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**Enhance your visit to Cardiff  
with our suggestions on things  
to do and places to see in the  
Capital City of Wales.**

## Educational Visits in Cardiff

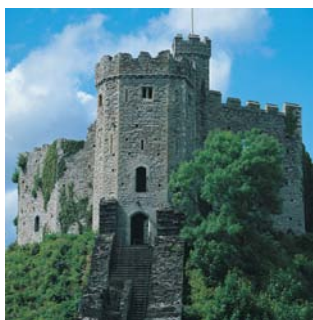
Cardiff provides a variety of opportunities for students to explore museums, exhibitions, attractions and more! With a wide range of places to visit, you can easily create an itinerary that matches the interests and profile of your students. Whether you teach history, geography, science or the arts, you will find something on offer in Cardiff to help bring your teaching to life.

Here are a couple of suggestions. Alternatively, please contact Cardiff & Co to discuss your specific requirements:

- Telephone: 029 2087 1846
- Website: [www.visitcardiff.com](http://www.visitcardiff.com)
- E-mail: [groups@cardiffandco.com](mailto:groups@cardiffandco.com)

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### Cardiff Castle



Whether you are studying the Romans, Normans, Castles, Victorians or Cardiff Castle as a local history topic, you will find plenty to keep your pupils engrossed, both visiting the site and during preparation and follow-up work.

Cardiff Castle is a unique site with 2,000 years of history. It was started in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD by the Romans who built the original fort. In the 11<sup>th</sup> Century, the Normans constructed the Keep that still dominates the Castle Green. The medieval Lords of Glamorgan began work on the house during the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, but it was the Bute family in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century who transformed the House into the opulent Victorian gothic home it is today.

#### Contact:

- Telephone: 029 2087 8100
- Website: [www.cardiffcastle.com](http://www.cardiffcastle.com)
- E-mail: [cardiffcastle@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cardiffcastle@cardiff.gov.uk)

#### Admission:

Standard admission fees:

- Adults: £10.50
- Children (aged 5-16): £7.95
- Students and Concessions: £9.00

#### Bringing your group:

Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. All groups must pre-book their visit. Find out more about the options for educational visits and access the education brochure and teacher information [here](#).

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### National Museum Cardiff



History, science and art at your fingertips – the National Museum and Gallery is bound to have something to really capture your students' imagination. Admire world-famous works of art, or explore a land of dinosaurs and woolly mammoths. Uncover the secrets of our ancestors or discover the natural history of Wales. All programmes support the National Curriculum. Explore, investigate and make new discoveries at the National Museum Cardiff.

#### Contact:

- Telephone: 029 2039 7951
- Website: <http://www.museumwales.ac.uk/cardiff/>
- E-mail: [post@nmgw.ac.uk](mailto:post@nmgw.ac.uk)

#### Admission:

Standard admission fees: Free

#### Bringing your group:

All group visits must be booked in advance. For more information on planning your visit as well as resources and downloads, click [here](#).

## Techniquest



Science is literally at your students' fingertips at the Techniquest centre in Cardiff Bay. There are more than 120 hands-on exhibits to challenge and absorb visitors. Every group has ample time on the exhibition floor, in addition to attending a presentation in the Science Theatre or Planetarium, or taking part on a Laboratory Workshop.

A science discovery centre, designed to engage people of all ages in science through interactive exhibits and live demonstrations.

**Contact:**

- Telephone: 029 2047 5475
- Website: [www.techniquest.org](http://www.techniquest.org)

**Admission:**

Standard admission fees:

- Adults: £6.30
- Children (aged 4-16): £4.50
- Concessions: £4.30

**Bringing your group:**

Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more, (£3.95 per pupil). Groups must book their visit in advance. For more information to help you plan your visit and to sign up to the newsletter, click [here](#).

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## Wales Millennium Centre



Theatres, galleries, restaurants, bars, shops, free entertainment and behind the scenes tours – all this and more at the award-winning Wales Millennium Centre, Europe's most exciting performing arts and cultural venue. Choose a guided tour or sign up to a talk allowing your students to learn more about careers in the arts. Talks can be tailored to your group from Marketing to Events Management, Programming to Education, and Technical to Front of House.

