2017

visitwales.com/golf

Wales Golf

CONTENTS

It all adds up

However you count it, Wales has some big golfing numbers.

04

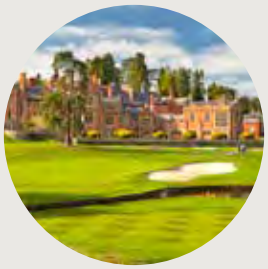
All linked up

The lowdown on our luscious links. With 850 miles of raw and rugged coastline, Wales is home to world-class links golf. From Open qualifying and 2020 Curtis Cup course Conwy in the north to 2014 and 2017 Senior Open Championship venue Royal Porthcawl in the south, our shoreline is studded with legendary coastal courses.

14

Treasure hunt

You'll find 172 clubs in our small, golf-mad country, from big-hitting championship courses to fun nine-holers. We've picked out a few hidden gems.



22

The generation game

Legendary golf writer Bernard Darwin was just 6 years old when he saw his uncle create what would go on to become Aberdovey Golf Club. It's still a family friendly place, as we discovered when we joined a round with three generations of golfers aged eight to 66.

10

We are the champions

In July 2014, 43,503 spectators attended The Senior Open Championship at Royal Porthcawl, our first Major. If you were unlucky enough to miss it, then catch it when it returns in 2017. Our first Senior Open was a huge success, but don't take our word for it. Read what the pros thought.

18

Not just for the boys

TV presenter and keen amateur golfer Jodie Kidd is mad about the Manor. In 2010, an estimated 620,000,000 global TV viewers watched the European Ryder Cup team seal a memorable victory at Celtic Manor Resort. Years later, there's still a big buzz about the place.

26

The finer things in golf

For a 5-star trip, combine great golf with a stay in one of our many luxury hotels. *Golf World* Senior Editor Kit Alexander goes on an indulgent Mid Wales golf break.

32

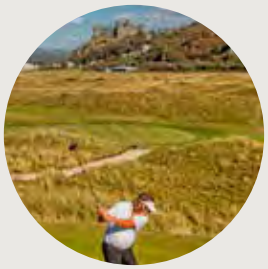
Different strokes

Founded in 1888, seaside Tenby claims to be Wales's oldest club. We sent two golfers to play it and its smaller neighbour St David's City. The result? Two very different rounds of golf.

38

Swede dreams are made of this

One of a record-breaking 641 castles, to be found in Wales and completed in 1295, the mighty walls of Harlech Castle now stand watch over the greens and fairways of Royal St David's. Find out how a group of Swedish golfers tackled the club's historic links and two other courses, eco-lodges, luxury yurts and self-catering cottages.



46

A little extra

Pack your bags for a stay in one of our luxury resorts, where a great game is just part of the package.

36

Dream on

There are over 3,200 holes waiting to be played on Welsh golf courses. No one could climb that particular golfing mountain all in one trip. But we can give you a taste of what to expect. We've created our very own fantasy course made up from holes plucked from all over Wales. You'll be in dreamland.

42

Not your average round then

Golf that's way out of the ordinary. Measuring a whopping 7,433 yards, the Wales National course at The Vale Resort near Cardiff is one of the longest outside the USA. Taking on this monster is just one of our don't-miss golfing experiences.

48

The knowledge

All the information on where to play and stay. Grass routes: great golfing itineraries.

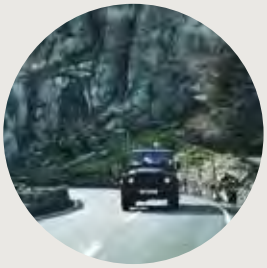
Factfile

Frequently asked questions

Travel information

Activity websites

All mapped out: where to find the courses.



Golf as it should be.

But what makes a great game of golf?

We think it's fantastic courses in beautiful locations, an unstuffy attitude, good value for money and a warm welcome on the greens and in the clubhouse. You'll find all that and more here in Wales.

Cover image—Royal Porthcawl Golf Club

Visit Wales cannot guarantee the accuracy or reliability of the information in this publication and hereby disclaim any responsibility for any error, omission or misrepresentation. To the fullest extent permitted by law all liability for loss, disappointment, negligence or other damage caused by reliance on the information contained in this guide is excluded. All websites listed are checked at the time of going to press. However, Visit Wales cannot be held accountable for any change in the content of these websites. You are advised to check all details and information with the business concerned before confirming a reservation. All rights reserved. Material in this publication must not be reproduced in any form without permission from the copyright owners – please contact Visit Wales. Opinions expressed in *Wales Golf* are not necessarily those of Visit Wales.

Wales Golf is published by Visit Wales, the Tourism and Marketing Division of the Welsh Government. © 2017 Visit Wales, Welsh Government, QED Centre, Main Avenue, Treforest Industrial Estate, Treforest, Pontypridd CF37 5YR.

Managing Editor: Writerog Ltd (Roger & Huw Thomas)

Print: Stephens & George Ltd

Print ISBN: 978 1 4734 7810 7

Digital ISBN: 978 1 4734 7809 1

Crown copyright (2017) Visit Wales (WG29962)

Design & photography: Visit Wales Creative Services

Other photography: National Portrait Gallery, London, Ian Nicholson, Skyscapes from Escape to Design, Rob Toth.

This publication is also available in Braille, large-format print, and/or audio from Visit Wales.
info@visitwales.com

All linked up.

We're big on links. Our 850-mile shoreline is studded with coastal courses that burst with history and personality. You'll want to make a connection with all of them, but here are four highlights from *Wales Golf* editors **Huw** and **Roger Thomas** to get you started as you edge your way around Wales.

Southerndown Golf Club

Conwy
Trailblazing, heavyweight links

Game on

It takes something pretty special to stand out in a North Wales golf scene that boasts almost 50 great courses, but Open qualifying and 2020 Curtis Cup host Conwy is definitely up to the challenge. A must-visit for any links lover, this is golf as it was always meant to be played – an elemental experience combining natural hazards with careful course design. It may appear quite flat at first glance, but the unpredictable winds blowing in off the Irish Sea mean you can't take anything for granted. 'Awesome' is how European Ryder Cup legend Sam Torrance describes Conwy.

What's the story?

Conwy's rugged terrain has a golfing history that predates the club's formation in 1890. In 1869, three visiting Scotsmen laid out a few holes here for their own amusement, possibly becoming the first people to play golf on Welsh soil in the process. Today, Conwy's mighty links bear little resemblance to their rough-and-ready predecessor, but it's easy to see why those early visitors were so keen to hit a few balls here.

Top hole

Stand on the elevated tee of the 441-yard, par-four seventh and you're rewarded with eye-catching views of the Isle of Anglesey and the jutting limestone peninsula of Great Orme further along the coast. You'll need to concentrate on your golf though. Successfully negotiate a testing trio of fairway bunkers and a good second will bring you to a punchbowl green nestled almost at the water's edge.

Après Conwy. Now what?

Enjoy more great sea views across to the Great Orme headland from Signatures restaurant. Praised as 'Favourite Place to Eat in Wales' in the 2013 National Tourism Awards, in the words of its owners Louise and Jimmy Williams (he's the chef) it combines 'city chic with true Welsh hospitality'. It's a theatrical as well as foodie experience – you can watch your dishes being prepared in the theatre-style kitchen.
signaturesrestaurant.co.uk
conwygolfclub.com

01 Conwy Golf Club
02 Royal St David's
03 Ashburnham

01—

Royal St David's, Harlech
A truly regal round

Game on

With a reputation as the world's toughest par-69, Royal St David's is not for the faint-hearted. Set on land vacated by the sea only a few centuries ago, its towering dunes, undulating fairways and fast, true greens will challenge even the most able players. Featuring a dizzying selection of holes that vary in both length and direction, you'll need every club in your

02—

bag to achieve a low score. You won't be alone though. Harlech Castle, perched on a rocky outcrop at the course's edge, is a constant companion.

What's the story?

Despite the name, St David never actually played a round here. Seeing the success of St Andrews in Scotland and St George's in England, the club's founders engaged in an early form of branding by associating their course with Wales's own patron saint. The Royal connection is a little more concrete. King Edward VII granted his patronage in 1908, while the Prince of Wales – later Edward VIII – captained the club in 1934.

Top hole

The elevated tee of the 352-yard, par-three 16th provides some of the course's best views of brooding Harlech Castle. Guarded on three sides by an array of waiting bunkers, the green seems almost as impenetrable as the mighty fortress that overlooks it. Think carefully before you begin your assault.

Après Royal St David's. Now what?

It's been there, hovering over your shoulder every time you played a shot. You can't come to Harlech without visiting its clifftop castle. The fortress is a World Heritage Site along with places like the Taj Mahal and the Leaning Tower of Pisa, so it's in good company. Soak up its gritty, authentic medieval spirit from the battlements – and also pop into the castle's visitor centre for a high-tech look into its fiery 800-year history.
cadw.wales.gov.uk
royalstdavids.co.uk

03—

Ashburnham
A fine vintage

Game on

Founded in 1894, Ashburnham is one of Wales's oldest links courses. Over a century into its life, it remains a defiantly old-school prospect. If you fancy testing your skills on the purest of coastal links – in all their rugged and ragged glory – this is the club for you. Hummocked dunes and lightning-quick greens provide a stern test for players, with the breeze blowing in off Carmarthen Bay adding a further layer to the challenge.

What's the story?

Over the course of its history, Ashburnham has played host to competitions such as the PGA Championship and the Home International Championship – as well as serving as a qualifying venue for the 2014 and 2017 Senior Open Championship. Success here can be a precursor to bigger things. Dai Rees, Bernard Gallagher and Sam Torrance all won tournaments at Ashburnham before going on to become Ryder Cup captains. Even the legendary player Harry Vardon was a fan, the six-time Open winner describing it as 'the course I like best in Wales.'

