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SCOTTY'S CASTLE TOUR FEES INCREASE

Superintendent James T. Reynolds announced today that a slight increase in Scotty's Castle tour fees will go into effect Saturday, May 15, 2004. Adult and Senior fees will increase \$1.00 while all other fees will remain the same.

Current prices:

Senior (62 and older):	\$6.00
Adult (16-61)	8.00
Youth (6-15 years)	4.00
Children (5 and under)	Free

New prices:

Senior (62 and older):	\$7.00
Adult (16-61)	9.00
Youth (6-15 years)	4.00
Children (5 and under)	Free

The last price increase at Scotty's Castle was in 1997. The guided tour program at Scotty's Castle is totally self supporting. Not only is 100% of the money collected for the tours kept at Death Valley, they pay for 100% of the tour operation. These funds pay for staff, period clothing, props and what demonstration materials and equipment are needed for the program. Increasing the adult and senior price by \$1.00 will help insure that the doors stay open at Scotty's Castle, and that the service to the public remains of a high quality nature.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy their tour of the Castle in more comfort. The final phase of installing a new heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system was completed late this spring. The project started over seven years ago. It was designed to maintain a constant temperature and humidity in the house for the protection of the historic furnishings and provide for a safer environment for visitors and guides.

The lack of a heating and cooling system not only was causing deterioration of the furnishings in the house it was also playing havoc with the historic Welte console theater organ. It has just been cleaned and tuned, and in its new air controlled environment sounds better than ever.

Tours throughout the summer are conducted daily on the hour starting at 9:00 a.m. with the last tour starting at 5:00 p.m. For more information about tours, hours of operation, group or bus reservations, or fees, call 760-786-2392. You can also visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/deva and click on the "In Depth" link.

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