**Contact:**

- Telephone: 029 2063 6400 (office); 029 2063 6464 (tickets)
- Website: [www.wmc.org.uk](http://www.wmc.org.uk)

**Admission:**

Standard admission fees for guided tours:

- Adults: £5.50
- Concessions: £4.50

**Bringing your group:**

Discounts are available for tour groups of 10 or more. Groups must pre-book their visit. To discuss talks and other learning opportunities, please contact Sara Pellow, telephone 029 2063 4632 or e-mail [education@wmc.org.uk](mailto:education@wmc.org.uk)

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*Cardiff Bay, once called Cardiff Docks, was the world's largest coal exporting port.*

*Today, it is Europe's largest waterfront development with a wealth of attractions and activities for your school group, both on and off the water.*



## Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre



Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre tells the story behind one of Europe's largest waterfront regeneration schemes. Students can learn how the city's docklands have been transformed into Cardiff Bay, a vibrant centre for culture and entertainment.

**Contact:**

- Telephone: 029 2087 7927
- E-mail: [visitorcentrecardiffbay@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:visitorcentrecardiffbay@cardiff.gov.uk)
- Website: [Click here](#)

**Admission:** Free general admission

**Bringing your group:**

Groups are asked to telephone in advance to discuss their arrival and any special requirements.

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## Craft in the Bay



Craft in the Bay offers a fantastic resource where students can see craft work of an exceptionally high standard made by artists living in Wales. Information on the artists is provided and guided talks can be arranged on request. National and international exhibitions provide opportunities to explore contemporary art and craft work in a wide variety of materials and styles. Practical workshops, either on site or at your venue, in specialist areas such as ceramics, sculpture, textiles and jewellery design can be tailored to fit in with current projects.

**Contact:**

- Telephone: 029 2048 4611
- Website: [Click here](#)

**Admission:** Free general admission

**Bringing your group:**

Please telephone Craft in the Bay to book your visit in advance. For more information on educational services click [here](#).

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## Doctor Who Up-Close Exhibition Cardiff



Doctor Who is filmed in Cardiff and many local landmarks have featured in the programme. Not just for media students, The Doctor Who Up-Close Exhibition Cardiff inspires all visitors and fans of the hit TV series. Meet K9, the famous Daleks and the Cybermen and see costumes worn by the Doctor and his assistant.

**Contact:**

- Telephone: 029 2048 9257
- Website: [Click here](#)

**Admission:**

Standard admission fees:

- Adults: £6.50
- Children (aged 4-16): £5.00
- Students and Concessions: £5.50

**Bringing your group:**

Please telephone to book your group in advance of your visit.

## Cardiff Bay Tours



Cardiff Bay Tours provide guided coach, walking and boat tours around the City and Bay. Tours are tailored to a variety of curriculum areas (geography, history, art, science, religious education, leisure and tourism). Half or whole day packages can be arranged and all tours include a visit to the Cardiff Bay Barrage – locks, sluices and fish-pass.

These organised tours are a perfect geography field trip, accompanying you and your students around the 2,700 acre tour area to study all aspects of urban regeneration.

### Contact:

- Telephone: 029 2070 7882
- Website: [www.cardiffbaytours.com](http://www.cardiffbaytours.com)
- E-mail: [cardiffbaytours@hotmail.com](mailto:cardiffbaytours@hotmail.com)

### Bringing your group:

Please telephone Cardiff Bay Tours for prices and to discuss your group requirements.

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## National Assembly for Wales



The Assembly's educational programme includes debates in Siambwr Hywel, workshops and visits to the Senedd and Pierhead Building, all in the centre of Cardiff Bay.

### Contact:

- Telephone: 0845 010 5500
- E-mail: [assembly.bookings@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:assembly.bookings@wales.gsi.gov.uk)
- Website: [Click here](#)

### Bringing your group:

Please e-mail or telephone for more information and to book your group visit in advance.

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## Flat Holm Island



Flat Holm is a designated site of special scientific interest and local nature reserve. The project conserves the Island's natural and cultural features from maritime grassland to Victorian barracks, from seabird colonies to wartime bunkers.

A range of educational activities are offered which can be adapted to suit group needs.

### Contact:

- Telephone: 029 2087 7912
- E-mail: [flatholmproject@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:flatholmproject@cardiff.gov.uk)
- Website: [www.flatholmisland.com](http://www.flatholmisland.com)

### Admission:

Standard fees:

- Adults: £16.50
- Children (aged 4-17): £8.00

### Bringing your group:

Groups must book their visit in advance. For more information including a teachers' information pack, click [here](#).

