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FAMILY ACTIVITY DAYS & ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS

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A DIFFERENT DAY OUT!

Join us for a morning, afternoon, or full day of activities. You and your family can take in the beautiful Staffordshire countryside as you embark on adventurous outdoor activities.

All activities will be led, socially distanced, by our qualified instructors, so you can enjoy your time with us worry free.

All activities are suitable for children aged 7+ and for adults.

ACTIVITY DAYS/HALF DAYS AVAILABILITY

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2021
WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2021
THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2021

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2021
SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 2021
MONDAY 5TH APRIL 2021
TUESDAY 13TH APRIL 2021
WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL 2021
THURSDAY 15TH APRIL 2021





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MINI-BREAK, MAXI-FUN!

SHORT BREAKS IN FEBRUARY & APRIL 2021

This February half-term and Easter Holidays, why not experience a staycation like no other?

At Alton Castle, we can offer 2- and 3-night action-packed, outdoor family short breaks, where you get to stay in our beautiful 19th century, Pugin designed castle.

Surrounded by the beauty of the Churnet Valley, riddled with an historic past, a stay at the castle is a unique experience.

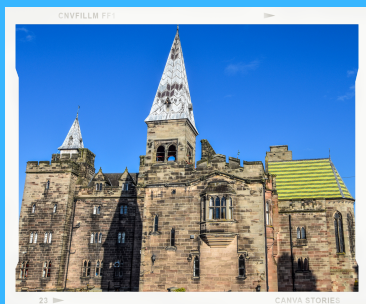
2-NIGHT FAMILY ACTIVITY SHORT BREAK

FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY – SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY – SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2021

FRIDAY 9TH APRIL – SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021

FRIDAY 15TH APRIL – SUNDAY 17TH APRIL 2021



3-NIGHT FAMILY ACTIVITY SHORT BREAK MONDAY 5TH APRIL – THURSDAY 8TH APRIL

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OUR ACTIVITIES

TREKKING

Venture out into the Churnet Valley on one of our adventure treks. Learn about the Country Code, basic navigation and simple emergency procedures before we set off on one of the many trails we have in the surrounding countryside.

CLIMBING

Challenge yourself on our indoor climbing wall. In our climbing sessions, you will build up your skills, starting with traversing, and working your way up to roped climbing. You'll also learn about belaying and how to support each other. Can you reach the top of the climbing wall?

HISTORIC TOURS

Alton Castle, is a Grade I listed building and a scheduled ancient monument. It is one of only ten Grade I listed buildings in the Staffordshire Moorlands.

Delve into the history of Alton Castle and its significant role in at least four eras: Anglo Saxon, Mediaeval, Civil War & Victorian, not to mention its ongoing impact today.

Occupying a natural precipice on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Churnet Valley, there was a fortified Saxon settlement here as early as 716.

ARCHERY

Try your hand at being a modern-day Robin Hood. Learn about good archery technique and improve your aim as you go for gold.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Our fleet of mountain bikes are waiting to be ridden out through ancient woodland into the valley on one of our mountain bike rides.

We are proud to be an approved British Cycling Mountain Bike Leadership Centre - all our sessions begin with a skills assessment in the castle moat, before venturing out into the Churnet Valley.

*Bikes and bike helmets are provided

FIRELIGHTING/BUSHCRAFT SKILLS

Learn about bushcraft skills and how to keep yourself safe and warm out in the wild. On our bushcraft session you will have the opportunity to harness your shelter building skills and work as a team to build a campfire.

CRATE STACKING

This vertical, team challenge will test your courage and communication. Work in a team to build a tower of crates. Can you beat our record?

ABSEILING

The castle towers provide a perfect space where young people can dare to be fearless whilst taking in the beautiful surroundings

TEAM-BUILDING

From wobbleboards to welly-wanging, try your hand at a variety of communication enhancing, problem solving tasks - family fun guaranteed!

WATERSPORTS & TREKKING

Spend the morning on a self-guided trek at either the Roaches or Dovedale, followed by an afternoon watersports session at either Tittesworth or Carsington Reservoirs



Activities are available subject to COVID-19 restrictions at the time of participation, in addition to weather conditions, and participant mobility, age and build. If for any reason an activity is not available, a suitable alternative will be provided. Please contact us for more information.

Activity itineraries are planned by the centre shortly before your arrival to ensure your family get a good balance of different activities. You can make any specific activity requests at the time of booking; we will try to accommodate these, but cannot guarantee it will always be possible.

MANGONEL BUILDING

Travel back in time to try your hand at making a medieval mangonel. Tying knots, testing trajectories and teamwork all combine to create a catapult our Castle would be proud of. We're not sure if flinging soggy sponges would withstand a siege, but family fun is guaranteed. Brace yourself for a parents v kids (or boys v girls) battle!



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SAMPLE ITINERARY

3 NIGHT ACTIVITY SHORT BREAK

DAY 1 EVENING - ARRIVE FROM 4PM TO GET SETTLED IN EVENING MEAL AND EVENING ACTIVITY/ENTERTAINMENT

DAY 2 MORNING - BREAKFAST

ACTIVITY 1: ARCHERY

ACTIVITY 2: CAROUSEL OF TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

AFTERNOON - LUNCH

ACTIVITY 3: ABSEILING FROM THE CASTLE ROOF!

