

Rotary's Birmingham Convention

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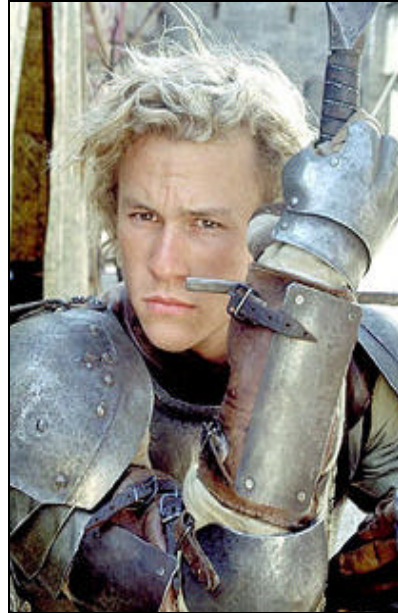
Registration increases from \$280/person to \$330 on 15 December; and increases from \$330/person to \$380 on 31 March 2009.

Early registration saves \$100/person



Don't miss Sunday June 21 medieval spectacular at Warwick Castle - limited to 8000 - book early

Built over 1100 years ago Warwick Castle is the best preserved castle in the world. One of the earliest builders at Warwick Castle was William the Conqueror just two years after his famous 1066 Battle of Hastings. June 21st the castle opens its gates exclusively for Rotarians. Visit the famous Kingmaker Exhibition and discover the part this stunning castle played in helping to make the Kings and Queens of England. See the castle's State Rooms with its extraordinary Great Hall, State Dining Room, and Queen Anne's bedroom. Walk the ramparts, towers, and dungeon; torture equipment is still in working order. Witness an incredible display of horsemanship and chivalry during a Medieval Jousting Tournament on the castle's pageant fields. Cheer your favorite Knight in shining Armour.



What's jousting? See *A Knight's Tale*. After his master dies a peasant (the late **Heath Ledger**) achieves glory with a fake identity as a knight. Deliberate use of anachronisms in this action comedy and romance film include classic rock song's like *We Will Rock You*, *Golden Years*, and *Low Rider* as the tournament crowd does the wave during a jousting match. *A Knights Tale* will have your children ready to enjoy Rotary night at **Warwick Castle**.

During the summer tourist season Warwick Castle is bursting with mediaeval activities including jousting, jesting, minstrels, fighting knights, falconry, archery and the mighty Warwick trebuchet - plus indoor themed experiences and a whole castle full of adventure to discover every day. One of the original "Royal Approved" sites of British jousting, Warwick Castle provides a mesmerizing setting for its spectacular twice daily joust. Warwick's brave knights pit their wits and strength against each other in a contest of courage, colorful horsemanship and military precision, with plenty to dazzle and delight guests of all ages. Meanwhile, foot soldiers will show off their crack combat skills and jesters will juggle, joke and generally play the fool. The ruthless accuracy and fatal precision of the deadly Warwick bowman is guaranteed to wow guests, as is the one and only mighty Warwick trebuchet - the World's biggest siege machine, a gargantuan 18-meter catapult - shoots in a jaw dropping spectacle twice daily.