



Blaenau Gwent

Blaenavon

Bridgend

Caerphilly

Cardiff

Merthyr Tydfil

Monmouthshire

Newport

Rhondda Cynon Taf

Vale of Glamorgan

Monmouthshire is the Food Capital of Wales

and we have a smorgasbord of award-winning food and drink attractions and culinary courses.



Ancre Hill Vineyard

Monmouth. NP25 5HS
Go on a guided tour, eat a Welsh cheese platter lunch or stay at our on-site accommodation.
Offers: Accommodation, Vineyard Tours, Gift Shop, Tastings
01600 714152
www.ancrehillestates.co.uk
info@ancrehillestates.co.uk

Apple County Cider Co.

near Skenfrith. NP25 5NS.
Taste award winning ciders with Ben & buy homemade jams, cordials, local ales, honey & ice creams.
Offers: Tastings, shop, catering.
www.applecountycider.co.uk
hello@applecountycider.co.uk

Baa Brewery

Chepstow. NP16 5PF
Our expert brewers boast over 35 years in the brewing industry.
Offers: Tours & tastings (by appointment).
www.baabrewing.com
info@baabrewing.com

Green & Jenks Gelato House

Monmouth. NP25 3DY
Discover how we make our gelato (from Monmouthshire milk) on our tasting tours.
Offers: Tours & tasting. Catering. Afternoon Tea. Delicious gelato.
www.greenandjenks.com
hello@greenandjenks.com

Kingstone Brewery, Tintern

Near Chepstow. NP16 7NX
Real ale that is unfiltered, uncompromised & unashamedly real.
Offers: Tastings, Brewery Tours, Meals in Tintern Taproom
www.kingstonebrewery.co.uk
info@kingstonebrewery.com

Parva Farm Vineyard, Tintern

Near Chepstow. NP16 6SQ
Visit Wales' oldest vineyard, overlooking historic Tintern in the Wye Valley.
Offers: Vineyard Tours, Gift Shop, Tastings
www.parvafarm.com
parvafarm@hotmail.com

Silver Circle Distillery

Catbrook. NP16 6UL
Meet the producers of Wye Valley Gin, find out how the gin is made and the locally foraged botanicals that go into it
Offers: Distillery tours and tastings, Distil your own gin courses
www.silvercircledistillery.com
hello@silvercircledistillery.com

Sugarloaf Vineyards

Abergavenny. NP7 7LA
This picturesque vineyard nestles amongst the rolling Welsh hills above Abergavenny.
Offers: Accommodation, Vineyard Tours, Gift Shop, Tastings
www.sugarloafvineyard.co.uk
enquiries@sugarloafvineyard.co.uk

Untapped Brewing Co.

Raglan. NP15 2BX.
Learn everything you need to know about our real ales and about us, Martyn and Owen, the two man team that creates them.
Offers: tours and tastings
www.untappedbrew.com
enquiries@untappedbrew.com

White Castle Vineyard

Abergavenny. NP7 8RA .
Produces a variety of quality welsh wines. Visit & experience the beauty & tranquillity of our rural setting.
Offers: Vineyard Tours, Gift Shop, Tastings
www.whitecastlevineyard.com
info@whitecastlevineyard.com

Courses for groups

Culinary Cottage

Abergavenny. NP7 8DL.
Selection of residential and one day cookery courses, catering for students of all abilities.
Offers: Half Day, Full Day and Multi-Day cookery courses
www.theculinarycottage.co.uk
enquiries@theculinarycottage.co.uk

Humble by Nature

Nr Monmouth. NP25 4RP
Based on a working farm in the Wye Valley.
Offers: Cookery, foraging & rural skills classes, private dining.
www.humblebynature.com
info@humblebynature.com

The Abergavenny Baker

Abergavenny. NP7 7PE
In her one day classes, baker Rachael Watson shares her knowledge, skill & enthusiasm for baking beautiful breads from around the world.
www.abergavennybaker.co.uk
abergavennybaker@gmail.com

The Preservation Society

Chepstow. NP16 5QW.
Learn how to make delicious jams, chutneys, pickles and sirops packed with flavour in the heart of the Wye Valley.
www.thepreservationsociety.co.uk
angharad@thepreservationsociety.co.uk

Wye Valley Meadery

Chepstow. NP16 5PF.
We take pride in crafting the very best mead. From the hive to your hand, we care for it tenderly until we release it into the world. Learn how to make mead / how to keep bees.
www.wyevalleymeadery.co.uk
hey@wyevalleymeadery.co.uk

