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EXPLORE CARDIFF



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ABOUT CARDIFF...

- **Cardiff is the Capital City of Wales**
- **Currency:** Pound Sterling
- **Population:** 362,800
- **Telephone Code:** country code: 44, area code: 029
- **Time Zone:** GMT (GMT+1 in summertime)
- **Languages:** English and Welsh
- **Twinned with:** Nantes, France; Stuttgart, Germany; Xiamen, China; Vestland, Norway; Lugansk, Ukraine.
- **Distance from London:** Under 2 hours by rail and approx. 3 hours by car.
- **Major Airports:** Cardiff Airport is only 25 minutes from the city centre. Bristol Airport is within an hour's drive away and London Heathrow accessible within a 3 hours' drive.
- **Cardiff Airport Transfers:** T9 Airport Express to Cardiff city centre runs every 30 minutes during the day, 7 days a week.



DID YOU KNOW THAT...



WELSH IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND IS **SPOKEN BY 19%** OF THE POPULATION



CARDIFF IS ONLY 45 MILES FROM THE **BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK**



The Principality Stadium is the biggest stadium with a closed roof in Europe



The National Museum Cardiff is home to one Europe's finest art collections



Cardiff Castles' lavish interiors are designed by the genius architect William Burges



Its home to 7 unique Victorian and Edwardian arcades



Cardiff International White Water is an Olympic standard rafting facility



Cardiff's' old dockland, is now a with a 200-hectare fresh water lake

SEE & DO CITY CENTRE



The City Centre is jam-packed full of great things to explore...

CARDIFF CASTLE

Cardiff Castle is one of Wales' leading heritage attractions, and is not to be missed. Be sure to take a tour around the Castle grounds and the spectacular Victorian living quarters. Along the way, discover more about the Bute family - once the richest industrialists in the world!

NATIONAL MUSEUM CARDIFF

A bit of a history buff? Don't forget to visit the National Museum Cardiff. Prepared to be blown away by one Europe's finest art collections, natural history and geology collections, and temporary exhibitions. Did we mention admission is free?

PRINCIPALITY STADIUM TOURS

No trip to Cardiff is complete without at least one rugby activity, so why not put the Principality Stadium on your list? Learn about the inner workings of the 74,000-seater ground; home to

Welsh Rugby. Join a behind the scenes tour, including the pressroom and VIP hospitality suites.

BUTE PARK

Fan of a tranquil, leisurely stroll? Bute Park offers an extensive area of mature parkland in the heart of the city centre, boasting numerous natural play features, an education centre and a wealth of horticulture and wildlife. Re-fuel half-way with a coffee and a bite to eat in one of the cafes.

TOP TIP



Are you celebrating a special occasion? Take to the skies and experience the city from above with Whizzard Helicopters!





SEE & DO - CARDIFF BAY



What a difference a Bay makes! Once industrial docklands, it is now a vibrant waterfront around a scenic freshwater lake. Stroll around and admire at the public art, enjoy the picturesque view from the Barrage, or nature at the Wetlands Reserve.

TECHNIQUEST

Discover Science at Techniquest and get lost in two floors of mind-boggling exhibits where you can launch a rocket, sink an oil rig, move half a ton of granite and still have energy for a spot of stargazing. Best of all, it's fun for both adults and kids!

WALES MILLENNIUM CENTRE

Take a peek inside the Wales Millennium Centre, one of the world's most iconic arts and cultural destinations. Take a look at their 'What's On' guide to see what shows are on during your stay, or join one of the regular behind-the-scenes backstage tours.

CARDIFF INTERNATIONAL WHITE WATER

If you're feeling adventurous try rafting, canoeing, paddle boarding or indoor body boarding at the premium adventure centre. Or if that's too energetic, then grab a drink and relax in the café and watch everyone else get wet in the rapids.

THE SENEDD

Want to find out more about how Wales is governed? The Senedd, the Parliament for the people of Wales, is open for visitors and houses the debating chamber and committee rooms; you can even listen to the discussions from the public gallery.

TOP TIP



Head to Waterfront for a variety of boat trips - whizz around the Bay on a speedboat or go for a relaxing tour



EAT & DRINK- CITY CENTRE



Cardiff is the ideal destination for experiencing diverse dishes with a Welsh twist. To help with your decision, here are some particular hot-spots...

