



# MID-WALES

## 3 PERFECT DAYS

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### ♥ DAY 1 // ABSOLUTELY ABERYSTWYTH

Start by checking the timetable of the Vale of Rheidol Railway (p183) and locking in a few hours for the trip to Devil's Bridge (p187). Spend the rest of the day hanging around Aberystwyth (Abba, as the cool kids call it). Have coffee at Blue Creek Cafe (p184), stroll along the promenade (p181), climb Constitution Hill (p183), have lunch at Ultracomida (p184), visit Ceredigion Museum (p183) and delve into the National Library of Wales (p183). Grab dinner at the Orangery (p184) and then hit the bars (p184).

### ♥ DAY 2 // THE FUTURE, THE PRESENT AND THE PAST

Visit the Centre for Alternative Technology (p203) before heading down to Machynlleth (p200) for lunch. Quickly visit MOMA Wales (p201) before pressing on to palatial Powis Castle (p199), just outside of Welshpool (p198). Stay in Welshpool for the night or continue on to Newtown (p196), which offers a few more choices.

### ♥ DAY 3 // WELLS, WELLS, WELLS

In Newtown, discover the story of Robert Owen (p196) before heading to Radnorshire (p193). Take a leisurely drive to Presteigne (p194), visit the church and holy well at Pilleth (p194) and aim to get to Gigrin Farm (p194), near Rhayader, for the 2pm (3pm in summer) red-kite feeding. The area south of here is known for its spa towns, or Wells. You can pass fairly quickly through Llandrindod Wells (p190) and Builth Wells (p190) before settling into quirky little Llanwrtyd Wells (p188) for the night.

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**BWLCH NANT  
YR ARIAN**

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Watch the birds of prey swoop in for a lakeside feast

**NATIONAL LIBRARY  
OF WALES**

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Ancient books reveal their magic alongside cutting-edge exhibitions

**ABERYSTWYTH**

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A seaside town pivoting between high culture and student-inspired high jinks

**VALE OF RHEIDOL  
RAILWAY**

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Relive the age of steam with a scenic ride to Devil's Bridge

**GETTING AROUND**

The main north–south roads are the A487 shadowing the coast and the A483 heading up through Powys. Separating the two, to the south, are the Cambrian Mountains. Buses mainly follow these routes. The Heart of Wales Line (Swansea to Shrewsbury) passes through Llanwrtyd Wells, Llandrindod Wells and Knighton, while the Cambrian Line (Aberystwyth to Birmingham) stops in Machynlleth, Newtown and Welshpool. For bus and train timetables and journey planners, see **Traveline Cymru** (☎ 0871 200 22 33; [www.traveline-cymru.info](http://www.traveline-cymru.info)).