ACTIVITY 4: BUSHCRAFT SKILLS

EVENING - EVENING MEAL

ACTIVITY 5: TALES AROUND THE CAMPFIRE - MARSHMALLOWS AND HOT CHOCOLATE SUPPLIED!

DAY 3 MORNING - BREAKFAST

ACTIVITY 1: TREKKING

AFTERNOON - LUNCH

ACTIVITY 2: CRATE STACKING

ACTIVITY 3: MANGONEL BUILDING

EVENING - EVENING MEAL

INTERACTIVE HISTORICAL TOUR OF ALTON CASTLE

DAY 4 MORNING - ACTIVITY 1: MOUNTAIN BIKING IN THE CHURNET VALLEY

AFTERNOON - OPTIONAL LIGHT LUNCH - £7PP

CHECK-OUT TIME FOR BEDROOMS IS 1PM, DEPARTURE BY 2PM

2 NIGHT ACTIVITY SHORT BREAK

DAY 1 EVENING - ARRIVE FROM 4PM TO GET SETTLED IN EVENING MEAL AND EVENING ACTIVITY/ENTERTAINMENT

DAY 2 MORNING - BREAKFAST

ACTIVITY 1: ARCHERY

ACTIVITY 2: CAROUSEL OF TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

AFTERNOON - LUNCH

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**DAY 2 OR DAY 3 - ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE OFF-SITE FOR A SURCHARGE, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, AS FOLLOWS:
DAY AT ALTON TOWERS £31 AGE 12+ YEARS, £26 AGE 3-11 YEARS (NOT AVAILABLE FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM)
WATERSPORTS & TREKKING FROM £15 PER PERSON**

FULL DAY/HALF DAY ITINERARY

9.45AM - MORNING AND FULL-DAY PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE AT 9.45AM

AM ACTIVITY 1: ARCHERY

ACTIVITY 2: TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

12.45PM - MORNING PARTICIPANTS DEPART

FULL-DAY PARTICIPANTS LUNCH (BRING YOUR OWN OR PROVIDED, DEPENDENT ON PACKAGE SELECTED)

1.30PM - AFTERNOON PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE

PM ACTIVITY 1: MOUNTAIN BIKING

ACTIVITY 2: BUSHCRAFT SKILLS & FIRELIGHTING

4.30PM - AFTERNOON AND FULL-DAY PARTICIPANTS DEPART





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OUR PRICES

**FULL DAY
ACTIVITIES**

**FROM £35 PER
PERSON***

**3 NIGHT ACTIVITY
SHORT BREAK**

PER ADULT OR CHILD 7 YEARS+

£199

PER CHILD UNDER 7

£99

**2 NIGHT ACTIVITY
SHORT BREAK**

PER ADULT OR CHILD 7 YEARS+

£139

PER CHILD UNDER 7

£69

**HALF DAY
ACTIVITIES**

**FROM £20 PER
PERSON****

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO MINIMUM ROOM OCCUPANCY OF 4 FULL-PAYING GUESTS. A LIMITED NUMBER OF TWIN ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

*Please bring a packed lunch with you or we can provide a packed lunch for £5 per person for full day activities bookings

**For full day & half day (morning sessions only) bookings there is an optional hot drink and hot breakfast roll on arrival. This must be booked in advance - £5 per person



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ACCOMMODATION

Each floor includes simple dormitory/basic hostel style accommodation in bunk beds (some floors offer some en-suite rooms).

Your package will also include use of a section of our dining room for meals, as well as a social space.

Some meals are included within the package, cooked by our amazing catering team. Any large family groups wishing to cater for themselves could hire the whole castle, or could book our smaller accommodation at Soli (available for hire without activities - activities can be purchased as individual experiences).

Exclusive hire:

£1,000 per night at Alton Castle

£850 per night at Soli (8 en-suite bedrooms available)

Exclusive hire of one of our sites does not include activities and is self-catered. Activities can be added for an additional cost. You may not hire for parties, events, stags or hens.

Activity Packages for self-catered groups:

£200 for a day of activities for a family of 6.





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ABOUT US

Alton Castle is a 19th century castle. It was designed by the architect Augustus Pugin and is situated in the Churnet Valley, Staffordshire. Sitting majestically above the Churnet Valley, surrounded by ancient woodland, Alton Castle has had many different uses and purposes over the years. The current Pugin Castle is actually the third Castle on this historic site. The first was an Anglo-Saxon castle (8th century) and the ruins of the second castle, a Norman stronghold built in 1176, can still be seen. Since the late 20th century, Alton Castle has been welcoming groups for outdoor adventurous activities. Ride out into the valley on one of our mountain bikes, trek out into the countryside, or scale our climbing wall.



COVID-19

Should the COVID-19 lockdown be re-introduced, either nationally or locally, or if there was an outbreak either in our team or your group, or if Government advice or orders state that residential stays are not permitted, we will work with you to rearrange your booking in accordance with our standard booking terms.

In the first instance we will work with you to transfer your booking to another date, subject to availability. If we are not able to arrive at a suitable alternative arrangement, then a full refund, including deposits paid, will be given.

All of our stays are COVID-19 friendly.

Your family will have an area of the castle all to yourselves, socially distancing from our staff and activities instructors, so that you can relax and enjoy your holiday in your social bubble.



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FINDING US



Alton Castle (and our smaller accommodation, Soli) is situated in the village of Alton, in the heart of the Staffordshire Moorlands.

The castle is just a few minutes away from Alton Towers Theme Park, and is a great spot for anyone wanting to explore the Peak District.

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