MILL LANE

One of the city's most popular locations for delicious food and stylish cocktails. For food, why not try **Pitch Bar & Eatery**, a fun, friendly spot to savour the flavor of Wales, dishes made with local produce. Or, experience Sri Lankan street food at **the Coconut Tree**, serving dishes going back generations. Don't end the night there, open until 6am, is **Ten Mill Lane**, serving exquisite cocktails with a party atmosphere!

CASTLE QUARTER

Cardiff's High Street has quickly become a bustling area with independent cocktail bars and delicious casual dining restaurants. If wine is your thing, check out **Fly by Night** – one of Cardiff's most 'instagrammable' bars! For a flaming atmosphere and creative darkly decadent **The Alchemist**. Feeling peckish? Try modern cuisine with French and New York influences at **The Potted Pig**, did we mention you'll be dining in an underground former bank vault?

CITY OF ARCADES

Cardiff is home to seven unique Victorian and Edwardian arcades, where you'll be spoilt for choice with more than 100 local eateries and retailers to choose from. If you're a gin or rum connoisseur try the contemporary bars **Gin & Juice** and **Rum and Fizz** in the Castle Arcade. Start your day right with brunch at the popular **Uncommon Ground** in the Royal Arcade. Or, with its own in store bakery, **Waterloo Tea** in the Wyndham Arcade is a tasty choice.

CARDIFF MARKET

It is the beating heart of the city, where you can taste fresh produce, alongside warm, local charm. Trading since the 1700s, the Market is still filled with local independent businesses selling traditional Welsh cuisine, artisan coffee and street food like **Ffwrnnes Pizza**. No trip to Cardiff is complete without sampling a Welsh cake from **Cardiff Bakestones**. Need a Vegan option? Don't forget to try the delicious menu at **The Greenery**.



TOP TIP



Explore Cardiff's thriving food scene and take a food tour with Loving Welsh Food.



EAT & DRINK- CARDIFF BAY



EAT & DRINK



MERMAID QUAY

For dinner with a water view, Mermaid Quay is hard to beat with more than 30 restaurants, cafes and bars. With dishes taking inspiration from the day's market produce, **Bayside Brasserie** offers a balanced mix of European dishes. Looking for something more casual? **Cosy Club** opens for delicious brunches - through to cocktails until late in the evening. Or **Coffi Co**, with its envious waterfront location and unique vibe, is one of the best places in the city to relax with a coffee.

RED DRAGON CENTRE

If you're visiting with family, we know the perfect place to dine! Visit the Red Dragon Centre for big brand favourites favourites such as **Bella Italia** and **Five Guys**. Feeling hungry? With two 'all you can eat' restaurants **Spice Route** and **Oriental Garden** it should satisfy anyone's appetite. **Don't forget it's also your one stop destination for entertainment boasting an iMAX cinema and bowling alley!**

ENTERTAINMENT



EVERYMAN CINEMA

Movie night with a difference, swap your soft drink for a nice glass of red wine and a slice of freshly made pizza served to your seat. You'll find a warm and friendly atmosphere, an excellent food and drink selection and fantastic customer service. Enjoy a wide array of mainstream, independent and classic films.

GLEE CLUB

Head here for live comedy, music and special events. It's the home of stand-up comedy, with regular mixed-bill weekend shows and big names on tour with their solo shows. You'll find inspiring music gigs, spoken word & talks events. Not forgetting cabaret and burlesque shows!



TOP TIP



Fancy a sample of what the city has to offer? Be sure to visit Cardiff International Food & Drink Festival in Cardiff Bay - it's always run for 3 days in July.

CARDIFF – WHERE TO STAY



When it comes to accommodation Cardiff has it all, so whether you're looking for 5-star luxury or beds on a budget we've got you covered.

BIG BRANDS

Like to stick with what you know? Cardiff has many globally recognised brands bursting with high quality bedrooms and facilities, all topped off with a warm Welsh welcome - including the Hilton, the Radisson, the Marriott and more!

