

DAY ONE: The Heart of Cardiff

Explore Cardiff City Center. This will help you get your bearings in the heart of Cardiff. Browse the unique shops within the Victorian Arcades. For modern shopping, you can explore the [St David's Dewi Sant](#) shopping center.

Afternoon: Visit the [National Museum Cardiff](#) or stroll Cardiff via the [Centenary Walk](#) which runs 2.3 miles within Cardiff city center. This path passes through many of Cardiff's landmarks and historic buildings.

DAY TWO – Cardiff Castle and Afternoon Excursion

Morning: Visit [Cardiff Castle](#). One of Wales' leading heritage attractions and a site of international significance. Located in the heart of the capital, Cardiff Castle's walls and fairytale towers conceal 2,000 years of history. Arrive early and plan on at least 2 hours.

Afternoon: Hop on a train to explore a local town – consider Llantwit Major or Penarth. We explored [Barry Island](#), which offers seaside rides, food, and vistas of the Bristol Channel.

DAY THREE – Castle Ruins

[Raglan Castle](#): Step back in time and explore the ruins of an old castle. Travel by train from Cardiff Central to Newport, where you'll catch a bus at the Newport Bus Station-Friars Walks (careful to depart from the correct bus station). Have lunch in the town of Raglan at [The Ship Inn](#) before travelling back to Cardiff. You might find yourself waiting up to an hour for the bus ride back to the city. If time permits, hop off the bus on the way back to Cardiff to explore the ancient [Roman village of Caerleon](#).

DAY FOUR – Immerse Yourself in Welsh History

[St. Fagans National History Museum](#): An absolute gem of a museum where you can discover Welsh history through buildings that span centuries in recreated environments. Arrive early and plan to spend five to six hours here.



IF WE HAD MORE TIME, WE WOULD HAVE EXPLORED THE FOLLOWING:

[Agincourt Wales Trail](#): links 8 historic sites that played a role in the famous battle

Cardiff Bay and Boat tour: Explore the architecture and have a dockside meal

[Castle Coch](#): A fairytale castle north of the city

[Caerphilly Castle](#): Wales' largest and Britain's second largest castle behind Windsor

[Spillers Records](#): Recognized as the oldest record shop in the world

[The Museum of Cardiff](#) - learn about Cardiff through the eyes of locals (free)

Town exploration: Caerleon (we would have stayed longer), Llantwit Major or Penarth



FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

[Pieminister](#) for savory pies

[Barker Tea House](#): Breakfast, Brunch & Luncheon. Fabulously Indulgent Afternoon Tea.

Picnic in [Bute Park](#) with food acquired at [Cardiff Market](#) (weather cooperating)

Coffee: [200 Degrees Coffee Shop & Barista School](#)



MUSIC & THEATER

See what’s playing on stage during your visit. Recommended venues include

- [New Theatre](#): Cardiff’s largest theatre and situated in the city centre just off Queen Street.
- [St. David’s Hall](#): Offers classical music, ballet, and other music genres
- [Wales Millenium Centre](#): Musicals, operas, ballet and comedy. Tours available.



SPORTS

Sports fans should check for events at these places

- [Cardiff City Stadium](#): Home of Cardiff City football team and Wales football team
- [Principality Stadium](#): Behind-the-scenes tours also available at this site
- [Sophia Gardens](#): Home of Glamorgan County Cricket Club
- [Viola Arena](#): home to Cardiff Devils ice hockey team of the British Elite Ice Hockey League



ARCHITECTURE

Architecture Buffs should reference the [Listed Buildings in Cardiff](#) and choose among over 1,000 listed buildings in Cardiff to explore



READ/WATCH/LISTEN: Soak up the vibe of Cardiff with these selections before your trip

Authors: Roald Dahl, Ken Follett

Watch: Torchwood, Gavin and Stacey, Doctor Who, Sherlock

Listen: Shirley Bassey, Ivor Novello, Charlotte Church, Super Furry Animals



YOUR PERSONAL ITINERARY

- Selected attractions: Check attraction websites for your selections for open days, times, prices, and ticket information.
- Lodging: We recommend lodging that is walkable to Cardiff Central Railway Station or otherwise within walking distance of the city center
- Transportation: Especially if you are relying on public transportation, plan in advance how you will get to and from places on your personalized itinerary.
- Google maps: We recommend downloading an offline version of Google Maps to help you with navigation. Note that the offline version of Google maps provides driving routes versus walking routes.

