

## media information



**Blenheim Palace**  
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### ▪ **Easter Fun at Britain's Greatest Palace 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

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There is a whole host of family fun to be had at Blenheim Palace this Easter in the Pleasure Gardens with our cracking Easter Egg Challenge and traditional Fun Fair rides. From 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April you can join the hunt for all the Easter Egg clues around the beautiful Pleasure Gardens and receive a chocolate treat!

Join in the family activities including a ride in a 'Spinning Tea Cup' or a gentle ride on a traditional merry-go-round with piped music to accompany you whilst the horses take you smoothly round and round, up and down. The Fun Fair Rides will be available from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April over the Easter weekend from 10.30am - 5pm with a small extra charge.

To accompany the Fun Fair there will be side stalls to challenge your ball skills 'Ball in a Bucket' game or photographic opportunity for you and the family as the 'strongest man/woman'! Face Painting will be available from 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April, and for a small extra charge you can design your own Easter pottery with 'Pottering About'. Enjoy the rest of the activities in the Pleasure Gardens including the Giant Marlborough Hedge Maze, Blenheim Bygones' exhibition, Adventure Play Area the Butterfly House where tropical butterflies can be seen in free-flight.

While the Easter hunters explore Pleasure Gardens the rest of the family can take in the overwhelming scale and beauty of the Park and Gardens. Don't forget to catch the miniature train to the Palace to see the beautiful Easter display on the grand saloon table, and visit the fascinating experience 'Blenheim Palace: The Untold Story'.

In the Pleasure Gardens Café, there will be activities available for children to get involved in from painting eggs to decorating biscuits plus a sweetie jar competition. There will be cup cakes and chocolate Easter nests for sale and you will be able to buy a pig biscuits.

Look out for Peppa Pig and George and Ben and Holly from "Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom" who will be meeting families in the Pleasure Gardens on Easter Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. A Bouncy Castle will be available on these days in addition to the fun fair rides. For more

information about Peppa Pig and friends visit the 'What's On' section on [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com)

### **BUY ONE DAY GET TWELVE MONTHS FREE!**

Blenheim Palace is offering an amazing annual pass ticket deal in 2011. When you buy a single day ticket to the Palace, Park and Gardens you will be able to convert it into an annual pass offering you unlimited entry for 12 months from the day of purchase. Terms and conditions apply.

For full details and to purchase tickets visit [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) or call 0800 849 6500 (24 hour recorded information)

Blenheim Palace is set in 2,100 acres of spectacular parkland in the heart of the Oxfordshire Cotswolds and is only eight miles from Oxford.

### **Notes to Editors**

- Admission to the Park & Gardens is Adults £11.00, Concessions £8.00, Child £5.50, Family £28.00
- Face Painting will be available from 10.30am - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April in the Pleasure Gardens £2.00
- Bouncy Castle is available Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - small additional charge applies.
- Carousel £1.50 and Spinning Tea Cups £1. 10.30am - 5.30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- 'Pottering About' pottery painting will be available from 11.00am - 4.30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> April opposite the 'Blenheim Bygones' exhibition. *Small additional charge applies.*
- Blenheim Palace and Formal Gardens open from 12<sup>th</sup> February to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011.
- The Park opens at 9am, the Formal Gardens at 10am and the Palace and Pleasure Gardens from 10.30am.
- Last admission to the Palace and Gardens is at 4.45pm. The Palace and Pleasure Gardens close at 5.30pm and the Park at 6pm.
- The Easter table and 'Blenheim Palace: The Untold Story' is included within the Palace, Park and Gardens ticket price: Adults £19, Concessions £15.00, Child £10.50 - Free Annual Pass offer is valid with a Palace ticket
- Guided tours are not available on Sundays or bank holidays when a free-flow system is in place.
- Child age 5-16 inclusive. Under 5's free. Full details of ticket prices are available on request.



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