BOUTIQUE HOTELS

Looking for something unique, but still want all of the amenities? Cardiff has many stylish boutique hotels - from the established Jolyons in the Bay, to the Pontcanna Inn in one of the city's tree lined neighborhoods.

SPA HOTELS

Whether you're celebrating or you just want a treat, stay at one of Cardiff's many spa hotels. If you like the hustle and bustle of the city then the Park Plaza and Marriot are perfect. Want to escape to the country? Just a short drive away you will find the award winning Vale Resort and Spa.

DOG FRIENDLY HOTELS

Don't leave your furry friend at home. Did you know that many of the hotels in Cardiff welcome pets as well as humans?

BUDGET HOTELS

Travelling on a tight budget? No problem, Cardiff is often voted one of the best value cities in the UK. Home to many budget hotels located centrally, no need to account for the added taxi fares!

HOSTELS

Hostels are a great way to explore new cities, and offer a sense of community you wouldn't usually find in hotels. Try the YHA if you are in a large group, or if you are a solo traveler then The Riverhouse Backpackers in the shadow of the Principality Stadium, and Mrs Potts on the busy St Marys' Street are ideal.

SELF CATERING

For a home-away-from-home, why not stay at one of the city's serviced apartments? They are great for both short city breaks or longer stays. A Space in the City offer a hassle-free booking process with modern and beautifully decorated rooms.

CAMPsites

How many cities can say they have a campsite in the city centre?! Cardiff Caravan & Camping Park is just around the corner from the Sophia Gardens Stadium - and a short walk from Cathedral Road with traditional pubs popular with locals.

For full accommodation listings head to visitcardiff.com/stay



KEY EVENT GUIDE



Cardiff's annual events calendar is crammed with exciting events! Why not plan your stay around your favourite and join in the fun with us?

SPRING

RHS FLOWER SHOW CARDIFF Bute Park

Join us in kick-starting your gardening year! Bute Park will be brimming with colours and scents of spring. Discover seasonal ideas for your garden, stunning floral displays, fabulous shopping and fun family activities.

CARDIFF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL City Centre

Putting Cardiff on the literature map, Kids Lit Fest is Ideal for all those who love children's books- authors and illustrators make words and pictures come to life across all city centre venues.



SUMMER

TAFWYL

Cardiff Castle

Tafwyl is the capital's annual Welsh language arts & culture festival. It's a free party for everyone bringing the biggest names in Welsh arts, culture and sport – complete with delicious street food!



CARDIFF INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL Cardiff Bay

The biggest street food event in Wales, alongside local producers, farmers markets and craft stalls, all against a backdrop of live music, the foodie event of the summer is not to be missed! The best bit... it free to enter!

CAPITAL FM CARDIFF BAY BEACH Cardiff Bay

Every summer Cardiff Bay is transformed into a colorful seaside setting as the Cardiff Bay Beach Festival brings buckets full of fun to entertain the kids. Entry is free with additional charges for facilities on site.

PRIDE CYMRU

City Hall Lawns

Why not don your favourite rainbow outfit, dose yourself in glitter and join us in a celebration of inclusivity and diversity?

SPEEDWAY

The best riders in the world go wheel-to-wheel in a cauldron of noise at Britain's biggest indoor motorsport event at the Principality Stadium. The annual event roars into Cardiff with an action-packed fan zone on City Hall lawn. Prepare for jaw-dropping stunt performances, free running shows, official SGP autograph sessions, Monster Energy entertainment and live music!





| AUTUMN

SWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

SWN is Cardiff's behemoth multi-venue music festival, supporting rising stars and bringing special guests to the Welsh capital. This festival brings hundreds of bands and artists to the capital city. If your idea of a good time is nipping in between multiple cosy venues across the city, grabbing the odd pint here and there and watching some of the best local and national rising stars, then this is the festival for you.

CARDIFF HALF MARATHON

Think you've got what it takes? The Cardiff half is one of the UK's biggest and best road races, the 13.1 mile course boasts scenes of the most iconic landmarks with beautiful scenery and historic buildings.

