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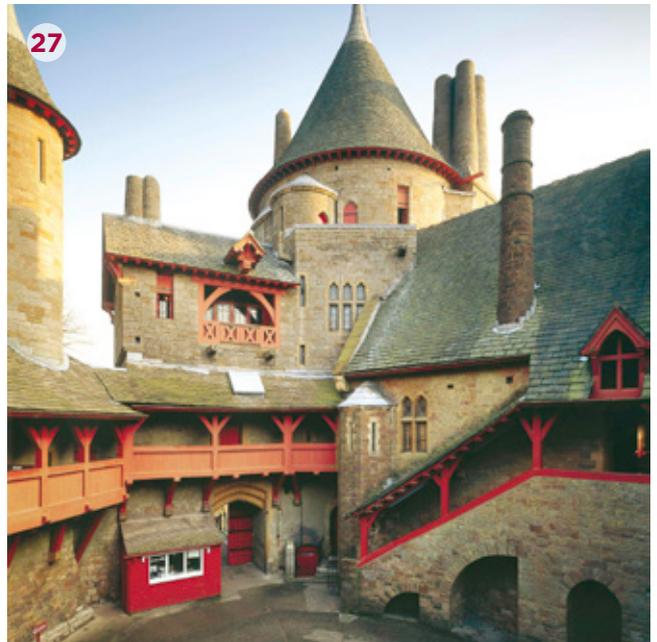
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WELCOME

Once you visit Cardiff, we know you'll love our city. When you get here, the people of Cardiff will give you a very warm Welsh welcome, so to give you a taste of what to expect, we asked a few local people to tell us why they love the capital of Wales.

Have a read of the guide for hints about where to go, where to eat and especially for what's good off the beaten track. So, get your skates on and come to visit us. We know you won't be disappointed.

Enjoy your stay!

CROESO

Unwaith y dewch i Gaerdydd – rydyn ni'n gwybod y byddwch chi wrth eich bodd gyda'n dinas. Pan gyrhaeddwch yma, bydd trigolion Caerdydd yn rhoi croeso cynnes i chi, felly i roi blas i chi ar yr hyn i'w ddisgwyl, gofynnnon ni i rai pobl lleol y ddinas pam eu bod nhw'n dwlu ar brifddinas Cymru.

Darllenwch ein canllaw am awgrymiadau ar ble i fynd, ble i fwyta a chyfrinachau'r ddinas. Felly, dewch draw i'n gweld ni. Cewch chi ddim eich siomi.

Mwynhewch eich arhosiad!



Nous sommes certains que vous aimerez Cardiff une fois que vous aurez visité notre ville. Vous recevrez dès votre arrivée un accueil à la galloise, très chaleureux. Pour vous donner un aperçu de ce qui vous attend, nous avons ainsi demandé à quelques gens du coin de nous dire pourquoi ils aimaient la capitale du pays de Galles.

Le guide vous donnera des conseils sur les visites à faire et les endroits où vous restaurer, et vous aidera particulièrement à découvrir tous les petits secrets bien gardés de la ville. Alors dépêchez-vous de nous rejoindre, vous ne serez pas déçus!

Nous vous souhaitons un agréable séjour parmi nous!



Wir wissen, dass Sie Cardiff lieben werden, sobald Sie in unserer Stadt ankommen. Die Cardiffer werden Sie auf ihre besondere walisische Art sehr herzlich willkommen heißen. Damit Sie schon einen Vorgeschmack auf das erhalten, was auf Sie wartet, fragten wir einige Einwohner, warum sie die walisische Hauptstadt lieben.

Wenn Sie den Leitfaden lesen, erhalten Sie Tipps, was sich lohnt zu besuchen, wo man gut essen kann und insbesondere, was gut abseits vom Touristenrummel liegt. Also, machen Sie sich auf die Socken und besuchen Sie uns. Wir wissen, dass Sie nicht enttäuscht werden.

Genießen Sie Ihren Besuch!



Cuando vengas a Cardiff, estamos seguros de que te encantará nuestra ciudad. Cuando llegues, la gente de Cardiff te dará una cálida bienvenida galesa. Para darte una idea de lo que puedes esperar, hemos preguntado a unos cuantos ciudadanos para que nos cuenten por qué aman la capital de Gales.

Echa un vistazo a la guía que te dará ideas sobre dónde ir, dónde comer y sobre todo, para conocer los mejores lugares lejos de las rutas habituales. Así que, no lo pienses y ven a visitarnos. Sabemos que no te defraudará.

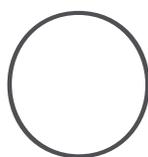
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CYCLING BETWEEN THE LINES

OLWEN MOSELEY CHECKS OUT CARDIFF'S GREEN AND CULTURAL CREDENTIALS - BY BIKE, OF COURSE

Words: **CHARLES EDWARDS** Olwen's images: **FFION MATTHEWS**

 Olwen Moseley is course leader in Graphic Communication at Cardiff Metropolitan University and she likes to look beyond the obvious. You can follow Olwen's Cardiff journey on foot, by bike – or you can miss the best bits and go by bus, taxi or car. "If I visit a city I want to see the main attractions but I'd also want to find the underbelly of it. A bike helps you do that by taking you through all the bits the tourists miss, giving you a glimpse for the life of the city," she says.

Olwen's tour starts in Bute Park, on a route in the shadow of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. "As you cycle through the park, you are almost in the heart of the city. Past the Taff river making its way out to Cardiff Bay alongside your trail, past rugby games on the fields, there's music drifting out from the rehearsal rooms at the college. Ahead of you appears the Castle, from nowhere, it's magical. This is a real picture

of what the city is like. Old and new alongside each other."

It's a convenient starting point for visitors because Pedal Power is where you can go to hire the bikes, near the Swalec Stadium at Sophia Gardens.

First stop on Olwen's cycle tour is Cardiff's shopping arcades. Victorian and Edwardian, they are 'spectacular' for her. Olwen will park her bike then walk through the arcades to Cardiff Central Market and on for coffee in the Hayes.

She warms to the theme: "The Corner House is great because it has a good vantage point on the plaza outside Cardiff's new library. It's a crossroad in the centre of town, with real life about it. You could be in any European city there, looking out at the world going by."

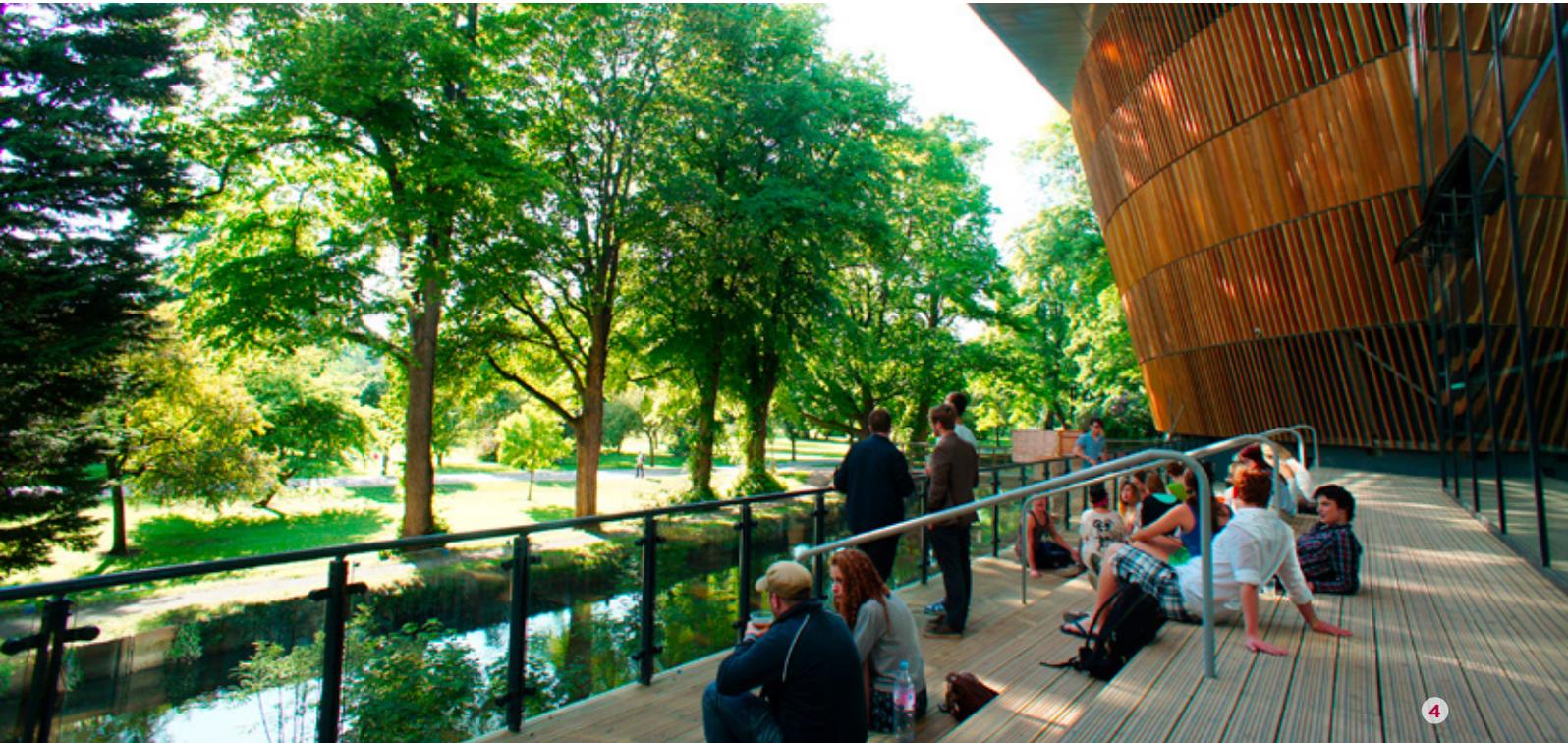
The look and feel of the city are important to Olwen. She is director of the Cardiff Design Festival which celebrates design in the city for two very busy weeks in October. Her advice is: "Look up. Look beyond the shop fronts and in the spaces in between, you will see where a city has come from."

In Cardiff, that means especially raising the eye line in St Mary Street and The Hayes, where the Old Library, housing the Cardiff Story museum holds pride of place, facing back towards the new library, which has great views from its upper floors.

The bike means Olwen can roam all over the city "If there were a good exhibition on at the National Museum, I'd go there or I would head to Chapter." 

- 1 John Burges' stone animals on the castle walls.
- 2 Olwen outside the RWCMD.
- 3 Cardiff's oldest arcade, Royal Arcade 1858.
- 4 Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama (RWCMD).
- 5 Cardiff Castle viewed from Bute Park.





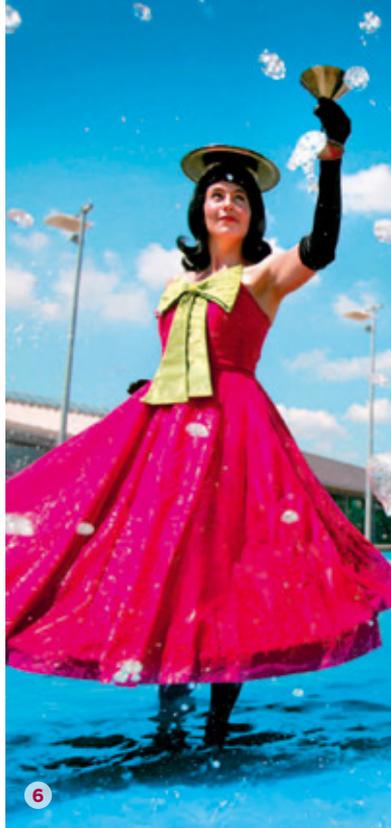
- 6 Cardiff Festival.
- 7 The Norwegian Church.
- 8 BBC Cymru Wales' Roath Lock studios.
- 9 Wales Millennium Centre.
- 10 Cardiff Bay boardwalk.

It is a short ride to City Road/Albany Road areas, where G39, The Sho Gallery and Milkwood give a contemporary take on the art scene.

Back towards town, William Burges' architecture in Museum Place and the castle's animal wall stand out.

The next stage of Olwen's Cardiff Odyssey takes her to Cardiff Bay, either on the bike or by boat, using the water taxi that runs in season from Bute Park, past the Millennium Stadium, to the bay.

"You get a different perspective on the city from the river, whether you cycle along it or float on it," she says. "In some places the city turns its back on the river, so you see her warts and all. In others, you catch her full glory. It's great fun!"



Once in the Bay, Olwen is drawn to the different architectural styles and ages of the Norwegian Church, the Senedd, Wales Millennium Centre and the Pierhead Building.

"I would go to Craft in the Bay, have lunch, pop in for a peek at the Coal Exchange, then head for the barrage and cycle across to Penarth."

There, she will find Ffotogallery at Turner House and Penarth Pier.



REACHING INTO THE PAST

RHODRI MORGAN
SHARES HIS PERSONAL
LINKS WITH HISTORY

Words: **ED TOWNSEND**

Rhodri's image: **FFION MATTHEWS**

As a local resident 40 years ago, Rhodri Morgan rolled up his sleeves and painted walls to help turn the abandoned Canton High School into Chapter Arts centre. Now, as the retired First Minister of Wales Rhodri sits with a real ale in Chapter and is effusive in his admiration of his surroundings. "I don't believe there is a better community arts centre anywhere in the UK," he offers. "My part in setting it up was a humble one but I am so proud of it. I believe Chapter has been an important part of the flowering of Cardiff as a modern European capital."

The Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan is a regular at Chapter, where a well-kept pint of real ale, fair trade coffee and wholesome food at healthy prices are the hallmarks of the café bar. The arts offering is eclectic, providing cinema, theatre and gallery space to complement the city's multiplexes, larger auditoria and museums. ▶





*Rhodri's
Must See*

The Davies Collection,
National Museum
Cardiff



“ Not the largest but certainly the best” collection of Impressionist works outside Paris. Bequeathed to the nation by the Davies sisters, whose father David Davies was the great rival of the Marquess of Bute, building railways and Barry docks in the 19th century. Before her death in 1963, Rhodri met Margaret, the younger of the Davies sisters, when he went to her home in Gregynog with his father, Prof T.J.Morgan, then registrar of the University of Wales, discussing her planned bequests to the university and to the nation. He recalls Miss Davies as “a willowy lady, almost a throwback to the characters of a Jane Austen novel.”

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Rhodri names a castle and a museum as his top places to visit. Castell Coch, guarding the bluff where the River Taff opens out into the coastal plain, was the Marquess of Bute's country retreat. "I'm sure he must have been on the Grand Tour at some point and when it came to it, couldn't decide whether he wanted a Rhineland castle or a French chateau," says Rhodri.

In the end, the architect, William Burges, gave his distinguished employer something that could be either; a fascinating tease for modern visitors to the city, offering an insight into Victorian family life at this rather up-market country retreat.

Rhodri reckons his great great

grandparents were the last couple to be married in St Teilo's Church at Pontarddlais, outside Swansea, falling out of regular use when replaced by a new church in 1851. That church, along with its medieval wall paintings and quite stunningly reconstructed rood screen is now one of the prized buildings at St Fagans, National History Museum. There, you can trace 1,500 years of Welsh history by visiting more than 40 buildings moved from their original sites and rebuilt in the 100-acre parkland surrounding St Fagans Castle.

Lest you get the idea that Rhodri Morgan is a fine art and culture snob, he redresses the balance with a keen love of sport. A Cardiff rugby and Cardiff

City supporter, he grew up a regular match-goer with Cardiff City, then as now, consistently challenging for a place in the top flight. Only Wales rugby internationals – first at Cardiff Arms Park, later at the National Stadium and now at the magnificent Millennium Stadium – could get in the way of his support for the local teams.

- 1 Castell Coch (Red Castle).
- 2 The Millennium Stadium.
- 3 St Teilo's Church, St Fagans.
- 4 National Museum Cardiff.
- 5 St Fagans National History Museum.

Jack Hamilton

TICKING ALL THE BOXES

FOR CARDIFF STUDENTS, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RIGHT CHOICES AT THE RIGHT PRICE - AND STAYING IN TOUCH WITH THE REAL WORLD

Main image: **FFION MATTHEWS**

Joel D'Auria

Faye Tanner



Good courses are what bring students to Cardiff and with three universities, the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and Cardiff & Vale College, the city is home to more than 30,000 students.

Those students place interesting demands on a city. First off, where do you take your parents (they're paying) when they come to visit? Not too expensive, but a bit above the usual student range: top choice is Casanova in Quay Street, genuine Italian food and a great atmosphere.

Things to do in the day with visitors include a walk around the Bay, with plenty of choices for lunch out. Pack

the parents off home and it's time to find the heart of student Cardiff.

JOEL says: "Cardiff is a great city for students; perfect size, not too big, not too small, great nightlife, it ticks all the boxes."

JAKE agrees: "It's easy to get around, you don't need a car even if you're out in Cyncoed at the Cardiff Met campus, a taxi is approximately £8 to the city centre."

FAYE says: "The nice thing about Cardiff is that you're integrated with every day life. You're not segregated away from the real world, you mix in with 'normal' people. It's much less of a student 'bubble' unlike some other



Universities, which can be like out of town ghettos.”

