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The ultimate guide to the city of Cardiff, with clear information, local recommendations and engaging historical details.

According to National Geographic, over 18 million people visit Cardiff each year, making it one of the most popular tourist destinations in the UK. With its mix of castles, culture, arcades, the world-renowned Principality Stadium, and its proximity to the sea, it's no wonder visitors flock to this vibrant city. To meet growing demand, Graffeg is publishing Cardiff: Wales, which will provide a detailed overview of the city, highlighting top attractions and offering a compact, perfect memento for visitors and residents.

Find information on the castles in and around Cardiff, parks and green spaces, sport, music, family-friendly activities and more in this compact guide to one of the youngest capital cities in Europe.

Enjoy Cardiff at its very best with this superbly illustrated guide packed with images and ideas about culture, history, events and attractions. A must-have travelling companion for anyone visiting this inspirational city.

Publishing Director, Matthew Howard says "Cardiff, one of Europe's youngest cities, is continuously developing and evolving. Graffeg is delighted to publish an up-to-date book highlighting this vibrant city."

Cardiff is publishing 12 November 2026. A full list of the attractions listed in the book can be found on the last page of this press release.

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Castles

From rugged hilltop fortresses to imposing coastal strongholds, Wales' concentration of castles showcase medieval military architecture at its finest. The nation's capital is no exception, offering a compelling starting point for exploring this heritage. At its heart stands Cardiff Castle, a striking blend of Norman and Victorian design, while nearby sites reveal layers of history that make the city an ideal gateway to Wales's rich castle landscape.

Cardiff Castle from Bute Park.

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Bute Park

Bute Park is one of the largest urban parks in Wales, covering over 130 acres. Tucked behind Cardiff Castle and stretching along the River Taff, connecting the park to explorations beyond the city, Bute Park offers a peaceful escape while in the city centre, with picturesque riverside paths, wildflower meadows and a mix of historic trees and landscaped gardens. It's a popular spot for picnics, walks and birdwatching, and often hosts outdoor events, including Cardiff Park Run, food festivals and music concerts. The park's arboretum, home to many rare and exotic trees, attracts nature lovers and provides a lush canopy for walking and cycling. With cafés, a visitor centre, and rich wildlife, it is the perfect space to relax and enjoy a break from Cardiff's bustling city centre.

Bute Park, looking towards the city centre and Cardiff Bay.

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Visiting Cardiff

Cardiff is a very accessible city and has excellent transport links. Crossing the city, and venturing further afield, is easy!

By Car

You can access Cardiff easily from the M4 motorway. If you're approaching from the North, Scotland or the Midlands, take the M6/M5/M50 onto the M4. From the South, take the M5 then M4, and if you're traveling from West Wales you can travel on directly on the M4 into the north of the city.

By Coach

With London only a 3-hour drive away, you can travel to Cardiff easily on a coach along the M4 corridor. There are also direct buses from major airports such as Heathrow, Gatwick and Bristol, as well as major cities such as Birmingham. TrawsCymru also offer daily services from mid-Wales direct to Cardiff city centre.

By Train

Traveling to and from Cardiff via train is a fast, smooth and reliable travel option. With trains to London every half an hour from Cardiff Central, you can be in London Paddington in under 2 hours. Major cities such as Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and Bath are also accessible with direct lines from Cardiff Central.

By Air

Cardiff has its own International Airport just outside of Cardiff in the Vale of Glamorgan, with flights to popular destinations such as Dublin, Spain and even Canada. Visitors can catch a bus from the airport straight to Cardiff City Centre from outside the main departure lounge.

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Attractions and Institutions

BBC Cymru Wales

3 Central Square, Cardiff CF10 1FT.
bbc.co.uk/showsandtours
T: 03703 500 700. [Map 2, D2](#)

Bute Park

North Road, Cardiff CF10 3ER.
bute-park.com. [Map 2, B2](#)

Cardiff Art Trail

Runs through Cardiff Bay and Penarth.

Caerphilly Castle

Castle Street, Caerphilly. CF83 1JD.
cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/
caerphilly-castle. T: 03000 252239.
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Cardiff

visitcardiff.com.

Cardiff Bay

cardiffbay.co.uk. [Map 3](#)

Cardiff Bay Food Festival

Roadl Dahl Plass, CF10 5BZ
visitcardiff.com/food-drink-festival.
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Cardiff Castle

Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 3RB.
cardiffcastle.com. T: 029 2087 8100.
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Cardiff City Stadium

Leckwith Road, Cardiff CF11 8AZ.
cardiffcityfc.co.uk. Tickets: 0333 311 1920.
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Cardiff Market

St Mary Street, CF10 1AU.
cardiffcouncilproperty.com/cardiff-
market. T: 029 2087 1214. [Map 2, C2](#)

Cardiff Metropolitan University

Llandaff Campus, Western Avenue,
Cardiff CF5 2YB. cardiffmet.ac.uk.
T: 029 2041 6070. [Map 1, B2](#)

Cardiff University

Park Place, Cardiff, CF10 3AT.
cardiff.ac.uk. T: 029 2087 4000.
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Castle Arcade