AUTUMN INTERNATIONALS

Principality Stadium

Got rugby-fever? Join us at the Principality Stadium as we play host to the big games like Wales v New Zealand or South Africa (tickets available with the WRU). Don't have a ticket? The city atmosphere is an event in itself! Just enjoy the drinks, music and Welsh welcome in the many pubs and bars around the stadium.

| WINTER

6 NATIONS RUGBY

The Six Nations Championship is an annual international men's rugby union competition between the teams of England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, and Wales. Depending on the year, Wales play host to two or three home games in the Championship – head down to the Principality Stadium and experience the electric atmosphere for yourself!



CARDIFF CHRISTMAS MARKETS

With rows of beautifully decorated wooden stalls laid out in the pedestrian heart of the city centre, it's often voted one of the best UK markets. You can be assured that you will be purchasing original work from each and every one of the talented makers: bespoke silver jewellery, original artwork across all mediums, beautiful fused glass work, hand thrown ceramics, handmade quilts and textiles, to name just a few.



WINTER WONDERLAND

City Hall Lawns

Cardiff is transformed into a winter wonderland every November, complete with an open air, covered ice rink and Christmas fair. The rink, which has been named as the best regional rink in the UK, stays open until late every evening. Enjoy entertainment, live music and fairground rides!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT CARDIFF'S WINTER WONDERLAND City Hall Lawns

Skate in the New Year on the Ice Rink at Cardiff's Winter Wonderland, enjoy the live music, fun fair and be in a prime position to watch the spectacular midnight firework display after the big count down.

Check out our **'What's on'** webpage for dates and times.



DISCOVER - SHOPPING



Calling all shop-a-holics! As a shopping destination Cardiff has it all: department stores, designer brands and high street favourites. The beauty of shopping in Cardiff is that the majority of it is close together and pedestrianised, it won't take you long to walk around!

CARDIFF ARCADES

The real highlights of the retail scene are the Victorian and Edwardian arcades, full of independent shops and cafes, and even worth a visit just for a look at the amazing architecture! Jian Chen's FINE ART sells whimsical, colourful paintings of Cardiff scenes – why not take a little piece of the 'Diff home with you?

CARDIFF MARKET

Cardiff Market is an impressive Victorian structure, and has been trading since the 1700s. Under the striking glass roof you will find a wealth of products including street food, artisan coffee, vintage clothing, and fresh produce. Why not take a look

around Kelly's Records on the upper balcony? Founded in 1969, it sells rare and collectible vinyl – you might just find a hidden gem!

ST DAVID'S SHOPPING CENTRE

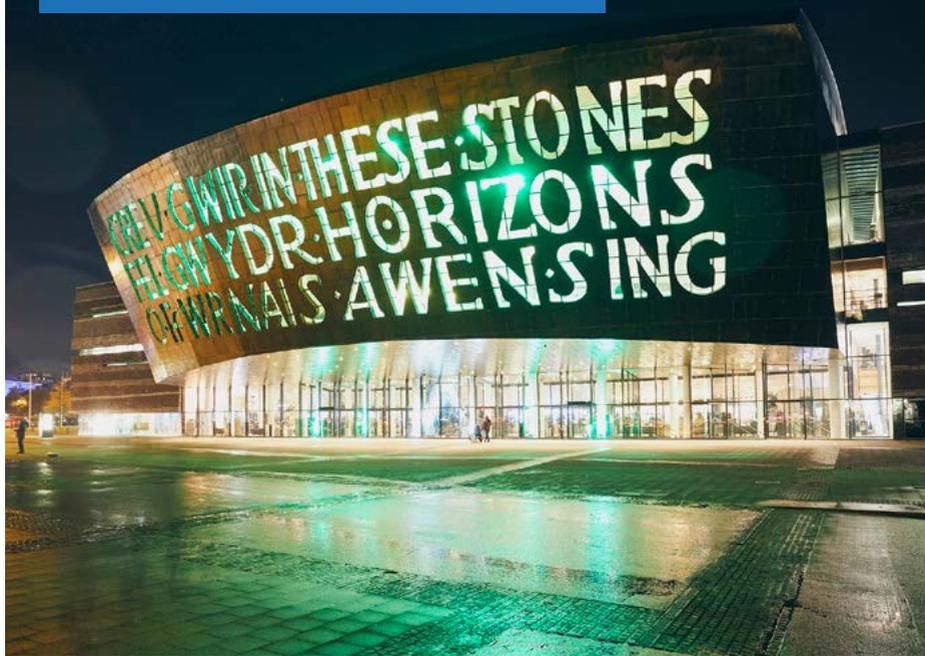
Shop until you drop, all under one roof, at St David's Dewi Sant Shopping Centre. St David's is Wales' leading shopping destination, with 40 million shoppers pouring through the doors each year. Its has a mix of designer brands and the best of the high street makes St David's the perfect place to indulge a passion for fashion.