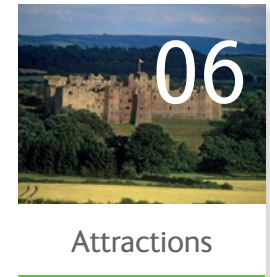


For more producers, pubs, restaurants and foodie events such as the Abergavenny Food Festival, go to www.visitmonmouthshire.com/food-and-drink

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*Hello... Shwmae.... Bonjour.....
Guten Tag.... Hallo... Dia duit*

Welcome (or Croeso as we prefer to say) to Southern Wales

You may already have an idea what to expect from a trip to Southern Wales.

We are split into ten distinctive areas, each with their own character and charm. The areas of Blaenau Gwent, Blaenavon, Caerphilly, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taf are well known for their history and heritage, whilst nearby Monmouthshire is more rural and famed for its fabulous food and drink. Newport and Cardiff are thriving cities with some world class attractions whilst along Bridgend and the Vale of Glamorgan is a mix of coastal resorts, market towns and fabulous countryside.

We have plenty of castles and museums but we also have a National Park, the start of the Wales Coast Path and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

We also have some things you may not associate with us. There are the remains of a Roman amphitheatre and barracks, vineyards producing award winning wine and a great big sculpture, soaring 20 metres into the sky and standing guard over the Valleys below.

Each of our areas has its own guide. So have a flick through this one and then take a look at the companion brochures and before long you'll be planning your trip to Southern Wales.



For more information visit our website
www.visitsouthernwales.org



or contact the tourism team:
tel - **+44 (0)1633 644842**
email - **groups@monmouthshire.gov.uk**

To order group travel brochures for other areas of Southern Wales please contact
+44 (0)845 6002639 or e-mail
brochure@southernwales.com



Discover Monmouthshire

Nestled between the Brecon Beacons National Park and the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the stunning landscape will take your breath away. So too will the majestic castles, dark stary skies, mountain climbs, fabulous food and 360° views.

Situated on the Wales/ England border, this area was once fiercely fought over. Thankfully it's more peaceful today, although reminders of the past turmoil remain with nine castles dotted across the rolling countryside.

There are plenty of other historic buildings. Not least the romantic ruins of Tintern Abbey and the restored Shire Hall in Monmouth, scene of the infamous Chartist trial of 1840.

You can't visit this area without tasting some of Wales' best food and drink. Known as the Food Capital of Wales, Monmouthshire has four vineyards

(all offering tours and tastings), as well as a wide range of high quality eating places - including traditional country pubs and cafés as well as hotels offering award winning teas. There are also nationally acclaimed restaurants, two of which are Michelin starred.

With such great food on offer it's no surprise that we have our own internationally recognised Abergavenny Food Festival, held annually in September.

Look out too for some hidden gems, including Dewstow Gardens (buried under tons of earth for over 50 years until being rediscovered and restored), the Tithe Barn, home of the Abergavenny Tapestry, and St Mary's Priory Church with its historic monuments and medieval carvings.

Attractions

There's lots to see and do in this corner of Southern Wales. Castles, abbeys, museums and delightful country parks set in some truly breath-taking scenery.



Black Rock Lave Net Fishery

Visit the Black Rock Lave Net Fishermen on the Wales Coast Path as they practise their ancient trade. Watch them salmon fishing in the shadow of the Severn Crossing, chat to them about their craft & discover their history at the heritage site.



tel: +44 (0)1633 880494
email: lavenets4wales@msn.com
web: www.blackrocklavenets.co.uk

Caerwent Roman Town

Tribal capital of the Silures (Venta Silurum) in Roman times, enclosed by impressive 17ft 4th century walls. Excavated houses, forum-basilica & Romano-British temple also remain. Car parking, level access to toilet facilities & interpretation panels.



tel: +44 (0)3000 256000
email: cadw@gov.wales
web: cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/caerwent-roman-town

Caldicot Castle

Travel through time from a medieval castle to a Victorian mansion. Set in 55 acres of beautiful parkland with a packed events programme (including medieval banquets) and tea room.



tel: +44 (0)1291 420241
email: caldicotcastle@monmouthshire.gov.uk
web: www.visitmonmouthshire.com/caldicotcastle

Chepstow Racecourse

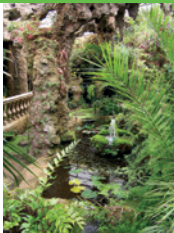
Enjoy a fantastic day out at Wales' premier racecourse, home of the annual Coral Welsh Grand National. With a packed calendar of both racing and other events, there is always something to see and do.