Top hole

The 191-yard, par-three sixth may not be the longest hole in Ashburnham's bag, but it's one of the trickiest. If your tee shot fades to the right, you'll be left with a very difficult chip to a green protected by a selection of slopes, mounds and bunkers.

Après Ashburnham. Now what?

We hope you're not all linked out for we have more sandy experiences in store for you – in fact, Wales's longest sandy beach. Cefn Sidan Sands is a whopping

seven miles long, so it's safe to say that you won't be tripping over sandcastles and beach balls. Not that it isn't popular. It's part of Pembrey Country Park, an unusual mix of pine forest, grassland, family attractions and spectacular beach with all the space in the world.
discovercarmarthenshire.com/parks
ashburnhamgolfclub.co.uk

Southerndown
Some things never go out of fashion

Game on

Golf Monthly magazine describes Southerndown Golf Course near Bridgend as 'a timeless classic'. Built around the natural contours of the land, its layout has remained largely unchanged since the 1920s. Why tamper with something that works so well? It's a full-blooded links course that also squeezes elements of parkland and clifftop into its rich and varied golfing bag. Originally conceived as a 7,170-yard monster, it now stretches to a more manageable 6,428 yards. Size isn't everything – Southerndown remains a grittily challenging test of windswept links golf.

What's the story?

Despite feeling so organic that you could almost believe it grew naturally out of the ground, Southerndown bears the fingerprints of multiple course designers. Originally laid out in 1905 by Willie Fernie, it was tinkered with numerous times before the world-famous designer Harry Colt was enlisted just after World War One to make the notoriously difficult course a little more playable. He was clearly on the ball: Southerndown today is much as he left it.

Top hole

Watch out for the 166-yard, par-three fifth, a potential card-wrecker known as Carter's Folly. Aiming for a well-bunkered green, players must use enough club to clear a sheer-sided valley lying in wait to claim misplaced balls.

01 Southerndown
02 Prestatyn
03 Borth & Ynyslas
04 Tenby
05 Royal Porthcawl

Après Southerndown. Now what?

You've probably heard of the Wales Coast Path. News of the world's first continuous coastal path went viral when it opened a few years back. It's 870 miles long and we reckon that 14 of those miles along the nearby Glamorgan Heritage Coast are some of its finest. Make the Heritage Coast Visitor Centre your first port of call then set off along a footpath that takes you into dramatic, cliff-backed and strangely remote territory.
walescoastpath.gov.uk
southerndowngolfclub.com

Linksland. Not to be missed...

Prestatyn

Windswept links at Wales's most northerly mainland course.
prestatyngolfclub.co.uk

Borth & Ynyslas

Rugged, Harry Colt-designed golf on the Mid Wales coast.
borthgolf.co.uk

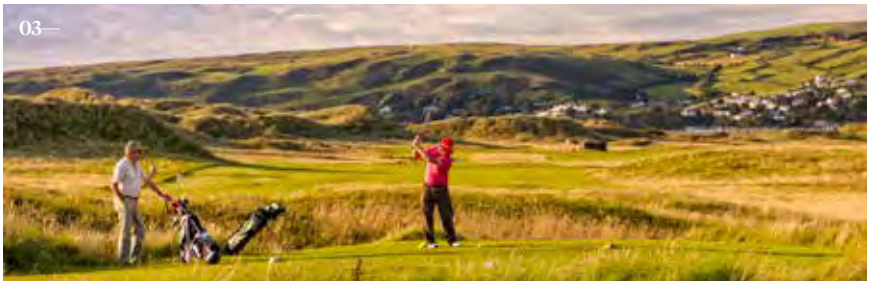
Tenby

A class act. One of the finest traditional links courses in Wales.
tenbygolf.co.uk

Royal Porthcawl

High-profile host of The 2014 Senior Open Championship and ready to welcome it back in 2017.
royalporthcawl.com

02—


03—

04—

05—

Bernhard Langer

We are the champions.

In 2014 we were proud to host The Senior Open Championship at Royal Porthcawl in South Wales – our very first Major – and look forward to welcoming it back in 2017. Here's what some of the players had to say about the tournament.

Bernhard Langer, Germany

Winner of the 2014 Senior Open Championship with 95 professional titles under his belt

On his 13-stroke victory.
We all have certain weeks and certain days when just everything goes great, we're in the zone and everything is wonderful and you can shoot course records and break other records. But to do it four days in a row and to lead from the front, to win it from the front is not easily done. I three-putted today from nowhere, and that was just a lapse of concentration. I was thinking about all sorts of garbage because I had a 13-shot lead and it didn't really matter. So it's not easy.

On the course.
The thing I enjoy the most is the firm ground. You can nip the ball and it just makes a certain sound when you hit it, and you can create some spin. Around the green you have so many options; you can putt the ball and use a four-iron, a seven-iron or a lob-wedge. You just need imagination to see the ball, which way you want to play it. There are a lot of options. Some courses when we have six inches of rough, there's no option. You just take your sand wedge and whack it out of there. That's all you can do. But here, you can almost use any club in the bag and that makes it fun.

On Royal Porthcawl's hopes of hosting The Open.
The course is definitely good for an Open Championship. I think it's a great test, especially when the wind blows a little bit.

Tom Watson, USA

Eight-time Open winner and captain of the 2014 US Ryder Cup team

On his journey through Wales.
I drove down through the centre of Wales on the A483 with Neil Oxman, my caddie. It was the plan to come down that way because I was told by one of the drivers at the Open, 'You must come down through Newtown and see the countryside.' And it's beautiful. I love the country; I live on a farm, and to see the hills and spectacular glens, it really was beautiful.

On the course.
Not knowing anything about it, from the first hole on, it was just one good hole after another. It was, well, this really is a good hole, good hole, great hole, great hole, great green complex. I really fell in love with it immediately. It's a great test of golf. Every hole was good. There's not a weak hole on the entire golf course. It just plays – every hole has got its character to it. You have to hit shots. You have to control your golf ball. It sets up visually.

Ian Woosnam, Wales

The first Welshman to win a Major and a Ryder Cup winner both as player and captain

On the challenges of Royal Porthcawl.
Sometimes when you play this course, you get battered and you feel like you don't enjoy it. But when you get to see the views as it was on the golf course, how it was set up, I think that changes your mind a lot. We all know it's a great golf course but it's pleasing to hear someone like Tom Watson say how good the golf is.

01—

02—

03—

04—

05—

Colin Montgomerie, Scotland
Captain of The 2010 Ryder Cup Team Europe and Senior Tour newcomer

On the course and playing in Wales.
This is the first time I've been west of Cardiff anywhere ever in my life and it's a delight. The weather is great. The golf course is in great condition, super test of golf, and everyone is excited by this championship here this year. I think this is the first of many, hopefully, that we play here in Wales, and we all look forward to it.

Miguel Ángel Jiménez, Spain
Senior Tour newcomer and one of the heroes of The 2010 Ryder Cup

On returning to Wales.
I won here at The Wales Open in 2005, first time I played in Wales, and it was nice to win the tournament. I played in The Ryder Cup on The Twenty Ten at Celtic Manor, a good experience always. It's very nice every time I come here. Also in Caerleon, you have two Spanish restaurants.

Fred Couples, USA
Former Senior Open Champion with more than 60 professional wins to his name

On the power of Royal Porthcawl.
I can't tell you, such a great golf course. Happy to be here. What makes these courses hard is that if tomorrow the wind blows another way, you're playing a completely different golf course. You can still shoot good scores here because it's in perfect shape. You could have a British Open here next week easily.

06—

"I really fell in love with it immediately. It's a great test of golf. Every hole was good. There's not a weak hole on the entire golf course."

01 Tom Watson
02 Ian Woosnam
03 Colin Montgomerie
04 Miguel Ángel Jiménez
05 Fred Couples
06 Bernhard Langer
07 Tom Watson
08 Dai Rees
09 Brian Huggett
10 Ian Woosnam
11 Jamie Donaldson
12 Amy Boulden

07—

Honour roll

We've got superstars of our own. Here are a few Welsh golfing greats – past, present and future

Dai Rees

After cutting his golfing teeth at Aberdare in South Wales, Rees went on to become one of the most successful players of his generation. His extensive list of achievements included captaining the British Ryder Cup team on five occasions, including a memorable victory in 1957.

Brian Huggett

Beginning his golfing career at Neath, Huggett won 16 European Tour titles and a further ten on the Senior European Tour. He also featured in The Ryder Cup team on six occasions and served as captain in 1977. In 1973 at Muirfield, Huggett pulled off a major Ryder Cup achievement by being the only player on either team to go unbeaten.

Ian Woosnam

This farmer's son started out playing at Llanymynech in Mid Wales before going on to win more than 50 professional titles. Part of the 'Big Five' who dominated the game during the 80s and 90s – along with Ballesteros, Faldo, Langer and Lyle – 'Woosie' is a living golfing legend.

Jamie Donaldson

Pontypridd-born Donaldson turned professional in 2000. Seven professional wins later, he's a regular fixture on the European Tour. He etched his name into the annals of golf at The 2014 Ryder Cup, when his fantastic wedge shot to the 15th green secured victory for Europe.

Amy Boulden

At just 23 years old, Llandudno native Boulden is already making waves in international golf. Part of the victorious 2012 Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup team, she's won Opens in Wales and Scotland and qualified for the 2014 US Women's Open.

08—

09—

10—

11—

12—

Abersoch

Treasure hunt.

Sometimes it's good to get off the beaten track. Wales is full of hidden golfing gems just waiting to be discovered. Here are a few of them.

Abersoch—
The perfect blend.

