

# STIRLING CASTLE'S CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

From 11th –23rd December,  
Unicorn Café

Join us for a sumptuous four-course lunch this festive season. Entry to the Castle is included in the cost so why not make a day of it? *£29 per person, pre-booking only Tel: 01786 449 208 or email: [stirlingcastle@digbytrout.co.uk](mailto:stirlingcastle@digbytrout.co.uk)*

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FAIR

Tuesday 2nd December  
18:00–21:00, Great Hall

Get your Christmas shopping off to a great start with some unique gift ideas. Set in our majestic Great Hall, the evening features a cookery display by Nairns' at Stirling Castle's head chef, John McWhirter, local craft and food stalls as well as large brand name products on sale. Carollers will complete the festive atmosphere! *Tickets are £5. To purchase call 01786 431 310/312 or email: [nicola.hyne@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.hyne@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) Ticket price includes parking, coffee/tea and a mince pie, Under 16s go free (excluding catering) but must be accompanied by an adult.*

## CHRISTMAS PAST & PRESENT

Sunday 6th December,  
12:30 –15:30

Experience 500 years of Christmas at one of the most enjoyable and original seasonal events of this year. Our amusing and entertaining costumed performers will tell how the celebration of Christmas and its traditions have evolved over the centuries. A great day out for all the family.  
*Event included in normal admission price*

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE CASTLE

Sunday 13th December,  
19:30–21:00, Great Hall

Join us for a festive and memorable evening of Christmas carols and songs in the breathtaking surroundings of the Great Hall. Award-winning Cadenza choir, who will be joined by our costumed storyteller and local children's group, will perform a variety of Christmas favourites. A unique event, not to be missed! *Tickets cost £10 for adults and £8 for concession/HS members and are available from The Albert Halls on 01786 473 544*

## HAPPY OLD YEAR

2nd & 3rd January,  
12:00–15:30

Celebrate the new year Victorian Style with a young Queen Victoria and her new husband Prince Albert who will give you an insight into their glittering royal court. Learn about Victoria's ancestors, join in some Scottish dancing or get a lesson in army life from our military schoolteacher. A great family event.  
*Event included in normal admission price*

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# WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2009



Welcome to our Stirling Castle “What’s On” guide. We have so much happening at Stirling Castle day to day and all the daily events listed are included in your entry price.

DAILY EVENTS	Where	When
<p><b>Stirling Castle Guided Tour</b> Royal palace, regimental garrison, Stirling Castle has played many roles over the centuries. Join our guides and discover more about the colourful characters and famous milestones of our rich history.</p>	Begins from the well outside the book shop	Daily 10:00-16:00
<p><b>Argyll’s Lodging Guided Tour</b> Situating close to the castle, this is the most complete 17th-century townhouse in Scotland and historical home to the Earls of Argyll. Recreations of the original furnishings demonstrate how the house would have looked at the time of the last Earl, Archibald Campbell.</p>	Begins from Guardroom Square  Book on arrival	Daily 11:30-15:45
<p><b>The Tapestry Talk</b> A unique opportunity to meet and chat to these world-class weavers who are re-creating the acclaimed “Hunt of the Unicorn” tapestries. Once complete, this series of seven tapestries will grace the walls of the Queen’s Presence Chamber within the Royal Palace opening in 2011.</p>	Tapestry Studio, Nether Bailey	Daily 13:00
<p><b>Whisky shop</b> Our staff will talk to you about our selection of whiskies and liqueurs and give you hints and tips on what to look out for.</p>	Book Shop and Whisky Store	Daily
MAJOR EVENTS		
<p><b>Exclusive Neil Oliver Book signing</b> Historic Scotland and Waterstone’s present this unique event in the grand setting of Stirling Castle’s Great Hall with Neil Oliver, popular Scottish historian and TV presenter, who will be introducing his new book of the BBC TV series, The History of Scotland, and talking about what went in to making such a landmark production happen. Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased from Waterstone’s, Unit 1, Thistle Marches, Stirling. For more details or to purchase tickets call 01786 478 756</p>	Great Hall	20th October 19:00
<p><b>‘Weaving Within’ Tapestry Exhibition</b> Organised by the British Tapestry group, “Weaving Within” is an exhibition showcasing the works of some of the country’s most renowned weavers including Louise Martin, of the Stirling tapestry team. All of the works on display are original pieces and are available for sale on site. For more information visit <a href="http://www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk">www.thebritishtapestrygroup.co.uk</a> or call 01259 762 487</p>	Exhibition Room, Nether Bailey	12th September- 8th November 09:30-17:00
<p><b>St Andrews Day Free Weekend</b> To celebrate St Andrews day we are offering free entry for everyone over the preceding weekend!</p>		28th & 29th November
<p><b>Mary, Queen of Scots talk &amp; book signing</b> To commemorate the birth of Mary, Queen of Scots, award-winning author, director and producer Roderick Graham, will give a short talk on his critically-acclaimed biography “An Accidental Tragedy: The life of Mary, Queen of Scots” followed by a book signing. <b>The event is included in the cost of entry to the castle but you can pre-book seats by calling: 01786 431 325 or emailing: <a href="mailto:nicola.mccrae@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">nicola.mccrae@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></b></p>	Chapel Royal	Tuesday 8th December, 11:00 & 14:00