Down to the nitty gritty, **KIM** likes Soda Bar on Mill Lane and Las Iguanas where you'll find 241 cocktails midweek. The guys like Vodka Revolution, opposite the Castle. Mill Lane and Greyfriars Road are buzzing areas to go out.

Live Lounge and Clwb (Clwb Ifor Bach or Welsh Club) are both great for gigs, especially new and local bands. Womanby Street is kind of a live music hub, with a number of venues all on one of the city's oldest streets. It's also the focus for the city's annual Sŵn Festival.

In the heart of the city centre, the Motorpoint Arena is the place to see big name bands and artists and just next door, the small, but perfectly formed Gwdihw bar is an intimate alternative live music venue; more cosy front room, than anonymous bar.

The Bunkhouse on St Mary Street is another of Cardiff's quirky places to go out. Filled with vintage furniture and fairy lights, it even has a basement club with its own cinema and beds.

Out of the city centre, Milgi on City Road in the suburb of Roath serves tasty vegetarian food and plays host to regular vintage markets, supper clubs and even storytelling in their very own yurt.

For shopping, Cardiff has a wealth of high street favourites as well as independent and unique stores. For music, head to the oldest record store in the world, Spillers and for vintage fashion, furniture and art, try Cardiff Fashion Quarter, a collective of local creatives who've set up shop in an old converted cinema on Womanby street.

For the serious shopper a few times a year the riches of the St David's Centre – hundreds of shops and plenty of watering holes – are given over to the amazingly popular Student Lock-in where you'll find exclusive bargains, giveaways and goodie bags for students for a whole evening.

With over 30,000 students, Cardiff is a really safe city in which to come and study. And the city certainly has appeal for when the studying is done, with more than one third staying in the city after graduation.



Cardiff Pride

A new take on celebration

Cardiff lets its hair down each year for the modern day Cardiff Pride at the end of summer, with thousands flocking to the event.

Cardiff Pride is probably one of the biggest and best Pride events in the calendar and it just reinforces the warm Welsh welcome you get in the capital of Wales.

Stifyn Parri (above) is MD of the events and PR firm Mr Producer, who manage public relations for the Cardiff Wales LGBT Cardiff Pride. He says: "Cardiff Pride is quite simply a fabulous weekend, with class acts, wit and excellent feel-good factor. It's not just for gay people; it is a celebration of equality and diversity and is a cracking day out for all the family."

Stifyn comments: "Cardiff's gay bars and clubs have great entertainment and a variety of activities from Cabaret to great Sunday lunches. Perhaps because the scene is right in the heart of Cardiff City Centre it is more welcoming than in other larger cities. The prices are good, too!"



- 1 Mermaid Quay Music Festival.
- 2 Mermaid Quay.
- 3 Cardiff Bay.
- 4 St David's Student Lockin.
- 5 Las Iguanas, Cardiff Bay.
- 6 The Bunkhouse.
- 7 Mill Lane restaurants and bars.





BRYONY'S BAY RUSH

AT HOME ON THE WATER, WHITE WATER GUIDE
BRYONY REES FINDS A SPORTING HAVEN IN CARDIFF

Words: ED TOWNSEND Main image: FFION MATTHEWS





Bryony Rees couldn't believe her luck when she arrived at Cardiff University to study Human Geography and Town Planning. For a keen kayaker, it was pure delight to come to the city just as Cardiff International White Water opened its doors. Things got even better when she tried out rafting and then became the centre's first female raft guide.

After graduating, town planning took a back seat as she took to the water full time, guiding a mix of children, soldiers, stags and hens, rescue workers, corporate teams and enthusiasts down the white water course.

Two days before sharing her thoughts about sport in Cardiff, Bryony had been in Uganda, rafting down the Nile, negotiating waves the size of a house.

Back in Cardiff, the challenge is more

- 1 Cardiff City FC.
- 2 SWALEC Stadium, home of Glamorgan Cricket.
- 3 The Extreme Sailing Series.
- 4 Kayaking at Cardiff International White Water.
- 5 Cardiff Devils Ice Hockey Team.
- 6 Cardiff International White Water.

Also back for 2013 was the Canoe Slalom World Cup, first held in Cardiff in 2012, with all the top Olympic paddlers warming up for their bids for Gold.

For visitors, Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre offers rather calmer fare, with a chance to try sailing and rowing.

Water sport may be new to Cardiff but the city already has a great sporting reputation. Bryony again: "Cardiff must be the best place for watching sport. They have Test cricket, international and club rugby and one of the UK's best athletics stadiums."



controlled as she teaches a crew of novices to tackle the rapids. "You go down this course and get a real adrenaline rush," she says.

The rafting centre expanded in spring 2013 to include an indoor surf machine. It is one of only a handful that offers double-lane surfing experience so groups of friends and family can take the plunge together.

The barrage that transformed Cardiff Bay from mud flats into a 250 hectare freshwater lake opened up a new world of water sport for the city. The latest to grab visitors' attention is the Extreme Sailing Series, a fast and furious clash of multi-hulls, which returned during the summer of 2013.

Perhaps the longest-running saga in sport and Cardiff City's push for Premier League football, saw them reach Premiership status in 2013 after three play-off defeats. Until then, top quality Championship football is the fare at the Cardiff City Stadium.

Bryony's near neighbours at the White Water Centre are the Cardiff Devils, one of the UK's top ice hockey teams. They play their games most weekends until April, then again from August. The Devils also have a bright future to look forward to, with a new ice rink planned for the International Sports Village. Alongside the rink will be a Snow Dome, adding skiing and snow boarding to Cardiff's rapidly growing list of sports.

A Rock Classic

BBC Radio One's Huw Stephens gets to the heart of cool Cardiff.

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HUW'S IMAGES

Ffion Matthews

Picture this. Huw Stephens, Radio One's man who chooses the coolest new bands to play on air, likes to eat in a Cardiff café that plays classical music all day. Huw is like that; an engaging man, Welsh to the core, born and brought up in Cardiff. Now living and working in



One To Watch

ASTROID BOYS

Cardiff-based Hip Hop and Punk.
Very good.

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One To Watch

KUTOSIS

A really gutsy band,
purveyors of powerful
whisky-soaked
blues songs.

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- 1 Sam Duckworth.
- 2 Live music at Clwb Ifor Bach.
- 3 Sŵn Festival at Dempseys.
- 4 PINS.
- 5 The Vaccines.



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- 6 Greta Isaac.
- 7 Astroid Boys.
- 8 Kutosis.
- 9 Wales Millenium Centre.
- 10 Castle Arcade.
- 11 Spillers Records.
- 12 The Potted Pig.
- 13 Womex: World Music Expo.

London he returns to Cardiff regularly and names Café Minuet in Castle Arcade as one of his favourite spots. "It's really good," he says. "They do amazing Italian food I haven't seen anywhere else. A great place to eat during the day." He should know - he has been going there regularly since he was a little boy.

As a rising national radio star, Huw has kept tight hold of his Cardiff roots. Six years ago he set up the Sŵn (the Welsh word for sound, pronounced 'soon') Festival in Cardiff to showcase Welsh musical talent. The festival has been a big success and is now an autumn fixture in the city. "I am very pleased with how it has gone," he says. "It attracts thousands of people to the city centre every October and it has become a big highlight in the Welsh musical calendar. It has grown a UK-wide reputation for quality, with a great line-up. Sŵn has also been able to show that Cardiff is a diverse and creative cultural centre.

"Wales has always had huge musical talent and Cardiff has a really strong live music and concert scene. You get small, intimate venues like the legendary Clwb Ifor Bach on Womanby Street and you have the Motorpoint Arena, St David's Hall and the Wales Millennium Centre at the other end of the scale.

"Cardiff is a small capital but has so much going for it. The city centre is pure Cardiff but with a hint of a European atmosphere about it. The Hayes, with its tea shop and elderly gentlemen playing chess in the open air, is what you expect to find in a European capital." The Hayes is at the heart of Cardiff's shopping, with John Lewis guarding one end and Cardiff Market at the other end. "Cardiff Market is not talked about enough," says Huw. "It's a place where you find friendly people selling interesting and different goods. It's one of the things that distinguish Cardiff. It's a small, friendly place and it's the capital city of Wales with a lot going for it.

"I go to a lot of cities across the UK, DJ-ing all year round and nowhere compares to Cardiff. I'm not a great one for shops but I do love Cardiff's arcades and I wouldn't want to be without Spillers Records, the oldest record shop in the world, right there in Morgan Arcade. Drop in and ask the friendly staff to recommend something good from the local music scene."

Apart from Minuet, Huw recommends the Bangkok Café in Canton for Thai, the Potted Pig in the city centre and the Purple Poppadom, also in Canton.

Clearly a man quite taken with his home town, what would he look forward to here in the future? "Without a doubt, Cardiff is now ready to be European Capital of Culture. There is enough going on here to justify receiving that title. It would make people realise that it is a world class city, innovative and with a growing focus on media and creative industries."



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STREETWISE & PROUD

DERI REED TAKES A SIDEWAYS LOOK AT CARDIFF FOR FOODIES - AND ADDS HIS OWN SPECIAL FLAVOUR

Words: ED TOWNSEND Deri's image: GINGENIOUS PRODUCTIONS



Deri Reed is on a mission: to put Cardiff in the vanguard of a burgeoning Street Food movement. Street Food puts fresh produce, cooked the right way, at the right price, straight into the hands of consumers. Cardiff sits alongside Liverpool, Birmingham and London as growing centres for the type of 'pop-up' eating.

In Cardiff Deri, 'The Ethical Chef' brings his training as a chef, experience in one of Ireland's top vegetarian restaurants and an incredible level of enthusiasm and commitment to bear on driving forward his mission.

He'll borrow a restaurant and set up shop for ▶



the evening, bringing his own clientele – all brought together through social media.

On Sundays, you will find him at the farmers' market at Riverside, on the banks of the Taff, opposite the Millennium Stadium. "I'm not a farmer," he freely admits, "but they let me trade there because I'm cooking with fresh produce from local farmers." He also runs food festivals in the city – a sell-out for local restaurants and producers who sell their dishes from street stalls.

So where does the ethical chef like to eat out in Cardiff when he's not cooking or selling on the street? Mimosa Bar and Kitchen features high on his list, as does Tides at the St David's Hotel.

"Pettigrew Tea Rooms in the castle walls is a great little business in a very special location," says Deri. Not surprisingly, the Vegetarian Food Studio in Penarth Road is a favourite. "I'm not a vegetarian," he says, "but I do promote the quality of vegetarian food."

Deri reserves his greatest respect for

the Park House: "The food there is by no means run of the mill. They are excellent and they are really pushing towards a Michelin star.

"I'm also a fan of Jamie's Italian in The Hayes. The service is great, the food is very good and honest."

As a place to go for a drink, Deri will point to Milgi Lounge, Pica Pica and Shot in the dark. "I'm a big fan of the Prince of Wales – one of the most striking places to go for a drink."

Deri thinks Cardiff's Millennium Stadium may be the city's biggest asset. "It has the ability to draw in crowds from all over the world for a wide range of different entertainments; Speedway, rugby, music. I can't imagine how they just tow away an international standard rugby pitch and turn the stadium into a Speedway circuit."

Cardiff Bay is also high on Deri's list because it shows how Cardiff has developed. "There's a half hour video in the Millennium Centre that shows the Cardiff story. Sums it all up rather well."

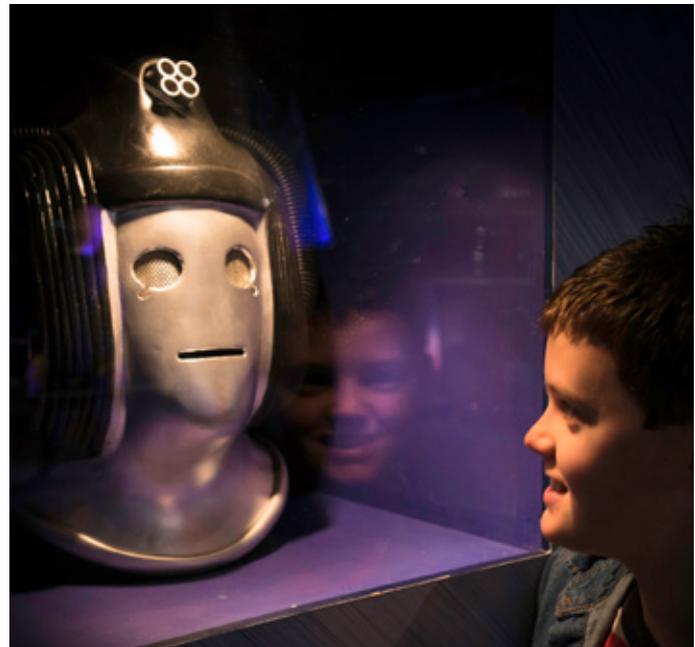
Another highlight is the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama – not just as a centre of teaching and learning but as a place for high quality performances in intimate surroundings.

A spark shows in Deri's eyes as he remembers another restaurant he loves: The Old Custom House at Penarth Marina, right next to the barrage. "It's a great restaurant. You see the food you want in refrigerated displays. You choose it, they cook it, you eat it. What could be simpler?"

And his favourite 'thing' about Cardiff? "It has to be the Riverside Market. It's my mission, my job, my career and my life. What more can I say?"

- 1 Cafe Rouge, Cardiff Bay.
- 2 Tides, St David's Hotel.
- 3 Waterfront dining, Mermaid Quay.
- 4 Cardiff International Food & Drink Festival.
- 5 Jamie's Italian in The Hayes.
- 6 Cardiff International Food & Drink Festival.
- 7 Cardiff Riverside Market produce.





HANDS-ON AND FAMILY FRIENDLY

JOURNALIST JENNY WOOLF VISITED CARDIFF WITH SEVEN-YEAR-OLD ARTHUR. JENNY WANTED TO GIVE ARTHUR A TASTE OF CARDIFF AND TO MAKE SURE HE HAD A FUN TIME WITHOUT PACKING TOO MUCH IN TO THEIR TWO-NIGHT STAY. HERE'S HOW IT WENT

Main image: **ANDREW HAZARD**

DAY ONE

TAFF VALLEY QUAD BIKES | Jenny, husband Tony and young Arthur headed out of the city to see what Taff Valley Quad Bikes had to offer. There, farmer Hopkin Smith was on hand to give Arthur a safety induction, then to take him out to tackle the nursery course in a suitable mini-quad.

Arthur started off with a safety cord attached to the quad so that Hopkin could cut the engine and bring him safely to a halt if necessary. But it wasn't necessary – and Arthur spent the next two hours rapidly becoming expert at tackling the figure of eight course. An extra bonus for an adventurous seven-year old was the mud smattering he acquired.

■ **Arthur's verdict:** I really liked learning how to control the quad bike and I'd like to continue learning quad biking, because actually everything about going to this place was good.

■ **Jenny's verdict:** A real country experience with the dogs and sheep. It seemed laid back and casual but was also inclusive and highly professional. I was surprised at how much Arthur learned.

After a shower to clean off the mud, it was back to the Parc Thistle hotel for a good night's sleep.

DAY TWO

THE DOCTOR WHO EXPERIENCE, CARDIFF BAY | No need for time travel to get there; the number 6 Bendybus does the job in 15 minutes, door to door. You have to be careful when you tackle the Doctor Who Experience. After all, there are no couches to hide





behind and the Daleks would get you anyway. The crack in time opens to let you in to an adventure with The Doctor, Matt Smith. Cybermen, Daleks and Weeping Angels all come at you as you pass through the Experience. Cybermen charging and firing in 3D is pretty scary even for 40-year veterans of Doctor Who but you are guaranteed safe passage. On the way, you can drive the TARDIS for a short while, too.

■ **Arthur's verdict:** I loved it. I'm a Doctor Who fan.

■ **Jenny's verdict:** A lot to see in the surrounding area, too, and a good playground just outside.

Lunch in the Norwegian Church offered a mix of home cooked Welsh and Scandinavian dishes. Then a short stroll around the bay, through the family friendly restaurants and shops at Mermaid Quay and the next challenge.

TECHNIQUEST | This could be the most fun anyone has had with science since Archimedes last had a bath. You don't even have to get wet – but you can if you want. That's what is great about Techniquest. It is one of those (very few) places that say to children: **'Please touch – and play – and mess about all you want.'**

And while the smaller human beings are playing and learning, the larger ones will pick up a thing or two about magnetism, friction, the principles of flight and how leafcutter ants organise themselves.

At Techniquest, they have found a perfect blend that allows the fluid lives of children to latch on to the laws of science. Almost makes you want to slide into the bath and shout Eureka!

■ **Arthur's verdict:** I totally loved all of Techniquest. It was such a friendly place. My favourite thing was playing with the water but there were lots of other things to do as well.

■ **Jenny's verdict:** The best children's museum I've visited. All the exhibits were well kept and well labelled, and appealed to grown ups too – or at least, to this grown up.

DAY THREE

BOULDERS CLIMBING CENTRE | A bus ride to Boulders Climbing Centre, where climbs range from Easy (barely climbing at all) to Very Severe (barely climbable).

