

Welsh castles, coasts and history.

Get ready for castles! Wales has the perfect combination, epic castles, great beer and amazing scenery. Immerse yourself in this six night and seven day road trip; stopping at least ten castles, exploring abandon mines, and sleeping in 18th century pubs inside the walls of ancient empires. Wales will leave you breathless.

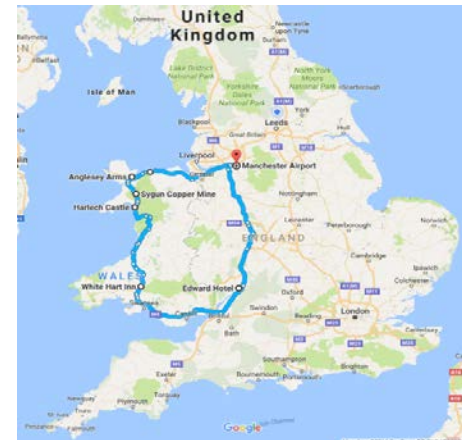


Key:

- (1 hour) Length of time in parentheses is the estimated time it takes to see the attraction.
- All drive times are based on no traffic.
- Most long driving should be done either after 5:00 or before 9AM, while attractions are closed.

Travel Notes:

- Drive on the right.
- Most attractions tend to be opened 9-5 and closed during the winter.
- Petrol stations are not as common in the UK as in the US, be prepared!
- Most time in the UK is referred to in military time.



The unconfined mastermind always travels with a sim card, TripAdvisor and with the knowledge that even the best made plans can go wrong or need some tweaking!


Ask the info desk in the Manchester airport to direct you to one of the stores that sells them.



	Location	Activity	Recommended Length of Visit (...)	Cost approx.	Notes
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START	Manchester	Fly to Manchester	various	various	If you are not driving distance to Conwy, Wales. Fly into Manchester ideally arriving morning/early afternoon.
CAR	Manchester Airport	Pick up car rental.	Car rental for 7 days	various	Car rental will be one way. Manchester to Gloucester. As it is faster and easier to train back to Manchester for your flight home.
DRIVE	Drive to Denbigh Castle Castle Hill Denbigh LL16 3NB	Driving 1.5 hours			
VISIT	Denbigh Castle	Ruins of a caslte	(1 hour)	£4.00pp	Denbigh's triple-towered great gatehouse, along with over half a mile of town walls, Denbigh Castle is a classic fortress of Edwardian proportions.
STAY	Drive drive to Gwynfryn B&B 4 York Place Conwy, UK, LL32 8AB	This is your hotel for the next two days. It includes a parking pass for the car and breakfast. The Welsh rarebit is amazing!!	40 min drive from Denbigh Castle	£180	http://www.bedandbreakfastconwy.co.uk/ Everything but the pubs tend to close early in Conwy - especially during the week and in the off season. Plan accordingly!

The next two days are spent in the Conwy area. See trip advisor for the many options! My favorites:

Walking distance: Plas Mawr (1 hour), Conwy Castle (2 hours) and The Albion (local pub wonderful people and beers, 3hr)






Not walking distace: Glenn Fairy Walk (1.5 hours), Beaumaris Castle (1.5 hours), Bodnant Gardens (3 hours), Zip line adventures (at least half a day), Go Below caving adventures (at least half a day).

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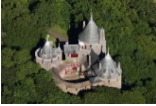
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STAY	A the end of day 3 Drive to Anglesey Arms, Mona Rd Menai Bridge LL59 5EA	Your stay is 1 night and includes breakfast and parking.	(30 min)	£75	Attractions close early in the UK. Ideally you wake up each day in the location you would like to start seeing things in.
EAT	Black Boy Inn Stryd Pedwar a Chwech, Caernarfon LL55 1RW	Dinner - make a booking if possible! 01286 673604	(1.5 hours)	\$\$\$	Amazing sea food and building.

Today you will be driving through the beautiful mountains of Snowdonia and stopping at castles and historic mines.

D A Y 4	VISIT	Caernarfon Castle Castle Ditch Caernarfon LL55 2AY	Ruins/partially restored Castle.	(2-3 hours)	£7.95pp	This is a huge castle, it opens and 9AM. It has a museum in the middle of it and LOTS to explore. It is walking distance from both the Anglesey Arms and the Black Boy Inn.
	DRIVE	Pentre Castell LL55 4UB, Pentre Castell Llanberis, Caernarfon	22 minute drive			
	VISIT	Pentre Castell	Very demolished slate castle.	(30 min)	FREE	The parking lot is across the road (not free). Lovley short walk upto to ruins.
	DRIVE	Sygun Copper Mine Beddgelert Gwynedd LL55 4NE	25 minute drive			
	VISIT	Sygun Copper Mine	Self guided walking tour.	(1 hour)	£8.95pp	http://www.syguncoppermine.co.uk/
	DRIVE	Harlech Castle Harlech LL46 2YH	35 minute drive			
	VISIT	Harlech Castle	Ruins of a castle with an amazing view!!	(1 hour)	£6.00pp	Stunning views, great cafe for a light snack.
D A Y 5	STAY	The White Hart Inn Carmarthen Road Llandeilo, SA19 6RS	This is your hotel for 1 night. Food is served late and the staff is friendly. It includes breakfast and parking.	(3:30) minutes total of driving	£60/80	The drive time includes stops through Snowdonia. But the last two hours will be along annoying roads and country side.
	DRIVE	Carreg Cennen Castle Trapp, Llandeilo SA19 6UA	15 minute drive			
	VISIT	Carreg Cennen Castle	Ruins of a castle	(1.5 hours)	£5.00pp	Don't miss out on the cave that goes under this castle or the amazing views from the top.
	DRIVE	Caerphilly Castle Castle St, Caerphilly CF83 1JD	1 hour 20 minute drive			
	VISIT	Caerphilly Castle	Ruins of a LARGE castle	(2.5 hours)	£6.00pp	It has moats, restored parts, dragons and everything. One of the jewels of Wales.