Castle St, CF10 1BU. thecityofarcades.
com/explore/castlearcade.
T: 029 2031 4770. [Map 2, C2](#)

Castell Coch

Castell Coch, Tongwynlais, Cardiff
CF15 7JS. cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-
to-visit/castell-coch.
T: 0300 0252239. [Map 1, B2](#)

Chapter Arts Centre

Market Road, Cardiff CF5 1QE.
chapter.cymru.
T: 029 2031 1050.
[Map 1, C2](#)

City Hall

City Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff
CF10 3ND. cardiffcityhall.com.
T: 02087 1736. [Map 2, B3](#)

Clwb Ifor Bach

11 Womanby Street, Cardiff CF10 1BR.
[Map 2, C2](#)

Insole Court

Fairwater Road, Llandaff, Cardiff
CF5 2LN. insolecourt.org.
T: 029 21 167920. [Map 1, C2](#)

International Sports Village

Olympian Drive, Grange Town, Cardiff
CF11 0JS. visitcardiff.com/sports-village.
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Llandaff Cathedral

Administration Office, Prebendal House,
Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 2LA.
llandaffcathedral.org.uk.
T: 029 2056 4554. [Map 1, B2](#)

Millennium Centre

Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL.
wmc.org.uk. T: 029 2063 6464.
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Morgan Arcade

thecityofarcades.com.
T: 029 2031 4770. [Map 2, D2](#)

Museum of Cardiff

The Old Library, The Hayes, St Davids
Centre, Cardiff CF10 1BH.
cardiffmuseum.com. T: 029 2034 6214.
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National Museum

Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NP.
museum.wales/cardiff. T: 0300 111 2 333.
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New Theatre

Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3LN.
trafalgartickets.com/new-theatre-cardiff
T: 0343 310 0041. [Map 2, B3](#)

Norwegian Church Arts Centre

Harbour Drive, Cardiff CF10 4PA.
norwegianchurchcardiff.com.
T: 029 20 49 2261. [Map 3, C6](#)

Parc Cefn Onn

Lisvane, Cardiff CF14 0EP. [Map 1, B3](#)

Penarth Pier

The Esplanade, Penarth CF64 3AU.
penarthpavilion.co.uk. T: 01446 725236.
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Principality Stadium

Principality Stadium, Westgate Street,
Cardiff CF10 1NS. T: 029 2082 2432.
principalitystadium.wales. [Map 2, C1](#)

Riverside Food Market

Fitzhamon Embankment, Cardiff
CF11 6AN. riversidemarket.org.uk.
[Map 2, C1](#)

Roath Park

Roath, Cardiff. T: 029 2233 0251.
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Royal Arcade

CF10 1AE. thecityofarcades.com.
T: 029 2031 4770. [Map 2, C2](#)

Royal College of Music and Drama

Castle Grounds, Cathays Park
Cardiff CF10 3ER. rwcmd.ac.uk.
T: 029 2034 2854. [Map 2, A2](#)

Senedd Cymru – Welsh Parliament

Pierhead Street, Cardiff CF99 1SN.
senedd.wales. T: 0300 200 6565.
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Sherman Theatre

Senghennydd Road, Cathays,
Cardiff CF24 4YE. shermantheatre.co.uk.
T: 029 2064 6900. [Map 2, A3](#)

Sophia Gardens

Cardiff CF11 9XR. glamorgancricket.
com/sophia-gardens. T: 029 20409 380.
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St David's Centre

Bridge Street, St Davids Centre,
Cardiff CF10 2EF. stdavidscardiff.com.
T: 029 2036 7600. [Map 2, C3](#)

St David's Hotel

Havannah Street, Cardiff CF10 5SD.
stdavids.vocohotels.com.
T: 029 2045 4045. [Map 3, D5](#)

St Fagans National Museum of History

St Fagans, Cardiff CF5 6XB.
museum.wales/stfagans.
T: 0300 111 2 333. [Map 1, C2](#)

St John's the Baptist Church

St John Street, Cardiff CF10 1GJ.
stjohnscardiff.wales.
T: 029 2039 5231. [Map 2, C2](#)

Tafwyl

tafwyl.org.

Techniquet

Stuart Street, Cardiff CF10 5BW.
techniquet.org. T: 029 2047 5475.
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The Pierhead

Cardiff Bay Cardiff CF99 1SN.
senedd.wales/visit/our-estate/the-
pierhead. T: 0300 200 6565. [Map 3, C6](#)

The Welsh National Temple of Peace and Health

King Edward VII Ave, Cardiff CF10 3AP.
cymru.global/our-work/temple-of-
peace. T: 029 2022 8549. [Map 2, A2](#)

Tramshed

Clare Rd, Cardiff CF11 6QP.
tramshedcardiff.com. T: 029 20235555.
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The Turner House

Plymouth Road, Penarth CF64 3DH.
turnerhouse.wales. T: 029 2070 0721.
[Map 1, C3](#)

University of South Wales

86-88 Adam Street, Cardiff, CF24 2FN.
southwales.ac.uk. T: 0345 576 0101.
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Vale of Glamorgan

visitthevale.com.

Victoria Park

Victoria Park Rd East, Cardiff CF5 1EH.
[Map 1, C2](#)

Wales

visitwales.com.

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