For Arthur, though, it was a session with Pebbles and the Pumas. Pebbles is for children up to seven. It's a bit like a Wacky Warehouse but more adventurous. Cargo nets and mini climbing walls give a gentle – and safe – introduction to climbing. For 7 to 18-year-olds, the Pumas Climbing Club gives youngsters a go at climbing with full supervision. This is what Arthur went for; a two-hour session with all the gear, a personal coach and a climbing wall to suit your ability.





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■ **Arthur's verdict:** This was the first time I have done climbing, and it was comfortable climbing up, although not so comfortable climbing down!

■ **Jenny's verdict:** I was impressed by the positive, friendly atmosphere and the staff were obviously passionate about climbing. This huge place must turn so many people on to the sport.

CARDIFF CASTLE | A good lunch in the café at Cardiff Castle before tackling the 134 steps up the Motte to the top of the Norman keep.

Cardiff Castle looks like something that any child might draw. Turretted walls, corner towers, a dominating Keep in the middle of the Bailey ring. What singles Cardiff Castle out is the fact that though there has been a fortress on the site since the Romans built their fort there. But what you see now is largely the invention of the third Marquess of Bute and his imaginative architect, William Burges, in the middle of the 19th Century. No time for shopping on this trip but the city's main shopping area is just across the road.

■ **Arthur's verdict:** My favourite bit of the castle was all the colours and decoration inside it. And I liked playing with the model castle in the shop.

■ **Jenny's verdict:** A truly astonishing building, with a most remarkable High Victorian interior. I'm so pleased I got the chance to see this.



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Tourist Information Centres

Cardiff has two Tourist Information Centres; one in the city centre in the Old Library, the other in the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay.



Tourist Information – City Centre

- Accommodation bookings – local, Wales & UK
- Left luggage lockers
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- Tickets for local sightseeing tours and attractions
- Free Tourist Information – local, Wales & UK
- Free maps

Please contact us at

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Follow the Tourist Information Centre on
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Open seven days a week Mon to Sat
9.30am-5.30pm Sundays 10am-4pm

Tourist Information – Cardiff Bay

- Accommodation bookings – local, Wales & UK
- Quality Welsh gifts & souvenirs
- Exhibition and short film showcasing the development of the Bay
- Later opening hours on performance evenings
- Free Tourist Information – local, Wales & UK
- Free maps

Please contact us at

Wales Millennium Centre,
Cardiff Bay CF10 5AL
+44(0)29 2087 7927

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Open seven days a week 10am-6pm
Open until 7.30pm on performance evenings

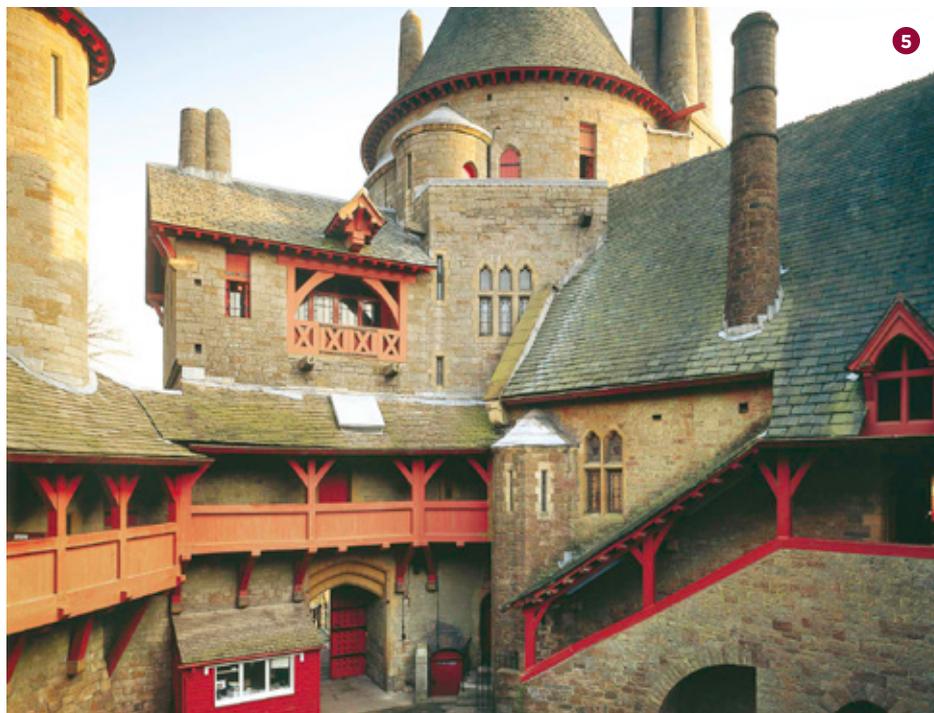


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- 4 Castle Arcade.
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What to see & do

Cardiff is a city of attractions, sport, culture and entertainment. Within the few square miles of the city-centre alone, you'll find a wealth of things to do, whatever your tastes, and in the surrounding areas, you'll find everything from abseiling to whisky tasting.

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- Car Parking
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- Restaurant
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- WiFi
- Good for rainy days
- FREE Free entry
- VAQAS Scheme VAQAS is the Visitor Attraction Quality Assurance Scheme
- Official Blue Badge Tour Guide The highest Tourist Guiding award in Wales

For more information on individual attractions, tour guides, shops, restaurants and where to stay please go to www.visitcardiff.com.

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Adventures Wales Activity Centre

Wales' premier AALA Licensed outdoor adventure activity centre offering: Quad Biking, Gorge Scrambling, Rafting, High Ropes Courses, Paintballing, Surfing Lessons, Laser Shooting and so much more to choose from. Weekend packages are also available and include a great choice of activities, hotel accommodation and return transport into the city centre for a great night out in Wales' capital city. The Centre also caters for children's parties, school residential stays and company team events as well as offsite activities such as surfing, kayaking and raft building challenges.

Moor Lane, Nottage, Porthcawl CF36 3EX
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Big Pit National Coal Museum

Map 1/e1

Big Pit is a real coal mine and one of Britain's leading mining museums. With facilities to educate all ages, Big Pit is an exciting and informative day out. Enjoy a multimedia tour of a modern coal mine, exhibitions in the pithead baths and historic colliery buildings open to the public for the first time. All this, plus the world-famous underground tour. Go 300ft underground with a real miner!

Admission Free.
Opening Times:
Daily 9.30am-5pm.
Underground tours run frequently 10am-3.30pm.
Please call for December and January opening.

Blaenafon, Torfaen NP4 9XP
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www.museumwales.ac.uk



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Boulders

Map 2/12

Visit Wales' largest indoor climbing centre for adrenaline packed fun! Boulders promises a fantastic day out for all, offering:

- Birthday parties and stag/hen parties
- Climbing taster sessions for beginners
- Children's school holiday activities
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Boulders specialises in introducing people of all abilities into this vertical world in a fun, safe and inclusive way.

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Bute Park & Arboretum

Map 2/d3

Bute Park, containing the former pleasure grounds of Cardiff Castle, is a green oasis right in the heart of the city centre and a "must see" for anyone visiting Cardiff. Equivalent to 75 football pitches in size, it's one of the largest urban public parks in Wales, and comprises a broad mix of historic landscape, urban woodland, arboretum, horticultural features and river corridor.

There is also an education centre and catering outlets with public toilets allowing visitors to refresh and recharge as they take in the many sights and sounds the park has to offer.

Cardiff city centre, Cardiff CF11 9HW (Sophia Gardens Coach & Car Park, right turn off Sophia Close)
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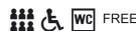
Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre

Map 3/e4

Ideally located in Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre provides a wealth of information on attractions and events in Cardiff and Wales. They are also on hand to make bed bookings in a range of accommodation.

Visit the Cinema and Exhibition room and enjoy a DVD showcasing the development of the Bay. A variety of souvenirs are also available in the gift shop.

Unit 1, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay CF10 5AL
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visitorcentrecardiffbay@cardiff.gov.uk | www.cardiffharbour.com



Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre (CBWAC)

Map 3/b4

CBWAC is ideal for those looking for adventure. The centre at Channel View has dedicated slipway access and pontoons so that beginners and professionals can enjoy rowing. Or have you ever fancied trying other activities such as fishing or archery. Book your Channel View session now on 029 2035 3912.

Have you been inspired by the Olympics and want to learn to Sail? The CBWAC sailing school based on the Cardiff Bay Barrage offers a range of fun RYA accredited courses. Book your sailing session now on 029 2087 7977 and get out on the water!

Channel View, Jim Driscoll Way, Cardiff CF11 7HB
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wateractivity@cardiff.gov.uk | www.cbwac.com



Cardiff International White Water (CIWW)

Map 3/b8

CIWW is an on demand white water facility in the International Sports Village. With its variable river flow adventurers at all levels can try action packed activities including white water rafting, kayaking and river boarding. Or the flat water area offers a range of fun paddle sports.

In Spring 2013 CIWW will open the latest addition to the centre with an adrenaline fuelled indoor surf machine. Suitable for beginners to board sport enthusiasts it will give visitors the chance to 'hit the surf' in the city. All specialist equipment is provided (age 8+). Book now!

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info@ciww.com | www.ciww.com



Challenge Wales

Map 3/c9

Fancy a sailing adventure with friends or on your own? Then experience the 72-ft round-the-world yacht Challenge Wales.

Take the helm, hoist the sails and get involved in all aspects of sailing. It's a great way to have fun on the water and be part of a team. Minimum age 12 years.

Join Challenge Wales on a big boat sailing day, book an evening voyage, take part in a race or set sail for adventure on a longer trip. No sailing experience necessary.

Penarth Marina, Vale of Glamorgan CF64 1TN
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reservations@challengewales.org | www.challengewales.org



Cardiff Castle

Map 2/f4

In the heart of the capital is Cardiff Castle - with a history that spans 2000 years. Roman soldiers slept here, noble knights held court here and the Bute family transformed the Castle into a romantic Victorian fantasy when architect William Burges created the lavish and opulent interiors.

The Interpretation Centre recounts the Castle's history with an exhibition, film show, and audio guide (available in several languages). The café and shop is the perfect place to relax and soak up the atmosphere. Enjoy a tour of the Castle apartments and in the evening a traditional Welsh banquet offering a true flavour of Wales.

Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB
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Cardiff Tourist Information Centre

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The Cardiff Tourist Information Centre, in the historic Old Library building is where you'll find information, get advice on things to do, where to stay, what's on and how to get there. The friendly, multilingual and knowledgeable team will provide you with personal information and advice to help you make the most of your stay in Cardiff. The following services are available:

- Left luggage
- Internet access
- Accommodation booking
- Gifts and souvenirs
- Tours and attraction tickets
- Theatre bookings
- Free maps

The Old Library, The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1AH
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Craft Folk

Established in 1994, Craftfolk organise outdoor art and craft events in Cardiff City Centre and surrounding areas. They run approximately ten events throughout the year, with their exhibitors selling a wide variety of diverse arts and crafts, interspersed with seasonal food and drink. One of their most popular events is the Cardiff Christmas Market where they offer an extensive rolling programme of over 100 individual businesses. Through their events they are committed to keeping traditional arts and crafts alive thus ensuring that talented crafts people have the best possible opportunity to show and sell their work.

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Flat Holm

Discover Flat Holm Island... a unique visitor attraction, just 5 miles from Cardiff.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Island and experience its wealth of history and wildlife. Or take a shore walk, and just sit back and relax with a drink in the cosy pub. Extend your stay and spend the night in the range of island accommodation. Scheduled day trips from March to October.

Boat departs from the Cardiff Bay Barrage. Parking available. Book now on the number below, or contact the Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre.

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 flatholmproject@cardiff.gov.uk | www.flatholmisland.com



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Fonmon Castle

Built in the early 13th century, Fonmon is one of few medieval castles still lived in as a home.

Open to the public from April to September on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons. There are many splendid areas for visitors, including extensive grounds, galleried hall, drawing rooms and Rococo library and the old kitchen.

Fonmon is also available for hire throughout the year for a wide varieties of events, both outside in the beautiful gardens and inside with its wealth of history and stunning Georgian interiors.

Fonmon, Nr Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3ZN
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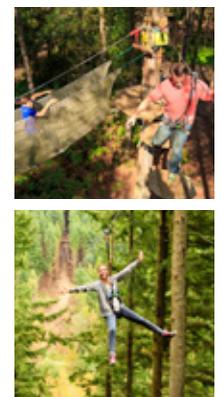
Just a short drive from junction 38 of the M4, take a look & book at goape.co.uk (or call 0845 094 8556) Pre booking advised.

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Margam Country Park, Port Talbot SA13 2TJ
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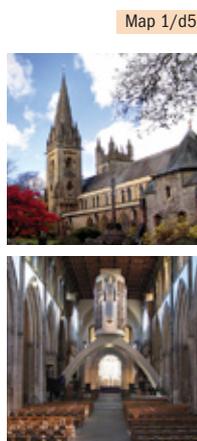
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Llandaff Cathedral

Discover Llandaff Cathedral, a holy place of peace and tranquility, art architecture and music. One of the most important buildings in Wales. The Cathedral Church of SS Peter & Paul, Dyfrig, Teilo and Euddogwy is the mother church of the Diocese of Llandaff and stands on one of the oldest Christian sites in Britain. The present cathedral dates from 1107 and lies in the ancient "City of Llandaff", much of which is now a conservation area. Despite being surrounded on all sides by the bustling modern city of Cardiff, the Llandaff conservation area remains comparatively unspoilt and surprisingly tranquil.

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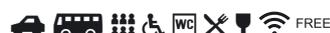


Llanerch Vineyard

Llanerch Vineyard is the premier vineyard in Wales, producing award winning Welsh wines. The twenty acre Llanerch Estate is set in the beautiful Vale of Glamorgan with its lovely villages and bustling market towns, yet it is only 15 minutes drive from the centre of Wales' vibrant capital city, Cardiff.

There are vineyards, woodland and lake walks and a restaurant and bistro serving home cooked local produce daily. Booking is advisable. Llanerch is also home to Wales' first standalone cookery school offering a programme of courses for adults, children, special groups and the corporate market.

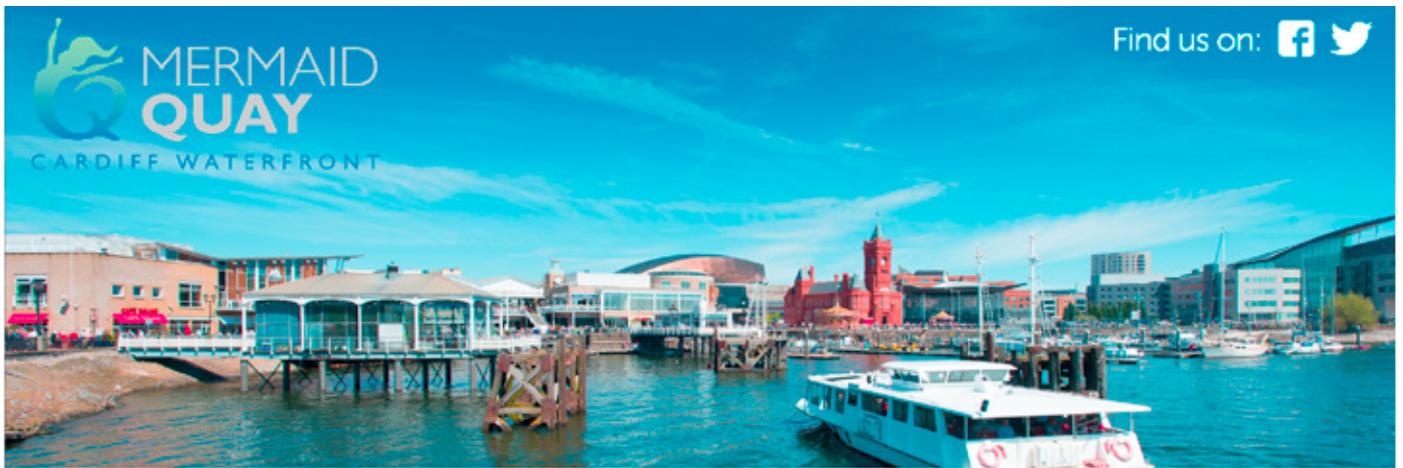
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Eating, drinking,
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www.mermaidquay.co.uk

Martin Tinney Gallery

The Martin Tinney Gallery is Wales' premier and largest private commercial art gallery, specialising in Welsh art of the highest quality, past and present. The gallery features three floors of beautiful exhibition space and a large stock of work. Clients include the Tate Gallery and the National Museum of Wales, as well as private clients worldwide. Whether you are looking for a one-off purchase or are interested in building a serious collection of Welsh art, the knowledgeable staff look forward to welcoming you. Visit www.artwales.com.

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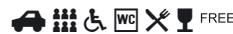
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Mermaid Quay

Overlooking Cardiff Bay, Mermaid Quay is chic, cosmopolitan and always loads of fun. With a wealth of waterfront restaurants, cafés and bars, there's something for every taste and pocket - from a coffee & cake or locally-made ice-cream to a leisurely, luxury meal or a lively night out. If it's laughs you're after, there's nowhere better than the Glee Club - one of the UK's top stand-up venues. Shops and services range from quirky boutiques to Ken Picton's award-winning hairdressing salon & spa.

