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To book a place for a workshop, talk, or tour, please email dublincastle@opw.ie.
To book a place at a choir evening, please visit www.dublincastle.ie



Christmas at Dublin Castle

Join us
at Dublin Castle throughout the month of December and partake in our Christmas events.



Be inspired by our beautifully decorated State Apartments

From lavish garlands to opulent Christmas trees, the State Apartments will be decorated for the Christmas season.

Open from 1st December-7th January (closed from 12.30pm on 24th to 27th December inclusive and on 1st January).

Normal admission prices apply.



Neapolitan Baroque Christmas Crib

Experience our Neapolitan crib in Francis Johnston's Chapel Royal which will be illuminated for the festive season. This year the crib will be extended to include the wonderfully detailed Tavern scene. The ornate crib, figures and silk-robed angels are handmade by skilled artists from Naples.

Open every weekend from the 9th December to 7th January (closed at 12.30pm on 24th December), or as part of our guided tours on weekdays.

Admission prices apply.



The Christmas Trail

Visitors to the Castle throughout the month of December can pick up a free Christmas activity sheet. Discover the stories behind our Christmas decorations and see if you can find the Christmas symbols around the State Apartments!

Suitable for families.

Normal admission prices apply.

A very special Christmas evening at Dublin Castle

Join us for an evening of carols in the Chapel followed by wine and mince pies in the festive State Apartments.

Monday 11th December, Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm.

Tickets €10.00 on www.dublincastle.ie.



Special Events

Christmas Origami

Explore the art of paper folding and create your very own origami Christmas cards to take home.

Sunday 3rd December, 3pm.

Suitable for teens and adults.

Free. Booking required.

How it was made: The Neapolitan crib at the Chapel Royal

Join Nieves Fernandez for this fascinating talk on the making of Neapolitan cribs, including a visit to our own hand-crafted crib in the Chapel Royal.

Saturday 16th December, 12pm.

Suitable for adults.

Free. Booking required.

Christmas choral music with Cantairí Óga Átha Cliath

An evening performance of carols in Castlehall.

Sunday 17th December, 6pm.

Tickets available at www.dublincastle.ie

Nativity Story Stones

Inspired by our Neapolitan crib, create your own personal crib figures with beach stones.

Sunday 10th December, 11am.

Suitable for families.

Free. Booking required.

Create a Magic Sword!

Inspired by the Irish Sword of State, currently on loan from the Tower of London and on display as part of our Making Majesty exhibition, create a festive sword in this workshop and take it home!

Sunday 17th December, 3pm.

Suitable for families.

Free. Booking required.

Pop-up Crib talks

Take a short pop-up talk to learn about the story of our beautiful Neapolitan crib.

Sunday 17th December, 11.45am, 2.45pm, 4.45pm.

Suitable for all ages.

Free. No booking required.



Our now-legendary Guerrilla Tour, reimagined!

Join us for a reimagining of our now-legendary Guerrilla Tour. Hear the alternative histories of Dublin Castle and of the Georgian and Victorian eras, this time with a Christmas twist!

Wednesday 20th December, 7pm.

Suitable for adults.

Free. Booking required.