

Cruise Cardiff

Capital of Wales



Let us introduce you to Cardiff, capital city and gateway to Wales.

The attractions that feature in this brochure are always popular with visitors, and can be easily combined in full or half-day tours from Cardiff.

We'll be happy to help you plan itineraries to suit your requirements and find the best local guides. We'll also be pleased to suggest "money can't buy" experiences for your guests, such as private concerts or behind-the-scenes tours.

Cardiff is a secret just waiting to be discovered. It's a vibrant city, with some of the friendliest people you'll find – or so our visitors tell us!

Cardiff is a city of contrasts, where innovative 21st century architecture sits alongside a fairytale castle, our grand civic centre, and an outstanding shopping centre.

Cardiff Bay, once known as Shirley Bassey's 'Tiger Bay', is now one of Europe's most exciting and stylish waterfront developments, and where there's always something going on.

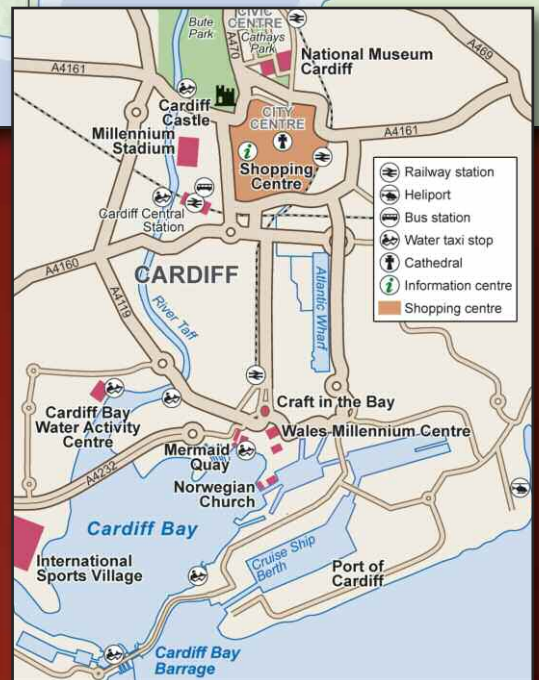
The capital is also the perfect starting point to explore the best that Wales has to offer, including award-winning visitor experiences, castles, gardens, the rugged heritage coast and spectacular scenery. Golfers are in for a treat, with the Celtic Manor Resort, the 2010 Ryder Cup venue, just 19 miles from the Port of Cardiff, and other championship courses less than an hour away.

We've had to choose just a selection of the great attractions and activities Cardiff has to offer cruise visitors – why not ask us more?

United Kingdom



South Wales



Cardiff City Centre

Cardiff Bay

(5-10 minutes from the Port)

Cardiff Bay Waterfront



The waterfront is lively, yet laid-back, with restaurants, bars, cafés around Mermaid Quay giving a continental ambience. Frequent water buses run to the Barrage and city centre.

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visitorcentrecardiffbay@cardiff.gov.uk
www.mermaidquay.co.uk

Wales Millennium Centre (Allow 1 hour minimum)



This landmark building is the most lively performing arts venue in Wales, and home to Welsh National Opera and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.



Special tours of this spectacular building can be arranged, but the highlight for past cruise visitors has been a private concert with one of our celebrated Male Voice Choirs – a truly memorable and emotional experience, as you would expect in the “Land of Song”.

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group.sales@wmc.org.uk
www.wmc.org.uk

Norwegian Church Arts Centre (Allow 30 minutes)



This small white wooden building on the waterfront is the former Norwegian Seamen’s Church, where author Roald Dahl was baptised and is now an arts and cultural centre, with a new coffee shop.

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norwegianchurch@cardiff.gov.uk
www.norwegianchurchcardiff.com

Bay Trail (6.2 miles or 10km - Allow 1 hour minimum)



A circuit of Cardiff Bay is a great way to stretch the legs, on foot or on a hire bike – and for anyone feeling more energetic, the trail passes the Cardiff International White Water. Artworks along the route illustrate the rich industrial and social heritage of Cardiff’s docklands.

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visitorcentrecardiffbay@cardiff.gov.uk
www.cardiffharbour.com

Craft in the Bay (Allow 30 minutes)



The very best of Welsh arts and crafts are on display in this restored maritime warehouse, the ideal place to buy unique, high quality crafts and gifts.

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www.makersguildinwales.org.uk

Cardiff City Centre

(15 minutes from the Port)

Cardiff Castle (Allow 2-3 hours)



Cardiff Castle is guaranteed to amaze, and is a “must” on any visit to Cardiff. Experience over 2,000 years of history on one site, including parts of the original Roman and medieval buildings.



In the 19th century, the 3rd Marquess of Bute, one of the richest men in the world, transformed the interiors into a lavish Neo-Gothic fantasy, an unforgettable experience for visitors today, and the modern interpretation centre brings the story right up to date.