tel: +44 (0)1291 622260
email: info@chepstow-racecourse.co.uk
web: www.chepstow-racecourse.co.uk

Dewstow Gardens

Discover a beautiful lost garden with tunnels, ponds, rills and a labyrinth of underground grottoes, thought lost for half a century.



tel: +44 (0)1291 431020
email: info@dewstowgardens.co.uk
web: www.dewstowgardens.co.uk

Llanthony Priory

Nestled within the beautiful and secluded Ewys Valley, Llanthony Priory is an inspirational site for all who discover it. The Priory Hotel in the grounds offers food and drink to enjoy within this fantastic setting.



tel: +44 (0)3000 256000
email: cadw@gov.wales
web: cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/llanthony-priory

Monmouthshire Castles

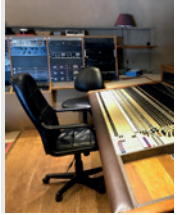
Monmouthshire's history has resulted in plenty of great castles to explore and discover. Here are some of our best: Abergavenny, Caldicot, Chepstow, Grosmont, Monmouth, Raglan, Skenfrith, Usk and White Castle.



tel: +44 (0)1291 623772
email: Chepstow.tic@monmouthshire.gov.uk
web: www.visitmonmouthshire.com/castles

Rockfield Studios

Visit the famous recording studio where Queen recorded 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. Group tours - booking essential.



tel: +44 (0)1600 712449
email: lisaward@rockfieldmusicgroup.com
web: www.rockfieldmusicgroup.com

Old Station, Tintern

Drop in for tea and cake at this idyllic 10 acre site on the banks of the River Wye. Set in a Victorian railway station, the Old Station offers walks, exhibitions, events and the perfect Wye Valley pit stop.



tel: +44 (0)1291 689566
email: oldstationintern@monmouthshire.gov.uk
web: www.visitmonmouthshire.com/oldstationintern

Shire Hall, Monmouth

From Chartist trials to supernatural tours, Shire Hall offers a range of activities in a listed Georgian building. Also, discover the history of Monmouth and its unique Monnow Bridge and Gatehouse with tours starting at Shire Hall.



tel: +44 (0)1600 775257
email: enquiries@shirehallmonmouth.org.uk
web: www.visitmonmouthshire.com/shirehallmonmouth

Monmouthshire Museums

Visit our museums at Abergavenny, Chepstow and Monmouth where the stories of their towns are brought to life through art, displays, costume, artifacts, models & a varied range of exhibitions.



tel: +44 (0)1873 854282
email: abergavennymuseum@monmouthshire.gov.uk
web: www.visitmonmouthshire.com/museums

Tintern Abbey

An inspiration for artists and poets throughout the centuries, Tintern Abbey is the centrepiece of the Wye Valley. It is a fantastically preserved medieval monument set within an area of outstanding natural beauty.



tel: +44 (0)1291 689251
email: tinternabbey@gov.wales
web: cadw.gov.wales/visit/places-to-visit/tintern-abbey

Activities

Get out and enjoy the great outdoors in this beautiful corner of Southern Wales. There are countless options including walks, golf, canal boating, watersports & climbing.

Beacon Park Boats

Luxury narrowboat holidays on the scenic Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal in the Brecon Beacons National Park. Their canal boat trips offer spectacular views across Monmouthshire, through pretty market towns and peaceful countryside.



tel: +44 (0)1873 858277
email: enquiries@beaconparkboats.com
web: www.beaconparkboats.com

Inspire2Adventure

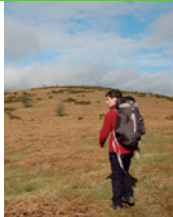
Perfectly located for visitors to Abergavenny, Monmouth & the Wye Valley, we cater for families, youth groups, hen & stag groups, team building events, college/school & adult groups.



tel: +44 (0)1600 891515
email: info@inspire2adventure.com
web: www.inspire2adventure.com

Borderlands Outdoor

Choose from rock climbing, abseiling, caving, bushcraft, archery and more. Half day, full day and multi-day adventures suitable for groups.



tel: +44 (0)7850 135869
email: info@borderlandsoutdoor.com
web: www.borderlandsoutdoor.com

Celtic Trails

Celtic Trails organise the highest quality walking and hiking holidays. Set your own pace guided by our easy-to-follow route notes and maps. Enjoy the complete sense of freedom that travelling on foot brings.