QUEEN STREET

Looking for Cardiff's answer to Oxford Street? Explore the pedestrianized areas of Queen Street and The Hayes to find a range of the nation's favorite high street names and retail giants. Or head indoors to the Queen's Arcade, home to a fantastic selection of big name brands and unique independent retailers.



DISCOVER - THEATRE & SHOWS



If you're into your music, Cardiff is the destination for you. With a diverse range of genres and venues, there's something here for everyone.

ST DAVID'S HALL

Right in the City Centre, St David's Hall boasts an impressive 2000-seat concert hall, with a visually stunning auditorium, the perfect place to hear your favourite classical music.

WALES MILLENNIUM CENTRE

Have a passion for performing arts? Wales Millennium Centre is one of the world's most iconic arts and cultural destinations, take a look at their 'What's On' guide to find out which west-end production is visiting the City.

MOTORPOINT ARENA

Don't forget to check out what shows the Motorpoint Arena are playing host to, it's an excellent multi-purpose venue, hosting live music, comedy shows and world class sporting events! With a seating capacity of 5000, it attracts big names, but boasts the atmosphere of more intimate venues.

ROYAL WELSH COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND DRAMA

Follow in the footsteps of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama alumni, including Rob Brydon and Anthony Hopkins by visiting. Catch a performance here and experience its exceptional talent of renowned musicians, artists and companies.

TOP TIP



Did you know that Cardiff is home to a vast amount of independent arts and music venues? From The Gate Arts Centre in Roath to Clwb iFor Bach on Womanby Street, there's something for everyone! Check out our website for more information.



DISCOVER - A SPORTING CITY



Cardiff has been put on the sporting map thanks to the 2015 Rugby World Cup, 2017 UEFA Champions League Finals, the 2018 Volvo Ocean Race, and the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup. Whether you want to watch or play, Cardiff's sporting offer is hard to beat! Why not book a VIP tour of their home ground the Principality stadium, it's been described as the "best rugby venue in the world"!

WALES RUGBY UNION

Probably one of the teams you most associate with Cardiff. The Capital City is home to Wales' regional Rugby Team. Why not book a VIP tour of the stadium, it's been described as the "best rugby venue in the world" - certainly not to be missed.

CARDIFF BLUES

The Cardiff Blues are a successful professional rugby union team, competing in the Guinness PRO14s and playing their home games at Cardiff Arms Park. The passionate Blues fans flock to Arms Park to watch their matches under the shadow of the Principality Stadium.

CARDIFF CITY FC

Cardiff City FC has over 100 years of history, known affectionately by its fans as the Bluebirds. Since 2009, they have played their home matches at Cardiff City Stadium, with a sell-out capacity of 33,316. Fancy going pitch-side and visiting the dugout for yourself? Tours are available, book in advance.

CARDIFF DEVILS

Let's go Devils, let's go! See a match and you'll soon be singing this chant in your sleep. The Devils are a professional Elite League Ice Hockey team and play their home matches at the Viola Arena. If you want to experience a very different kind of sporting event, head down there and try chuck-a-puck challenges and get ready to dance to a good tune each time a team scores!

GLAMORGAN CRICKET

Cardiff is no stranger to cricket, we played host to the ICC Cricket World Cup in 2019. We're also home to Glamorgan Cricket, the only first-class cricket club in Wales and play their home matches at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff City Centre. #GoGlam!



GETTING HERE – HOW TO FIND US



Cardiff is an easily accessible city; with so many ways to travel here, there's really no excuse for not paying us a visit!

