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Events that go down in history

Be our guest at
Edinburgh Castle & Stirling Castle



Iconic venues, exceptional hospitality, an unforgettable experience.

Let us help you create an event that will go down in history. Your guests will talk about the breathtaking views, incredible atmosphere and their experience at one of Scotland's most internationally famous venues for years to come. Whether you want to celebrate, reward, showcase or entertain, let us host you like royalty at Edinburgh or Stirling Castle.

**The best of Scotland's heritage
awaits you.**

Scotland's rich history is celebrated the world over. When booking with us, you help us share all our stories and look after Scotland's heritage, now and in the years to come.

As a charity we are dedicated to protecting and conserving Scotland's historic environment, including some of the country's most iconic sites. Every event we host helps share Scotland's story and protect Scotland's heritage now and for future generations.



Exclusive tours

Discover the stories and history that have helped to shape Stirling and Edinburgh Castle's past with an exclusive pre-opening private guided tour from our incredibly knowledgeable guides.

With fascinating facts and stories aplenty, each guide brings their own unique and fantastic flair to bring the history to life. Pre opening tours are held from 8.30am to 9.30am. We can accommodate an intimate tour for two guests, or up to a maximum of 150 guests.



What's included:

- Both castles will be yours to enjoy exclusively at this time.
- The Edinburgh Castle experience is a highlights tour of the castle and includes: St Margaret's Chapel, the 'One O'clock' Gun, Mon's Meg, the Great Hall and the Honours of Scotland (Scotland's Crown Jewels).
- At Stirling Castle the tour includes the Great Hall, Chapel Royal, Royal Palace, Stirling Heads and the great tapestries.
- Afterwards guests are then welcome to stay and explore the castle at their leisure.
- For groups of up to 30, an English speaking castle guide is included. For larger groups (31+) the client provides the guide, and these can be arranged through The Scottish Tour Guide Association.
- Refreshments can also be arranged such as tea, coffee and breakfast.
- Post opening exclusive tours are available on request.

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Where in Edinburgh could be more world-renowned to host your event than impressive Edinburgh Castle?

Sitting proudly above the streets of the city centre, the castle is perfectly located and is also home to the Honours of Scotland (Scotland's Crown Jewels), which can be exclusively viewed with your own private guide during an event. Edinburgh Castle has played an important role throughout Scottish history; let it play a role in yours.

Located in the city centre.
Castle Hill, Edinburgh EH1 2NG

Edinburgh Airport: 8 miles, 12.9km
Railway Station: 0.5 miles, 0.8km



Great Hall
Edinburgh
Castle





The Great Hall

Only recently available for booking, the Great Hall is a marvel of medieval Scotland, completed in 1511 for King James IV. Boasting one of Britain's finest wooden roofs, with giant beams resting on carved stones bearing symbols like the thistle, it has hosted many grand banquets and royal moments.

The Great Hall's story continued when Oliver Cromwell's forces turned it into a barracks in 1650, and later a military hospital, before it was finally restored after troops left in 1886. This has left a rich and dramatic history for you and your guests to explore on arrival.

Capacity

For dinner – 100 guests

For a reception – 140 guests



The Jacobite Room

The Jacobite Room offers a contemporary setting within an 18th century building for evening entertaining. Guests attending a dinner will enjoy magnificent views over Princes Street and the Firth of Forth. Drinks receptions can be held on the Argyll Battery or in the adjoining Redcoat Room.

Capacity

For dinner – 100 guests

For a reception – 190 guests



The Queen Anne Room

This old gunpowder store has been transformed into an elegant and prestigious room at the heart of the castle. A magnificent banqueting room, it features an adjoining glazed courtyard ideal for pre-dinner drinks, and leads directly out on to Crown Square where a 'Beat the Retreat' finale is spectacular.

Capacity

For dinner – 120 guests

For a reception – 160 guests



The Gatehouse Suite

The imposing 19th century Gatehouse Suite at the entrance to the castle offers intimate dining, daytime meetings and private afternoon teas. Complete with a private terraced area with panoramic views of Edinburgh and the Pentlands, it is perfect for pre-dinner drinks.

