



## **GUESTS AND STARS FLOCK INTO ANGRY BIRDS LAND 4D EXPERIENCE PREMIERE**

- World's first ANGRY BIRDS LAND 4D Experience screening premiere
- Jonathan Ross, Stacey Solomon and Amy Willerton among the celebrity flock
- New ANGRY BIRDS LAND now open at THORPE PARK Resort

**28 May 2014** – Stars and fans of global phenomena Angry Birds flocked to THORPE PARK Resort this week to celebrate the opening of the Park's brand new ANGRY BIRDS LAND.

The official premiere screening event - hosted by DJ and Angry Birds enthusiast Sara Cox - was attended by a flock of over 300 feathered fans as high-tech special effects and rumbling chairs catapulted the audience through a fast-paced adventure featuring the Angry Birds attempts to get their precious eggs back from the dastardly King Pig.

Jonathan Ross and Amy Willerton took a spin on King Pig's Wild Hog Dodgems while Gaby Roslin, Tina Hobley and Louise Adams brought their families along to enjoy the colourful theming and fun of the new land – including character 'beak and greets' with RED bird.

The amazing new ANGRY BIRDS LAND nested on 24 May at THORPE PARK Resort, and promises a world first experience for families and fans of all ages of the feathered flocks and piggy characters.

Guests can also join the birds and sleepover with a night at the NEW for 2014 THORPE SHARK Hotel – just steps away from all the fun.

PLUS there's plenty more across the Resort with over 30 rides and attractions to enjoy, families and friends can laugh louder, scream longer and experience THORPE PARK Resort's world-class coasters\* including THE SWARM, the UK's first winged rollercoaster, which guests can now brave backwards, Stealth, one of Europe's fastest and tallest rollercoasters, Colossus, a ten

loop rollercoaster and Nemesis Inferno, a feet-free, legs-dangling coaster experience, as well as SAW – The Ride.

Younger theme park fans\*\* can grab their adrenaline apprenticeship as they ride on a wave of light and sound on X, before enjoying rides like the gravity defying Zodiac and magic carpet ride of Quantum. There are also five water rides to excite the whole family including Tidal Wave, Storm Surge and Logger's Leap.

\*Older Thrill Seekers – at least 1.4m tall

\*\* Younger Thrill Seekers – at least 1m tall

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### **About THORPE PARK Resort**

With over 30 thrilling rides, attractions and live events to enjoy, THORPE PARK Resort is the 'must do' destination for thrill and chill seeking families and friends – located just 10 miles from Greater London. NEW for 2014, fans can experience ANGRY BIRDS Land and 4D experience before settling down for a night in the Resort's uniquely themed accommodation, THORPE SHARK Hotel, situated in the heart of the action. Brave iconic rides such as the UK's first winged rollercoaster THE SWARM, SAW – The Ride, the world's first horror movie themed rollercoaster, STEALTH, one of Europe's fastest and tallest roller coasters and COLOSSUS, the world's first ten inversion rollercoaster, as well as attractions such as RUSH, the world's largest Speed Swing. Younger theme park fans can grab their adrenaline apprenticeship as they ride on junior coasters X and The Flying Fish, before enjoying rides like the gravity defying ZODIAC and magic carpet ride QUANTUM. There are also FIVE water rides to excite the whole family, including the ultimate super-soaker TIDAL WAVE, STORM SURGE and LOGGER'S LEAP.

- THORPE PARK Resort is open for the full season from 20 March to 9 November 2014. Visit [THORPEPARK.com](http://THORPEPARK.com) for more information
- Advance online booking rates available from £24.99 adults, £19.99 children (under 12 years) – over 40% saving when you book 2 days in advance
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- Fastrack tickets, VIP experiences and special event offers are available online when booking in advance at THORPEPARK.com
- Height restrictions apply on certain rides

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- Nearest Train Station: Staines – just 32 minutes from London Waterloo
- Buses: 950 shuttle link between Staines Station and THORPE PARK Resort runs every 12 – 15 minutes
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