There's a tea room and gift shop on site, and traditional Welsh food and entertainment for groups is available by arrangement.

+44 (0)29 2087 8100
cardiffcastle@cardiff.gov.uk
www.cardiffcastle.com

Millennium Stadium (Tour minimum 1 hour)



One of the world's great sporting arenas, host venue of major international sporting occasions and concerts by some of the world's biggest names. Visit the players' dressing rooms, sit in the Royal Box, run onto the pitch to the roar of the crowd, and learn about the unique 800 ton retractable roof.

+44 (0)292 082 2228
tours@millenniumstadium.com
www.millenniumstadium.com

National Museum Cardiff (Allow 2 hours)



The Museum's new galleries house one of Europe's finest Impressionist art collections, including work by Renoir, Van Gogh, Monet and Cezanne, alongside ceramics, drawings, sculpture, silver and other paintings spanning 500 years.



Situated in the heart of Cardiff's elegant civic centre, the Museum also houses Wales's national archaeology, geology and natural history collections. Free entry.

+44 (0) 29 2057 3176 (Marketing)
or **+44 (0) 29 3979 7951**
post@museumwales.ac.uk
www.museumwales.ac.uk

Shopping (Allow as long as you like)

Cardiff's reputation as one of the top shopping destinations in the UK is fully deserved. Much of the shopping centre is under cover, and almost all of it is pedestrianised. But the thing visitors tell us they enjoy most is that the centre is so compact, yet it's packed with stylish department stores, designer shops, historic arcades, a covered market, and modern malls.



The newest of these is St David's, where you'll find some of the most exclusive shops in Wales alongside some of the country's most popular retail outlets and plenty of dining options.



Just a few minutes walk away, is Queen Street, one of the UK's busiest shopping streets, and where you'll find the Capitol Centre and Queens Arcade.



Away from the modern malls, visitors shouldn't miss the historic Victorian and Edwardian arcades, dating from the late 19th onwards. The arcades each have their distinctive character, with plenty of small boutiques to browse and cafes to sit in and watch the world go by ...

Cardiff Outskirts

(20-45 minutes from Port)

St Fagans National History Museum (Allow half day)



This is one of Europe's leading open-air museums situated in the grounds of St Fagans Castle, a late 16th-century manor house. Over forty original buildings from different historical periods and all parts of Wales have been re-erected in the parkland, and craftsmen demonstrating their traditional skills bring the museum to life. There are cafes and gift shops on site.

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www.museumwales.ac.uk

Dyffryn Gardens (Allow 2 hours plus)



Located in the Vale of Glamorgan this park and botanical garden features a lily pond, themed yew-hedged enclosures, a Japanese garden and an arboretum. Selected as one of the top 100 gardens in the UK.

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dyffryn@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
www.dyffryngardens.org.uk

Caerphilly Castle (Allow 2 hours plus)



This imposing castle is one of the largest medieval fortresses in Europe and the famous tower 'out leans' that of the tower of Pisa.

+44 (0)29 20 88 3143
cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk
www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Castell Coch (Red Castle) (Allow 2 hours plus)



This late nineteenth-century 'fairytale' castle is perched on a wooded hillside on the outskirts of Cardiff. Lavishly decorated and furnished in the Victorian Gothic style it exemplifies a Romantic vision of the Middle Ages.

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cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk
www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Llancaiach Fawr Manor (Allow 2 hours)



Step back in time to the year 1645 and meet the servants of the manor house who'll share stories of ordinary people living in extraordinary times.

+44 (0)1443 412248
llancaiachfawr@caerphilly.gov.uk
www.caerphilly.gov.uk/llancaiachfawr

Tredegar House (Allow 2 hours)



Set in a beautiful 90 acre park, Tredegar House is one of the best examples of a 17th century Charles II mansion in Britain, with parts dating back to the early 1500s.

+44 (0)1633 815 880
tredegar.house@newport.gov.uk
www.newport.gov.uk

Big Pit Museum (Allow 2-3 hours including tour)



Situated in the World Heritage town of Blaenavon, discover what life was like for the thousands of men and children who worked in the coal mines of South Wales. Guides on the underground tour are former miners who bring your visit to life with their stories and memories. Free entry.

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bigpit@museumwales.ac.uk
www.museumwales.ac.uk

Rhondda Heritage Park (Allow min 2 -3 hours)



The Black Gold tour includes a guided tour with former-miners and involves multimedia presentations, a tour of the pit head buildings and a trip 'underground' to experience the life of a South Wales coal miner.

