm, 2pm and 3pm

Date(s)	Event / Venue / Description (Cost)	Time
Fri 7- Thu 13	Crime and Punishment in Medieval Scotland Edinburgh Castle Gilbert Savage was an Englishman and a prisoner of the Scots, who was given the choice to kill or be killed. He is now the Executioner. Resplendent in black, and equipped with 'heading axe', ropes, knives, and the other 'tools' of his gruesome trade, he recounts the nature of crime and punishment during the turbulent times in Medieval Scotland. All manner of crimes demanded horrendous punishments, but the bloodiest punishment was reserved for the most serious of crimes: Treason! (Included in admission price)	11.15am, 12.15pm, 2pm and 3pm



Crime and Punishment

Claude Monet, *A Seascape, Shipping by Moonlight*
The National Galleries of Scotland



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Until Sep 29	Romantic Scotland Duff House Bringing together treasures from the National Gallery of Scotland's and Historic Environment Scotland's collections, <i>Romantic Scotland</i> contrasts the romantic depictions of Scotland's changing landscapes, created by artists and writers in the nineteenth century, with the reality of ordinary life. (Included in admission price)	11am-5pm Last entry 4.30pm
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Until Oct 6	Scotland from the Sky Arbroath Abbey <i>Scotland from the Sky</i> brings a selection of the breathtaking aerial photography exploring Scotland's stunning landscape, on a tour of some of our most atmospheric properties. (Included in admission price)	9.30am-5.30pm Last entry 5pm <small>From 1st October 10am-4pm Last entry 3.30pm</small>
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Oct 1-14	365: Stories and Music Linlithgow Palace In 2013, Scottish poet and novelist James Robertson wrote a short story every day of the year – each story was 365 words, no more, no less. Scottish fiddler and composer Aidan O'Rourke (of Lau) then matched the challenge. He wrote a new tune every day for a year in response to James's stories. This sound-art installation shares that work, allowing visitors to enjoy the story or tune of any chosen day – or both together. (Included in admission price)	10am-4pm Last entry 3.15pm
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Oct 4-Mar 22	NGS Masterpiece: Claude Monet, <i>A Seascape, Shipping by Moonlight</i> Duff House This year, The National Galleries of Scotland Masterpiece was chosen by public vote on social media. The winner was Claude Monet's <i>A Seascape</i> . (Included in admission price)	Fri-Sun 10am-4pm Last entry 3.15pm
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Oct 4-Mar	The Dunimarle Library Displays Duff House The library forms part of a collection of paintings, furniture and china that once belonged to a wealthy Scottish family. In small displays, stories and themes will be revealed including family life, children's books and the study of Persian texts. (Included in admission price)	Fri-Sun 10am-4pm Last entry 3.15pm
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Oct 10-Jan 19	Scotland from the Sky Blackness Castle See Arbroath Abbey listing for info. (Included in admission price)	10am-4pm Last entry 3.15pm
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Oct 12-Jan 26	Scotland: Darg and Drums Duff House <i>Scotland: Darg and Drums</i> showcases Scotland in a different light, documenting life behind the iconic whisky and energy business. The project captures local proceedings of fascinating aspects of the agricultural industry and charming immersions into Scottish folk, from the shipyards of Aberdeen to the Speyside barns. (Included in admission price)	Fri-Sun 10am-4pm Last entry 3.15pm
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Oct 15-Jan 9	Romantic Scotland Through a Lens Stirling Castle Presenting photography from the archive, this exhibition explores life in 19th century Scotland and how its rugged ruins, fishing communities and rural life have contributed to understandings of Scottish identity and history. (Included in admission price)	9.30am-5pm Last entry 4.15pm
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The Dunimarle Library Displays,
greyhound desk weight



Date(s)	Event / Venue / Description (Cost)	Time
Jan 11- Apr 12	Scotland from the Sky: Part 2 Fort George <i>Scotland from the Sky: Part 2</i> shares some of the amazing aerial photography that inspired series two of Jamie Crawford's BBC Scotland series exploring Scotland from above. Discover Scotland's stunning landscapes from a breathtaking new perspective. (Included in admission price)	10am-4pm Last entry 3.15pm
Jan 18- Apr 19	Industry and Aesthetics Stirling Castle This exhibition invites the viewer to confront, and perhaps consider afresh, their attitudes to Scotland's industrial places and to celebrate this hugely influential part of our national heritage for its challenging visual and emotional qualities. (Included in admission price)	9.30am- 5pm Last entry 4.15pm



Scotland from the Sky

JOIN THE FUN

Scottish history is coming to life! Make sure you don't miss out on any of our fantastic days out by signing up to our newsletter.

As well as our main events programme, many of our teams also welcome you to join them through the year.

Archaeology & Conservation

Our Archaeology and Conservation Teams host a range of tours, talks and drop-in sessions. Go behind the scenes, learn more about their work and delve into the fascinating discoveries and stories they have uncovered.

Learning Team

Our Learning Team plan a range of talks and workshops, often in line with special exhibitions being hosted at our historic sites.

Volunteers

We run active volunteer programmes at many of our sites, and our knowledgeable volunteers run special tours and classes for you to join.

Visit our website below for full details on all events taking place at our sites.

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