

# VISIT CARDIFF AT CHRISTMAS 2023

EXPLORE THE FESTIVE ATTRACTIONS

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## FESTIVE ATTRACTIONS CITY CENTRE

- 1 Cardiff Castle Public Square & Tours
- 2 Christmas at Bute Park
- 3 Cardiff's Winter Wonderland Funfair
- 4 Ice Bar at Cardiff's Winter Wonderland
- 5 Cardiff's Winter Wonderland Ice Rink & Ice Walk
- 6 Festive Quarter (Bar & Food Stalls)
- 7 Cardiff Christmas Market
- 8 Santa's Grotto on Queen Street
- 9 Believe at St David's Dewi Sant
- 10 Santa Experience at Principality Stadium

## FESTIVE ATTRACTIONS CARDIFF BAY

- 12 Red Dragon Centre Christmas Activities
- 13 Festive Food & Drink at Mermaid Quay

## CHRISTMAS SHOWS

- 14 Cardiff Christmas Festival in the Spiegeltent
- 15 Pantomime: Jac and the Beanstalk at New Theatre
- 16 Disney's Aladdin at Wales Millennium Centre

## SHOPPING

- I DOMINIONS ARCADE
- II CASTLE ARCADE
- III DUKE STREET ARCADE
- IV HIGH STREET ARCADE
- V MORGAN ARCADE
- VI ROYAL ARCADE
- VII WYNDHAM ARCADE
- VIII CARDIFF MARKET
- IX ST DAVID'S DEWI SANT
- X QUEENS ARCADE
- XI THE CAPITOL



### KEY

- Taxi Ranks
- Water Taxi Stop
- Train Stations
- Coach Parking

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Find out more about the festive attractions below, and remember, this is just a small insight into what the city offers at Christmas. Check out [visitcardiff.com](http://visitcardiff.com) and follow us on social media for more.



## 1 CARDIFF CASTLE PUBLIC SQUARE & TOURS

FREE SITE ENTRY / TICKETED TOURS

Christmas is a special time of year to visit Cardiff Castle. See the already lavish apartments looking even more spectacular, decorated in their traditional festive finery. Upgrade your Castle Ticket and join one of our guides on a House Tour, complete with stories of Christmas in the time of the Bute family and how many of our cherished traditions today were shaped by the Victorians. Admission and tour can be booked at the Ticket Office. The Public Square in the Castle grounds remains free to enter through the season where, as well as visiting Cardiff's magical Winter Wonderland, you can also pop into the Castle Café and Gift Shop.



## 2 CHRISTMAS AT BUTE PARK

24 NOV - 1 JAN, BUTE PARK  
BUY TICKETS ONLINE

Wales' premiere festive lights trail is back for a third year and promises to be bigger, brighter and more festive! The most popular light trail outside of London returns to the historic Bute Park, with a host of enchanting illuminations, live music on selected evenings, plus mouth-watering selection of artisan cuisine with the newly expanded Christmas Village, which this year can be accessed from the beginning & end of the trail. Look out for the immersive 'Light of the Night' spectacle, featuring 500 LED orbs creating a harmonious play of light and sound. Just one part of over 15+ stopping points along the route, you can also expect a Twilight Garden, sleeping gardens, festive fireflies, and a dazzling disco ball zone.



## 3 CARDIFF'S WINTER WONDERLAND FUNFAIR & ICE BAR

16 NOV - 02 JAN, CITY HALL LAWN  
FREE SITE ENTRY / BUY ICE BAR TICKETS ONLINE

Visitors can buy tokens to try the traditional funfair games, hop on a range of rides, and get a birds-eye view of the city from the Big Wheel. Or just sit back and savour sweet and savoury treats in the Alpine Village's covered seating areas. Also find Cardiff's coolest Christmas hotspot - the Ice Bar! Book a ticket online and enjoy a drink the pop-up Ice Bar that's chilled to minus 10 degrees! With almost everything made from ice, from the walls to the shot glasses, it's not to be missed.



## 5 CARDIFF'S WINTER WONDERLAND ICE RINK & ICE WALK

16 NOV - 2 JAN, CARDIFF CASTLE  
FREE SITE ENTRY / BUY ICE SKATING TICKETS ONLINE

In the grounds of Cardiff Castle, find the undercover Ice Rink and Ice Walk boasting the backdrop of the mighty Norman Keep. Book a ticket now for a skate with friends, or a day of family fun - complete with penguin skate-aids for smaller guests. The festive attraction is suitable for all ages and abilities. Plus, even without a ticket, visitors can enjoy a range of food and drink from the festive stalls.



## 6 FESTIVE QUARTER

10 NOV - 24 DEC, WORKING STREET  
FREE ENTRY

Cardiff's Bavarian themed bar has been a popular fixture on Working Street and is an atmospheric haven amidst the hustle and bustle. The cosy cabins offer a welcome respite on those chilly evenings so pull up a seat, order a beer and bratwurst, and recharge your seasonal spirit by listening to the Christmas tunes. This really is the perfect place to power up in between bouts of Christmas shopping.



## 7 CARDIFF CHRISTMAS MARKET

9 NOV - 23 DEC, WORKING STREET  
FREE ENTRY

Cardiff's established Christmas Market has been running for almost 30 years, and you can find their seasonal wooden stalls clustered around St John Street, Working Street, Trinity Street and Hills Street, in the heart of the shopping area. Highlights include bespoke jewellery, wooden turned gifts, original artworks, hand-made quilts and textiles, fused glass work, and hand thrown ceramics, not to mention a feast of seasonal food and drink.



## 14 CARDIFF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IN THE SPIEGELTENT

1 DEC - 24 DEC, CARDIFF CASTLE  
BUY TICKETS ONLINE

Hosted in a Spiegeltent in Sophia Gardens, it's the ultimate Bohemian cabaret and music venue. Built from wood, cut mirrors, canvas, and glass. With three shows, this spectacular setting will offer something for everyone. Buy tickets now for Santa's Wish; a heart-warming musical, Castellana; a sensational blend of cabaret, burlesque, and comedy (age 16+), Welsh of the West End; featuring musical theatre favourites and Christmas classics, My My! ABBA - paying homage to the original Swedish sensation and a Christmas Cracker Comedy Night.



## THE CARDIFF BAY SNOW TRAIL

1 DEC - 7 JAN, CARDIFF BAY  
FREE ACTIVITY

Returning for its second year, The Cardiff Bay Snow Trail will melt hearts this Christmas. Brought to you by the Waterfront Partners, this free trail invites everyone to get out and about in Cardiff Bay to track down eight snow-themed characters. There'll be a chance to pocket a prize every week, and if you work out the festive word, you could win a fantastic family day in the Bay! Find out more on our website.



## VISIT CARDIFF CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

Have friends or relatives who are impossible to buy for? Fear not, the Visit Cardiff team have put together a guide of some of the best gifts the City has to offer. Scan the QR code and check out our blog.



## MEALS OUT AND FESTIVE PARTIES

Delicious food and drink is a huge part of Christmas and Cardiff is jam-packed with restaurants to suit every taste and budget. Scan the QR code to check out our food and drink guide.