+44 (0)1443 682036
reception@rhonddaheritagepark.com
www.rhonddaheritagepark.com

Fonmon Castle (allow 1 - 2 hours)



Dating from the 12th Century this castle is the home of Sir Brooke and Lady Boothby. With a fine collection of paintings and a magnificent Rococo library, Fonmon is surrounded by beautiful walled gardens and woodlands featuring over 1000 cultivars. Personally guided tours, banquets, teas, receptions together with activities or entertainment can all be enjoyed throughout the year.

+44 (0)1446 710206
fonmon_castle@msn.com

Further Afield

(1 hour + from Port)

Brecon Beacons National Park

(Allow over 1 hour each way for Brecon Mountain Railway)



The rolling mountains of the Brecon Beacons National Park can be appreciated from the comfort of the Brecon Mountain Railway narrow gauge steam train, but there's a vast range of outdoor activities for the more energetic! The market town of Brecon makes the perfect lunch stop.

info@breconbeaconstourism.co.uk
www.breconbeaconstourism.co.uk

Glamorgan Heritage Coast (Allow 30 minutes – 2 hours)

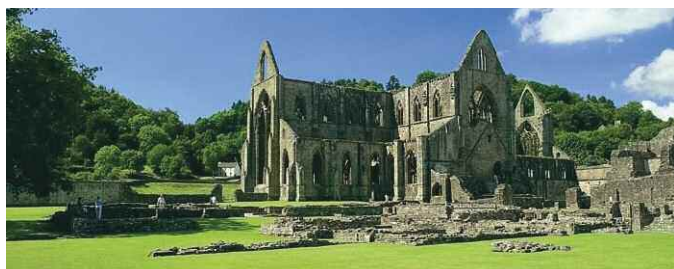


The Heritage Coast stretches for 14 miles and features dramatic coastal scenery, including some of the largest sand dunes in Europe.

+44 (0)1656 880157
tourism@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
tourism@bridgend.gov.uk
www.glamorganheritagecoast.com

Tintern Abbey and the Wye Valley

(Allow 45 minutes for Tintern Abbey)



This Cistercian abbey was founded in 1131 in the beautiful Wye Valley, which has long inspired artists and poets, including Wordsworth.

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cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk
www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Get Active

Golf - Greens of Southern Wales



Wales is an undiscovered gem for golfers. The venue of the thrilling 2010 Ryder Cup competition, Celtic Manor Resort, is half an hour's drive east of Cardiff and Royal Porthcawl, considered to be one of the finest courses in the world, is about three quarters of an hour west.

Meanwhile there are two championship 18-hole golf courses at the nearby Vale Hotel and Spa Resort, including the acclaimed Wales National.

www.golf.visitwales.com

Activities

Rafting and canoeing on Cardiff International White Water
www.ciww.com

Cycling the Cardiff Bay Trail and Taff Trail
www.tafftrail.org.uk

Sailing on Cardiff Bay
www.adventurecardiff.com

Taff Valley Quad Bike & Activity Centre. Includes quad bikes, clay pigeon shooting, archery, climbing and gorge walking.
www.adventurewales.co.uk

Indoor climbing
www.bouldersclimbingcentre.co.uk

Horse riding at the Cardiff Riding School
+44 (0)29 2039 4615
CardiffRidingSchool@cardiff.gov.uk

Just ask us if there are any other activities you'd like to know more about.



Port of Cardiff

Port Services and Facilities

The Port of Cardiff is able to provide tailor-made services to meet the individual requirements of each cruise call.



The port is fully compliant with the ISPS Code and during a cruise call the entire berth is fenced and patrolled to meet the current security requirements.



Passenger, crew, visitor and baggage screening is also undertaken upon entry into the restricted area. Full pilotage and towage services are available and opportunity to take bunkers, water, stores and dispose of waste.



Your guests are our guests - we'll greet them and say bon voyage in typical Welsh musical style and our Tourist Information staff will be on hand to assist. We'll also arrange a free shuttle bus for passengers who are not on organised tours and for your crew.

Port Details: Cardiff

Max ship dimension for berth:

Length: 240m (787.4ft)
Beam: 26m (85.3ft)
Draft: 9m (29.5ft)
Depth: Maintained water range

Port Details: Newport

Max ship dimension for berth:

Length: 244 m (800.5ft)
Beam: 30.1 m (98.8ft)
Draft: 10.4 m (34.1ft)
Depth: Maintained water range

Anchorage may be suitable for some ships

Max ship length: 300m (984.3ft)
Channel depth: Check tide table
Anchorage depth at low water: 10.1m (33.1ft)
Distance to tender: 1.4 nmiles/2.6km
Dedicated landing/accessible: Cardiff Bay Barrage



Location

Heliport:
Cardiff Heliport
0.31 miles/0.5 km

Train Station:
Cardiff Central
0.9 miles / 1.5 km

Road Network:
A48 /M4

Airports:
Cardiff International
12 miles/19 km
Bristol International
50 miles/80 km



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