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National Museums Wales

<https://museum.wales/cardiff>

Free museums telling the story of Wales. In Southern Wales Big Pit National Coal Museum, St Fagan's National Museum of History, National Museum Cardiff and National Roman Legion Museum, Caerleon. Groups must book.

Penarth Pier Pavilion

www.penarthpierpavilion.com

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Visit Penarth Pier Pavilion to enjoy this beautiful art deco building with it's stunning seafront setting. Informal catering can be arranged in the Pavilion's Gallery for up to 100 guests.

Royal Mint www.royalmint.com/the-royal-mint-experience/group-visits

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The Royal Mint – One of Wales top TripAdvisor rated attractions is 'THE' perfect destination for groups of all ages. With a dedicated tourism team, we guarantee you a unique and memorable visit.

Welsh Coal Mining Experience

www.rhonddaheritagepark.com

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Travel back in time with our former miners at Lewis Merthyr Colliery. Guided underground tour, interactive exhibitions, mining memorabilia and more await you.

Zip World Tower/ Cegin Glo

www.zipworld.co.uk/groups/corporate

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At Zip World Tower and Cegin Glo, they offer adventure, great food and a private space for your group to enjoy their visit!

Southern Wales Tourism is a partnership of tourism destinations across SE Wales - from the Wye Valley to Porthcawl - Hirwaun to the Glamorgan Coastline - who work together to promote the Cardiff Capital of Wales region. Partners are Blaenau Gwent CBC, Bridgend CBC, Caerphilly CBC, Cardiff City Council (Visit Cardiff), Monmouthshire CC, Newport City Council, Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, Torfaen Tourism Association and Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Photographs provide by partner organisations, Wales Government/Visit Wales, Over the Bridge to Wales and Mercure Hotel Newport.

Places to stay in Southern Wales

Southern Wales has a wide range of accommodation options – with around 20 CTA member hotels in the region as well as private establishments such as The Parkway Hotel and Spa, Cwmbran (www.parkwayhotelandspa.com), The Angel, Abergavenny (www.angelabergavenny.com), Bryn Meadows near Caerphilly (www.brynmeadows.co.uk) and The Celtic Collection (www.celtic-manor.com) in Newport and Cardiff. There are also numerous smaller hotels suitable for bespoke tours – get in touch with Southern Wales Tourism for more information.

Coach Tourism Association member hotels across Southern Wales include:

Accor Hotels www.all.accor.com

Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa
Mercure Cardiff North
Mercure Newport Hotel
Ibis Cardiff Gate and Cardiff Centre
Ibis Budget Newport
Novotel Cardiff Centre

Best Western www.bestwestern.co.uk

Heronston Hotel and Spa
Pontypool Metro Hotel

Cairn Hotel Group www.cairnhotelgroup.com

The Angel Hotel, Cardiff

Dalata Hotel Group www.dalatahotelgroup.com

Clayton Hotel, Cardiff

Hilton Hotels www.hilton.com

Hilton Cardiff

Jury Inns www.jurysinns.com

Jurys Inn Cardiff

Leisure Plex www.leisureplex.co.uk

Seabank Hotel Porthcawl

LHG Hotels www.ihg.com

Voco St Davids, Cardiff
Holiday Inn Cardiff and Cardiff Centre
Hotel Indigo, Cardiff
Holiday Inn Express, Newport

Marriott www.marriott.co.uk

Cardiff Marriott Hotel
St Pierre Marriott Hotel and Country Club



Coach Services

Newport has many coach drop off points situated in the city centre:

Newport Riverfront Theatre, NP20 1HG

Newport Train Station, NP20 4AX

Newport Bus Station, Kingsway, NP20 1DD

Newport Lorry Park

Newport Lorry Park, is located just off the M4 motorway, in the City Centre. The site has secure 24hr access with free Wi-Fi, shower and toilet facilities and holds up to 60 lorries.

Albany Street, Newport NP20 5NJ

01633 666222

www.newportlorrypark.co.uk

Newport City Truck Stop

Newport City Truck Stop is 6 minutes from M4 Jct 28, 3 minutes off SDR with secure gated parking with 24 hour on-site security guards. This site has shower and toilet facilities.