tel: +44 (0)1291 689774
email: info@celtic-trails.com
web: www.celtic-trails.com

Goytre Wharf

Activity hub on the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal. Hire a canal boat for the day, take a scenic walk or cycle ride along the canal or take some time out for fishing. Refresh at our onsite café & coffee bar.



tel: +44 (0)1873 880516
email: abclg@goytrewharf.com
web: www.goytrewharf.com

MonLife Outdoor Adventure

Try canoeing, archery, climbing, caving, hiking & more at our two outdoor centres in the Monmouthshire countryside. We're ideally placed to access the Wye Valley & Brecon Beacons with accommodation on site.



tel: +44 (0)1600 752000
email: info@gwentoutdoorcentres.org.uk
web: monlife.co.uk/outdoor/outdoor-education/activities



Llandegfedd Reservoir

Escape the bustle of modern life at the 434 acre Llandegfedd Reservoir. Enjoy kayaking, sailing and other water sports, walk the 2 miles of footpaths or enjoy the views with cake at our new visitor centre.



tel: +44 (0)1633 373401
email: llandegfedd@dwrcymru.com
web: www.llandegfedd.co.uk

Monmouthshire Golf Courses

Enjoy 'golf as it should be' in Monmouthshire with six legendary courses. A mix of courses, lengths & difficulties across the county, from the hills of Abergavenny to the Gwent levels near Chepstow.



web: www.visitmonmouthshire.com/golf

Monmouth Canoe & Activity Centre

Take in the stunning sights of the Wye Valley from the water, with our modern range of canoes and kayaks. Paddle up to 100 miles through Hay-on-Wye, Hereford, Monmouth & Tintern.



tel: +44 (0)1600 716083
email: monmouthcanoe@hotmail.com
web: www.monmouthcanoe.co.uk

Way2Go Adventures

Based in the beautiful Wye Valley, we offer guided trips, canoe, kayak and sea kayaking catering for families, groups, individuals and parties.



tel: +44 (0)1594 800908
email: active@way2goadventures.co.uk
web: www.way2goadventures.co.uk



Start/Finish of Wales Coast Path, Chepstow

Monmouthshire

Accommodation

Grand country houses, cosy rural retreats and high quality independent hotels mean that there is plenty of choice for you.

The Beaufort Hotel

We warmly welcome coach parties - 25 bedrooms. We can offer refreshments/ meal stops for groups of up to 90 people.

Free lunch / overnight accommodation for the coach driver.



tel: +44 (0)1600 715577
email: info@thebeauforthotel.co.uk
web: www.beauforthotelchepstow.com

Cwrt Bleddyn Hotel

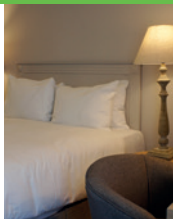
Looking after guests expertly since the 16th century. Over 45 en-suite rooms with magnificent views over surrounding countryside. Experience a delicious Afternoon Tea in the new Laura Ashley Tea Room opened 2019.



tel: +44 (0)1633 450521
email: bookings@cwrtbleddyn.co.uk
web: www.cwrtbleddyn.co.uk

The Abergavenny Hotel

The Abergavenny Hotel is a charming Victorian building set close to the centre of the historic market town of Abergavenny. The hotel houses 20 guestrooms, and an eclectically-styled bar where continental breakfast is served.



tel: +44 (0)1873 859050
email: info@angelabergavenny.com
web: www.abergavennyhotel.com

Ty Hotels

This newly-built hotel is a convenient base, located just off the M4 in the charming town of Magor. Just a short drive from Newport city centre and within 25 miles of Cardiff. The hotel has bar and restaurant facilities, including a fitness room.



tel: +44 (0)1633 749999
Email: tyhotelbookings@celtic-manor.com
web: www.celtic-manor.com/hotels-lodges/ty-hotel

St. Pierre Marriott Hotel & Country Club

Nestled in 400 acres of countryside, the hotel was once a 14th century manor house. Ideally located in Chepstow, the hotel is perfectly placed for exploring the Wye Valley, Monmouthshire, and the rest of Southern Wales.



tel: +44 (0)1291 625261
email: stpierre.events@marriotthotels.co.uk
web: www.marriott.com

The Angel Hotel

Historic coaching inn and serviced cottage with stylish restaurant. Close to Abergavenny castle, market and independent shops. Won the Tea Guild's 'Top City and Country Hotel Award' for Afternoon Tea. Near Shaun Hill's Michelin-starred Walnut Tree.



tel: +44 (0)1873 857121
email: info@angelabergavenny.com
web: www.angelabergavenny.com

Monmouthshire's lucky to have so many wonderful gardens to visit, excellent opportunities to buy plants, and places with beautiful gardens to stay.