BY AIR

Cardiff Airport offers direct flights to cities including Edinburgh, Belfast, Dublin, Paris, Amsterdam, Munich, Geneva, Barcelona, Milan, Venice, and Rome, as well as connecting routes to more than 900 destinations worldwide.

Getting from Cardiff Airport...

- Trawscymru operates the **T9 express bus service between Cardiff Airport and Cardiff** every 20 minutes during the day, 7 days a week.
- **Flightlink Wales** offers reliable airport shuttle services, either exclusive or shared, taking you directly from the arrivals hall to your hotel.

BY RAIL

- Cardiff is under two hours from London by train, with services every 30 minutes.
- **Cardiff Central Station** is very conveniently located in the city, close to shops, restaurants, and many hotels, as well as top attractions.

BY ROAD

- Cardiff is easily accessible via the M4 motorway
- From the Midlands, the North of England and Scotland, drive via the M6, M5 and M50/M4.
- From the South and South West of England the approach is by the M5 and M4.
- Access from West Wales is by the M4.

PARK & RIDE

Cardiff has three Park & Ride sites and these can be an easier option than trying to park in the city centre. Visit Cardiff Council's Park & Ride webpage for more details.

BY SEA

If you're lucky enough to have your own boat, and you plan to sail into Cardiff Bay, there are short-term moorings in the local marinas. To find out more about day and overnight mooring locations – and the procedures to enter the Bay via the Barrage visit the Harbour authority website.



GETTING AROUND THE CITY



ON FOOT

Cardiff is a compact, flat city. Large parts, including the major shopping streets are pedestrianised, so it's easy to get by walking. Why not explore one of Cardiff's traffic-free footpaths, including the incredible Taff Trail which runs for nearly 60 miles from Cardiff Bay, all the way to Brecon? For maps visit our website

BY BUS

Cardiff Bus runs an extensive system throughout Cardiff and the local area, travelling to Penarth and Barry. To pay by cash you need the exact change. You can also pay by contactless card. To view the latest timetables and prices, visit cardiffbus.com or search Cardiff Bus in your app store.

Stagecoach runs services to surrounding areas such as Caerphilly, Tongwynlais and the Valleys. NAT runs services within Cardiff and surrounding areas.

TOP TIP



For information on all public transport in Wales, visit traveline.cymru

TRAINS

Cardiff Central is the main transport hub for trains around the region. Hop on board a Transport for Wales service to explore attractions outside of the city including Barry Island, the Welsh Mining Experience in the Rhondda, and Caerphilly Castle. For Cardiff Bay, regular shuttle services operate between Cardiff Queen Street Station and Cardiff Bay every 12 minutes.

BY BIKE

Cardiff is flat, compact and easily negotiated by bike. You'll find plenty of bike racks around the city centre and cycle paths like the Taff Trail provide traffic-free routes. Organisations such as Keeping Cardiff Moving & Sustrans have useful information on bike hire and safe routes.

WATER BUS

Travelling by boat is an exciting way to get between the city centre and Cardiff Bay. Hop on board at Bute Park, near Cardiff Castle and the Holiday Inn hotel, and sail down the river until you reach Cardiff Bay. You can catch the **Princess Katharine from the City Centre and Cardiff Bay**. Visit cardiffboat.com for further information.



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CARDIFF?

THE FOLLOWING FUN FACTS MAY SURPRISE TO YOU...

- The Welsh on the front of the Wales Millennium Centre is '**Creu Gwir fel gwydr o ffwrnais awen, meaning 'Creating truth like glass from the furnace of inspiration'**'. All materials used in the construction were sourced from around Wales.
- Roald Dahl Plass in Cardiff Bay is named after the Cardiff born author **Roald Dahl**. Did you know he was also baptised in the **Norwegian Church**?
- The world's **first £1million deal** was signed in Cardiff's Coal Exchange in 1907.
- Cardiff is a city of parks and has **more green space per person than any other UK core city**.
- Over 100 years ago, **Captain Scott left Cardiff for ill-fated journey** to the South Pole.
- Cardiff is home to the **world's oldest record store - Spillers**, which opened in 1894.
- One of the most infamous pirates, **Henry Morgan, was born in Llanrumney** in Cardiff in 1635.
- Guglielmo Marconi successfully transmitted the **world's first radio signals across water** between Flat Holm and Lavernock near Cardiff in 1897.
- The creator of the Daleks (no, not Davros), **Terry Nation was born in Cardiff**.
- **The Senedd is one of the most ecological buildings in Wales** and one of the most ecological Parliamentary buildings in the world. 1000 tonnes of slate was used in and around the building from Cwt-y-Bugail Quarry in the Ffestiniog area, North Wales.