Nestled behind ancient sand dunes on the Llŷn Peninsula in North Wales, Abersoch is one of Welsh golf's best-kept secrets. Though it weighs in at a comparatively small 5,719 yards, it offers a giant-sized experience packed with golfing variety. A combination of links and parkland holes, Abersoch began life in 1908 as a Harry Vardon-designed nine-hole course. It was extended to a full 18 in the 1990s by Martin Hawtree, known for work on courses like Royal Birkdale, Sunningdale and Hoylake. The opening 12 holes at Abersoch are a masterclass in coastal links – fast running, dune-studded and windswept. Watch out for the par-four 11th, a testing hole played into the wind with a green encircled by bunkers. At the 13th, things take a turn towards parkland before the links re-emerge on the final hole, a 144-yard par-three back towards the clubhouse with out-of-bounds stringing the left hand side.
abersochgolfclub.co.uk

Borth & Ynyslas—
Hinterland golf at vintage coastal links.

The hit noir detective series, *Hinterland*, threw light on Cardigan Bay, a little-visited part of Wales. It's time for you to investigate Borth & Ynyslas. Reputedly established in 1885, it claims to be the oldest club in Wales. While members of Tenby (est. 1888) might disagree, there is no argument about the quality of golf here. Laid out along the blue sweep of the bay, it's a links course in the classic mould – a proper out-and-back configuration sandwiched between the sea and the coast road. Don't expect an easy ride. The rugged terrain is challenge enough, but factor in the ever-present seaside breeze and you've got a course that will test even the most able golfer. The par-four second demands an accurate drive to a narrow fairway and angled green well protected by bunkers. There's more room to manoeuvre at the 18th, but you still have to contend with no less than five bunkers guarding the green. Making it round with a decent score is no mean achievement.
borthgolf.co.uk

The Rolls of Monmouth—
A real high roller.

Stumbling across The Rolls of Monmouth for the first time can be a discombobulating experience. How could such a spectacular course lie almost unnoticed in the lush green landscape of South Wales? Laid out around historic Hendre House – now the clubhouse – this is parkland golf at its refined best. Greg Norman was the Touring Professional here in the 1980s. Snaking through mature woodland and dotted with lakes, highlights abound. The par-five seventh invites a big tee shot to an undulating fairway, while the two-tiered green at the eighth requires careful club selection if you're to avoid the yawning bunker lurking to its left. What's in a name? A lot actually. Between 1767 and 1987, Hendre Hall was the home of the Rolls family, including one Charles Stuart Rolls. He teamed up with Frederick Royce to form the Rolls-Royce motor company, the last word in automotive luxury. Hardly surprising then that The Rolls of Monmouth is such a classy golfing experience.
therollsgolfclub.co.uk

"I've travelled the entire golfing world, but never before seen such golfing beauty as at Neath."

01 Aberystwyth
02 Clyne
03 The Rolls of Monmouth
04 Borth & Ynyslas
05 Morlais Castle
06 Criccieth

Neath—
A hilltop hideaway.

Neath's location – high on a hill overlooking the Dulais Valley – is the perfect spot for a golf course. But don't take our word for it. Neath's designer, legendary course architect and five-time Open winner James Braid, was of a similar opinion. 'The situation is superb for the playing of golf,' was his assessment on visiting the site for the first time. It's easy to see why he was so impressed. Strewn with organic features and undulations, Neath's heathland terrain is the perfect fit for Braid's naturalistic design style. The signature 15th hole – known as The Pulpit – makes use of an 80ft drop between tee and green, demanding an exhilarating drive into the open sky. We'll leave the final word to another Neath fan, three-time Open winner Henry Cotton: 'I've travelled the entire golfing world, but never before seen such golfing beauty as at Neath.' We think you'll agree.
neathgolfclub.co.uk

02—

01—

03—

04—

05—

06—

The hunt continues...

Aberystwyth—

With picture-perfect views taking in Snowdonia, the Llŷn Peninsula and the Preseli Mountains in Pembrokeshire, Aberystwyth is quite a looker. Soak up the sights at the elevated seventh tee, but keep an eye on your swing – bunkers, grassy hollows, ponds and ditches await any misplaced shots.
aberystwythgolfclub.com

Clyne—

While it isn't as well known as nearby Pennard, Clyne's lofty coastal setting is just as spectacular. With well-protected greens and gorse-lined fairways, it's a proper test of golf. You'll need every club in your bag as you face tight par-threes and big, booming par-fives.
clynegolfclub.com

Criccieth—

Big isn't always best. Measuring just 5,034 yards, par-67 Criccieth proves that size isn't everything. It more than makes up for it with breathtaking views of the Cambrian Coast and a series of quirkily challenging holes. See the 18th, a par-three measuring just 100 yards, but with a drop of 100ft between tee and green.
cricciethgolfclub-northwales.co.uk

Morlais Castle—

Follow the signs to the Brecon Mountain Railway from Merthyr Tydfil, take a ride on the narrow-gauge train into the Brecon Beacons, then play Morlais Castle. It's unpretentious and unassuming, where you'll enjoy engaging moorland golf (and great vistas) whether your handicap is three or 30.
morlaisgolf.com

Not just for the boys.

She's a model, racing driver, polo player and TV presenter, but **Jodie Kidd** also lists golf as one of her abiding passions. *Wales Golf* editor **Huw Thomas** chats with her at The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, to hear about her life on the course.

How did you get started playing golf?

It wasn't the most auspicious of beginnings. When I was 11 we were spending Christmas at our family home in Barbados. I remember that I was annoying my dad so much because I desperately wanted a particular yellow waterproof Walkman, but on Christmas Day he told my brother, sister and me our present was to have a golf lesson. I was livid. We went to the lesson, all of us absolutely furious. We couldn't believe it as we had a list of all these wonderful gadgets that we had wanted and now we were being forced to play golf. Jack and Jemma hated it, but I fell in love with it immediately.

After that I played a lot for four years until I started modelling. I took it up again when I was about 21 and played really solidly for a long time. I got my handicap down to about 15 and participated in the Dunhill Links and other Pro Am competitions all around the world. I was very dedicated and playing golf all the time. I let it slip for a while as I was doing other things like racing and TV, so golf got put on the back burner a bit. But golf is one of those sports that – as long as you don't expect too much – you can go out after a long break and get around the course. You don't expect to play off your handicap but you can still enjoy it. I haven't played a huge amount recently because I've been filming, but having the lesson here was a great way to ease back into it.

Can you tell us about your relationship with Celtic Manor Resort?

So much of my golfing history happened here. I played in two All Star Cups here, where we played The Ryder Cup format and I played in the Celebrity Cup more recently. I also held fundraising golf events for my Foundation here a couple of times, so I know these courses very well. Celtic Manor and I are very close. And I was here for The Ryder Cup in 2010. Every time I come here I have the most wonderful time. The hospitality is amazing. I love Celtic Manor because I've gone through some enormous events here – with thousands of spectators plus a live TV audience. I'm an amateur golfer but I love to put myself into very scary situations like that. After going through these huge events you really bond with a place so I absolutely love it here. It's brilliant.

The Twenty Ten is a really tricky course, and you've also got the Montgomerie and Roman Road. That's why I'm such a big fan. You've got slightly easier courses, slightly tougher courses. There's something here for everyone and the Golf Academy is fabulous. We've already been up to the range because David needed some lessons and I needed a refresher.

"
You're also right on the edge of everything else Wales has to offer. You could have a day at the coast and a day travelling inland to the Brecon Beacons.
"

01—

Is playing in big events a nerve-wracking experience?

Golf can often go really wrong and it has done a few times when I've been taking part in events. I remember one of the All Star Cups where we had Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas here representing Europe and the USA. We had something like 25,000 people around the course, so teeing off at the first was like the final hole at Augusta. The whole fairway was lined ten deep. So of course I shanked it straight into the crowd. Once you've done that on live TV it can't really get any worse, so you tend to relax a bit.

What is it that keeps bringing you back to Celtic Manor Resort?

If you're going just for a golfing holiday, the hotel has to be good. That's why it's so wonderful here, because you've got the spa, which is really nice after you've been out on the course. It's been a while since I played, so it was good to have a little massage afterwards. The facilities have to be attractive and then 90 percent of it has to be the golf courses themselves. It's absolutely stunning here when you drop down into the valley towards the river. It's spectacular, the holes are beautiful, the courses are immaculately kept and the greens are all wickedly fast.

02—

03—

You're also right on the edge of everything else Wales has to offer. You could have a day at the coast and a day travelling inland to the Brecon Beacons. It's very well situated. You just travel down the M4 and you've got a Ryder Cup course. I was in Gleneagles for The 2014 Ryder Cup and that's certainly not as easy to reach.

How well do you know Wales?

I was recently at Portmeirion for a new classic car show I'm filming, so I was driving a £15 million Ferrari around the narrow little streets. What a mad place! It's just something that you don't expect at all. Absolutely stunning. After that I took the car up to the foothills of Snowdon and found some fabulous driving roads. I'd never really ventured to that area before. I'd really love to explore more because it's such a beautiful place.

Has your work allowed you to play golf in many other places?

I've played all over the world. When I was in my mid-20s and really getting back into golf, I made a pact with myself that I'd play a golf course everywhere I went. I'd

take an afternoon off and find somewhere to play. I've played all through Australia, South America, South Africa, the Caribbean, all over really. When you're travelling and tired from working hard, it's nice to get out on the golf course, get your feet back down on the ground and have some refreshing exercise. It's fun to play with other people, but I also loved getting away from everything and playing on my own. Thanks to the places my work takes me I'm able to play in some really gorgeous settings.

How does Celtic Manor Resort compare to some of the places you've played on your travels?

It's right up there. They wouldn't have had The Ryder Cup here if not. The Twenty Ten is fabulous. It's tricky, it's long and testing but it can be more forgiving for an amateur golfer. You may not get the best score, but you can still have fun. This is the first time I've played The Twenty Ten since The Ryder Cup was staged here, so it's great to be back.

01 Jodie on the practice green
02 Picking up some tips at the Golf Academy
03 Jodie and David practice their swing
04 Twenty Ten Course, Celtic Manor Resort

It takes two.

David Blakely takes his first steps towards becoming a playing partner.

