# Cardiff Wales



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- Explore Wales' capital city Cardiff, famed for its Victorian shopping arcades, thriving food scene and adrenaline sports in Cardiff Bay.
- Watch world-class sport at the Principality Stadium, home to Wales' national Rugby team, or enjoy live music at the Wales Millennium Centre.
- Uncover over 2,000 years of history at Cardiff Castle, home to outdoor cinema and concerts in summer, or marvel at the story of Wales at St Fagans National Museum of History.
- Head out from Cardiff on the iconic Cambrian Way, a 185-mile (300km) driving route through the heart of Wales featuring National Parks, castles, mountains and more.



## **Fun Fact**

The Welsh capital is known as the City of Arcades, thanks to a labyrinth of shopping centres and arcades housing more than 100 independent cafes, shops and bars, including the world's oldest record shop.

## Did you know?

Cardiff is actually home to two castles. Alongside Cardiff Castle, Morgraig Castle was only discovered in the 20th century but is thought to be over 600 years old. It lies north of the city, near Caerphilly.

## Things to do in Cardiff



#### **Cardiff Castle**

Though it has 2,000 years of history to discover, Cardiff Castle is also bang up to date – hosting festivals and events galore.

www.cardiffcastle.com

### Bay Island Voyages

Out at sea embark on a boating voyage to Cardiff's nearby small island of Flat Holm. Hop aboard for a full day of island exploration.

www.bayislandvoyages. co.uk

#### Cardiff Bay Walking Tour

Beyond the restaurants and nightlife, explore Cardiff Bay's colourful history and secret local hotspots.

www.visitwales.com/ attraction/sightseeingtour/cardiff-tours

#### Wales Millennium Centre

In Cardiff Bay, the Wales Millennium Centre hosts top-class live music and theatre shows from all over the world.

www.wmc.org.uk

#### **Chapter Arts Centre**

This vibrant cultural hub features contemporary art galleries, independent cinema screenings and live performances, ranging from theatre to music and dance.

www.chapter.org

#### National Museum Cardiff

The museum's collection includes everything from dinosaur bones to contemporary art and is free to visit.

www.museum.wales/ cardiff

#### Techniquest

For inquisitive minds of all ages, this science discovery centre is full of mind-boggling films and experiments. www.techniquest.org

## **Discover the best of Cardiff**



## Like... a cycling adventure in the city

For a quirky and fun way to tour the city, hire a Bath Narrowboat and set sail across the Kennet and Avon Canal.

www.visitwales.com/things-do/adventureand-activities/walking/walk-or-cyclecardiff-pontypridd-and-back

#### Love... a paddle out onto Cardiff's waters

Make a splash and see the city from a whole new perspective on a paddleboard. Practice balancing skills while gliding through the bay and the centre of the city.

www.ciww.com/activities/stand-up-paddleboarding

## Seasonal highlights

Spring

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#### Take to the rapids

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Pump up the adrenaline with white water rafting at CIWW Cardiff. From beginners to experienced rafters, the centre offers courses for all abilities.

www.ciww.com/activities/canoeing-and-kayaking

## Summer

#### Power up at the Speedway

The British Speedway Grand Prix at the Principality Stadium is one of the top events in the speedway calendar. Watch the world's best riders race at breakneck speeds around a dirt track inside the stadium.

www.visitcardiff.com/events/fimspeedway-grand-prix

## Autumn

#### Meet the local ghosts

Get up close with Cardiff's resident poltergeists. As the sun sets, Cardiff Castle comes alive with spooky tales of phantom figures and peculiar sounds. Join a guided ghost tour to explore the castle's eerie past, and hear chilling stories of its most infamous spirits.

www.darkwalestours.co.uk/ cardiff-castle-ghost-tour.html

## Winter

#### Festive cheer in the city

From Cardiff's Winter Wonderland and seasonal performances to shopping for Christmas gifts through the historic arcades, discover Cardiff during the winter months for a sprinkling of festive cheer.

www.visitcardiff.com/christmas

## **Places to stay in Cardiff**



#### **Cardiff City Centre**

Find easy access to designer shops and traditional markets, diverse cuisine and the Principality Stadium in the mainly pedestrianised city centre.

#### **Cardiff Bay**

Home to an international sports centre where you can try out lots of water sports, as well as cultural spots like the Wales Millennium Centre.

#### Pontacanna

Out in the city's leafy suburb discover the Taff Trail on bike or by foot, or get artsy at Kings Road Yard filled with artists, makers, producers and bakers!

#### Find accommodation in Cardiff

www.visitcardiff.com/stay

### **Getting around**

Full of pedestrianised areas, walking trails, parks and gardens, it is easy to travel around the city hassle free.



#### By bus

Visit Cardiff bus to plan your journey and get all the latest information on ticket types. Download the Cardiff bus app to buy and store tickets on a mobile, making travelling around the city by bus easy.



#### On foot

Plot your route and discover more about the city's walking trails, including the Wales Coast Path, at Outdoor Cardiff.





#### Trains run into Cardiff Central Station from destinations across Britain. Find information and train times to plan your journey with <u>Great Western Railway</u>.

## **Getting to Cardiff**