Gardens to Visit

Dewstow Gardens & Grottoes, Caerwent, Near Chepstow

This amazing place is Monmouthshire's lost garden. It's the largest and most important Pulham site in Wales and the astonishing Grade 1 listed garden is far more extensive and complex than originally thought.

Tel: +44 1291 430444
Email: info@dewstowgardens.co.uk
Website: www.dewstowgardens.co.uk

High Glanau, Lydart, Near Monmouth

The second of Monmouthshire's Arts and Crafts gardens laid out by H Avray Tipping in 1922. Original features include impressive stone terraces with far reaching views over the Vale of Usk to the Blorenge, Skirrid, Sugarloaf and Brecon Beacons.

Tel: +44 (0)1600 860005

Llanover Garden

Eight generations have lived at Llanover, caring for the garden & plants since 1792 when it was created by Benjamin Waddington, the father of Lady Llanover (who championed Welsh traditions, language, music, literature and livestock).

Tel: +44 (0)7753423635
email: elizabeth@llanover.com
Website: www.llanovergarden.co.uk

The Nelson Garden

Hidden away in the centre of Monmouth is a small walled town garden which was visited by Lord Nelson in 1802.

www.visitmonmouthshire.com/gardens

Usk in Bloom

Winner of Wales in Bloom for 38 consecutive years. In 2018 Usk beat global competition to win the Communities in Bloom international competition. Winner of the Wales in Bloom Large Village 2019. Discover a town bursting with flowers & greenery.

Website: www.uskinbloom.org.uk

Usk Open Gardens Weekend

Usually held on the last weekend in June, Usk Open Gardens Weekend allows visitors to view over 20 private gardens. Usk in Bloom volunteers have won their Wales in Bloom category for over 30 years. One of the most spectacular gardens surrounds the medieval Usk Castle - an absolute must to visit at any time of year.

Website: www.uskopengardens.com

Veddw House, Devauden, Near Chepstow

This modern romantic garden has been created by garden writer Anne Wareham and photographer Charles Hawes and has been featured in many gardening magazines. A favourite part with visitors is the dramatic reflecting pool.

Tel: +44 (0)1291 650836
Email: anne@veddw.co.uk
Website: www.veddw.co.uk

Wye Valley Sculpture Garden, Tintern, Near Chepstow.

Enjoy a series of sculptures positioned harmoniously around this tranquil garden, nestled on a sunny slope in the Lower Wye Valley. Abundant herbaceous borders, a pond, woodland area, orchard & meadows provide a rich habitat for wildlife.

Tel: +44 (0)1291 689253
www.wyevalleysculpturegarden.co.uk

Garden Centres and Nurseries

Usk Garden Centre

www.uskgardencentre.co.uk
(on site restaurant)

Border Nurseries

www.bordernurseries.com

Raglan Garden Centre

www.raglangardencentre.co.uk
(Sugarloaf restaurant on site)

Nantyduffy Garden Centre

www.nantyduffygc.co.uk

Chepstow Garden Centre

www.chepstowgardencentre.co.uk
(The Garden Restaurant & Caf  on site)

Crown Hill Nursery & Floral Workshop

www.crownhillnursery.co.uk

Secret Garden

www.thesecretgardenwales.co.uk
(Sally's Tea Rooms)

The Willows Garden Centre

www.willowsgardencentre.co.uk

Garden Schools and Courses

Arne Maynard

RHS Chelsea Flower Show garden designer
www.arnemaynard.com

Llanover Garden School

Specialist plantsmen and garden writers are invited to lead courses
www.llanovergarden.co.uk



For further information including dates and times of opening, please visit www.visitmonmouthshire.com/gardens

Refreshment Stops

Take time out from your tour to enjoy a spot of lunch or a refreshing tea or coffee at one of the many cafés, pubs or restaurants throughout the region.

Abbey Mill Restaurant, Tintern



Enjoy home baked cakes & Tintern's Infamous Dragon Pie® (made from locally grown dragons) on the banks of the river Wye, at Tintern Abbey's original mill site.

