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Events



Pirates! at Dover Castle Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 August 2024

Surround yourself in the Golden Age of Piracy throughout the day by visiting **Tastes of History** as the recreate era-specific recipes. Visit the **Living History Encampments** and talk to the sailors making merry and practicing swordplay. Be sure to visit **Griffin Historical** to earn how to be a pirate and **bZents** to put your skills to the test by repelling boarders!

- 10.00am **Living History Encampments** opens
- 10.30am Welcome music from **GreenMatthews** with toe-tapping tunes of a nautical flavour
- 11.00am **Cutlasses & Cudgels** - What happens when sailors challenge the fairness of how to share the salvaged goods found at Dover Castle? Watch as conversations become heated and come to blows!
- 11.30am **Know Your Enemy!** - Join our resident historian and the local squire, Sir Henry Goodfellow, in the Main Arena as they give a briefing on how to spot a Golden Age pirate
- 12.00pm **Songs of the Sea** - Join GreenMatthews for some deep-blue-water ditties and rousing sea shanties
- 12.30pm **Pirates Ahoy!** Join bZents in their interactive performance where you are the star. Board the pirate ship 'Betty Sue' and stand by to repel boarders. Ooooargh!
- 1.00pm Join **Taste of History** to learn about pirate diets aboard ship and ashore
- 1.30pm **Firepower!** - Join Squire Goodfellow and Captain Staffage as they take you through the weapons used in the Golden Age of Piracy. From pistols to muskets, to ship busting ordnance, there will be fire, smoke, and the boom of black powder
- 2.00pm **Songs of Pirates and Rogues** - Join GreenMatthews for ballads of pirates, robbers, and other ne'er-do-wells
- 2.30pm **Pirates Ahoy!** Join bZents in their interactive performance where you are the star. Board the pirate ship 'Betty Sue' and stand by to repel boarders. Ooooargh!
- 3.00pm Join **Taste of History** to learn about pirate diets aboard ship and ashore
- 3.30pm **Sea, Smugglers, and Swords!** - Watch as Sir Henry and some local sailors help clear the wreckage. All is not well, however, as Captain Staffage has dispatched the local militia to investigate the suspicious activity!
- 4.00pm Farewell music from **GreenMatthews** with toe-tapping tunes of a nautical flavour
- 5.00pm **Living History Encampment** closes

Times are approximate and some activities are weather permitting.

Please note some areas of the castle may close during arena shows.

- ❖ Please be aware some of the performances will contain loud explosions and gunfire.
- ❖ When visiting displays, please do not touch anything unless invited to do so by performers.
- ❖ Please do not cross any tape barriers unless invited to do so by performers.
- ❖ There will be theatrical recreations of combat and drills using replica weaponry from the period.

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