I'm an absolute golfing beginner, but Jodie plays a lot so I really want to get into it. We came to Celtic Manor a little while ago and Jodie showed me the course, but it wasn't until this time that we tried an intensive golf lesson. Our session went really well and our coach Alex was absolutely brilliant. With both Jodie and Alex coaching me I picked up some really good tips and felt like I progressed really quickly. We had our swings filmed so we could see exactly what we were doing – both right and wrong – and there was video footage of Martin Kaymer that you could compare yourself with. It was incredibly helpful to see exactly how the pros do it.

The best thing about being a golf novice here is that once you can hit the ball in a straight line you can have a go on a world-class course. We're going to see the same coach again before we leave and hopefully get out for a proper game.
celtic-manor.com

What Jodie did next.

Shortly after our chat, Jodie and David traded Celtic Manor for another Welsh heavyweight. They walked the famous 'Fan Dance' route, based on an SAS test and training march, to the summit of Pen y Fan, at 886m (2,907ft) the highest peak in the Brecon Beacons. Looks like they enjoyed the experience.

Susie Waldock

Following her dad onto the course at the age of eight, 38-year-old Susie's association with Aberdovey continues to this day. She now runs the club's golf shop and gets out onto the course as often as work and family commitments allow. With both her father and son being regulars on Aberdovey's links, there's hope that those family commitments will dovetail with golf more frequently as time goes by.

Oli Waldock

Though aged just eight, Oli is no stranger to the golf course. He's already been playing for about three years and his interest in the game is growing by the day. A recent trip to The Open at Hoylake gave him the opportunity to see some star players up close and even grab a few autographs. He's not the only junior member of the Waldock family to be bitten by the golfing bug – younger sister Abby is also a member of Aberdovey's youth programme.

Paul Bloxidge

A member of Aberdovey for more than 30 years, 66-year-old Paul is a committed ambassador for the club and a big part of its efforts to encourage younger players. Golf here has always been a family affair for Paul – his wife Judy is also a long-time member and his children James and Susie have both played since an early age. With grandson Oli now getting into the game, it looks like golf is a tradition that's set to continue.

The generation game.

Golf in Wales is a game for everyone. Young or old, low handicapper or enthusiastic amateur, you'll find a warm welcome on our greens and fairways. *Wales Golf* editor **Huw Thomas** accompanied three generations of the same family to Aberdovey on the Mid Wales coast for an inclusive all-ages round.

It's a blustery day when we arrive at Aberdovey to meet our trio of golfers. Set on dune-studded coastal land at the edge of blue Cardigan Bay, brisk sea breezes are an ever-present feature here, but today's winds are particularly vigorous. They are also blowing in an unusual direction, promising to make an already challenging course that little bit trickier. As we make our way from the golf shop to the first tee, Paul warns us not to expect a particularly low-scoring round.

Not that today is necessarily about carding the best score. We're here to experience another flavour of Welsh 'golf as it should be' – a fun, friendly game accessible to all the family, whether they've been playing for three or 30-plus years.

That's good news for Oli. Today he's wearing a cap decorated with the autographs of a number of top players – a memento of that recent trip to The Open at Hoylake – and it's clear that he's already well on his way to becoming a seasoned player. As a junior member at Aberdovey, he takes part in regular coaching sessions and tournaments, but also spends a lot of time simply enjoying the game. 'I like taking part in the competitions, but it's fun just to come out and play,' he says. 'Quite a lot of my friends play here too.'

'Oli's been playing for about three years,' Susie adds. 'He's always enjoyed it, but recently he's started to get really enthusiastic. It's a very welcoming club for younger players.'

It certainly is. In addition to the back 'Darwin' tees, Aberdovey's blue tees offer a more achievable option for younger golfers who aren't yet able to hit the biggest drives. But it isn't just the junior members who benefit from this flexibility. 'We have a lot of older members here too,' Paul tells us. 'Having a slightly less demanding option is good for golfers who aren't physically up to a full 18 holes but aren't ready to hang up their clubs just yet.'

"
The best hole on the course is the 11th... it's a wonderful hole, really tough. And the 18th is the best finishing hole in Wales..
"

01 2nd fairway with the green in the distance
02 Susi Waldock teeing off on the 1st
03 Oli teeing off the 17th
04 Aberdovey

Keeping it in the family

'There are a large number of families who have been members here for generations,' says Paul. 'A lot of them are away members who have holiday homes here and have been coming for years.'

The club's traditions provide ample evidence that golf in Aberdovey has long been a game for the whole family. The Colonel Lee, an annual competition pairing golfers aged 12 and under with an older relative, has been running here for almost a century. 'We've got certain younger members who are single-figure golfers, so we get some very good scores,' says Susie. 'My Mum and my brother James won it some years ago, but the best Dad and I have managed is second place.'

'Starting around 2011, we made a big push to get local juniors here playing golf,' says Paul. 'It has been hugely successful. Whereas it used to be that we had 20 local juniors and maybe 80 that didn't live locally, it's now almost exactly the other way around. We run programmes with local schools and we have about 40 young players who come here regularly on a Tuesday night.'

Doing the rounds

As we work our way around the course, talk turns to favourite holes. Aberdovey's raw and rugged links throw up plenty of contenders, but it's clear that here are a few standouts for our party. 'The 16th is my favourite hole,' says Oli. 'It's really fun to play.' Mum Susie agrees: 'The 16th can be particularly nerve-wracking when you know you've got a good card in your hand.'

It's not long before we get a demonstration of how the hole can catch out unsuspecting players. The wind snatches Paul's drive from the slightly raised tee box, sending his shot over the fence and towards the train tracks that run along the course's edge. This is a section of out-of-bounds that claims many a lost ball.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Paul has a different view on Aberdovey's highlights. 'The best hole on the course is the 11th,' he reckons. 'It's a wonderful hole, really tough. And the 18th is the best finishing hole in Wales.' It's a bold claim, but as we make our way to the final flag you can understand Paul's enthusiasm. A long, straight par-four to a green lying just feet from the clubhouse, it requires some confident driving – plus a cool head to sink your putt under the watchful eyes of the members.

If anybody is feeling nervous, they don't show it. While a loose record of the scores has been kept around the course, this is a game where everyone's a winner. The joy of golf is its own reward, so nobody is under too much pressure to make par. Final putts holed, everyone troops off to enjoy some well-deserved refreshments and to reflect on another successful round at family-friendly Aberdovey. It's the end of the latest chapter in a golfing story that spans generations. And, at a club that prides itself on embracing all age groups, it doesn't look like a tale that will finish any time soon.

01—

02—

03—

04—

Making tracks:

In addition to swallowing many wayward shots, the railway line bounding Aberdovey's eastern edge allows adventurous players to attempt a truly unique 18 holes of golf.

Play nine at Aberdovey before catching the train just outside the clubhouse and riding the rails north to complete your round at the mighty links of Royal St David's in Harlech. It will take a little longer than the average game, but with two world-class courses – plus a breathtaking ride through miles of spectacular Mid Wales coast and countryside – we think it's worth it.

Natural selection.

Darwin is a name that crops up a lot here. The legendary godfather of sports writers Bernard Darwin is famously associated with Aberdovey, memorably describing it as the place his 'soul loved best of all the courses in the world.'

Aged just six or so years old, Darwin witnessed Aberdovey's birth in the 1880s when, in an effort to stave off winter boredom, Darwin's uncle Arthur Ruck sank nine flowerpots into the turf to create his own rudimentary golf course. It was this rough-and-ready collection of holes – played by just a handful of friends and relatives – that imbued the young Darwin with a lifetime of love for the game. It's a romantic story that's echoed in modern-day Aberdovey's continuing efforts to inspire the players of tomorrow.

8th hole, Cradoc Golf Club

The finer things in golf.

How easy is it to combine first-class golf with the last word in luxury accommodation? We sent *Golf World* Senior Editor **Kit Alexander** and non-playing friend Becky on an indulgent Mid Wales break to find out.

For most players, the perfect weekend away involves as much golf as ossible on courses that look good, are interestingly laid out and well maintained. Your significant other, however, usually has different ideas. In my case, she wanted two days of five-star luxury, pampering and relaxation in extravagant surroundings that would make her friends sick with jealousy. The two very rarely go hand-in-hand – and a compromise often ends up satisfying neither party.

But as we walk into Lake Country House and Spa – an opulent gem in the heart of green Mid Wales – I'm confident I've found the Holy Grail of weekends away. You can feel the history and extravagance the moment you walk in. The walls are covered with classical paintings, every room is furnished in the most luxurious and decadent manner possible and there is a calming ambience throughout. It's like relaxing in an episode of the Antiques Roadshow.

Once we've checked into our spacious suite overlooking the hotel's grounds we go and investigate the spa. It's a supremely inviting facility and – with Becky surrounded by bubbles and oils for the afternoon – I can head for my first tee time at Cradoc Golf Club over the hill near Brecon safe in the knowledge that she'll be in an excellent mood when I return.

Teeing off

After a Welsh welcome from head pro and my playing partner for the afternoon, Richard Davies, it's straight to the first tee. With mature trees flanking the fairway, I'm relieved to see my opening drive fly straight down the middle. It's mid-September and as I comment on the perfect firmness of the greens after seeing my wedge approach release a little past the hole, Richard tells me they've had another glorious summer that has allowed the greenkeeping staff to get the 6,188-yard, par-71 course into peak condition.

The next six holes continue the parkland fun as you gradually climb up the hillside. By the time you reach the green of the par-three seventh, you've climbed high above the clubhouse without even realising. This slight surprise at our altitude made the breathtaking views out across the rolling Brecon Beacons even more captivating.

The back nine continues the theme of clever parkland holes with stunning views. The downhill par-three 12th and the 14th, a reachable par-five if you take on the cross bunkers off the tee, are

particularly good holes before the long par-three 17th and 393-yard 18th holes take you back to the clubhouse.