Tintern, NP16 6SE
www.abbeymill.com

Morris' Restaurant at Usk Garden Centre



Restaurant set in the garden centre using local and Welsh products wherever possible. Offers indoor or outdoor seating with disabled access.

Usk, NP15 1TG
www.uskgardencentre.co.uk

Chepstow Tourist Information Centre



Pop in to our upcycled café for cake and coffee and to buy local produce. Group tastings – booking essential.

Chepstow, NP16 5EY
www.visitmonmouthshire.com/visitor-information

Green & Jenks Gelato House



Offering Italian style ice cream from locally sourced ingredients, with homemade sandwiches, cakes, coffee & more, Green & Jenks is an ideal stop.

Monmouth, NP25 3DY
www.greenandjenks.com

Sugarloaf Café at Raglan Garden Centre



Restaurant offering home cooked foods using the finest local produce. Enjoy panoramic views, whether seated on our terrace or within our refurbished dining area.

Raglan, NP15 2BH
www.raglangardencentre.co.uk

Craft Renaissance Café



Situated in converted barn buildings we have a stunning oak framed gallery, shop, and café.

Usk, NP15 1JU
www.craftrenaissance.co.uk

Caldicot Castle Tea Room



A great place to relax with tea & coffee as well as hot chocolate, wine, beer & more. Relax, chat to our friendly staff and maybe pick up a memento.

Caldicot, NP26 4HU
www.caldicotcastle.co.uk

Chepstow Garden Centre Café



Take the weight off your feet and relax over a cappuccino and cake in our café or enjoy a meal in our restaurant overlooking the garden.

Chepstow, NP16 6LF
www.chepstowgardencentre.co.uk/restaurant-cafe-bar

The Court Cupboard Café at Llantilio Pertholey



Enjoy coffee and cake amongst a thriving community of local artists, all set in the beautiful countryside outside Abergavenny.

Abergavenny, NP7 8AU
www.courtcupboardgallery.co.uk

Explore Monmouthshire

1 Day Itinerary

There's much to see and do in Monmouthshire. Whether you prefer the great outdoors, uncovering history or a little bit of luxury, we've got it all covered with this one day itinerary.



Stop 1 – Caldicot Castle

Start the day at Caldicot Castle. Built by the Normans, the castle later became a Victorian era family home. The castle is surrounded by 55 acres of idyllic country park.

www.visitmonmouthshire.com/caldicotcastle



Stop 2 – Old Station, Tintern

The Old Station, Tintern is a beautiful, award-winning country park in the Wye Valley. Take in the scenery with delicious cakes, sandwiches and icecreams in the café, a former Victorian railway station ticket office.

www.visitmonmouthshire.com/oldstationtintern



Stop 3 – Shire Hall, Monmouth

Shire Hall is an historic Grade I listed building, and was the scene of the infamous Chartist trials of 1840. View the courtroom and descend to the cells to see where the defendants were kept.

www.visitmonmouthshire.com/shirehallmonmouth



Stop 4 – White Castle Vineyard, Abergavenny

Visitors are warmly invited to visit White Castle Vineyard to experience the beauty and tranquillity of this rural setting.

www.whitecastlevineyard.com



Stop 5 – Afternoon tea at the Angel Hotel

Treat yourself to a sumptuous afternoon tea at Abergavenny's Angel Hotel, winners of numerous awards over the years. Indulge with a wide selection of teas, sandwiches, pastries and cakes.

www.angelabergavenny.com

Explore the Region - 2 Day Itinerary

With so much to do it can be challenging to know where to start. We've put together a sample two day itinerary for you, giving you the opportunity to visit some of the very best attractions in the region.

Day 1



Stop 1 – Llancaiach Fawr Manor, Caerphilly

Llancaiach Fawr Manor near Caerphilly is a 17th century manor house. Take a tour of the house and meet the servants who will tell you tales of what life was like for them back in 1645.

www.llancaiachfawr.co.uk



Stop 2 – Cyfarthfa Park & Museum, Merthyr

Imposing 1824 castle housing a museum with a collection of fine art and social history items.

www.visitmerthyr.co.uk/attractions/cyfarthfa-park-museum.asp



Stop 3 – Guardian Mining Memorial, Six Bells

Towering above the village of Six Bells is the Guardian Mining Memorial. Commemorating the 1960 Six Bells mining disaster, the monument was unveiled in 2010.

www.guardianwales.info



Stop 4 – Blaenavon World Heritage Centre, Blaenavon

The Centre features an interactive Victorian school room, film and multi-media displays which not only provide visitors with a unique insight into the significance of Blaenavon's Industrial Landscape, but also introduces them to the area's many attractions.