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www.mermaidquay.co.uk



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Millennium Stadium

A prestigious and iconic venue, the Millennium Stadium, home of Welsh Rugby has an unrivalled major events heritage. From the 1999 Rugby World Cup, the unforgettable Welsh Grand Slam victories in 2005 and 2008, Leinster's stunning Heineken Cup Final triumph in 2011 to the London 2012 Olympic Football matches, the Millennium Stadium is a must play venue for music, football, speedway and it continues to welcome the world's most memorable events.

Many of the world's biggest musical stars have performed on the Millennium Stadium stage under its world famous fully retractable roof. Experience this for yourself, with tours operating daily from the WRU Store, No 8 Westgate Street (between Gates 3 & 4).

Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1NS
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www.millenniumstadium.co.uk



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Mission to Seafarers

Enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of the Seaman's Mission, whilst exploring Roath Dock. Discover where the Mission to Seafarers was born, when the Docks were in a different age. Sample the simple but succulent menu along with a drink, as you watch the ships in port. The Mission is open 1.00 to 10.30 pm weekdays only.

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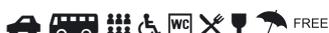


National Museum Cardiff

Discover art, natural history and geology. The art collection is the one of the finest in Europe - it includes one of the best Impressionist collections and new contemporary art galleries. In the Natural History galleries make sure you visit the Marine gallery, where you can see the world's largest Leatherback Turtle and the huge skeleton of a Humpback Whale. In the Evolution of Wales gallery find out more about the Big Bang 4,600 million years ago and how our planet was formed.

The museum has something to offer everyone and has a regular programme of events and activities. Admission Free. Opening times: 10am-5pm. Closed Mondays except most Bank Holidays.

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National Roman Legion Museum

Discover a hidden Roman world at the National Roman Legion Museum. As well as hundreds of objects in the Museum, there is a soldier's bedroom made to look how it would have done 2,000 years ago, complete with metal armour for children to try on. At weekends children can play in our 'Family Fun Area' or the Museum Garden offers a place to relax and enjoy a pleasant atmosphere and there are plenty of events and activities during the year.

Admission Free.
 Opening Times:
 Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2pm-5pm.

High Street, Caerleon, Newport NP18 1AE
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Norwegian Church Arts Centre

Formerly a Church for Norwegian Sailors, this is a landmark building on the Cardiff Bay waterfront. The unique venue hosts a variety of events, from live music to workshops and classes. The Dahl Gallery also displays a range of art and photography exhibitions. An events calendar is available on the website.

The stylish café bar offers food all day, with the outside terrace overlooking the tranquil waters of the Bay.

Available for private hire, from meetings to wedding blessings, the Norwegian Church can cater for all your needs.

Harbour Drive, Cardiff CF10 4PA
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Map 3/e5



Roath Park

Roath Park stands in a beautiful location at the centre of this busy capital city and still retains the classic Victorian atmosphere and character of its original layout. At the heart of the park is the 30 acre lake an important habitat for wintering birds which is also used for fishing and boating

The park is full of historic and horticultural interest, with widely diverse environments across the park including playgrounds, sporting venues and the conservatory which provides a valuable educational resource. Local residents and visitors alike can enjoy their leisure time in the many different pursuits on offer.

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www.cardiff.gov.uk



Map 2/11



St Fagans National History Museum

St Fagans National History Museum is one of the world's best open-air museums. Set in the grounds of the splendid St Fagans castle on the outskirts of Cardiff, the Museum is home to over forty original buildings that have been moved stone-by-stone from different parts of Wales and re-erected at the Museum; these include a Victorian school, a row of ironworkers' cottages, farmhouses and a magnificent medieval church. St Fagans is very much a living museum with demonstrations by traditional craftsmen. It has a regular programme of events and activities. Admission Free. Open daily: 10am-5pm. Open Bank Holidays.

St Fagans, Cardiff CF5 6XB
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St John the Baptist City Parish Church

This is Cardiff's 15th century Parish Church with fine Victorian glass and fittings. It is the second oldest city centre building in use, located next to the city's covered market. The church and its cafe The Tea sPOT is open Mon-Sat 10am-3pm, serving refreshments and cakes.

A warm welcome is assured at one of Cardiff's most visited attractions. Please visit the Parish website for times of Sunday and weekday worship services, concerts and special events. The main Sunday Sung Eucharist is at 10am every week.

St John Street, Cardiff CF10 1GJ
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Techniquest

Where can you launch a rocket, fire a giant pop gun and move half a ton of granite ...all in one day? At Techniquest, the hands-on science centre in Cardiff Bay, there are more than 120 interactive exhibits and a programme of shows and events in the Science Theatre and Planetarium. There's something to keep everyone happy for a couple of hours or more... stop for lunch at Café Quest, and find gifts, books and science kits at the Techniquest shop.

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The Cardiff Story

The perfect place to start your visit to Cardiff. In The Cardiff Story's fun, free and interactive galleries, discover how the city was transformed from the small market town of the 1300s, to one of the world's biggest ports in the 1900s, to the cool, cosmopolitan capital we know today. The museum is housed in the beautiful and historic Old Library, and is rich in stories, objects, photographs and film telling the history of Cardiff through the eyes of those who created the city - its people.

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Map 2/g5



Llwybr Arfordir Cymru

Wales Coast Path

Mae Llwybr Arfordir Cymru – sy'n 870 milltir o hyd – yn barod i'w archwilio. Gan ymestyn o'r ffin rhwng Cymru a Lloegr yng nghyffiniau Caer yn y gogledd, i Gas-gwent yn y de, dyma'r Llwybr arfordirol di-dor hiraf drwy'r byd.

Ar hyd y Llwybr mae yna olygfeydd godidog, o glogwyni uchel i draethau tywodlyd. Mae hefyd yn cynnig sawl awyrgylch gwahanol, o ddinasoedd mawr i borthladdoedd pysgota bychain.

Bydd y Llwybr yw apelio at ymwelwyr a thriolion lleol fel ei gilydd, gan helpu pawb i fwynhau ffordd iachach o fyw trwy wneud mwy o ymarfer corff. Ei nod hefyd yw dod â manteision economaidd i ardaloedd arfordirol.

Caiff y gwaith o greu a gwella Llwybr Arfordir wCymru ei gydlynu gan y Cyngor Cefn Gwlad a'i ariannu gan Lywodraeth Cymru, Cronfa Datblygu Rhanbarthol Ewrop ac awdurdodau lleol arfordirol.

www.llwybrarfordircymru.gov.uk

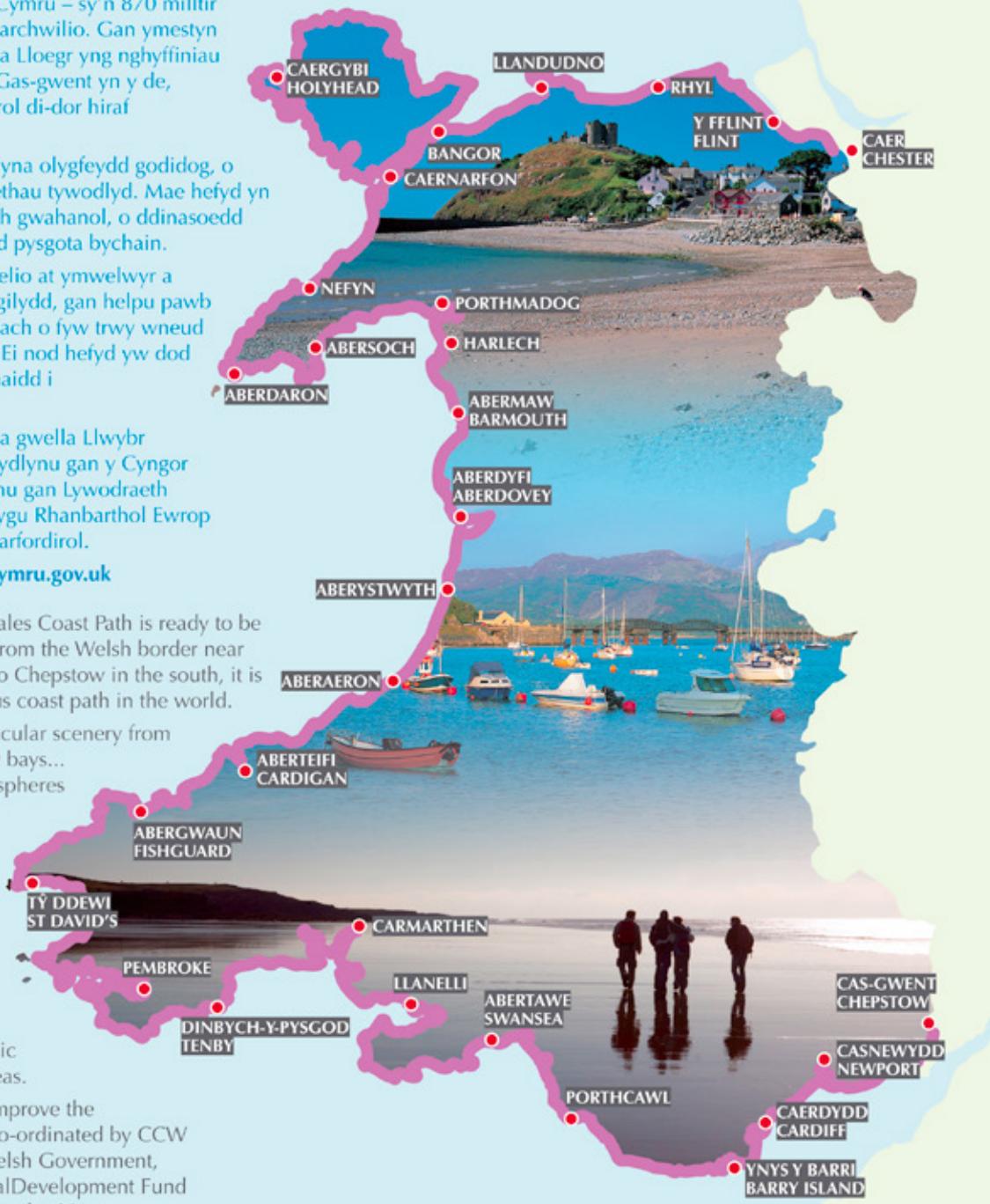
The 870 mile long Wales Coast Path is ready to be explored. Stretching from the Welsh border near Chester in the north to Chepstow in the south, it is the longest continuous coast path in the world.

The Path offers spectacular scenery from soaring cliffs to sandy bays... and contrasting atmospheres from big cities to tiny fishing ports.

The Path is designed to appeal to visitors and local people alike – helping everyone enjoy a healthy lifestyle by taking more exercise and bringing economic benefits to coastal areas.

Work to create and improve the Wales Coast Path is co-ordinated by CCW and funded by the Welsh Government, the European Regional Development Fund and the coastal local authorities.

www.walescoastpath.gov.uk



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ATTRACTIONS

The Red Dragon Centre

The Red Dragon Centre is the City's ultimate entertainment destination, boasting everything you need to eat, drink and play under one roof.

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All this and free customer parking make our exciting destination in Cardiff Bay a must visit, day or night.

Hemingway Road, Leisure Village, Atlantic Wharf CF10 4JY
+44 (0)29 2025 6261
www.thereddragoncentre.co.uk



Map 3/e3



Wales Millennium Centre

Wales' No 1 visitor attraction, Wales Millennium Centre is an iconic arts centre and a must-see tourist and cultural destination. Home to nine creative companies, including Welsh National Opera and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, the award winning Centre is one of Europe's most exciting performing arts venues, providing a world-class stage for musicals and opera, ballet and contemporary dance. Plus, with regular free performances, always available family activity, guided tours, art exhibitions and a choice of bars and restaurants including its own ffresh Bar and Restaurant, it is a great place to drop in to and explore.

Bute Place, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF10 5AL
+44 (0)29 2063 6464
info@wmc.org.uk | www.wmc.org.uk



Map 3/e4

VAQAS Scheme



Welsh Games

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bookings@welshgames.co.uk | www.welshgames.co.uk



Map 1/e3



World of Boats

Exhibitions - Events - Cafe & Bar

A new venue right next to the Doctor Who Experience on the south side of Cardiff Bay. Come and see the Exhibitions that feature over 40 historic and rare boats from around the globe, plus Galleon Restoration Workshop. Our location on the bayside is ideal to watch many of the great events held on the bay. The Look Out Café and Bar is fully licensed and a welcoming place to stop off and relax during your tour of the bay. World of Boats is a unique venue for private and corporate event hire.

(Next to Doctor Who Experience) Porth Teigr, Cardiff Bay CF10 4GA
+44 (0)7971 055811
info@experiencedesign.co.uk | www.worldofboatscardiff.com



Map 3/e5



The Glee Club - Comedy Club & Music Venue

Map 3/e8

You'll find the multi-award-winning Glee Club on the waterfront at Cardiff Bay. The heart of live comedy and music in South Wales for over a decade, this place is a corker.

Every weekend this is 'Wales' premier comedy club' where having a great time is the order for both audiences and comics alike. It's hard to name a comedy star who hasn't been on the stage. Browse the listings for the best comics on tour and brilliant live music too.

If you're looking for a great night, you should start here.

Mermaid Quay, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF10 5BZ
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www.glee.co.uk/cardiff



New Theatre

Map 2/h3

Situated in the heart of the Welsh capital, the beautiful New Theatre has been the home of quality drama, musicals, dance and children's shows for over 100 years. Presenting the best of the West End along with the pick of the UK's touring shows, the New Theatre is Cardiff's oldest surviving traditional theatre. Be sure to pay a visit as part of your stay in the city.

Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN
+44 (0)29 2087 8889
www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk



Sherman Cymru

Map 2/h1

Sherman Cymru's theatre in the Cathays area of Cardiff reopened in February 2012 following redevelopment, improving the seats, backstage areas and creating new, welcoming public spaces including a brand new café bar serving drinks and delicious meals six days a week.

This special building is a place in which theatre is made and where children, artists, writers and anyone else has the opportunity to do creative things. Sherman Cymru is excited to present a packed programme featuring the very best theatre, dance, family shows and music from Wales and the rest of the world.

Senghennydd Road, Cardiff CF24 4YE
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tickets@shermancymru.co.uk | www.shermancymru.co.uk

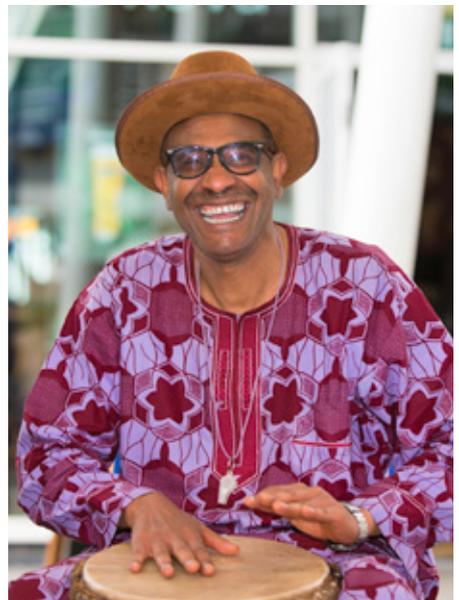


St David's Hall

Map 2/g5

St David's Hall is the award winning National Concert Hall of Wales situated at the very heart of Cardiff's retail and entertainment centre. With an impressive 2,000-seat concert hall, St David's Hall is home to the annual Welsh Proms Cardiff, the world-class International Concert Series and the famous bi-annual BBC Cardiff Singer of the World competition. St David's Hall presents a multitude of live entertainment, including pop, rock, folk, jazz, rhythm and blues, comedy, children's shows, lunchtime concerts, musicals, light entertainment, dance, world music, films & classical music.

The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1AH
+44 (0)29 2087 8444
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Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 2YQ
+44 (0)370 901 1227
www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours



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Come and see what's occurring in Barry Island. Tour the locations in Dave's actual coach and visit the home of Stacey, Nessa's arcade, the church where she nearly gets married and much more.

Doctor Who Cardiff Location Tours

Choose between a 2 ½ hour walking tour or 4 hour bus tour which takes you to locations in and around Cardiff such as Amy Pond's village, the new earth hospital, where Donna Noble nearly got married as well as sites from spin off shows - Torchwood and the Sarah Jane Adventures.

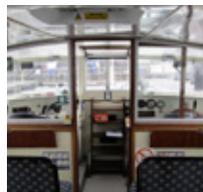
+44 (0)844 2471 007
info@britmovietours.com | www.britmovietours.com



Cardiff Boat Tours

Cardiff Boat runs Princess Katharine a large relaxing water bus with 90 seats, operating between Bute Park in the City Centre and Mermaid Quay in Cardiff Bay. Take a trip to the Bay the "leisurely way", see the amazing wildlife on the River Taff, enjoy the sights of Cardiff Bay and the Barrage and the charm of arriving at Mermaid Quay by water. Alternatively, travel from the Bay and discover the delights of Bute Park in the heart of the City. Leaving on the half hour from Bute Park and on the hour from Mermaid Quay - an experience not to be missed. Prices held for 2014

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cardiff.boat.tours@gmail.com | www.cardiffboat.com



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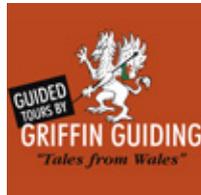
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Pedal Power

Pedal Power is the unique cycle charity encouraging everyone to get on their bikes and have fun! The beautiful parkland at Pontcanna HQ enables safe, traffic-free cycling and access to the Taff Trail. Cycles and pedal-cars available at Cardiff Bay (next to Doctor Who).