Catching up with Becky after my game, I have a little more time to appreciate the surroundings. Our spacious suite sits at the end of the hotel, overlooking the croquet lawn and beautiful woods. The champagne on our arrival certainly helps us ease our way blissfully into a laid-back, romantic evening.

The high life

The previous night's relaxation is greatly appreciated as I rise early for my round at Llandrindod Wells Golf Club. The clubhouse is perched near the summit of one of the largest hills in the area and from the moment you hit your opening tee shot straight up an extremely steep fairway, it's obvious this is a very different course to Cradoc.

Llandrindod Wells – I'm relieved my local playing partner's pronunciation is the far more manageable 'Llandod' – was designed by six-time Open Champion Harry Vardon in 1905 and altered some years later by James Braid, and the links influences are clear to see. The fairways are firm and fast and wind is a constant factor, with very few trees to protect you.

I'm playing with John Stevenson, a club member and director of Heart of Wales Golf Breaks. The group – which offers green fee and accommodation packages for all three clubs I'm visiting on this trip – is approaching its 10th anniversary and is an excellent starting point for anyone interested in playing golf in this part of Wales. John's local knowledge comes in very handy, as there are quite a few blind shots. Knowing where to land the ball on the fairways and greens is essential. Links purists will love the challenge this course poses – not to mention the creative shot-making required to get the ball round in a decent number.

It's a relatively short 5,759-yard par-69, but don't let that fool you – it's tough. The 374-yard par-four 12th was a particular highlight. The tee is the highest point on the course (and for as far as the eye can see) and you smash a drive off into the abyss of a steeply downhill fairway.

Down in the valley

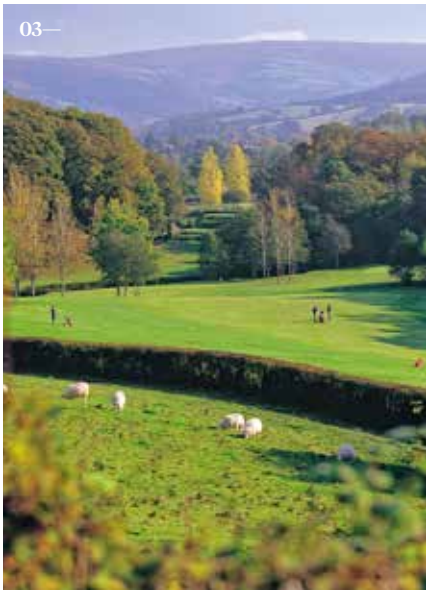
It's a short 20-minute drive to my final round. Unlike its more mountainous peers, Builth Wells lies entirely on a valley floor. A tributary of the River Irfon winds through the course, coming into play on five holes. Originally opened as a nine-holer in 1923, it was extended to the full 18 in 1986. My playing partner, Colin Bradley, has been a member for 60 years and actually helped to reroute the extended course and build some of the new greens.

The flatter, tree-lined terrain makes Builth Wells a bit of an easier walk. It's also the shortest of the three layouts – a par-66 of 5,420 yards off the back tees. The first three holes offer a relatively gentle start to ease yourself into the

01 Kit and Cradoc head pro Richard Davies
02 7th hole, Cradoc Golf Club
03 Builth Wells Golf Club
04 The Lake Country House Hotel and Spa

02—

01—


03—

round before the first real tests come on the fourth and sixth holes, two of four par-fours that measure over 400 yards, and the whopping 242-yard par-three seventh.

But the fun really begins when the river comes into play on the back nine and you face some great risk-and-reward holes. You drive over the river twice with one shot as it snakes across the 10th fairway, the 12th is a reachable par-four and the 450-yard par-four 13th sees you drive over a hill before hitting into a green far below you. The final three holes offer great scoring opportunities with a short par-four played back over the river, followed by a 177-yard par-three and a strong par-four to complete my magnificent 54 holes in Mid Wales.

Actually, that should be 63 holes. I didn't have the opportunity on this trip, but next time I come I'll also try the Lake's very own nine-hole par-three golf course (they even provide the clubs).

A taste of luxury

While Becky and I were doing our own thing in the spa and on the golf course for a few hours each day, there were still plenty of ways to share enjoyment. The house and spa are set in spectacular grounds and we took a different walk every day. The path around the main lake was our favourite route – we could have sat watching a pair of swans and their eight cygnets for hours.

In the evening, the award-winning restaurant offers modern Celtic cuisine served in a stately dining room. Chef Darren Tattersall sources the finest local ingredients to create innovative dishes that you can't resist taking a picture of – and they taste even better than they look. And there are more than 300 wines on offer to help wash them down.

I even got the chance to enjoy the spa with Becky before we checked out on our final morning. I may be a golfer first and foremost, but I'm not ashamed to say I'm rather partial to a cleansing stint in the steam room, an invigorating dip in a hot tub and a swim in the pool (a proper sized one in the Lake's case, not the usual tiny apology).

Our weekend in Mid Wales ticked every box for us. My golfing demands were thoroughly satisfied at three very different courses, Becky enjoyed some world-class R&R in a sumptuous spa and we both sampled some of the finest cuisine in Britain in surroundings that were as extravagant as they were welcoming.

It just goes to show that a couples' getaway doesn't have to be about compromise. We both got exactly what we wanted. Go on, treat yourself (and the other half) to the finer things in golf. You deserve it.

05—

Spa quality at The Lake

It's facials rather than fairways for **Becky**, as she immerses herself in the Lake's luxurious spa.

After checking in, the first thing on my list was to go and check out the spa and gym facilities. The spa isn't visible from the hotel but a short walk through the lovely grounds leads you to its location on the edge of a lake. A quick tour reveals a coffee shop, 50ft swimming pool, sauna, steam room, gym and outdoor hot tub overlooking the water.

I opted for the 60-minute Repose aromatherapy facial which is suitable for all skin types – ideal for my sensitive skin. It promises to soothe, calm and nourish a tired, irritated or unhappy complexion and uses products from the Temple Spa range. I also added a foot massage to my treatment, the ideal ending to ensure my stress levels returned to a more acceptable level. Needless to say, I didn't want the treatment to end, so it was music to my ears when my talented therapist, Carol, said that I could take as much time as I wanted to lie there, calm and contented, once she'd finished.

Stay...

Lake Country House Hotel & Spa
Llangammarch Wells
+44 (0)1591 620202
lakecountryhouse.co.uk

...and play

Heart of Wales Golf Breaks
+44 (0)1597 828598
heartofwalesgolfbreaks.co.uk

Cradoc Golf Club, near Brecon
+44 (0)1874 623658
cradoc.co.uk

Llandrindod Wells Golf Club
+44 (0)1597 823873
lwgc.co.uk

Builth Wells Golf Club
+44 (0)1982 553296
builthwellsgolf.co.uk

05 12th hole, Cradoc Golf Club
06 Llandrindod Wells Golf Club
07 8th hole, Cradoc Golf Club
08 The Lake's spa & swimming pool
09 Luxury at The Lake
10 The Lake's spa

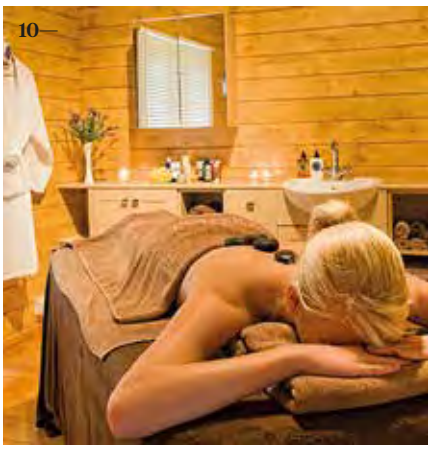
06—

07—

08—

09—

10—



9th hole, Tenby Golf Club

Different strokes.

What's your perfect golfing experience? Whether you're looking for a no-fuss nine or a challenging 18 holes, Wales has it covered. We sent keen golfers **Andrew Davies** and **Neil Skelton** to play two very different courses in Pembrokeshire – cosy St David's City and big-hitting Tenby. Here's their blow-by-blow account.

Vital statistics
Name: Andrew Davies
Handicap: 7
Golf experience: Andrew's playing career started at age six – though his parents say he was watching golf from three years old. Apart from a short hiatus in his late teens and early 20s, he's been playing ever since. A member of Monmouthshire Golf Club, South Wales, he recently achieved two major golfing ambitions – getting his handicap down to single figures and meeting his hero Fred Couples at the 2014 Senior Open Championship at Royal Porthcawl.
Favourite course in Wales: Championship Old Course, Marriott St Pierre
Favourite international course: Queenstown Golf Club, New Zealand

Vital statistics
Name: Neil Skelton
Handicap: 8.6
Golf experience: Neil has been a regular on the golf course for as long as he can remember, walking round with his father before picking up some clubs himself. He had an early taste of success, becoming junior champion at Monmouth Golf Club in the first ever competition he entered. He's played all over the country, but is now a member of Monmouthshire Golf Club near his hometown of Abergavenny. He's still in search of that elusive hole in one.
Favourite course in Wales: The Twenty Ten, Celtic Manor Resort
Favourite international course: Costa Adeje, Tenerife

Tenby
A big name in links golf

First impressions?

Andrew: The approach to Tenby Golf Club was lovely. The course really looked the part. There was a welcoming clubhouse, driving range, a small pitch and putt and a practice green. The facilities were fantastic. The steward came over and had a chat with us, so it was a very friendly experience.
Neil: The setting is beautiful. You've got views of the brightly coloured houses of Tenby, you've got the beach and the sea. Even if you weren't playing golf, it's a great place to spend some time.

How was the course?

