

CARDIFF Wales



Facts:

- Cardiff is the capital of Wales
- 2000 years of Welsh history
- Population of 336,200
- Attract over 18 million visitors a year
- Cardiff is the closest European capital to London
- 8,413 hotel rooms
- Locals speak both English and Welsh
- major regeneration program of 675 million pounds
- Cardiff is home to the largest concentration of media related employment outside of London
- 40 % of Cardiff's workforce is in knowledge intensive employment
- Multicultural city with more than 100 ethnic communities
- In 2009 Cardiff topped the list of the UK's most travel-friendly cities*.
- Impressive venue space with 74,500 seats in the Millennium Stadium
- The Millennium Stadium has been voted one of the seven sporting wonders of the world according to Barclays Spaces For Sports

Cardiff

Crowned capital of Wales in 1955, Cardiff has transformed itself from an industrial port into a modern, thriving city. Set on the banks of the River Taff and surrounded by acres of parkland, the city centre is packed with lively bars, trendy restaurants and energetic shopping streets, while the vibrant waterfront development of Cardiff Bay adds a dash of cosmopolitan culture. The number of attractions and activities in Cardiff is on the rise, with sports enthusiasts being drawn to the impressive Millennium Stadium, whilst those seeking solace head to the tranquil waters of the Bay.

Top Attractions

Cardiff Castle
Castell Coch
Millennium Stadium
Wales Millennium Centre
National Museum Cardiff

Transport

Cardiff, Wales' capital is situated in South Wales, and is easy to reach from anywhere in the UK or overseas. Just two hours away from the centre of London by rail or road and only an hour and a half's drive away from Heathrow, Cardiff is accessible whether you plan to get here by car, plane, bus, ferry or train.

Cardiff is served by its own international airport with regular direct flights from the U.K. and other European destinations. Located 12 miles west of Cardiff city centre, and just 10 miles from Junction 33 of the M4, Cardiff Airport is easy to access and handles over 2 million passengers a year. A rail link connects Cardiff International Airport Station to Cardiff Central and Bridgend with onward connections to other destinations on the United Kingdom rail network. Trains run every hour from Monday to Saturday and every two hours on Sundays.

High-speed InterCity trains link most cities around the country with Cardiff. The journey time from London Paddington to Cardiff is just over two hours and leaves every 30 minutes during the day.

*According to a study undertaken by property consultancy, GVA Grimley