www.visitblaenavon.co.uk



Stop 5 – Shire Hall, Monmouthshire

Built in 1724, the elegant building has a remarkable past. Once a centre of commerce and governance for the town, it also served as a courthouse.

www.shirehallmonmouth.org.uk

Day 2



Stop 1 – Tredegar House, Newport

Set in 90 acres of beautiful parkland on the outskirts of Newport is this 17th century house. Now in the care of the National Trust, visitors can hear about the house's history and it's eccentric former owners and view the art collection.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tredegar-house



Stop 2 – Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff

As part of a visit to the Centre, behind the scenes tours are offered where you can discover the secrets of the landmark building and find out what lies beneath the inscription. Special deals are available for groups and there is ample coach parking nearby.

www.wmc.org

Day 2 (Continued)



Stop 3 – Dyffryn Gardens, The Vale of Glamorgan

Covering more than 55 acres, Dyffryn Gardens feature a stunning collection of intimate garden rooms including a rose garden, Pompeian garden and an extensive Arboretum featuring trees from all over the world.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens



Stop 4 – McArthurGlen Designer Outlet, Bridgend

Situated right on junction 36 of the M4 Motorway, the undercover mall has over 90 shops selling high street and designer brand names at discounted prices.

www.bridgeddesigneroutlet.com



Stop 5 – The Royal Mint Visitor Experience, Rhondda Cynon Taf

Take a look behind the scenes at Britain's oldest manufacturing organisation. See for yourself the people and processes that put the pounds and pennies in your pockets.

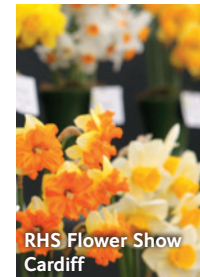
www.royalmint.com/en/the-royal-mint-experience

What's on in Southern Wales

Time your visit right and not only will you stay in some great accommodation, get to sample some great food and visit some top attractions, you'll also get to enjoy some fabulous events.

We've highlighted some of the most popular ones here, but there are hundreds more going on throughout the year.

For a full list of events in the region, please visit www.visitsouthernwales.org



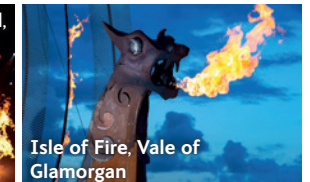
RHS Flower Show Cardiff



Nos Galan Road Races, Mountain Ash



Steelhouse Festival, Blaenau Gwent



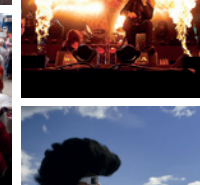
Isle of Fire, Vale of Glamorgan



Merthyr Rising



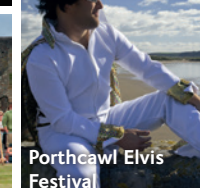
Abergavenny Food Festival



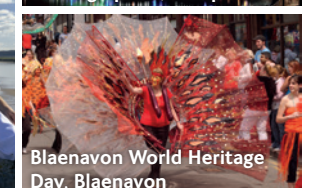
The Big Splash, Newport



The Big Cheese, Caerphilly



Porthcawl Elvis Festival



Blaenavon World Heritage Day, Blaenavon

Coach Parking

Find out where to drop off your passengers, park your coach or get further information about our main towns.

Abergavenny

Surrounded by 7 mountains, Abergavenny is set amongst some beautiful countryside. Highlights in the town include Abergavenny Castle & Museum, St Mary's Priory and Tithe Barn, and the historic Market Hall.

Coach Drop Off and Parking

Abergavenny Bus Station, Monmouth Road, NP7 5HF

Chepstow

Home to one of the first castles to be built in Wales and historic bridge which marks the border between Wales and England.

Meet and Greet services available from Chepstow Tourist Information Centre. Call 01291 623772 to arrange.

Coach Drop Off

Stand 5, Bus Station, Thomas Street, NP16 5DH

Coach Parking

Castle Car Park, Bridge Street, NP16 5EY

Monmouth

Historic border town with highlights that include Shire Hall, the famous Monnow bridge and streets lined with dozens of independent retailers.

Coach Drop Off and Parking

Blestium Street, NP25 3EQ



Tour Guides

Make sure you get the most out of your visit to the region by hiring the services of a tour guide. Members of The Wales Official Tour Guide Association are the only guides officially recognised to be able to guide in Wales. They can provide highly trained, professional and experienced Blue Badge Guides, who will help bring your journey to life.

