



# St Davids & Pembrokeshire

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## Why Go?

The Pembrokeshire coast is what you imagine the world would look like if God were a geology teacher. There are knobbly hills of volcanic rock, long thin inlets scoured by glaciers, and stratified limestone pushed up vertically and then eroded into arches, blowholes and sea stacks. All along the shoreline towering red and grey cliffs play leapfrog with perfect sandy beaches.

This wild and incredibly beautiful landscape is the county's greatest asset and in summer people flock here from all over Britain to enjoy the spectacular walking, surfing, coast-eering and sea kayaking, as well as the glorious beaches and abundant marine life.

On top of its natural assets, Pembrokeshire offers a wealth of Celtic and pre-Celtic sites, forbidding castles, fascinating islands and little St Davids – the magical mini-city with its chilled vibe, spectacular cathedral and abiding association with Wales' patron saint.

## When to Go

- ➔ A good time to be in St Davids is 1 March, when the whole country celebrates their patron saint.
- ➔ Fishguard serenades summer with some serious sessions at its Folk Festival in late May.
- ➔ Hoards of holidaymakers descend during the peak season months from June to August, but this is also the best time for walking the coast path and hitting the beach.
- ➔ The kids go back to school but Tenby bursts into life all over again for its annual arts festival in September.
- ➔ Surfers will catch the best swells between September and February on Pembrokeshire's rugged beaches.

# St Davids & Pembrokeshire Highlights

## 1 St Davids

(p170) Exploring the laid-back little city with the spectacular cathedral and gnarly surf beach.

## 2 Pembrokeshire Coast Path

(p151) Tracing the breathtaking collision of rock and sea on a trail that encompasses the county's entire coast.

## 3 Tenby

(p152) Joining the summer fun in a colourful seaside resort flanked by velvety-sand beaches.

## 4 Newport

(p180) Discovering the culinary joys of a little gem of a town surrounded by beaches and hill walks.

## 5 Watersports

(p158) Experiencing excellent surfing at Freshwater West, sea kayaking at Fishguard and coasteering at Abereididi.

## 6 Skomer Island

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## 7 Castell Henllys

(p181) Entering the Iron Age in this reconstructed Celtic fort.

## 8 Pentre Ifan

(p181) Soaking up the views from Wales' loftiest dolmen, a prehistoric chamber tomb formed from the same rock as Stonehenge.