NEED A BIT OF GUIDANCE WHILST IN THE CITY?



TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Whether it's your first time in Cardiff or your one-hundred-and-first, the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) is there to help.

The TIC offers everything from help with bus timetables and booking accommodation, to providing useful maps and leaflets. The friendly, multilingual and knowledgeable team will provide you with essential information and insider tips to help you make the most of your visit.

It is located within Cardiff Castle's Visitor Centre, just inside the main gate and to the right hand side. You don't need to pay for Castle admission to visit the TIC and, whilst you're there, you can also browse the Castle Gift Shop or get a bite to eat in the Keep Terrace Bistro.

CARDIFF FREE WI-FI

- You can access free Wi-Fi at number of hotspots in Cardiff city centre and Cardiff Bay, as well as on Cardiff Bus. Look for the network called CardiffFreeWifi!

LUGGAGE STORAGE

Most hotels will let you leave your luggage for the day after you've checked out, but there are also a few other options:

- A luggage storage facility is available at the Old Library building, on The Hayes (CF10 1BH). Lockers: Small £5 / Medium £8 / Large £10 (Available 10.00 - 15.30)
- Shop & Drop Lockers are available in St David's shopping centre, near the Information Desk on the Upper Level (CF10 2EF). £1 per locker. You need to collect your items by 20.00 as they're emptied daily.
- Nos Da hostel offers lockers for hire, for a £5 refundable deposit, and free luggage storage (CF11 6AG). This is also available to visitors not staying at the hostel.

CARDIFF IN FILM & TV



Cardiff is well-known for being the setting for many famous TV programmes & Films. Maybe you will see a production being filmed, or recognise some of the locations!

HIS DARK MATERIALS

The Wolf Studios, based in Cardiff, has six stages and for His Dark Materials these were used to create the different countries that you'll find in Philip Pullman's fantasy world. A number of Cardiff streets were also filmed in throughout the series - do you recognise any?

DISCOVERY OF WITCHES

The show was filmed in multiple locations across Cardiff, some of the most noteworthy include Cardiff Market, Insole Court and The Exchange Hotel.

DOCTOR WHO

If you visit Cardiff as a Dr. Who fan you can play 'spot the location' as so many settings in the city have featured in all of the 12 seasons such as Cardiff Castle, National Museum Cardiff, St. Fagans, and Cardiff Bay.

TORCHWOOD

The BBC series used the silver water tower in Cardiff Bay as the location of the Torchwood headquarters (or at least it was until they blew it to smithereens in the show!). A shine dedicated to one of the characters that died in the series is still in Mermaid Quay.

SHERLOCK

Sherlock has been filmed in many locations across Cardiff such as Cardiff National Museum and Cardiff University. Fun fact - the hallways inside the Cardiff University Main building are the hallways used to represent Sherlock's "mind palace" in the programme.

GAVIN AND STACEY

An obvious choice on the list, Gavin and Stacey is a one of the most popular British TV series of the past 10 years. Although most of the Welsh scenes take place in Barry Island, many scenes have also been filmed in Cardiff locations such as Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay.



TALKIN' TIDY!

As you travel around Cardiff, you will often hear Welsh spoken and see Welsh signs everywhere. Here are some basic Welsh words that you may like to use. Don't be scared, it'll be fun to test out on the locals!

WELSH	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
Croeso	Kroyso	Welcome
Diolch	Deeolk	Thank You
Iechyd Da!	Yekeed dah	Cheers!
Hwyl Fawr	Hoil Vaawr	Good Bye
Bore Da	Borer-Dah	Good Morning
Prynhawn Da	Prin-hown Dah	Good Afternoon
Nos Da	Noss Dah	Good Night
Caerdydd	Kair-deethe	Cardiff