A: The course layout was absolutely fantastic. The holes were challenging and it was exactly what you'd expect from a proper links. If you want a test, that's what you'll get. Seeing as I'm not an experienced links player, I was surprised how well I played. On a parkland course, if you put your ball in the right place, it generally stays there, but on a links it tends to roll off and do all sorts of funny things. You need a bit of luck and I think we probably had that when we played. Phil Mickelson said it took him 20 years to learn how to play links, so maybe in 20 years I'll have got the hang of it.
N: It wasn't quite as punishing off the fairways as I was expecting. I'd played the course previously and it wasn't as difficult as I remembered. I don't see how it really could have been any different, so maybe I just played better this time.

01—

02—

Best hole?

A: The ninth was stunning, a real signature hole. It's got everything that was attractive about the course. You're teeing off from high up with some amazing views over Tenby.
N: The ninth was definitely a highlight. Sometimes you have those holes where you're playing from a spectacular elevated position and the actual hole lets you down, but this was great all the way. The landing area was tight, you've got the beach to the right, with the wind pushing you left and your second shot has you playing blind to the green.

What sort of player would you recommend the course to?

A: If you want a test, that's what you'll get. It's true links. You get some courses that call themselves links because the ball bounces and you've got gorse all over the place, but this is the real thing. Being more of a parkland golfer, it was probably the best round of links golf I've ever played. Things just seemed to work out for me, though I'd be surprised if I did as well next time.
N: If you're a serious golfer looking for a real challenge, it's the place to go. You need to be playing regularly because you could have a really nasty time if you aren't prepared. Links golf can be frustrating because the margins are so tight. I've never been as drawn to links as some people are, but our game at Tenby was really enjoyable. Maybe I'd feel differently if I hadn't played as well as I did, but it has made me want to try out some more links courses in Wales in the future.

Tenby – vital statistics

Founded: 1888
Holes: 18
Length: 6,528 yards
Par: 72
tenbygolf.co.uk

01 1st hole, Tenby Golf Club
02 9th hole, Tenby Golf Club
03 St David's City Golf Club
04 Whitesands Bay, Pembrokeshire
05 Sunset at St David's City Golf Club

St David's City
Small but perfectly formed

First impressions?

A: It's quite low-key compared to some of the clubs I've been to – but everything was there. You go round into the locker room and there are clubs on the side for you to use if you haven't brought your own.
N: Paying your green fees in an honesty box was the thing that struck me. You wouldn't get that in the middle of Cardiff.

How was the course?

A: It's pretty much golf as it should be. There's nothing corporate. For £20 you can play all day. Or you can pay £65 and play for the whole week. If you were going on holiday with your family and staying at one of the local campsites it would be perfect.
N: It's just back to basics. It's simply: 'There's the course, now go and play it.' It was links golf at its best really. The tee boxes were rustic, but the fairways and greens were in excellent condition. As you drop down from the first hole you see the coastline and get some great views over Whitesands Bay.
A: It's not easy. You've got gorse bushes. The fairways are smooth and green, but if you're off you're in some pretty serious rough.
N: If you're a club golfer and you pay a membership, it's a totally different experience – in a good way. There's nothing there apart from the golf, so it's a very old-school experience. It strips everything away that can be a bit pompous about golf. It's not about having the best equipment and the shiniest facilities. You can just turn up and play golf in a lovely setting and have a great game. So – golf really as it should be.

Best hole?

A: The fourth is a great little par-three. The beach is right there and you can watch the surfers in the sea.
N: I don't think anyone could play the course and not agree that the fourth was their favourite hole.

03—

04—

What sort of player would you recommend the course to?

A: If you were going on a golfing tour it's not necessarily the first course that would spring to mind, but you should definitely add it to the list especially if you're a family of four or small group and you all play golf. None of the holes are too long for kids and any standard of golfer could go and have fun there. You've got St Davids on your doorstep, so if you want a drink or meal afterwards, you've got a huge choice of pubs and restaurants.
N: If we were staying in St Davids for the week we'd pay our £65 and be very happy to play there. If you had a kid who just wanted to swing a club, it's the perfect place. It's ideal for someone who wants to get their first taste of golf. It's not too long, which makes it great for younger golfers – or older players who want to take things easy.

St David's City – vital statistics

Founded: 1903
Holes: 9
Length: 3,040 yards
Par: 35
stdavidscitygolfclub.co.uk

05—

Dream on.

We all dream of the perfect game – a flawless series of holes that sums up everything great about golf. You'll find all the components for that perfect game in Wales. Here we've created the ultimate nine holes from courses spread across our golf-mad nation.

1 – 4th Llanymynech

Enjoy a truly international golf experience. Here at Ian Woosnam's old stomping ground, you tee off in Wales and sink your putt over the border in England. It's all thanks to Llanymynech's position astride Offa's Dyke, the 8th-century earthwork that once separated the two countries. Don't worry, you won't need your passport.
llanymynechgc.co.uk

2 – 18th Pyle & Kenfig

You'll need to take a leap of faith here. A blind tee shot over grasping gorse will get you to the fairway, but you'll still have to penetrate a green protected on three sides by banks and bunkers.
pandkgolfclub.co.uk

3 – 9th Vale of Llangollen

With the crumbling remains of Castell Dinas Bran high on a hill overlooking the Vale, this is fairytale golf at its finest. But, bringing you back to earth, you'll need to pull off a confident drive along the bank of the rushing River Dee if you're going to achieve a happy ending.
vlgc.co.uk

4 – 16th Ashburnham

The hole is all about picking the right club – usually one more than seems necessary at first glance. Be sure to carry the bunkers, but watch out for some perilous rough lying in wait at the back of the green.
ashburnhamgolfclub.co.uk

5 – 3rd Abersoch

Located on the pristine Llŷn Peninsula, this long downhill par-three features views that are out of this world. As you line up your shot, gaze across the bay towards the misty mountains of Snowdonia for more dreamy experiences. It's an unreal vista straight out of *Lord of the Rings*.
abersochgolf.co.uk

6 – 2nd Borth & Ynyslas

Long and straight, this may seem straightforward at first glance. But with out of bounds to the right and the sea to your left, a misplaced drive will serve as a severe wake up call.
borthgolf.co.uk

7 – 11th Rhos-on-Sea

Don't wake in a cold sweat. With water on both sides, this is a hole where you'll want to avoid making a splash. Though it's comparatively short, a misplaced tee shot will consign your ball to a watery grave.
rhosgolf.co.uk

8 – 18th Mountain Ash

Dreams can become nightmares on this intimidating hole, with a big drive required to reach the distant fairway. Do it right and you can make the green in two, but beware the out-of-bounds lurking menacingly close to your target.
mountainashgc.co.uk

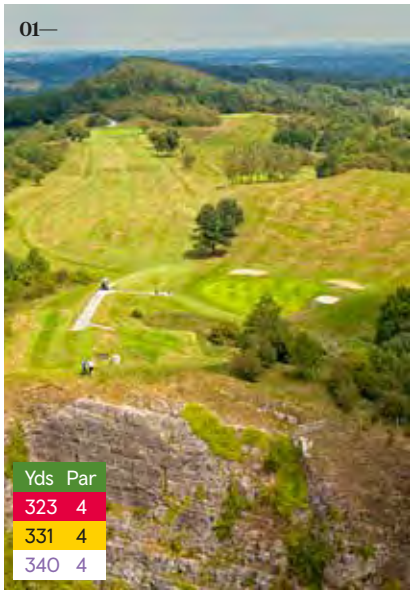
9 – 7th Pennard

Played downhill towards the sea between the remains of a 13th-century church and a ruined castle perched high on a cliff, there's plenty to distract you here. No time for daydreaming though – you'll need all your skill to hold the plateau green that runs away from you.
pennardgolfclub.com

For the locations of the courses where dreams are made, see page 92.

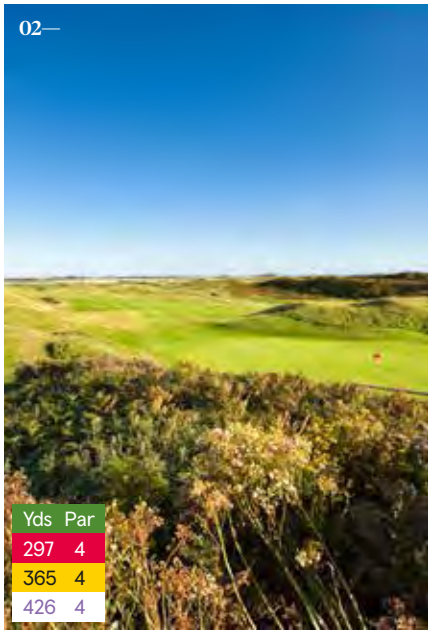
01 Llanymynech
02 Pyle & Kenfig
03 Abersoch
04 Borth & Ynyslas
05 Pennard

01—



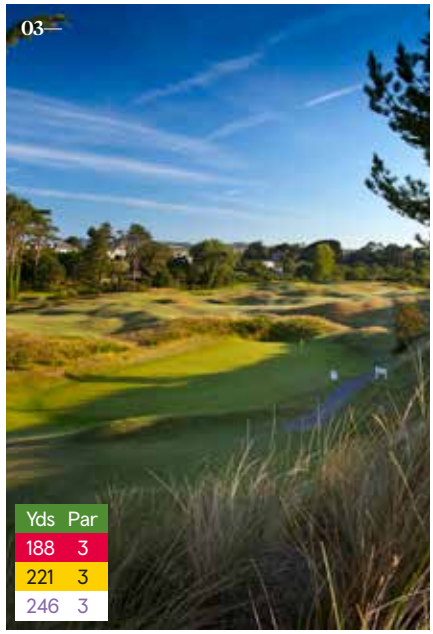
Yds	Par
323	4
331	4
340	4

02—



Yds	Par
297	4
365	4
426	4

03—



Yds	Par
188	3
221	3
246	3

04—

Yds	Par
437	5
409	4
455	5

05—

Yds	Par
286	4
335	5
351	5

3	Yds	Par
	420	5
	425	4
	439	4

4	Yds	Par
	106	3
	137	3
	154	3

7	Yds	Par
	147	3
	151	3
	160	3

8	Yds	Par
	433	4
	510	5
	516	5

Porthmadog Golf Club

Swede dreams are made of this.