Pontcanna HQ (Pontcanna Caravan Park, Cardiff CF11 9JJ)

April-September Daily 9-6pm (Sunday 9-6pm)
 October-March Daily 9-4pm (incl Sunday)

Cardiff Bay (The Barrage, CF10 4PA)

February half term Daily 11-4pm/Weekends 11-4pm
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Cardiff Caravan Park, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9JJ/
 Cardiff Bay Barrage, Cardiff Bay CF10 4PA
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Map 2/a1



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SHOPPING

Cardiff Central Market

Cardiff Market is an impressive Victorian structure which offers a unique shopping experience in the heart of a modern, bustling city. Under one great glass roof you will find a wealth of products ranging from pots and pans to bread and butter, and from nuts and bolts to rock and roll.

The Market is open Monday-Saturday, 8am until 5.30pm. You will find a vast array of services and products conveniently situated under one roof. Cardiff Market is a one-stop-shop for all your culinary, household and garden needs.

St Mary Street, Cardiff CF10 1AU
+44 (0)29 2087 1214 / +44(0)29 2078 5459
enquiries@cardiff-market.co.uk | www.cardiffcouncilproperty.com



Map 2/g5



Craft Folk

Established in 1994, Craftfolk organise outdoor art and craft events in Cardiff City Centre and surrounding areas. They run approximately ten events throughout the year, with their exhibitors selling a wide variety of diverse arts and crafts, interspersed with seasonal food and drink. One of their most popular events is the Cardiff Christmas Market where they offer an extensive rolling programme of over 100 individual businesses. Through their events they are committed to keeping traditional arts and crafts alive thus ensuring that talented crafts people have the best possible opportunity to show and sell their work.

10 Station Road, Dinas Powys CF64 4DE
+44 (0)29 2051 4732 / +44 (0)7974 561514
jane@craftfolk.com / max@craftfolk.com
www.craftfolk.com / www.cardiffchristmasmarket.com

FREE

Map 1/d6



Craft in the Bay

Discover a showcase of jewellery, ceramics, textiles, metal work and bespoke furniture exclusively made in Wales by members of The Makers Guild in Wales. Come and visit the light and spacious gallery in the heart of the cultural Cardiff Bay. You can browse and buy individually selected, quality craft work at your leisure, meet the maker members and relax in the fabulous café. You can also explore exhibitions of contemporary craft and applied art and take part in weekend hands-on workshops.

Gift vouchers | conference room hire | kids crafty parties | hen parties | school workshops.

The Flourish, Lloyd George Avenue, Cardiff CF10 4QH
+44 (0)29 2048 4611
admin@makersguildinwales.org.uk | www.makersguildinwales.org.uk



Map 3/e3



ECCO

ECCO is a Global family of Shoe makers. True passion is essential to making great shoes. From drawing the first sketches to presenting the finished shoes ECCO apply the utmost attention to detail and quality. Unique to the industry, they make leather at their own tanneries and produce shoes at their own factories. Design, development, production, and retail – ECCO take responsibility all the way. Throughout their history, their philosophy has been to make shoes that are shaped to fit the foot, not the other way around.

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cardiff@eccoshops.com | www.global.ecco.com



Map 2/h6



Fabulous Welshcakes

Situated in the heart of Mermaid Quay, is this small friendly Welsh gift shop specialising in Welshcakes. Follow the delicious aroma of freshly baked Welshcakes and watch them being cooked so you can enjoy them warm and fresh from the griddle. Fabulous Welshcakes also stock a wide range of contemporary Welsh gifts made by small, quality producers, such as Sarah Bunton luxury chocolates, Wendy Brandon preserves, Coedcanlas honey and marmalade, Sheep Poo paper products, Welsh lovespoons, Welsh slate gifts, Melin Tregwynt textiles, handmade cards and much more...

Mermaid Quay, Cardiff Bay CF10 5BZ
+44 (0)29 2045 6593
sales@fabulouswelshcakes.co.uk | www.fabulouswelshcakes.co.uk



Map 3/d4



Hamleys

For over 250 years Hamleys of London has been bringing magical experiences and joy to children of all ages. Hamleys' rich history began with William Hamley, a Cornishman from Bodmin, who dreamed of the best toy shop in the world when opening his toy shop at Holborn, London in 1760.

Hamleys opened its doors to its first Welsh store in Cardiff on the 15th November 2012 - 252 years after William Hamley opened that first store in Holborn.

With 1000's of different toys on offer, Hamleys aim is to bring the people of Cardiff the variety they want as well as delivering the special unique blend of Theatre and Magic every day.

St Davids Centre, 46-48 Lower Grand Arcade, Cardiff CF10 2ER
+44 (0)207 478 3606
cardiffparty@hamleys.co.uk | www.hamleys.com



Map 2/h6



McArthurGlen Designer Outlet Bridgend

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During your visit to the beautiful South Wales coast, a trip to Bridgend Designer Outlet is an absolute must. With over 90 designer and high street stores including Lacoste, Tommy Hilfiger, Kurt Geiger, Ted Baker, Levi's and O'Neill all offering savings of up to 60%, Bridgend Designer Outlet has a designer discount for everyone.

Located just 30 minutes from Cardiff at junction 36 of the M4, there is free parking and a bus service direct from Cardiff bus station.



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+44 (0)1656 665700
enquiries@bridgenddesigneroutlet.com | www.bridgenddesigneroutlet.com



No.1 Currency – Cardiff Currency Exchange

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Queens Arcade

Map 2/g5

Situated in the heart of Cardiff's main shopping area, Queens Arcade is home to a range of big name brands and independent stores.

Whether you're looking for fashion or shoes, toys or cards, a tea break or light lunch or gifts from Welsh gold to rugby shirts, Queens Arcade has something for everyone.

The line up includes a host of specialist leisure brands such as Rugby Heaven, Two Seasons, Animal and Skechers, as well as the city centre's main Post Office.

Queen Street, Cardiff CF10 2BY
+44 (0)29 2022 3581
ceri.brockway@eu.jll.com | www.queensarcade.info



St David's | Dewi Sant

Map 2/h5-6

St David's is the heart of shopping in Cardiff and is one of the UK's top shopping destinations. With over 180 stores including many 'firsts' for Wales, such as Vivienne Westwood, Hamleys and Apple - St David's offers brands ranging from high end, to high street to high value including John Lewis, Debenhams and Primark. Along with over 30 restaurants and cafes you'll find everything you need at St David's whatever the occasion!



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Forest Tea Room

Forest Tea Room is a little gem nestling in the forest just 100yds north after the entrance to Castle Coch in Tongwynlais. A variety of food and drinks are served including hot and cold snacks, tea, Segafredo coffee, cakes, ice cream and cold drinks. There is inside and outside seating where there is an abundance of wildlife and plants including peacocks. Access can be gained by road to our car park or on foot via various walks in the forest.

Forest Tea Room, Heol Y Fforest, Tongwynlais CF15 7JR
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 info@foreststovesandfires.co.uk | www.foreststovesandfires.co.uk



Map 1/c5



ffresh Bar & Restaurant

ffresh, located in the heart of Cardiff Bay at Wales Millennium Centre, is the home of great food and drink. ffresh Bar serves coffee and cake from 10am plus superb handmade pizzas and delicious platters to share from 12pm.

ffresh Restaurant serves the best in Welsh food for lunch from 12pm and dinner from 7.30pm with seasonal menus designed with Shaun Hill of The Walnut Tree. ffresh is open daily and is also available for private dining and functions.

Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF10 5AL
 +44 (0)29 2063 6465
 ffresh@wmc.org.uk | www.wmc.org.uk



Map 3/e4



Las Iguanas Mermaid Quay

Come and experience South America in all its finery at Las Iguanas in the Bay. The interior takes all of the texture and colour of the southern hemisphere, with quirky furniture and comfy booths. Enjoy stunning views across the bay. Watch the chefs in the open kitchen preparing fantastic fresh food. From light lunch dishes, nibbly tapas and tacos to share, to sizzling fajitas, Brazilian classics and plenty of choice from the char grill. Choose from a wide selection of cocktails, from Caipirinhas to Margaritas. There's something for everyone.

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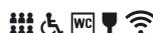
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Las Iguanas Mill Lane

Whether you're on a date, looking for a business lunch venue, having a family party or just meeting friends, you'll find something on the menu to suit the occasion. Save money with the great value lunch and early evening set menu or tapas offers; combine them with cocktail Happy Hour and get even more party for your Pe\$o! Go a la carte and you'll be treated to a wide selection of tasty treats from gourmet Fajitas, the Mexican favourite, to healthy salads and seafood.

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Map 2/g7



Le Monde Fish Bar and Grill

Le Monde has been preparing and serving the freshest choice of fish, shellfish, steaks and poultry for close on 30 years.

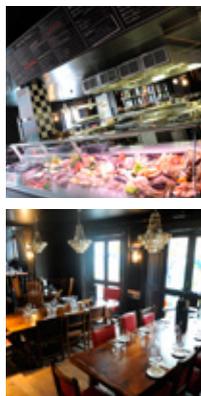
Situated at the bustling end of St Mary Street and a stone's throw from the St David's retail development, Le Monde is atmospherically lit and in Art Deco style – popular with large parties, business people and couples.

Take a look at our impressive fish and meat display in glass fronted cabinets; make your choice; watch our team of chefs work in the live open kitchen and sit back to enjoy the unique environment that is Le Monde.

61, St Mary Street, Cardiff
 +44 (0)29 2038 7376
 lemonde@e-monde.co.uk | www.le-monde.co.uk



Map 2/g7



Pettigrew Tea Rooms

Pettigrew Tea Rooms are located in the heart of Cardiff where the stunning green space of Bute Park meets the bustling city centre. The tea rooms offer a traditional Welsh experience and are a proudly independent business. Boasting a comprehensive lunch menu alongside wonderful cakes baked daily on-site, a superb selection of loose leaf teas and fine locally roasted coffee. Pettigrew have quickly established as a must visit destination.

West Lodge, Bute Park, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 1BJ
 +44 (0)29 2023 5486
 tea@pettigrew-tearooms.co.uk | www.pettigrew-tearooms.com



Map 2/e4



RESTAURANTS, BARS & CAFES

Secret Garden Café

The Secret Garden Café is located in the centre of Bute Park in a courtyard behind a garden wall that features climbing roses and a beautiful semi-herbaceous border. Seating is available within the cosy courtyard or out in the park for those preferring more expansive views.

You'll often find the BBQ running in fine weather and the café offers a good range of affordable food and drinks to visitors all year round who need a rest stop while out enjoying the park. Also, look out for public opening times of the park's Education Centre next door.

Bute Park, City Centre, Cardiff CF10 3DX
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Map 2/d2



Soda Bar

A café bar and club on Mill Lane which goes from pavement side cocktails, beers, coffees and snacks during the day and early evening to a DJ led nightclub open until the early hours.

From midday Soda offers sandwiches and sharing platters in its airy lounge area and pavement patio whilst from 9pm onwards, the music gets turned up for some of the most popular nights in Cardiff –including live music every Thursday in the ground and first floor bar areas.

4, Mill Lane, Cardiff CF10 1FL
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Map 2/h7



The Summerhouse

Offering stunning views down Bute Park's premier floral borders, the Summerhouse occupies a prime position within the park. The café provides favourite home-cooked meals, as well as a selection of delicious paninis, baguettes and cakes. If you enjoy real coffee, tea and refreshments in a beautiful outdoor setting be sure to pay a visit. Children can play amongst natural play features in good view from the terrace, which makes this a popular choice with families. Dogs are also welcome and cosy blankets are provided to take the chill off if sitting outside in colder weather.

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Map 2/d3



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cardiffcastle@cardiff.gov.uk | www.cardiffcastle.com



Map 2/f4



Cottrell Park Golf Resort

Only ten minutes drive from Cardiff city centre, Cottrell Park Golf Resort is set in 400-acres of historical parkland just outside of St Nicholas. The first-class venue offers two championship-maintained golf courses, delicious bar food, a number of indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family, and conference and event rooms for weddings and corporate clients.

Easily accessible from junction 33 of the M4 and just 7 miles from Cardiff City centre, Cottrell Park Golf Resort boasts an excellent location and offers ample free car parking. For further event information, visit www.cottrellpark.com or call 01446 781781.

St Nicholas, Cardiff, Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6SJ
 +44 (0)1446 781781
events@cottrellpark.com | www.cottrellpark.com



Map 1/c6



Glamorgan Cricket

Glamorgan are one of the 18 county cricket clubs that make up the first-class game in Britain. Playing their home games at the internationally renowned SWALEC Stadium on the bank of the River Taff in Cardiff's Bute Park, they are the only professional team from Wales.

With a long standing history and tradition, 2013 will see the county celebrate their 125th anniversary year in style, whilst also hosting 6 days of international cricket.

SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff CF11 9XR
 +44 (0)29 2041 9311
tickets@glamorgancricket.co.uk | www.glamorgancricket.com



Map 2/b1



Cardiff Central Library

Cardiff's award-winning Central Library is more than a collection of books. It is a modern cultural venue. Light open spaces, vibrant colours and wide expanses of glass offer spectacular views across the city. An exciting environment to read, listen to music, to learn or to just relax and enjoy. The library offers free WiFi access, over 90 PCs with free internet and software packages, meeting rooms, music pods, plasma screens with news and travel updates, a baby grand piano, and relaxation and study areas. Cardiff Central Library is conveniently located in the centre of town.

The Hayes, Cardiff CF10 1FL
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Map 2/h7



St David's Catholic Sixth Form College

St David's Catholic Sixth Form College is based near the centre of Cardiff in one compact campus and is the only Catholic sixth form college in Wales. With modern classrooms and a state of the art 'Learning and Resource Centre', St David's has a reputation for academic excellence.

The choice of subjects available is vast; with specialist subject teachers on hand and personal tutors offered to all students for support and advice on wellbeing. International students are given guidance by specialist staff on the visa process, accommodation and welfare.

Ty Gwyn Road, Penylan, Cardiff CF23 5QD
 +44 (0)29 2049 8555
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Map 1/d5



Study in Cardiff

Whether you're coming to Cardiff for higher education, want to further your career with a professional qualification or learn English, you'll be in good company.

Join more than 30,000 students at three major universities in this exciting city. It's small and friendly, with a Big City feel as well being one of the best value places in the UK for students.

www.visitcardiff.com/study



Accommodation

All accommodation grades in this publication have been based on a set of common quality standards agreed by Visit Wales, Visit Britain, Visit Scotland and the AA. The star ratings reflect the facilities and overall quality of the experience.



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-  Disabled access
-  Credit Card
-  Parking
-  Coach Parking
-  Groups
-  Restaurant
-  Licensed
-  WiFi
-  Coffee & tea
-  Ironing
-  Internet
-  TV
-  Telephone
-  Hairdryer
-  Dogs welcome

A Guide to Quality Assurance

The majority of the accommodation featured in this publication has been quality graded so you can make your choice in confidence, knowing that each place to stay has been given a star grading according to the quality and facilities on offer. Star grades mean that you can be sure of standards and choose the accommodation that's just right for you. Visit Wales/AA are the only checking agents in Wales, checking out over 5,000 places. In the case of properties handled by self-catering agencies, the frequency between visits can be longer. STARS are your guide to quality. The Star Quality Grading Schemes apply to all types of accommodation: serviced – hotels, guest houses, bed and breakfast, farm accommodation, hostel/hostel type accommodation, self-catering cottages and apartments and caravan holiday home and touring/camping parks.

Here are the quality ratings:

- ★ Simple, practical, no frills
- ★★ Well presented and well run
- ★★★ Good level of quality and comfort
- ★★★★ Excellent standard throughout
- ★★★★★ Exceptional, with a degree of luxury



Further detailed information on grading criteria and awards can be found at www.wales.gov.uk/tourism

Also look out for that extra-special property that has been awarded Visit Wales' Gold Award, given for exceptional standards of hospitality, comfort and food in serviced accommodation.



Watch out for this sign as these places have achieved a Croeso Award in recognition of their exceptional Warm Welsh Welcome.



Please note: All gradings and awards were correct at the time of going to press. Occasionally, it may not have been possible to undertake a grading, in which case 'Awaiting Grading' will appear within the listing. Grading assessments are on-going and improvements made by establishments may have resulted in a revision since publication. Please check when booking.

Further information on gradings and awards is available from Visit Wales, Welsh Assembly Government, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 3UR
Tel: 0845 010 8020 Fax: 0300 062 2081
Email: quality.tourism@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please note, all rates quoted are guide prices and are subject to terms & conditions and availability.

For more information on individual accommodation and online bookings please go to www.visitcardiff.com.

Best Western Plus Parkway Hotel & Spa

Map 1/e3

The Best Western Plus Parkway Hotel & Spa is situated just off the M4 Newport, perfect for business or family weekends away.

