



# **CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON AT WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR LONDON WITH THE RETURN OF HOGWARTS IN THE SNOW AND DINNER IN THE GREAT HALL**

**16TH NOVEMBER 2019 - 26TH JANUARY 2020**

Harry Potter fans are invited to discover the filmmaking secrets behind Christmas in the Wizarding World as Warner Bros. Studio Tour London undergoes a magical makeover for Hogwarts in the Snow. From Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, visitors will have the opportunity to see the Harry Potter film series' most iconic sets decorated for festive scenes. The Great Hall will be transformed for the Yule Ball, the Gryffindor common room will be dressed for the season and a blanket of filmmaking snow will be meticulously applied to the majestic Hogwarts castle model.

This festive season also sees the return of the highly anticipated 'Dinner in the Great Hall' events at Warner Bros. Studio Tour London. Each night from 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December, Harry Potter fans can enjoy drinks and canapes before sitting down to a two-course Christmas feast on the truly magical Great Hall set that will be completely transformed for the festive season. Dessert will be served on Platform 9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> next to the original Hogwarts Express locomotive and guests will be free to explore the Studio Tour exclusively after hours.

The festive transformation will begin in the Great Hall, where the stage will again be decorated as it was for the iconic Yule Ball. As seen in Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, the celebration of the Triwizard Tournament saw every detail of the Great Hall covered in shimmering silver, dripping icicles and sparkling snow. Visitors to the Studio Tour will get a taster of this incredible set dress as the top section of the Great Hall will be transformed with snow-covered Christmas

trees, icicles and an orchestra of magical instruments that have been painted by the Prop-Making Department to match the silver of the Yule Ball.

In addition to the Yule Ball decoration, The Great Hall will be lined with Christmas trees and the long dining tables will be dressed as they were for seasonal feasts at Hogwarts with prop versions of roast turkeys, hams studded with cherries and even Christmas puddings surrounded by real flames.

As part of the Hogwarts in the Snow feature, many of the iconic sets housed at the Studio Tour will receive a festive makeover. The Gryffindor Common Room and Boys' Dormitory will be decorated with the original props including handmade Christmas cards, some of which were created by the cast members during production. Fireplaces throughout the Studio Tour (including those in the Leaky Cauldron and Great Hall) will be 'lit' with special effects fire, created by John Richardson and the SFX team using a combination of water vapour and lighting effects.

The Hogwarts castle model will be transformed with a layer of filmmaking snow. During filming, a member of the crew climbed aboard an elevated work platform and sprinkled the 'snow' mixture of granulated paper and grains of salt onto the model by hand with a sieve – like dusting sugar onto a cake. The same process takes place at the Studio Tour every festive season. Visitors will even be able to touch samples of the different types of 'snow' used during production, each selected for its ability to float like falling snow, crunch under foot or glisten in the light like ice.

Hogwarts in the Snow will run from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Tickets must be pre-booked, and all extra features are included in the ticket price. Tickets to Dinner in the Great Hall will go on sale at 10am on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

## **Notes to Editors**

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter opened its doors on 31st March 2012. The unique attraction offers visitors the ultimate chance to get up close to authentic sets, discover the magic behind spellbinding special effects and explore the behind-the-scenes secrets of the Harry Potter film series. Visitors can explore the original Great Hall, step into the Forbidden Forest and discover the newly opened Gringotts Wizarding Bank all before marvelling at the breath-taking miniature scale model of Hogwarts castle. The Studio Tour has been well received with 96% of the 40,000+ reviews on TripAdvisor rating it as 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'. Tickets must be pre-booked at [www.wbstudiotour.co.uk](http://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk) and cannot be bought at the attraction.

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