Maesglas Industrial Estate, Newport NP20 2NS

01633 254662

www.newportcitytruckstop.co.uk

Visit Newport

Visitor Website: www.cityofnewport.wales

Visit enquiries: tourism@newport.gov.uk

Newport is a great base for exploring Southern Wales – within easy reach of the Wye Valley, the city of Cardiff and the beaches of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. It also has lots on its doorstep to explore:

Newport Market – recently renovated, now offering a fascinating collection of retail outlets and an amazing food hall. www.newport-market.co.uk

Riverfront Theatre – a modern arts and entertainment venue on the banks of the River Usk. www.newportlive.co.uk/en/venues/riverfront

Newport Transporter Bridge – a monumental structure with a fascinating past to explore. About to undergo a major renovation that will improve the facilities for all visitors – re opening early 2024.

www.newport.gov.uk/heritage

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Newport Museum and Art Gallery – discover the fascinating story of Newport, including the Chartist Rising of 1839, which played a key part in us all getting the vote. www.newport.gov.uk/heritagemuseum@newport.gov.uk

Newport Ship – follow the conservation of the medieval ship that was discovered whilst build the Riverfront Theatre. www.newport.gov.uk/heritage

Tredegar House and Park – Stunning 17th century home of the Morgan's, showing life above and below stairs, along with stunning gardens and parkland. Operated by National Trust
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tredegar-house.

Caerleon – the Roman town of Isca with Amphitheatre, Baths, Barracks and fascinating Legionary Museum. www.cityofnewport.wales/en/Visit/See-and-do/Caerleon.aspx

Newport Wetlands – discover the unique flora and fauna of the wetlands at this RSPB run site. www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/newport-wetlands
newport-wetlands@rspb.org.uk



Food and Drink Experience Attractions

Hensol Castle Distillery hensolcastledistillery.com

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The UK's only gin distillery in a 17th Century Castle offer a truly unique distillery tour and gin tasting experience.

Penderyn Distillery www.penderyn.wales/tours

Please note that groups of over 20 will need to book their tour via phone or email.

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Groups of over 10 will receive a 10% discount and tours include a guided tour around the distillery, a talk on maturation and two samples of your choice at the tasting bar at the end.

Spirit of Wales Distillery www.spiritofwales.com

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events@spiritofwales.com

The guided tour of our distillery in Newport includes a 1-hour tour, 3 spirit samples on the distillery tour, and a drink from our bar menu. Contact us to book a group of 10 or more people.

White Castle Vineyard www.whitecastlevineyard.com

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Group visits for up to 40 people, Conducted Vineyard tour followed by wine tasting. Optional platter lunches. Conducted Wine tasting.

Wye Valley Meadery www.wyevallymeadery.co.uk

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hey@wyevallymeadery.co.uk

We can offer a to host tour and talk about mead making and beekeeping, both historical and modern, with tasting and the opportunity to buy. Stone baked pizza too.



Southern Wales Attraction Showcase

Blaenavon Heritage Railway www.bhrailway.co.uk

Group contact: John Turton (or Jamie Warner) info@pbry.co.uk

The railway can offer group discounts on standard running days or provide exclusive hire according to group requirements, on application.

Cadw

Cadw operates castles, abbeys and industrial heritage sites across Southern Wales. For information on all Cadw sites www.cadw.gov.wales. The Cadw Tour Operator Scheme gives discounts and support to operators – contact cadwcommercial@gov.wales for details.

Caldicot Castle & Country Park

www.caldicotcastle.co.uk

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Explore the romantic & colourful history of Caldicot Castle & spectacular views of the Severn Estuary through guided tours & relax with refreshments within the Castle walls.

Cardiff Castle www.cardiffcastle.com/group-visits

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In the heart of the city centre, a stone's throw from vibrant shopping and spacious parklands, Cardiff Castle is an ideal destination for groups. In this extraordinary setting, the formidable walls encompass almost 2000 years of history. Here visitors can see a reconstructed Roman fort, an impressive Norman castle, and an extraordinary Victorian Gothic mansion.

Guardian www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/en/visitors/attractions/guardian

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Free entry to Guardian and Heritage Centre. Local guides at a small charge. Refreshments by arrangement. Advanced booking required. 07969 472812

Llancaiach Fawr Manor www.llancaiachfawr.co.uk

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Meet the servants of Colonel Pritchard in our immersive experience of living in 1645. Tours take around 1½ hours, visitors are shown by the dressed in period costumes, speaking the old fashioned English. £6 pp for groups of 25+. Onsite café, restaurant, gift shop, gardens and exhibition.



Nantgarw China Works & Museum

www.nantgarwchinaworksmuseum.co.uk/visit/group-visits

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Discover the story of the best porcelain ever made in Britain. We offer morning or afternoon two hour visits for up to 35 or full day visits with lunch for up to 30.