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DRIVE	Castell Coch Tongwynlais, Cardiff CF15 7JS	15 minute drive			
VISIT	Castell Coch	Restored and furnished castle.	(1 hour)	£6.00pp	
DRIVE	Edward Hotel Gloucester 88-92 London Rd, GL1 3PG	1 hour 20 minute drive			
STAY	Edward Hotel	This is your hotel for the last 2 nights. Parking is in the back and breakfast is included.		£140	

Castell Coch is a 19th-century Gothic Revival castle. The audio guide is very good.


This hotel is great for history buffs. The front desk has amazing suggestions and prices are very reasonable as Gloucester is not a big tourist destination.

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DRIVE	Sudeley Castle Winchcombe GL54 5JD	40 minute drive			
VISIT	Sudeley Castle and Gardens	Walk through gardens, ruins and and collection of pheasants from around the world.	(3 hours)	£14.50	

Just wonderful gardens, exhibits and birds!

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DRIVE	Warwick Castle, Warwick CV34 4QU, United Kingdom	1 hour drive			
VISIT	Warwick Castle	Well restored castle!	(3 hours)	£17.60	


<https://www.warwick-castle.com/>
This is an amazing castle with tones of stuff to do. There is an option to stay here, instead of in Gloucester.

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VISIT	Gloucester Cathedral	Cathedral - very old and grand christian church.	30 minutes	FREE	
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Only do this activity if you have evening airline tickets home, otherwise skip it and get to your train!

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DRIVE	To car rental drop off	10 minute drive			
WALK	To train station	15 minute walk			
TRAIN	To Manchester	Aprox. 3.5 hour train		£40pp	

This will be in the morning of Day 7.

You can also get a taxi

Train drops you off at the airport train station to catch your flight home.

Advanced booking information.

Type	Duration	Booking	Details
Travel	na	Airline	Round trip to Manchester (unless located driving distance to Conwy). I suggest a morning or mid day arrival and a late afternoon/evening take off to go home.
Travel	7 days, 6 nights	Rental Car (rentalcars .com)	7 days - times of drop off and pick up with depend on your airline tickets. Pick-up will be Manchester and Drop off will be in Gloucester the morning of the 7th day.
Lodging	2 nights	BnB - email info@gwynfrynbandb.co.uk http://www.bedandbreakfastconwy.co.uk/	Colin & Monica Le Boutillier run this amazing BnB. They respond quickly to email and need a 50% deposite to make a reservations. I recommend the rouge room at the top, from here you can see the walls of the city and have an amazing soak tub.
Lodging	1 night	Anglesey Arms http://www.booking.com/hotel/gb/anglesey-arms-caernarfon.en-gb.html Good priced historic hotel.	Anglesey Arms is built into the wall of Caerfron Caslte. It is above a lively pub and is very cute - though in need of an upgrade. Includes breakfast and parking.
Lodging		Black Boy Inn https://www.black-boy-inn.com/	I have not stayed here - but the food is amazing. Even if you don't stay here get a dinner booking in advance!
FOOD	You will do this on day 3.	Black Boy Inn - table reservations. 01286 673604	Amazing sea food - if you get there too late they will have run out of the specials.
Lodging	1 night	White Hart Inn http://www.whitehartinnwales.co.uk/	This is a lovely hotel, with nice canopy beds or less expensive twin rooms. It is in the middle of no where - the goal being to start in your next area.
Lodging	2 nights	Edward Hotel http://www.edwardhotel-gloucester.co.uk/	A wonderful little hotel, wood burning fire places in the common area and clean comfortable rooms. Great for history buffs and a short walk into down town.
Tickets	You will do this on day 6	Warwick Castle	Can buy at the door but if you buy them in advance online, you save £10 a ticket!
Travel	You will do this on day 7	Train Trainline.com From Gloucester to Manchester Airport	Trainline.com will let you either get mobile boarding passes or ones that you can print out of the ticket machine. I suggest you search by arrival time and leave an extra 30 minutes to figure out train to airplane transitions.