The hotel is accessible by public transport and has free parking for all guests. The 4 star family run hotel has a variety of things to do to keep you entertained. The Colonial Club is fitted with 2 treatment rooms, fully equipped gym, swimming pool, sauna & jacuzzi.

The Best Western Plus Parkway Hotel & Spa features 70 deluxe bedrooms and Ravellos Restaurant and Bar offer a wide range of dishes using the finest Welsh local produce.

Rooms £/night from Single £90 Double/Twin £150.00

Cwmbran Drive, Cwmbran NP44 3UW
+44 (0)1633 871199

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Best Western Plus New House Country Hotel

Map 1/d4

The hotel is situated on the fringe of Cardiff, nestling amongst the Welsh hills, with unrivalled views over the city. The hotel has 37 bedrooms sumptuously furnished to the highest standard ensuring all modern comforts and facilities are provided, including free WiFi internet access. Sequoias restaurant offers a wide selection of local Welsh produce and international flavours, delightfully combined for the most discerning guest. The hotel staff look forward to offering you a warm Welsh welcome.

Rooms £/night from Single £80 Double/Twin £90

Thornhill Road, Cardiff CF14 9UA
+44 (0)29 2052 0280

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Country House Hotel



Cardiff Marriott

Map 2/h7

Cardiff's premier 4 Star Hotel is located in the heart of the city in the vibrant Café Quarter, close to St David's shopping centre. The hotel has 184 luxury en-suite bedrooms including three prestigious suites and two Executive levels with an Executive lounge. Superb facilities include a well equipped leisure club and pool, on-site multi-storey car park, Chats Bar and Patio and our Zest restaurant offering a range of delicious dishes using local suppliers and produce for seasonal plates. Use of the hotel's extensive leisure facilities are complimentary to residents and an ideal way to unwind. Perfect for business or pleasure, it is only a 2 minute walk from Cardiff Central Station

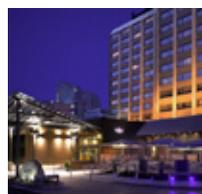
Rooms £/night from Single £69 Double/Twin £79

Mill Lane, Cardiff CF10 1EZ +44 (0)29 2039 9944
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www.cardiffmarriott.co.uk



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1 AA Rosette Award
Visit Wales Gold Award



Best Western Plus Maldron Hotel Cardiff

Map 2/g8

The Best Western Plus Maldron Hotel is Cardiff's largest city centre hotel. The hotel is just a short walk from Central train and bus stations and is perfectly situated for local attractions including the Millennium Stadium, Motorpoint Arena and Cardiff Bay.

- 216 well-appointed guest bedrooms including 11 corner king bedrooms
- Designated business centre including 7 top of the range meeting and event rooms
- Stir Bar & Restaurant · In house fitness suite
- Outdoor Terrace · Best Western Rewards Scheme
- Discounted car park rates

Rooms £/night from Single £69 Double/Twin £69

St Mary Street, Cardiff CF10 1GD

+44 (0)29 2066 8866

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Cardiff City Centre, The Parc Thistle Hotel

Map 2/h4

Victorian exterior and contemporary interiors make for a perfect combination of styles. All bedrooms are modern and superbly appointed with air-conditioning, flat screen TV, WiFi, laptop safe, power shower and along with the excellent service make The Parc an ideal place to stay.

The Social Restaurant delivers quality food and great value fusing world tastes with contemporary flavours, while the more informal Harlech Lounge is the perfect place to relax with a cocktail after a hard day at work or with friends and family.

Rooms £/night from Single £85 Double/Twin £95

Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3UD

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AA ★★★★★



Hilton Cardiff

Map 2/g4

Hilton Cardiff provides refreshing, attentive service in the heart of the Welsh capital. The fantastic location and 197 newly refurbished bedrooms will ensure the comfort and pleasure of all guests.

Relax with a swim in the heated pool or a beauty treatment. Work out in the gym, and explore Cardiff attractions like the Cardiff Castle, Millennium Centre and Millennium Stadium.

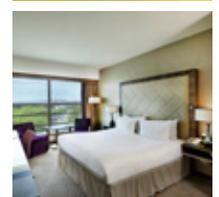
Sample modern Welsh cuisine at the Razzi restaurant, enjoy a specialty coffee in Costa or treat yourself to our famous afternoon tea in the exclusive Metropole Lounge.

Rooms £/night from Single £100 Double/Twin £109

Kingsway, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff CF10 3HH

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HOTELS

Holiday Inn Express Cardiff Bay

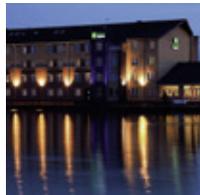
Ideally located 10 minutes from Cardiff city centre and Cardiff Bay, this modern hotel offers comfort and value so you can relax, recharge and face the day with a smile. The hotel boasts 87 refurbished bedrooms with modern décor, invigorating power shower, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, work desk with direct dial telephone, WiFi, satellite TV, pay-per-view movies and comfort cooling. The hotel offers a free continental breakfast with selected hot items, ample on-site parking and 24-hour reception with a relaxed licensed bar and lounge area.

Rooms £/night from **Single £50.15 Double/Twin £50.15**

Longueil Close, off Schooner Way, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff CF10 4EE
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reservations@exhiscardiff.co.uk | www.exhiscardiff.co.uk



Map 3/e2



Holiday Inn Cardiff City Centre

Located between Cardiff Castle and Millennium Stadium, Holiday Inn Cardiff City is the ideal place to stay to explore the Welsh capital. Visit the modern shopping centre, local attractions or museums, all within walking distance of the hotel. Start the day with a delicious buffet breakfast, wind down after a busy day in our bar or restaurant and enjoy our carefully selected menu's. Bedrooms are air-conditioned and equipped with a range of facilities, including high speed internet, large LCD TV and tea and coffee making facilities. Don't forget kids stay and eat free (conditions apply).

Rooms £/night from **Single £69 Double/Twin £75**

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Map 2/e5

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel



Ibis Hotel Cardiff City Centre

The Ibis Cardiff Hotel boasts of an ideal location in Cardiff City Centre, the heart of the capital of Wales. The hotel is easily accessible; 10 minutes from Cardiff Central Station, 500m from Queen Street Station, and 20km from Cardiff Airport. A perfect location for Cardiff Castle, St Mary Street, Millennium Stadium or Motorpoint Arena. Book one of our 102 rooms featuring air cooling and free Wi-Fi. Enjoy the bar, restaurant and 24 hour snack service. NCP car park nearby.

Rooms £/night from **Single £50 Double/Twin £50**

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Map 2/j6

AA Budget Hotel



Lincoln House Hotel

Victorian splendor! Built in 1900, The Lincoln has retained its original features and relaxing atmosphere. The bedrooms are individually decorated and furnished to a high standard and equipped with all facilities required by today's guests. A deluxe 2 bedroom apartment is also available. Relax in the lounge bar or reading lounge, or enjoy a short walk through the Castle grounds to the city centre, Museum and sporting stadia. A full Welsh breakfast, car parking and WiFi are all inclusive in the price.

Rooms £/night from **Single £60 Double/Twin £80**

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Visit Wales ★★★ Hotel



Mercure Cardiff Centre

Mercure Cardiff Centre is located close to Cardiff City Centre and Cardiff Bay. Just 20 minute walk to Cardiff Castle, Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Motorpoint Arena and The Red Dragon Centre.

You can enjoy breakfast, a light meal or relax with a drink in the bar where you can access WiFi for free. Twin/family rooms accommodate 2 adults and 2 children. Easy access from the M4 and 5 minutes taxi ride from Cardiff Train Station.

Rooms £/night from **Single £55 Double/Twin £55**

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+44 (0)29 2089 4000
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Map 2/17



Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel & Spa

A 4 star luxury hotel in the centre of Cardiff, minutes away from the cosmopolitan shopping area, the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff Castle, Cardiff Bay and many other attractions. The hotel features 165 luxury bedrooms with five Suites. Hodges Restaurant and Bar offers a wide selection of dishes using the finest locally sourced produce. The Spa Naturel Leisure Club features a fully equipped gym, swimming pool, sauna, whirl pool and 14 Spa treatment rooms. The hotel has 17 air conditioned meeting rooms suitable for conferences, events and weddings from 2 to 700.

Rooms £/night from **Single £80 Double/Twin £90**

24-26 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0DD
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Map 2/k3

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel
AA ★★★★★



Novotel Cardiff Centre

Novotel Cardiff Centre is a 4 star hotel located 10 minutes by foot from the Cardiff Central train station, the city centre and 15 minutes from Cardiff Bay. The building retains many of its Victorian features. All rooms have air conditioning, satellite TV, radio, free WiFi access and are fully furnished with queen size beds, a sofa bed or armchair. Elements Restaurant and Bar offers a wide range of international dishes, cocktails and beers. The Hotel is equipped with a modern Leisure Club with indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, steam room, sauna and spa pool.

Rooms £/night from Single £75 Double/Twin £75

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H5982@accor.com | www.novotel.com



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Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel
AA ★★★★★ Novotel



Park Inn by Radisson Cardiff City Centre

The hotel is located opposite John Lewis and the Motorpoint Arena in the heart of the city. There is onsite parking available and excellent public transport links.

The hotel offers 146 quiet rooms with free tea/coffee facilities, full length mirrors, power showers, room service and more. Plus WiFi throughout.

The funky RBG is the ideal place to relax with contemporary cocktails and private rooms.

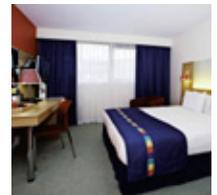
Rooms £/night from Single £59 Double/Twin £59

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reservations.cardiff@rezidorparkinn.com | www.parkinn.co.uk/hotel-cardiff



Map 2/i6

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel
AA ★★★★★



Park Inn by Radisson Cardiff North

This spacious and modern hotel is conveniently located close to the M4, just 3 miles from Cardiff city centre. It is accessible by public transport and has extensive free car parking for guests. All 132 bedrooms are extremely comfortable with large bathrooms with double rainfall showers. RBG Restaurant offers a great dining experience whilst the less formal lounge bar offers light dining throughout the day and evening. The hotel offers a fitness suite and therapy room and has WiFi and air-conditioning throughout.

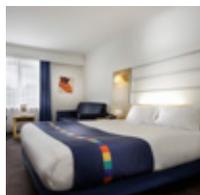
Rooms £/night from Single £55 Double/Twin £55

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reservations.cardiff@rezidorparkinn.com | www.parkinn.co.uk/hotel-cardiffnorth



Map 1/d5

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel
AA ★★★★★



Park Plaza

Award winning 4 star deluxe contemporary styled hotel perfectly located in the heart of Cardiff city centre. 129 ensuite bedrooms with free WiFi throughout. The hotel restaurant, Laguna Kitchen and Bar, winner of South Wales Restaurant of the Year, serves traditional Welsh and British classics using the freshest and finest local produce. Unwind in the hotel's Spa with 20m indoor heated pool, spa bath, feature steam room, gym and 8 beauty rooms. 11 air conditioned function rooms and private Kuku Club suitable for conferences, events and weddings. Discount on all parking at NCP opposite hotel.

Rooms £/night from Single £90 Double/Twin £100

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Map 2/g3

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel
AA ★★★★★



Radisson Blu Hotel Cardiff

Situated in a futuristic skyscraper the Radisson Blu is Cardiff's tallest hotel. The hotel boasts 215 stylish, ultramodern rooms which have been designed in three themes, fashion, chic and fresh-ranging from warm, contemporary and classic to daring and unconventional, each with floor to ceiling windows offering breathtaking views overlooking the city. Situated in the city centre, the hotel is in close proximity to the capital's tourist attractions, bars, cafés and the St. David's shopping development. Suitable for both leisure and business guests staying in Wales' capital city.

Rooms £/night from Single £85 Double/Twin £95

Meridian Gate, Bute Terrace, Cardiff CF10 2FL
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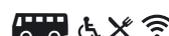


Sleeperz Hotel Cardiff

Cool limestone exterior, modern stylish interior, 74 beautifully designed air conditioned bedrooms, amazingly comfortable beds, invigorating wet rooms, floor to ceiling windows, superb sound proofing and only a minutes' walk from Cardiff Central Station. A cooked breakfast, great coffee or the all day menu can be enjoyed in the café/breakfast area, or you can relax on comfy leather sofas with a drink in the bar and lounge. Free WiFi, free UK calls, friendly service and rates that are always a pleasant surprise.

Rooms £/night from Single £55 Double/Twin £55

Station Approach, Saunders Road, Cardiff CF10 1RH
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reservations@sleeperzcardiff.com | www.sleeperz.com



Map 2/g8

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Metro Hotel



HOTELS

The Angel Hotel

Map 2/e5

The Angel Hotel Cardiff is a stunning Victorian property right in the heart of the city centre, it is conveniently located between Cardiff Castle and the Millennium Stadium. All 102 bedrooms are light and airy with air conditioning & complimentary WIFI.

Castells restaurant serves a great selection of dishes or you can enjoy a light lunch or afternoon tea in the lounge and bar. The hotel is easy to reach by train, just a 2 minute walk from Cardiff Central and offers car parking onsite.



Rooms £/night from Single £65 Double/Twin £75

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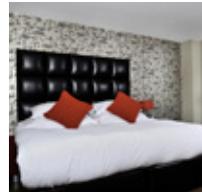
The Royal Hotel

Map 2/g7

Built in 1866, the Royal Hotel Cardiff is the city's oldest Hotel and boasts one of its best locations. The 60 bedrooms are contemporary in style with the latest technology including air conditioning, 32-50 inch LCD TVs with Freeview, free WiFi and laptop safes.

Relax in Fitz's Bar with a selection of hot snacks and made to order cocktails. Situated in the heart of the hustle and bustle of Cardiff's famous St Mary Street, the hotel is ideal for St David's shopping centre and sporting and music events at the Millennium Stadium.

Visit Wales ★★
Metro Hotel



Rooms £/night from Single £45 Double/Twin £49

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The St David's Hotel & Spa

Map 3/d5

Situated on the waterfront of Cardiff Bay, the St. David's Hotel & Spa creates a striking landmark. The five-star hotel provides the very highest level of service and the ultimate in comfort. With its dedicated conference centre, award winning Marine Spa facilities and the Tempus at Tides Restaurant & Bar, the St David's Hotel continues to guarantee its position as one of the leading hotels in Wales.

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel
AA ★★★★★



Rooms £/night from Single £99 Double/Twin £109

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Vale Resort

Map 1/b5

For a four star hotel and leisure experience nothing short of special, the Vale Resort will not disappoint. Boasting Wales' largest spa and two championship golf courses, the Vale Resort and its 143 bedroom hotel, encompasses award-winning restaurants and top of the range leisure, golfing, spa and conferencing facilities. Situated three minutes off junction 34 of the M4 and just 15 minutes from Cardiff city centre in over 650 acres of beautiful countryside, the Vale Resort is perfectly positioned to offer something for everyone.

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Hotel
AA ★★★★★
1 AA Rosette Award



Rooms £/night from Single £70 Double/Twin £70

Hensol Park, Hensol, Near Cardiff CF72 8JY

+44 (0)1443 667800

reservations@vale-hotel.com | www.vale-hotel.com



The Sandringham Hotel

Map 2/g6

In the heart of Cardiff city centre, close to all that the city has to offer, this well-established, family-run hotel offers good service, a friendly atmosphere and generous cooked breakfasts. The hotel's excellent central location makes it a convenient base for exploring this vibrant city. All of Cardiff's shops, restaurants, cafés, shopping centres and bars are nearby. The Millennium Stadium, Motorpoint Arena, St David's Hall and other city centre attractions are also within easy walking distance. Comfortable en suite accommodation at great value rates.

Visit Wales ★★ Hotel
AA ★★



Rooms £/night from Single £35 Double/Twin £45

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Brecon Lodge B&B

Brecon Lodge, a delightful 1870s Victorian residence, in a quiet Conservation Area, near Cardiff Bay and overlooking Penarth Pier. Adequate car parking, minutes from fine restaurants and friendly pubs. Frequent buses run direct to the Millennium Stadium and City Centre. Three delightful bedrooms, en-suite or with private bathroom, each individually furnished. Brecon Lodge is a traditional family residence where you are treated as the owners' personal guests. From your arrival to waving goodbye, you can be assured of a warm Welsh welcome.

Rooms £/night from Single £50 Double/Twin £70

6 Kymin Terrace, Penarth, Cardiff CF64 1WW
+44 (0)29 2070 2111
info@breconlodge.co.uk | www.breconlodge.co.uk



Map 4/d6

Visit Wales ★★★★★ B&B
Cyclist & Walkers
Welcome Scheme



Hotel One Hundred

Hotel One Hundred is a boutique bed and breakfast offering luxury accommodation in Cardiff. The hotel is perfect for an intimate, special couple of days in Cardiff. All rooms are individually designed with contemporary ensembles and sumptuous furnishings. Free breakfast, WiFi internet and parking. In 2011 Hotel One Hundred was named one of the top 20 boutique B&Bs in the world by the Guardian newspaper.