Capacity

For dinner – 24 guests

For a reception – 30 guests



Join the long tradition of holding spectacular events at Stirling Castle.

As home to Stewart kings and queens, the castle has hosted royal feasts and celebrations for centuries. Today, you can become part of this history by booking Stirling Castle for your event. For evening events, enjoy exclusive use of the amazing spaces the castle has to offer. Your guests will be in awe of the imposing castle, with its grandeur and drama.

**Located within one hour drive from Edinburgh and Glasgow
Castle Wynd, Stirling, FK8 1EJ**

**Edinburgh Airport: 20 miles, 32.2km
Railway Station: 1.5 miles, 2.41km**



Great Hall Stirling Castle





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Great Hall

Stirling Castle's 'showstopper', the medieval Great Hall was purpose-built for celebrations and is the largest of its kind in Scotland.

Restored to its 16th century splendour, with its traditional hammerbeam ceiling, and complete with the minstrels' gallery and trumpeter's loft, the Great Hall is the perfect setting for a gala dinner. The Great Hall benefits from underfloor heating, a lighting rig and a PA system.

Capacity

For dinner – 300 guests

For a reception – 400 guests



Chapel Royal

Commissioned by James VI in 1594, the Chapel Royal was built in haste for the baptism of his first son, Prince Henry. This event included a three-day celebration.

The Chapel Royal offers a unique dining space or can be used for welcome drinks prior to dinner in the Great Hall. As well as banquets and receptions, the Chapel Royal, with its large stage, provides an ideal setting for concerts and presentations.



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The Palace Apartments

The King's and Queen's Apartments within James V's Palace, beautifully conserved and restored after years of research and skilled craftsmanship, provide a unique dining experience. Enjoy the stunning details and unique ceiling. The palace is the perfect setting for an intimate dinner or a welcome reception prior to dinner in the Great Hall.

Capacity

For dinner – 60 guests

For a reception – 100 guests



The Queen Anne Garden

Situated close to the entrance of the castle, it lends itself perfectly to an outdoor drinks reception or a 'Beat the Retreat' finale at the end of the night.

Catering

We work exclusively with our on-site catering team to create menus tailored to the style and theme of your event, using the finest local and seasonal ingredients.

Our fruit and vegetables are supplied by Mark Murphy, with whom we work closely to showcase the very best Scottish produce throughout the seasons.

Our Scotch beef, Scotch pork and haggis are sourced from Campbells Prime Meat, Linlithgow and Yorkes of Dundee, while our Scottish salmon is sustainably farmed and caught off Scotland's shores.

We also prioritise UK-sourced ingredients wherever possible, choosing seasonal produce such as Scottish berries when in season and Scottish potatoes, which are available year-round.



Sustainability

We're proud of our Scottish larder and work in partnership with regional suppliers to source the best local produce from across Scotland, often within a 100-mile radius of our venues. This not only supports local businesses but also helps reduce food miles and our environmental impact.

Our commitment to responsible sourcing extends beyond food. We serve 100% Rainforest Alliance certified coffee, use entirely UK-sourced milk (with a third of our range organically accredited), and partner with Sea Change Wines, whose sustainable packaging and environmental initiatives help protect our oceans. We also work with Life Water, whose charity, Drop4Drop, has funded 79 clean-water projects, providing more than 52,000 people with access to safe drinking water.

To minimise waste, we weigh and record all production, plate and spoilage food waste, enabling us to monitor performance and continually reduce emissions across our catering operations.

Finishing touches



Décor

We can arrange upgrade options including flowers, luxury linens, charger plates and more to style your event.

Entertainment

Our events team can help you plan entertainment and activities to create an amazing experience for your guests. Our castles lend themselves particularly well to traditional Scottish or medieval themed evenings, and a range of options such as pipers, falconry displays, clan battles and 'Beat The Retreat' finales, can be arranged.

Legendary and luxury events

Our dedicated team know how to make your event memorable and truly unique. Get in touch today to plan your event in one of Scotland's most spectacular settings.

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