There are dozens of guides, each with their own specialisms, interests and language skills. Blue Badge Guides can take you all over the region, whilst Green Badge Guides offer a more specialist and localised expertise.



To find a guide to suit your needs please visit www.walesbestguides.com



Abergavenny Tourist Information Centre

Discover everything you need to know about Abergavenny and the Black Mountains at Abergavenny TIC, located within Market Hall on Cross Street.

Tel: +44 (0)1873 853254

Email: abergavennytic@breconbeacons.org

Postcode: NP7 5HD



Chepstow Tourist Information Centre

Located by coach parking opposite Chepstow Castle, please call to book coach space (free parking); for a meet & greet service; for assistance with itinerary planning; or to receive shopping vouchers & Chepstow Town Centre maps. We also provide complimentary tea/ to drivers in our new upcycled cafe. See visitmonmouthshire.com/groups for more.

Tel: +44 (0)1291 623772

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Easy to get to

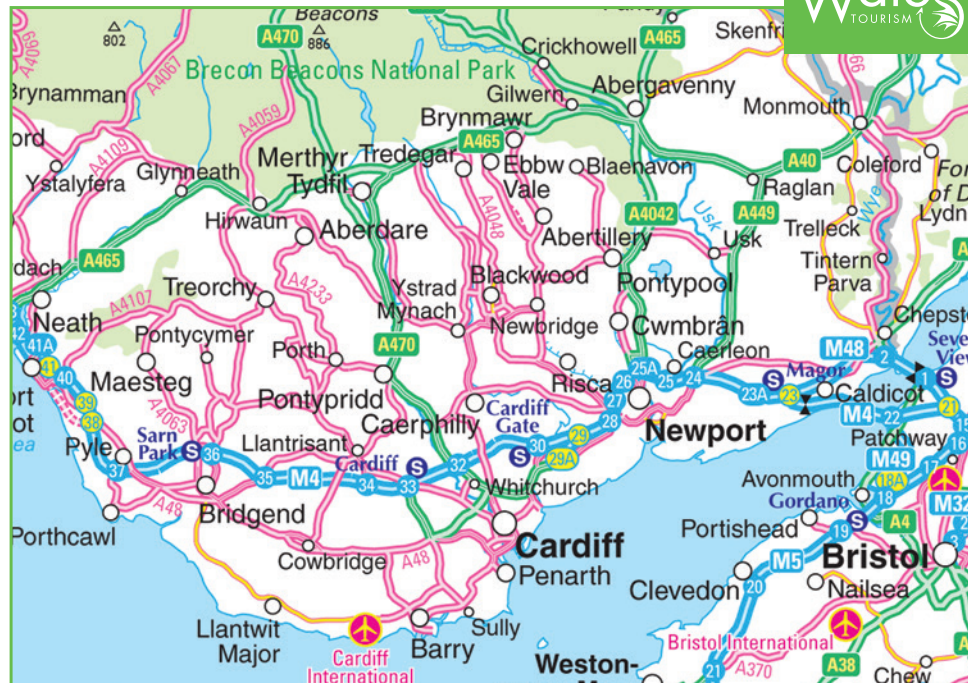
We're a different country with our own language and culture, yet we're surprisingly easy to get to. We're only around two hours down the M4 from London whilst Birmingham and the West Midlands are only an hour or so from our borders.

So in next to no time you could be here, immersing yourself in our culture and traditions and who knows maybe even trying to get your tongue around our language. Croeso - or welcome in English.

We're not very big, but we certainly fit a lot in – and getting around the region couldn't be easier. A comprehensive road system links all the major towns, while many towns and villages are well served by the local train network which connects with the mainline stations.



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The Picturesque Wye Tour

It's 250 years since William Gilpin took a boat tour down the River Wye in 1770, an event that heralded the birth of British tourism, making the Wye Tour one of the first 'package holidays'.

Gilpin was a pioneer of the 'Picturesque' and his ideas led to the concepts of landscape appreciation and conservation, culminating in the designation of protected landscapes – our National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), including the Wye Valley AONB which was designated in 1971.

Explore the landscape that inspired William Gilpin, J M W Turner and William Wordsworth (amongst many others) and learn about the Picturesque.

Highlights include:

- Ross on Wye
- Goodrich Castle
- Symonds Yat
- Monmouth
- Tintern Abbey
- Chepstow Castle



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