Rooms £/night from Single £45 Double/Twin £50

100 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 1DG
+44 (0)7916 888423
info@hotelonehundred.com | www.hotelonehundred.com



Map 2/12

Awaiting Grading



Llanerch Vineyard

Llanerch Vineyard is situated in the picturesque Vale of Glamorgan yet only 15 minutes from the centre of Cardiff. Bed & breakfast at Llanerch is provided in the main farmhouse or in studio rooms especially created from the old winery buildings. Guests are able to enjoy walks through the vineyards and woodland and have a wine tasting. An ideal location to stay when visiting Cardiff, and with easy motorway access Llanerch Vineyard is a suitable location for touring all of South Wales.

Rooms £/night from Single £65 Double £75 Suite £185

Hensol Road, Hensol CF72 8GG
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info@llanerch-vineyard.co.uk | www.llanerch-vineyard.co.uk



Map 1/b5

Visit Wales ★★★★★ B&B



New Farm

A working mixed farm of 600 acres close to the city and coast ideal for exploring the many sites, walks, attractions and beaches. Enjoy a true farm breakfast in a 17th Century Oak beamed dining room, listen to the busy yard banter and witness the daily work activities. Located only 20 minutes from Cardiff and 5 minutes from Cardiff Airport, served well by bus (5 minutes from gate) and train station park and ride (5 minutes by car).

Rooms £/night from Single £35 Double/Twin £60

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Map 1/c6

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Farmhouse
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Welcome Scheme

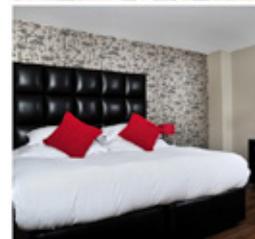


Book online

Whether you're looking for a luxurious five-star hotel, cosy guest house or a room on a budget, Cardiff has plenty of choice. Enjoy waterfront views in Cardiff Bay, city living in a chic apartment or relax in a country hotel.

To find out more go to www.visitcardiff.com or download our FREE Official Visit Cardiff City guide app. Just visit the app store and search 'Visit Cardiff'.

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GUEST HOUSES

Always the Town House

The Town House is a truly cosmopolitan place to stay. Its reputation as the best B&B in Cardiff has spread far and wide, attracting guests from London to Los Angeles, not to mention Welsh visitors to their own Capital city, tired of anonymous chain hotels. This Guest House of distinction is handily located for the city centre and all local attractions. It is a tall typically Victorian building with a richly decorated hallway which contrasts with the simpler style of the neat well equipped bedrooms.

Map 2/a2

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Guest House



Rooms £/night from Single £52.50 Double/Twin £72.50

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thetownhouse@msn.com | www.thetownhousecardiff.co.uk



Avala Guest House

The Avala Guesthouse is a large Victorian building, graded a 3 star Guesthouse by Visit Wales and is within walking distance of Cardiff city centre. All rooms are ensuite with LCD televisions and 'FreeView' as well as complimentary tea & coffee making facilities. Parking is available and the Avala is on a main bus route to the city centre.

Map 2/12

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Guest House
Walkers Welcome Scheme



Rooms £/night from Single £39.95 Double/Twin £49.95

156 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 1DJ
+44 (0)29 2048 1412
enquiries@theavala.co.uk | www.theavala.co.uk

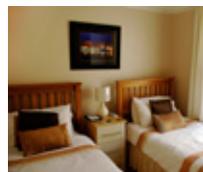


Avenue Guest House

Welcome to the Avenue Guest House, a relaxed family run property where you will feel as if you're home from home. A stunning Victorian town house situated along a very pretty tree lined street with cafés, restaurants and pubs. If you are looking for a livelier atmosphere, the city centre hosts a variety of amenities including bars, restaurants and theatres. Cardiff Castle, the Millennium Stadium and National Museum are in the city centre and well worth a visit, with Cardiff Bay and Wales Millennium Centre less than 5 miles away.

Map 2/a2

Guest Accommodation
Cyclist & Walkers
Welcome Scheme



Rooms £/night from Single £40 Double/Twin £55

163 Cathedral Road, Pontcanna, Cardiff CF11 9PL
+44 (0)29 2023 2855 / +44(0)7866 524228
collette@theavenueguesthouse.com | www.theavenueguesthouse.com



Bryn-y-Ddafad Country Guest House

Come to Bryn-y-Ddafad for a truly Welsh experience you will never forget. Discover this magical corner of Wales, a mixture of past and present, coast and countryside within easy reach of Cardiff. Relax in luxurious eco friendly accommodation set in a peaceful, rural location and taste the scrumptious Welsh breakfast. Guest lounge, off road parking and free WiFi. Ground floor annex with self catering option. Lovely N.G.S. approved garden. Visit the website for availability and special offers where you may book on-line.

Map 1/b5

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Guest House
Visit Wales ★★★★★
Self-Catering
Cyclist & Walkers
Welcome Scheme



Rooms £/night from Single £50 Double £70 Suite £85

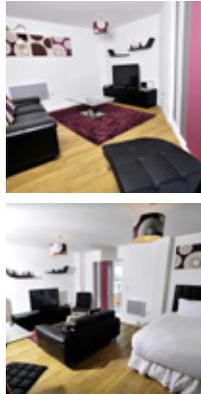
Welsh Saint Donats, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7ST
+44 (0)1446 774 451
enquiries@bydd.co.uk | www.bydd.co.uk



A Space in the City

A Space in the City is Wales' largest provider of Serviced Apartments. These luxury apartments are ideal for both business and leisure breaks. The apartments are spacious, modern and fully self-contained. Separate bedrooms and fully equipped kitchens ensure a true home-from-home atmosphere. Weekly cleaning is included, along with a change of all linens. All apartments now have FREE, business grade WiFi and many have waterside views and on-site leisure facilities (swimming pool, gym etc). Studios (lower image) to 3-beds available. Map location is head office. Exclusive local discounts and deals.

Map 3/d4



Apartment £/unit from Per night £60 Per week £420

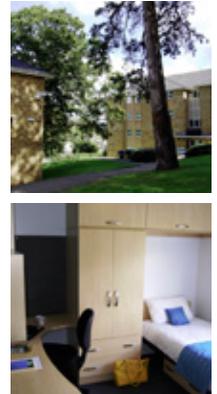
18 Harrowby Lane, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff CF10 5GN
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info@spaceinthecity.co.uk | www.aspaceinthecity.co.uk



Cardiff Metropolitan University

Cardiff Metropolitan University offers quality student accommodation at very reasonable rates. Single en-suite bedrooms are available with shared kitchen/social area, freeview TV and WiFi at no additional charge.

Map 1/d5



Within easy reach of Cardiff City centre the campus has excellent links to public transport and ample car parking available. Ideal for individual travellers and groups visiting Cardiff and the surrounding areas. The facilities can be booked from the end of June until mid-September.

Rooms £/night from Single £22

Plas Gwyn Halls, Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 2XJ
+44 (0)29 2041 6181/2
conferenceservices@cardiffmet.ac.uk | www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/conferences



Cardiff University

Cardiff University provides sole occupancy en suite accommodation at a number of venues in the heart of the city, close to all the tourist attractions. Accommodation is available during the summer holidays, (20 June-12 September 2014 inclusive). Please ask about breakfast availability when you make your enquiry. All rooms are provided with bed linen and towels. Tea/coffee making facilities are available either in the bedroom or in the fully equipped kitchen. Cardiff University provides comfortable and affordable accommodation at ideal locations.

Map 2/i2

Visit Wales ★★
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Visit Wales ★★★★
Self-Catering



Rooms £/night from Single £29.23 Double/Twin £48.71

Conference Office, Southgate House, PO Box 533, Cardiff CF14 3XZ
+44 (0)29 2087 4616/4702
groupaccom@cardiff.ac.uk | www.cardiff.ac.uk/conferences



Crossways Manor Apartments

Crossways Manor House in the heart of the Vale of Glamorgan, just 12 miles west of Cardiff. 2 exceptional self catering apartments. The Manor Apt, 2000+ sq feet, 3 bedrooms, sleeps 1-10. Disabled access. Direct access to the gardens. The Prince's Apt, 1st floor, very spacious with 3 bedrooms, sleeps 1-9. This can also be let as 1 or 2 bedroom unit. The Heritage Coast is a short drive away, Cowbridge, a delightful market town, 1 mile. 2 pub/restaurants within an easy stroll. Large grounds, BBQ, Pets welcome, tennis court. WiFi. Short breaks available.

Map 1/a6

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Self-Catering



Apartment £/unit from Per week £395 - £895

Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan, Near Cardiff CF71 7LJ
+44 (0)1446 773171 / +44 (0)7766 102526
info@crosswayshouse.co.uk | www.crosswayshouse.co.uk



Liberty Living at Cambrian Point

Liberty Living at Cambrian Point is in close proximity to the city's higher educational establishments including Cardiff University (CU). Located on Maindy Road in the popular Cathays area, Liberty Living at Cambrian Point is within easy reach of all local amenities and transport links, including Cathays railway station. The close proximity to the town centre allows residents to participate fully in the city's diverse culture and exciting social scene.

Map 2/d1



Rooms £/week from Single £99 Double £140

Maindy Road, Cathays, Cardiff CF24 4HJ
+44 (0)29 2022 7615
libertycambrianpoint@libertyliving.co.uk | www.libertyliving.co.uk



Llanerch Vineyard

The self catering accommodation is in superbly appointed cottages, attractively converted from the original 19th Century stable block and contain every facility to ensure your comfort and convenience. Guests are able to enjoy walks through the vineyards and woodland and have a wine tasting. An ideal location to stay when visiting Cardiff, and with easy motorway access Llanerch Vineyard is a suitable location for touring all of South Wales.

Map 1/b5

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Self-Catering



Rooms £/unit from Per week £350

Hensol Road, Hensol CF72 8GG
+44 (0)1443 222716
info@llanerch-vineyard.co.uk | www.llanerch-vineyard.co.uk



SELF CATERING & APARTMENTS

Parc-Coed-Machen Country Cottages

Parc-Coed-Machen Country Cottages are superior centrally heated properties in a courtyard of converted farm buildings in beautiful rural surroundings only fifteen minutes from Cardiff City Centre. They consist of one three bedroom house and four two bedroom single storey cottages. All have individual parking. An additional bed, cot and high chair can be provided. All living rooms are fully furnished and the kitchens fully equipped. All bedding is provided. The laundry room has full facilities. Two cottages are classified as suitable for disabled guests with assistance.

Cottages 2 nights £160 Per week £390-540

Heol St-y-Nyll, St Brides-Super-Ely, Cardiff CF5 6EZ
+44 (0)1446 760684 / +44(0)1446 760612
prtrivett@hotmail.com | www.parcgoedmachen.co.uk



Map 1/c5

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Self-Catering
WASCO



SACO Cardiff

SACO Cardiff Serviced Apartments offer the convenience of a hotel, but with more space, facilities and freedom. The apartments are conveniently located a few minutes from Cardiff Castle, Millennium Stadium and Cardiff's city centre. This stunning restoration of Victorian town houses features one and two bedroom apartments with fully equipped kitchens, ensuite master bedrooms, living/dining areas, luxurious bathrooms, easy broadband connectivity and private car parking.

Rooms £/night from Per night £75 Per week £525

76 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9LN
+44 (0)1179 706999
directteam@sacoapartments.com | www.sacoapartments.com/cardiff



Map 2/a2

Visit Wales ★★★★★
Serviced Apartments



Student Castle

Student Castle in central Cardiff offers self-contained cluster flats and studios a short walk from many local amenities/attractions and local Universities. All within easy walking distance or accessible by the many transport links available. Student Castle offers modern, high quality, ensuite double rooms (including linen and towels) with comfortable shared kitchens equipped with modern appliances, TV and tea/coffee making facilities. A communal lounge and laundry room are also available for residential guests. Wi-Fi is available throughout the campus. The site has CCTV and is staffed 24 hours a day.

Rooms £/night from Double £29.43 Studios £37.86

Student Castle, Adam St, Cardiff CF24 2FL
+44 (0)3333 444066
cardiff@studentcastle.co.uk | www.studentcastle.co.uk

Map 2/j6



Treguff Cottages

Enjoy the best of "Capital and Countryside", staying in a country cottage west of the city. If you are coming to one of Cardiff's great events, don't leave your faithful friend behind! Your dog will enjoy the safe streamside walk at Treguff Farm Cottages. If you are on business, relocating or spending time in Wales, the cottages are the ideal blend of Capital and Countryside. After long days in Cardiff, experience the peace and tranquillity of staying adjacent to an Elizabethan farmhouse. One, two and three bed cottages are available. Dogs Welcome.

Price Per week £325 to £425

Treguff Farm Cottages, Treguff, Near Bonvilston CF71 7UE
+44 (0)1446 751342
cottages@treguff.co.uk | www.treguff.co.uk



Map 1/c6



Victoria Hall

High quality, modern student accommodation. Victoria Hall has a city centre location close to all the main tourist areas and university campuses. Accommodation is available throughout the summer in single and double rooms or full flats. There are 40 flats each with 3-6 bedrooms. Each has a fully fitted kitchen and a comfortable lounge with Sky TV. Each bedroom has an en-suite shower/toilet room as well as a modem connection point. The campus also has a 24 hour staffed security service.

Rooms £/night from Single £30 Double/Twin £40

Blackweir Terrace, Cardiff CF10 3EY
+44 (0)29 2035 9500
cardiff@victoriahall.com | www.victoriahall.com



Map 2/d1

Visit Wales ★★★★★ Campus
Walkers Welcome Scheme



Cardiff Caravan Park

Few sites can match the unique location of Cardiff Caravan Park, situated in beautiful parkland in the heart of the city. Despite its central location, the site feels almost rural, so it's easy to forget that the city centre is just a short walk away and the waterfront attractions of Cardiff Bay are within easy reach by road or water bus.

With restaurants and bars close by, it makes the perfect base from which to enjoy Cardiff's many attractions and events all year round.

Pitches £/night from Tents £10 Caravan £22

Pontcanna Fields, Off Sophia Close, Cardiff CF11 9XR
+44 (0)29 2039 8362
cardiffcaravanpark@cardiff.gov.uk | www.cardiff.gov.uk/caravanpark



Map 2/a1

Visit Wales ★★ ★★
Touring and Camping Park



Nomad Backpackers

Nomad brings a new level of comfort and security to the hostel experience. Situated in the heart of the city, Nomad offers a wide range of free services, including a fully equipped kitchen, shower, TV room with DVD library, breakfast, tea & coffee all day, morning papers, free wireless broadband connection and ironing facilities – everything you need to make your trip safe, comfortable and enjoyable! If this isn't enough, make use of the conservatory bar where you can play pool or poker with a beer.

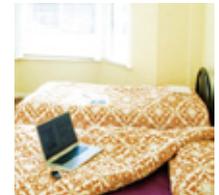
Rooms £/night from Dorm £13 Double/Twin £15

11-15 Howard Gardens, Roath, Cardiff CF24 0EF
+44 (0)29 2025 6826
info@nomadcardiff.co.uk | www.nomadcardiff.co.uk



Map 2/k3

Awaiting Grading



The Riverhouse Backpackers

Ranked as one of the top 10 hostels in the world at the annual 'Hoscars' awards, organised by Hostelworld.com, this family-run hostel has also won awards for the best hostel in the UK and for the best staff, for the second year running. Located on the banks of the river Taff, opposite the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff centre, the brother and sister team will ensure that you'll have the best hostel experience on your travels.

Rooms £/night from Dorm £15 Single £27 Double/Twin £35

59 Fitzhamon Embankment, Cardiff CF11 6AN
+44 (0)29 2039 9810
info@riverhousebackpackers.com | www.riverhousebackpackers.com



Map 2/d6

Visit Wales ★★ ★★ ★★
Backpacker Hostel



Urdd City Sleepover

The Urdd City Sleepover offers an opportunity to sample the delights of the Welsh capital and is situated within Wales Millennium Centre, one of the major artistic centres of the world. It offers modern accommodation with 153 beds in en-suite rooms and excellent conference facilities. The Urdd City Sleepover provides full-board, B&B or tailor made options to suit your needs. This is an ideal location for groups, individuals and families to stay in the capital and staff can help you to experience all kinds of activities and attractions that Cardiff has to offer.

Rooms £/night from £37pppn
family rooms starting from £125 per night

Urdd City Sleepover, Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL
+44 (0)29 2063 5678
caerdydd@urdd.org | www.urdd.org/cardiff



Map 3/e4



How to get around

Cardiff is a compact city and can be easily explored on foot, with the majority of the attractions, shops, restaurants, hotels and parklands all within a few minutes of each other.

Find out more about Cardiff's public transport as well as downloadable maps of the city centre, Cardiff Bay and the city-region online.

