

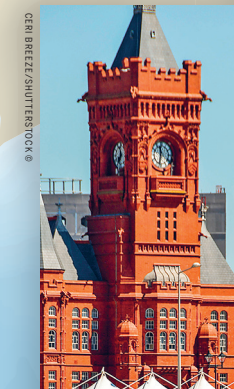


# WALES

## PLANNING MAP

Conwy

Discover Wales' top regional sights, and experience it through an inspiring list of themes



### When to Go

**High Season** Jul & Aug  
Weather is at its warmest. Accommodation prices increase in coastal areas and national parks, but not in cities. The absolute peak is the August school holidays. Prices also rise to peak levels over Christmas and New Year.

**Shoulder Season** Apr–Jun, Sep & Oct  
The season doesn't kick off until Easter. Prices rise to peak levels



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Beaumaris Castle

## ANGLESEY & THE NORTH COAST

This compact region can be boiled down to two essential things: castles and coast. Few castles attract more admiring stares than the glamorous trio of Caernarfon, Conwy and Beaumaris. As for the coast, there's a reason that Llandudno has been crowned 'the Queen of Welsh Resorts'.

**BEAUMARIS** C1  
Anglesey's prettiest town offers a winning combination of a waterfront location, ever-present views of the mainland mountains, a near-perfect castle and an elegant collection of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings, housing a growing number of boutiques, galleries, smart hotels and chic eateries.

**LLANDUDNO** C1  
It's not Wales' most beautiful beach but Llandudno has lashings of old-fashioned charm. Where else can you watch a Punch and Judy puppet show over sausages then head into a chintzy hotel for high tea?

**CONWY** C1  
A visit to Britain's most complete walled town should be high on the itinerary for anyone with even a mild crush on things historic. The mighty castle continues to loom over the town and the mouth of the Conwy River, as it's done since late 13th century.

**RHOSNEIGR** B1  
The large village, a popular resort in Edwardian times, sits between the beach and a small lake, and has the rare advantage of having its own functioning train station – all of which combine to make it one of the most desirable addresses in Anglesey.

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## ANGLESEY & THE NORTH COAST

**Beaumaris Castle**  
Symmetry and elegance – a masterclass in castle building.

**Plas Menail**  
The National Watersports Centre offers sailing, powerboating, sea kayaking, windsurfing and stand-up paddleboarding.

**Caernarfon Castle**  
Majestic Caernarfon was built between 1283 and 1330 as a military stronghold, seat of government and royal palace.

**Black Boy Inn**  
Roaring fires, real ales, hearty meals, 500-year-old walls, a resident ghost – what more could you want?

**Ty Coch Inn**  
The walk along the sand to this isolated beachfront pub is all part of the package.

**Caernarfon**

**Snowdon**  
Wales' loftiest mountain has one of the most visited peaks in the world.

**Plas y Brenin National Mountain Sports Centre**  
Take a course in rock climbing, mountaineering, kayaking or canoeing.

**Antur Stiniog**  
Serious mountain-biking park in the post-industrial landscape of Blaenau Ffestiniog.

**SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK**  
Home to the highest mountain in England and Wales and great for off-season walking.

**Cader Idris**  
Another of Snowdonia's giants but a much quieter one.

**Powis Castle**  
A baroque masterpiece of manicured yews, terraces, formal gardens and orchards.

**Gregynog Hall**  
The exquisite product of considerable time and space – 500 years and 300 hectares, to be exact.

**Great Orme**  
A real wild child, looming above the most genteel of seaside resorts.

**Albion Ale House**  
A rare gem solely devoted to ale, whisky, wine and conversation.

**Conwy Castle**  
Built to protect an exclusive English enclave in the heart of Gwynedd.

**Bodnant Garden**  
A breathtaking ensemble of formal gardens and woodlands attached to a gracious manor.

**LLANDUDNO**

**CONWY**

**BEAUMARIS**

**RHOSNEIGR**

**ABERDARON**

**ABERYSTWYTH**

**Y Ffarmers**  
A village pub par excellence, tucked away in the undulating hills south of Aberystwyth.

**ELAN VALLEY**

**CAMBRIAN MOUNTAINS**

**NEUADD ARMS HOTEL**  
Beloved of farm dogs, who hog all the best spots by the fire.

**HAY-ON-WYTH**

**RUTHIN**

**Pontcysyllte**  
A World Heritage site, Thomas Telford's engineering masterpiece.