We've always known that Wales is a top golfing destination, but what's the international perspective? We caught up with a group of Swedish golfers on their first Welsh tour to see what they thought.

Since 1996, a group of golfing friends who call themselves 'GolfPoolarna' (loosely translated as 'golf buddies') have been travelling the world to indulge their playing passion. Over the years, they've been to Northern Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Turkey, Singapore and even the Dominican Republic to play an annual three-round competition called 'The Trip' on the best courses they can find. In 2014, it was Wales's turn, with links golf at Porthmadog, Royal St David's and Nefyn & District on the menu. Here's how they got on.

Bertil Jonason—

Age: 66 | Handicap: 10.5

My expectations of Wales were pretty high as I'd been told about it by golf friends who had been there before. It all started very well, with the trip from Manchester Airport going very smoothly. In a little under two hours we were at Porthmadog Golf Club. We had a quick lunch and then played 18 holes in the afternoon. It was lovely to experience so much during the first day of our trip.

The courses were fantastic, especially Royal St David's and Nefyn & District. Those are two of the best courses I have ever played and I've played in many places around the world. I'd love to play them again when I return to Wales.

We were made to feel very welcome throughout our visit. Criccieth was a lovely seaside village and the hotel had some fantastic views out over the bay. The golf clubs were all very friendly too. Wales was one of the best experiences I've ever had and I'm going to be recommending it to other golfers. I will definitely be back and I'll probably bring some friends with me next time I come.

Klas Hammar—

Age: 67 | Handicap: 22

We have travelled all over the British Isles, but this was the first time this group had been to Wales. We've been playing together for nearly 20 years, so we decided we wanted to try something new.

I'd heard a bit about Wales as my wife has been here a couple of times. We were very excited about the golf courses. We are a group of well-travelled people and when we come away on these trips we like to play links courses. We don't have that many of them in Sweden and inland courses can be very wet when we travel in October.

The best experience for me was to play at Nefyn. I thought it was similar to the famous Pebble Beach in California. I really enjoyed the course, the surroundings, the layout, the conditions

and also the clubhouse. Everything was good. When we come back next time we will definitely be playing at Nefyn again. Next time we'll be able to play all the holes on the Old Course, as some of the holes were closed for repair during our visit. At least we had more time to visit the Tŷ Coch Inn between the 15th and 16th holes on this visit. That was a real highlight.some fantastic views out over the bay. The golf clubs were all very friendly too. Wales was one of the best experiences I've ever had and I'm going to be recommending it to other golfers. I will definitely be back and I'll probably bring some friends with me next time I come.

For what we received the price was very competitive. We were able to take advantage of a winter green fee rate, so we got a lot of golf for our money.

Anders Sjögren—

Age: 68 | Handicap: 13

I won the Order of Merit on last year's trip, so it was up to me to arrange the next trip. I came to Wales during the 2010 Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor Resort and I'd heard a lot about Nefyn & District. My son also played there a couple of years ago so I'd heard good things about it. Last year we played in Spain because it was a bad summer in Sweden and we needed some sun. The year before we played at Machrihanish in Scotland, so we decided to go a bit further south and give Wales a go. We had lots of help to get everything organised from Ian and Mark at Wales Golf Holidays.

A lot of us who hadn't been here before were pleasantly surprised by how good the golf was in Wales. I think we were all impressed by the quality of the courses. If you compare the courses with those in Scotland they stand up very well.

I liked Royal St David's a lot. We've played links all over the British Isles, and Royal St David's was very good. Everyone was really impressed. I've got so much credit for arranging this trip.

01—

02—

03—

Nefyn was excellent. All of the guys want to go back to Wales and we'll definitely plan to play there again. The peninsular section of the course was closed due to repair work, but the New Course was wonderful.

I enjoyed Porthmadog too. It was a little different because it was a mix of parkland and links holes, but I liked that. It's a good course to start with, particularly for people who might not have played for a little while. Going straight onto a pure links course could be quite a challenge, so having some parkland holes was actually helpful.

The trip as a whole was great. We had excellent service and a wonderful hotel that we thought should be four stars rather than three. The staff were very helpful and took care of us really well. The clubs were thoroughly welcoming too. People would come up to us to say hello and talk about where we'd come from and give us tips about the courses.

In fact, the only downside was that I didn't do so well in the competition this time round.

01 Autumn sunshine at Harlech
02 16th green, Royal St David's
03 Harlech Castle overlooks the course at Royal St David's
04 Ready for the off
05 Royal St David's
06 Porthdinllaen and the famous Tŷ Coch Inn at Nefyn
07 Nefyn & District

Jan von Baumgarten-Stahlberg—
Age: 66 | Handicap: 20

It was my first time in Wales, but I had heard a lot of good things about it. We have played in Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland so many times. I was maybe not surprised, but I was delighted by the courses in Wales.

Royal St David's was a magnificent course with a fantastic links style through all 18 holes. I really enjoyed the course, though it was rather difficult. My score wasn't the best, but I did better at Nefyn & District. Nefyn was magnificent, because you are very exposed to the sea, the wind and every element of nature's power. When we played the wind was between 15 and 25 knots so it was rather brisk.

The Old Course out on the peninsula was shut to repair some storm damage, but after our game we were able to play four of the holes and of course, after the 15th hole, we went down to the pub on the beach. It's obligatory when you play there. It was very sheltered and such a beautiful spot, so we had a pint and went back up to play the other two holes. It was a really unusual experience.

My favourite course was Nefyn, because that's where I played the best golf. It also showed a lot of the specific characteristics of a seaside links course. There was wind but the weather was good and I was able to play low shots. I played the full 18 holes with the same ball, which is quite an achievement on a course like that.
We stayed at The Caerwylan in Criccieth which was a very good seaside hotel. We have stayed in some really bad hotels on our other trips, but this was excellent. It's not so much about luxury, but the welcome and the feel of local character that I look for. We definitely got that in Criccieth. It was lovely little village, nice pubs and restaurants, there was also a nice restaurant at the hotel.

I would recommend Wales as a place to visit for a golf trip. It would definitely come out on my Top Ten list and I'm sure we'll come back to Wales in the future.

Where they played

Nefyn & District
+44 (0)1758 720966
nefyn-golf-club.co.uk

Porthmadog
+44 (0)1766 514124
porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk

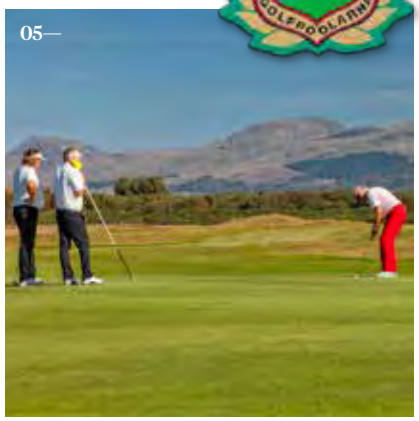
Royal St David's, Harlech
+44 (0)1766 780203
royalstdavids.co.uk

Where they stayed

The Caerwylan, Criccieth
+44 (0)1766 522547
caerwylan.co.uk

Who put it all together

Wales Golf Holidays
08000 832983 or +44 (0)29 2061 0010
walesgolfholidays.com


05—

06—

04—

07—

Nefyn & District, Llŷn Peninsula

Not your average round then. Take a break from the golfing norm. A game in Wales doesn't just feature lush greens and fab fairways. You'll also encounter Roman remains, monster drives, diving dolphins and Ice Age relics. Here are just a few unique experiences to watch out for.

It's Heaven and Hell out there

Played into the prevailing wind, it's easy to see why North Wales Golf Club's devilishly tricky 13th hole was dubbed 'Hades' by founder, Manchester businessman Tancred B Cummins (yes, that really was his name). Despite calls from local Church Commissioners to change it to something less blasphemous, Cummins stuck to his guns – naming the Llandudno course's par-four 18th 'Paradise' as a concession.
northwalesgolfclub.org.uk

Up in the air

Links don't have to be beside the seaside. At the 'upland links' of Harry Vardon-designed Llandrindod Wells, traditional coastal features – such as natural hazards and firm, quick-draining turf – sit high on a hill with not a seagull in sight. Instead keep your eyes peeled for the forked tails of red kites, Mid Wales's iconic bird of prey.
lwgc.co.uk

Life's a beach

Take a break from your round at Nefyn & District on the Llŷn Peninsula with a quick drink at the historic Tŷ Coch Inn, conveniently located between the 15th and 16th holes on the dramatic peninsular section of the course. Set just yards from the golden sands of Porthdinllaen, it's been voted one of the world's best beach bars. The entire village is owned by the National Trust. It's the kind of place you just you won't want to leave – so try not to forget those last three holes.
nefyn-golf-club.co.uk

Play the long game

Weighing in at a hefty 7,433 yards, Vale Resort's Wales National course is one of the longest outside the USA. Its massive second hole is on a similarly epic scale. Measuring a whopping 607 yards from the back tee, it's one of the longest par-fives in Wales and a real challenge for anyone who fancies themselves a big hitter. Don't forget to pack your driver when playing this challenging Vale of Glamorgan course.
vale-hotel.com

01—

02—

03—

04—

05—

01 North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club
02 Vale Resort
03 Machynys Peninsula
04 Priskilly Forest Country House

Star quality
Opened in 2005, Machynys Peninsula near Llanelli is the most recent addition to our stable of world-class links courses. It's also the only Nicklaus-designed course in Wales. Laid out by the legendary player-turned-course-architect Jack and his son Gary, it's 7,121 snaking yards of testing terrain, dotted with lakes and ponds. It's a golfing superstar – just like its designer.
machynys.com