## St. Fagans National History Museum



The Museum of Welsh Life at St. Fagans is one of Europe's biggest and most exciting open-air museums. More than forty re-erected historic buildings from all over Wales show how people in Wales lived and worked over the last 500 years. The Learning Department at St. Fagans National History Museum has been awarded the Sandford Award for its exceptional education programme.

**Contact:**

- Telephone: 029 2057 3500
- E-mail: [post@nmgw.ac.uk](mailto:post@nmgw.ac.uk)
- Website: [Click here](#)

**Admission:**

Standard admission is free

**Bringing your group:**

All group visits must be booked in advance by contacting the Learning Department at the Museum. Special activities, which are suitable for a maximum of 30 students at a time, should be booked as early as possible to avoid disappointment. For more information to help you plan your visit as well as resources and downloads, click [here](#).

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## Castell Coch



Castell Coch sits high on a wooded hillside overlooking Cardiff. The castle is a romantic Victorian vision of a medieval castle and was built in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century on the foundations of a medieval ruin. Pupils can experience the atmosphere of a complete, fully furnished, 'medieval' castle at the same time as admiring the work of a great Victorian architect. Once across the drawbridge, pupils are enclosed within the high walls of the castle. The decoration is extensive and rooms feature Aesop's Fables, giant pomegranate trees full of monkeys, medieval stencilled patterns and sculptural elements. The castle is an art teacher's delight.

**Contact:**

- Telephone: 029 2081 0101 (Shauna Williams)
- E-mail: [cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk)
- Website: [Click here](#)

**Admission:**

Standard admission:      • Adults:    £3.60                              • Students and Concessions:    £3.20

**Bringing your group:**

10% discounts are available for groups of 15 or more. Groups must pre-book their visit. Please telephone Shauna Williams at Castell Coch for more information and to discuss your requirements.

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## The Millennium Stadium

Home to **skills**cymru, the Millennium Stadium is an attraction in itself. It opened in June 1999, and it is our national stadium of Wales. It is the second largest stadium in the world with a fully retractable roof.

Made from 56,000 tonnes of steel and concrete, it has 128 hospitality boxes, 22 bars, 7 restaurants, 17 first aid points, 12 escalators, 7 lifts and 7 gates for access to the site.



## Cosmeston Lakes Country Park and Medieval Village



Step back in time and experience life in fourteenth century Wales, with reconstructed buildings, costumed villagers, gardens and rare wildlife. See, touch and even smell how life was in earlier times. Educational visits can be booked for an exciting tour of the village, followed by specialist activities.

### Contact:

- Telephone: 029 2070 1678
- Website: [Click here](#)
- E-mail: [NColes@valeofglamorgan.co.uk](mailto:NColes@valeofglamorgan.co.uk)

### Admission:

Entry to the village is free. Standard fees for guided tours are:

- Adults: £5.00
- Concessions: £3.00

### Bringing your group:

Groups must book in advance and discuss their requirements. Please telephone or e-mail as above.

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## Accommodation for Groups

Are you coming to **skillscymru** from further afield? We are able to offer a restricted number of rooms at Cardiff University at a discounted rate for your group. Options include:

### University Hall



University Hall is a large self-catered hall located less than 2 miles from the main campus.

It stands in its own extensive grounds overlooking the city. The Hall has a mixture of single standard and en-suite bedrooms.

### Talybont

Talybont is the largest of the University's self-catered residences and is a purpose-built development. It is a short walk to the Heath campus. A number of single en-suite bedrooms are available.



## skillscymru rates

Single rooms are offered on a self-catering or bed and breakfast basis. All rooms include bed linen, towels and tea/coffee making facilities. The rates below include VAT:

### Bed & Breakfast

- Standard bedroom: £27.80
- En-suite bedroom: £31.75

### Self-catering

- Standard bedroom £19.25
- Ensuite bedroom £23.20

## Book accommodation

For accommodation enquiries and reservations please contact:  
Samantha Emmott, Conference Manager, Cardiff University

- Telephone: 029 2087 5117
- E-mail: [emmotts@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:emmotts@cardiff.ac.uk)