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+44 (0)1978 292015

tourism@wrexham.gov.uk

www.northwalesborderlands.co.uk

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+44 (0)1341 281485

tourism@gwynedd.gov.uk

www.visitsnowdonia.info

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tourism@powys.gov.uk

www.exploremidwales.com

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+44 (0)1970 612125

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 marketing@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
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 +44 (0)1792 468321
 tourism@swansea.gov.uk
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 tourism@caerphilly.gov.uk
 www.thevalleys.co.uk

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 tourism@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/
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 www.visitthevale.com/
 www.bridgendbites.com

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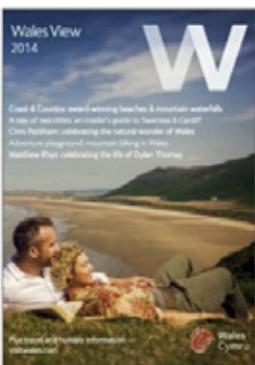
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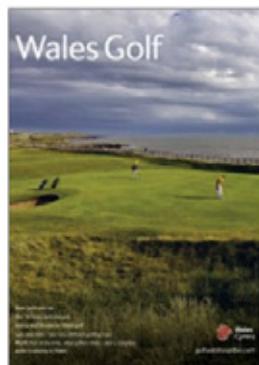
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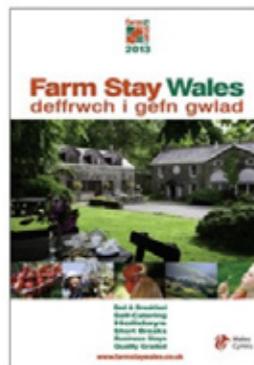
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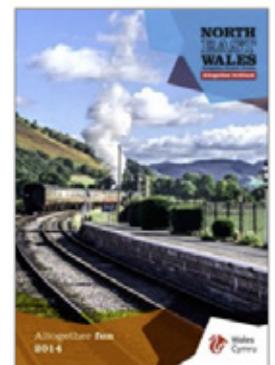
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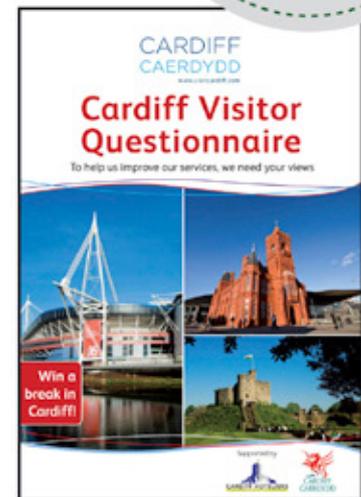
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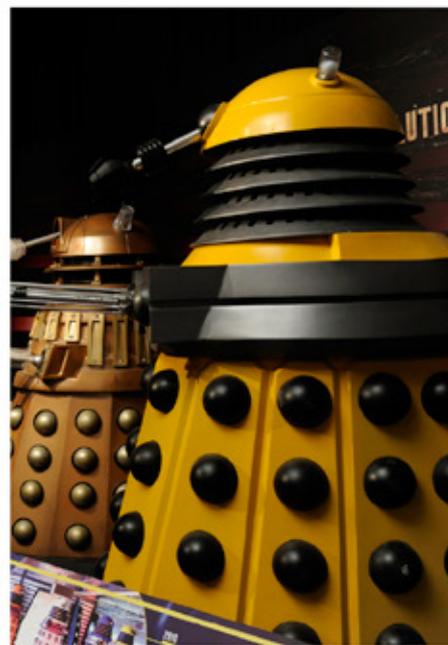


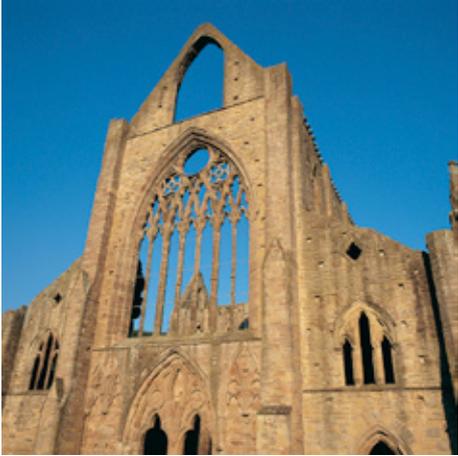
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Getting here



From Cardiff Airport

Cardiff Airport is 12 miles west of the city centre and 10 miles from Junction 33 of the M4. The airport has direct flights to over 50 destinations and connecting flights to over 800 destinations worldwide. Visit www.cardiff-airport.com for details. Airlines operating from Cardiff include KLM, Aer Lingus, Flybe, Vueling, Ryanair, Thomson and Thomas Cook.

Getting from Cardiff Airport

Trains run between the Airport and Cardiff Central station and Bridgend every hour, with a shuttle bus linking the Airport station to the terminal. Cardiff Bus operates the X91 service between Cardiff Airport and Cardiff Central station every 2 hours during the day, 7 days a week. Visit www.cardiffbus.com for details.

Other UK airports

Bristol International Airport is only 1 hour away by car with routes direct from the US as well as flights from within the UK and

Europe. From March 2013, Greyhound coach services will provide a link to and from Cardiff to Bristol Airport. Birmingham, Manchester and London Airports are also all easily accessible from Cardiff.

From the rest of the UK

By road

Cardiff is easily accessible via the M4 motorway, which runs through the north of the city, making London a comfortable drive away. From the Midlands, the North of England and Scotland it is a straightforward drive via the M6, M5 and M50/M4. From the South and South West of England the approach is by M5 and M4. Access from West Wales is by M4.

By rail

Cardiff has direct rail links to many cities in the UK including London, Birmingham, Manchester, Nottingham, Bristol and Southampton. The journey time from London Paddington to Cardiff is just over 2 hours and leaves every 30 minutes.

By coach

Cardiff bus station is located adjacent to Cardiff Central Station and is the central hub for buses and coaches arriving from outside Cardiff. You can travel to Cardiff by National Express Coach from most UK cities. There are also Megabus routes into Cardiff from London, Swansea, Birmingham Airport, Manchester and Newcastle. The Megabus stops at Kingsway, just opposite the Hilton Hotel. (Map 2/g3)

By sea

For those travelling from mainland Europe there is a choice of entry points to the UK served by many ferry companies. You can travel by ferry from France, Spain, The Netherlands, Belgium and Denmark to Southern England. If you are travelling from Ireland, ferries link directly to North and West Wales. UK Ferry ports link with the national motorway system to provide easy access to Cardiff.

Getting around

Cardiff is a very compact city and can easily be explored on foot, with the majority of attractions, shops, restaurants and hotels all within a few minutes of each other. Many areas of the city centre are pedestrianised and there are a number of traffic-free footpaths including the Taff Trail.

By taxi

There are several taxi ranks located around the city including Cardiff Central Station, Wood Street, Greyfriars Road, Churchill Way, St Mary Street and Mill Lane. The city has both Hackney carriage and private hire taxis. Hackney carriages can be hailed at the roadside but private hire taxis must be pre-booked. You can find details of Private hire Taxi firms on www.visitcardiff.com/taxis

By bus

Cardiff Bus runs an extensive system throughout Cardiff and the local area, travelling to Penarth, Barry and Cardiff Airport. Within the city centre, most buses move around the city in an anti-clockwise direction. Please note that exact change is required on Cardiff buses. A regular bendy bus service connects the city centre with Cardiff Bay. For

the latest information and fares go to www.cardiffbus.com. Stagecoach run services to surrounding areas such as Caerphilly, Tongwynlais and the Valleys. Newport Bus run services to Newport.

By train

Regular trains run from Cardiff's Queen Street station to Cardiff Bay and city stops including Cathays, Ninian Park and Llandaff North. Trains from Cardiff central station link to the Valleys and Vale of Glamorgan as well as high speed links to London and other cities in the UK.

By car

Numerous pay and display and multi-storey car parks are available in the city centre. The St David's Shopping Centre has 24 hour onsite parking with over 2000 spaces. Cardiff has Park & Ride services to the east, south

and west of the city with additional services operating during major events.

By bike

Cardiff is very flat and easily negotiated by bike. You'll find plenty of bike racks around the city centre and cycle paths like the Taff Trail provide traffic-free routes. For bike hire in the city, contact Pedal Power.

Mobility Assistance

City Centre Mobility Assistance is an electric vehicle scheme for those who need help accessing the city centre. The vehicles can carry up to 3 passengers each and travel around the city centre on a flexible route, Mon-Fri 11am-3pm. Flag down a vehicle and get a lift or book a vehicle in advance on +44(0)29 2087 3888.



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Maps

Cardiff is a compact city and is very easy to get around. Here you'll find maps of the city region, city centre and Cardiff Bay.

Map references for individual products can be found within their listings, pages 27-63. For downloadable maps go to www.visitcardiff.com or scan the QR codes. Once you arrive you can also pick up a visitors map, available at Cardiff Tourist Information Centre.



Tourist Information	Library	Bar
Toilets	Conference Venue	Café
Main Shopping Area	Accommodation	Park
Train Station	Attraction	Police
Coach Station	Castle	Baycar Stops
Aquabus Stop	Museum	Park & Ride Pick up & Drop off Points
Taxi Rank	Sports Stadium	Footpath/Cycle Trail
Shopmobility	International Swimming Pool	Place of Worship
Left Luggage	Theatre	Place of Worship
Post Office	Shopping	Place of Worship
Academic	Restaurant	

Cardiff City Region

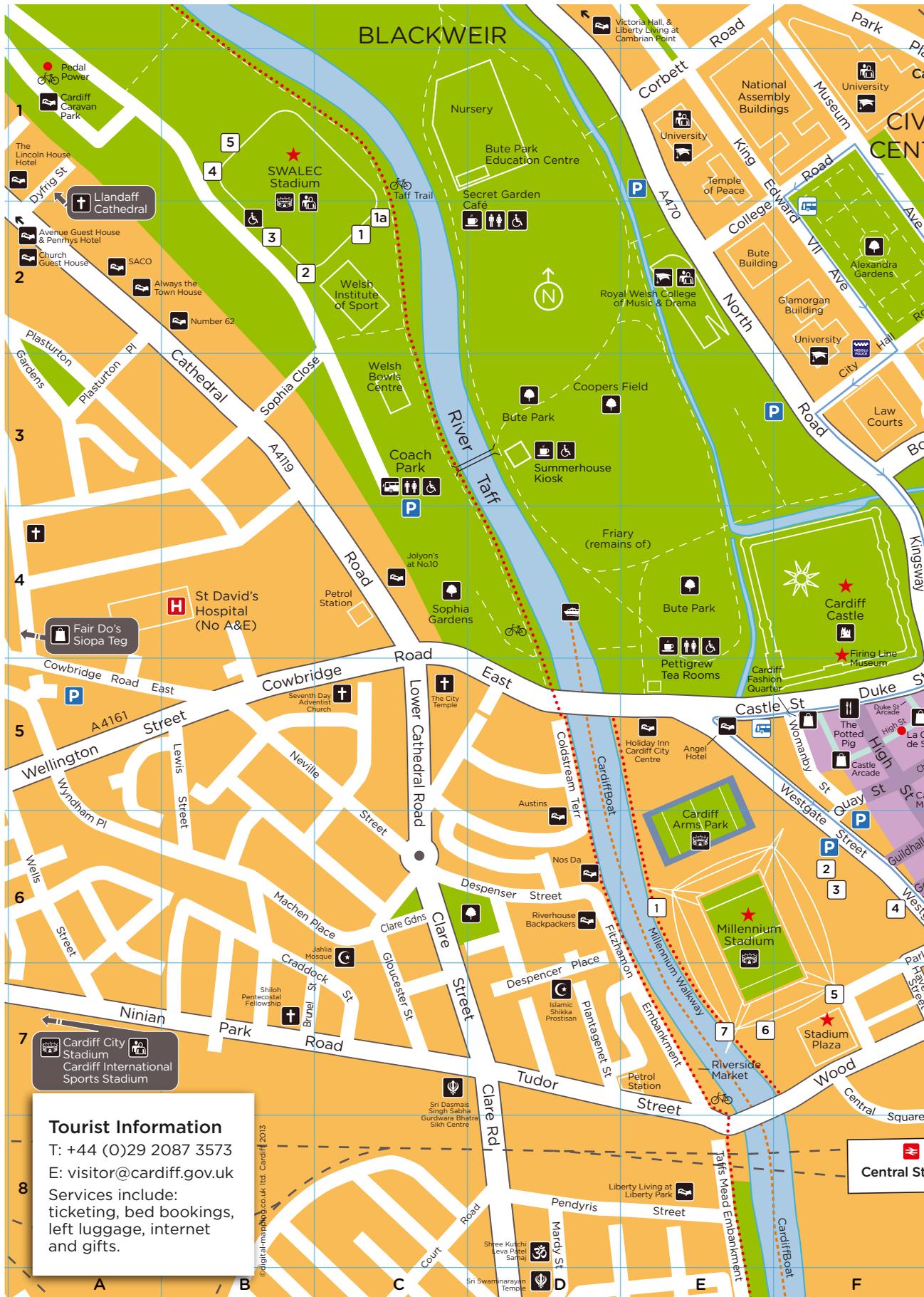


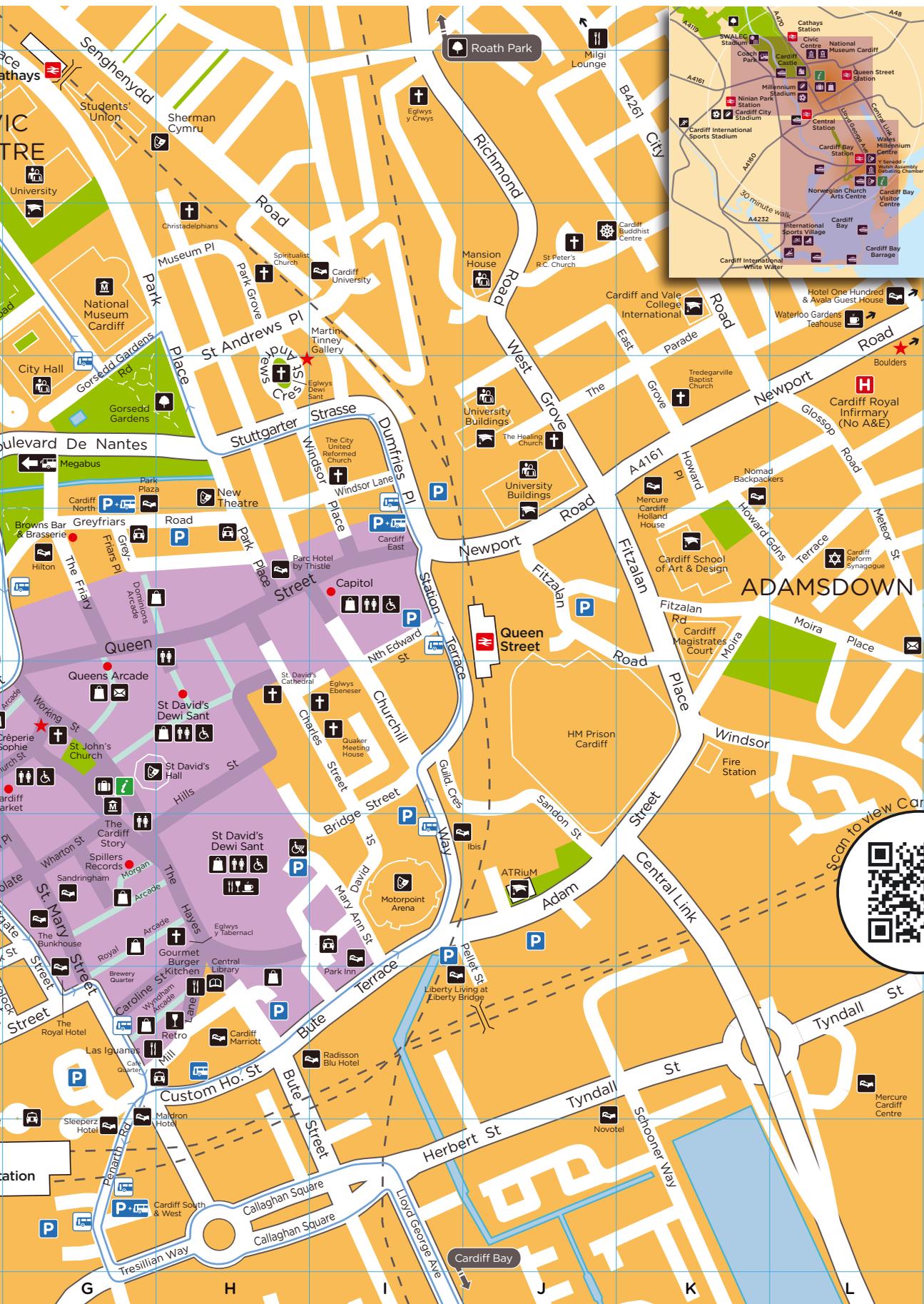
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Cardiff City Centre





Cardiff Bay

Map 3



Penarth

Cardiff Bay is approximately 1km from Cardiff city centre, and easily accessible by car, public transport, bike or by foot. Cardiff Bus run the 'baycar' bendy-bus service (no.6) which runs 7 days a week, picking up from around the city centre. It runs every 10 minutes during the day and every 15 minutes

during the evenings and weekends. For more information visit www.cardiffbus.com. There is also a frequent rail service operating Monday to Saturdays from Queen Street Station. You can also walk or cycle between the city centre and Bay. Lloyd George Avenue provides a flat, traffic-free route for pedestrians & cyclists.

Penarth is easily accessible by car, bus or train from Cardiff city centre. It's also possible to walk or cycle from Cardiff Bay across the barrage to Penarth Marina on part of the Cardiff Bay Trail and Wales Coast Path.

Map 4





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