Make yourself at home
Stay and play with a truly personal touch. Set in some 400 acres, family-run Priskilly Forest Country House in Pembrokeshire offers luxury five-star accommodation and its very own nine-hole parkland course – all wrapped up in the warmest of Welsh welcomes.
priskilly-forest.co.uk

Rock star
Welsh Ryder Cup heros Phillip Price and Jamie Donaldson both cut their golfing teeth on the tree-lined fairways of Pontypridd, but they're not the only heavyweights to call this place home. A short distance from the golf club lies Y Garreg Siglo, otherwise known as the Rocking Stone. Deposited here by glaciers during the last Ice Age, this massive boulder has long exerted a mystical pull – in 1795 it was the central point of the Gorsedd, a ceremonial gathering of the bards.
pontypriddgolfclub.co.uk

The sky's the limit
Your eyes aren't deceiving you. Even though Pennard's undulating hummocks, hillocks and dunes bear all the hallmarks of a classic coastal links course, it actually sits 200ft above sea level. No wonder it's known as the 'links in the sky'. Pennard's lofty position comes with certain advantages, notably some towering views over sandy Three Cliffs Bay, one of the many jewels of the Gower Peninsula, the UK's first designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
pennardgolfclub.com

Pebble Beach
According to legendary sports writer Furman Bisher: 'With the exception of Pebble Beach, the view from the top of the Cardigan course is the finest I've seen anywhere in golf.' We think you'll share his enthusiasm. The club's blend of links and parkland comes complete with widescreen vistas over Cardigan Bay's crystal waters – Britain's first designated Marine Heritage Coast and home to one of the UK's largest populations of bottlenose dolphins.
cardigangolf.com

05 Porthmadog
06 Twenty Ten course, Celtic Manor Resort
07 Cottrell Park

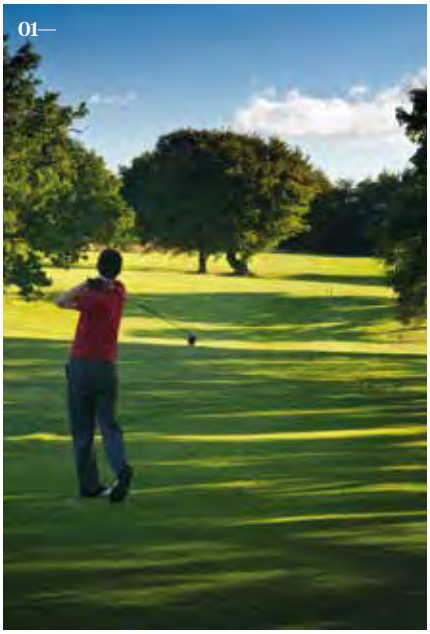
Past master
The Celtic Manor Resort made golfing history with an unforgettable Ryder Cup in 2010, but its story starts a little earlier than that. In Roman times, to be precise. Roads laid out by our former occupiers criss-cross the modern-day resort, while numerous Roman artefacts – including a pottery kiln – were found during construction.
celtic-manor.com

Go half and half
You don't have to choose between links and parkland. At James Braid-designed Porthmadog, you'll find a front nine of undulating heath followed by a back nine of the purest coastal links – often likened to a miniature Troon. Who says you can't have it all?
porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk

Golf plus
In the unlikely event that you get tired of Cottrell Park's two championship courses, there's plenty more on the menu. Anglers at this versatile Vale of Glamorgan venue can go in search of the big one at Cottrell's own private fishing lake, while walkers can explore a six-mile nature trail that winds through the grounds. You can also work on your swing without venturing outside on high-tech golf simulators that create uncannily accurate virtual versions of more than 100 famous courses from across the globe.
cottrellpark.com

06—

07—


01—

02—

03—

04—

05—

01 Bryn Meadows
02 Trefloyne Manor
03 Marriott St Pierre
04 Vale Resort
05 Celtic Manor Resort

Make yourself at home

More places to stay and play

Marriott St Pierre, Chepstow
Stay: Set inside a 14th-century manor house in 400 acres of lush grounds, Marriott St Pierre offers all the luxuries you'd expect of a high-class hotel. Enjoy fine Welsh cuisine in award-winning Morgan's restaurant, take a dip in the pool or relax with a treatment at the indulgent on-site spa.

Play: Take your pick from two 18-hole courses. Built around an 11-acre lake, the challenging Old Course has hosted competitions like the British Masters and Curtis and Solheim Cups. Slightly less testing than its big brother, the Mathern Course is still a stern golfing challenge (watch out for the 14th, which crosses two rivers).

Trefloyne Manor, Tenby
Stay: This family-run boutique guesthouse is a haven of hand-made luxury. Its 12 individually designed rooms have a real sense of style, while a meal in the sun-drenched Orangery restaurant comes with a side order of delicious Pembrokeshire countryside views.

Play: Founded in 1996, Trefloyne's 18-hole parkland course is impressively mature for its age and hosted its first PGA event in 2010.

Bryn Meadows, Caerphilly
Stay: Comfort is the watchword at Bryn Meadows. The 42 rooms are kitted out with the softest of soft beds and finished off with elegant Italian furniture. There's also dining with a view at panoramic Blas restaurant and an on-site spa for some real R&R.

Play: Bryn Meadows' par-71 parkland course packs plenty of challenge into its 6,156-yard length. Big hitters beware as a successful round requires precision over brute force. Highlights include the signature second hole, a 557-yard par-five with a tricky third shot over water.

But that's not the whole story.
For more information on clubs across Wales with on-site accommodation, visit **www.visitwales.com/golf**.

A little extra.
Pack your bags for a stay at one of our luxury golf resorts, where a great game is just part of the package.

To the Manor born
Celtic Manor's golfing pedigree speaks for itself. The 7,493-yard Twenty Ten course shot to fame as the host of one of the most exciting Ryder Cups in living memory, with Europe clinching a one-point victory in the final singles match of the competition. A round here is both an exacting test of your game and a chance to walk in the footsteps of golfing giants. Here's your chance to discover if you could have sunk the 17th green putt Graeme McDowell holed to seal the competition for Europe in 2010.

But The Twenty Ten is not the only game in town. Celtic Manor's other two world-class championship courses give it a serious run for its money. The par-70 Roman Road was named best inland course in Wales by *Golf Monthly* and has competition pedigree of its own, most recently hosting the Wales Senior Open in 2015. The par-69 Montgomerie (designed by the Ryder Cup hero of the same name) transplants classic Scottish links features to Wales, with yawning pot bunkers liberally sprinkled over its undulating terrain.

As epic as the golf is, it's when you step off the course that you're struck by what Celtic Manor Resort has to offer. Accommodation ranges from exquisitely appointed rooms in four different hotels to chic self-catering in the Hunter Lodges (think ski chalets with a golfing twist). Hungry? Take your pick from a menu of seven delectable restaurants. There's no shortage of things to do either, from adventure golf and tree top climbing courses for the kids (and the young at heart) to a sumptuous spa, fitness centre and swimming pool perfect for cooling off after a hard day on the course.

You've got Vale
A few miles down the road you'll find The Vale Resort. Nestled in the lush green Vale of Glamorgan, it also serves up a killer combo of great golf and four-star accommodation. Two championship courses vie for your attention. At 7,433 yards, The Wales National is one of the longest courses outside the US. Strewn with water hazards and tricky bunkers, power and precision is required to navigate its fearsome length. With water in play on 12 of its 18 holes, sister course The Lake certainly earns its name. The signature 12th hole is the best example, demanding an accurate shot to an island green (you'll have to cross the footbridge to take your putt).

Vale Resort continues to impress once the golf is done. With 19 treatment rooms and six uniquely themed relaxation zones, the award-winning spa is a reason to visit in its own right. Once the stresses of the day have soaked away, enjoy classic recipes made with the freshest Welsh ingredients at the AA Rosette-winning Vale Grill, or wet your whistle at the bubbly, 1930s-themed Salamanza Champagne Bar.

Pen y Fan, Brecon Beacons

South East Wales. As you'd expect of Wales's most populated region it has the largest number of golf courses – a whopping 60-plus.

Ranging from some very big hitters indeed (think The Celtic Manor Resort) to warm and welcoming local clubs that epitomise the 'golf as it should be' ethos.

And it's all so accessible – just a couple of hours down the motorway from London. There's scenic variety too. Cross the Severn Bridge and you'll soon come to the wooded Wye Valley, an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. Newport (home of a certain Ryder Cup victory) and Cardiff, our cosmopolitan capital, come next – they share between them nearly 30 clubs, so you're spoilt for choice on as well as off the course. Inland, the South Wales Valleys are rich in natural beauty and heritage – and there's more of the same along the untouched Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

Game on

With 15 clubs in and around the city, Cardiff has serious golfing capital. It's also the perfect base for exploring dozens of other clubs here in South Wales. Head to the verdant Vale of Glamorgan and The Vale Resort, a parkland venue where golf comes with all kinds of luxury extras. And there's yet more superb parkland golf at nearby Cottrell Park Golf Resort's two courses. The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club – once the home of automotive pioneer Charles Stuart Rolls – offers suitably classy and refined parkland golf. There's also the Marriott St Pierre at Chepstow, which has two championship courses. The South Wales Valleys have shrugged off their industrial past and embraced golfing green at clubs like parkland Aberdare and moorland Morlais Castle, which boasts big Brecon Beacons views.

Anybody who has ever picked up a club knows The Celtic Manor Resort. With the world's first purpose-built Ryder Cup course (plus two others), it's a genuine golfing superstar. Turn to page 18 to find out how model and keen golfer Jodie Kidd got on during her recent visit. The links of Royal Porthcawl also have serious competition pedigree, memorably staging The Senior Open Championship in 2014 (for more see pages 10-14). And lying close by are Southerndown and Pyle & Kenfig, classic links courses that served as qualifying venues for the Senior Open 2014.

01 Dyffryn Gardens

Five reasons to go off-course

1 Raise your spirits with a tour of the Penderyn Welsh Whisky Distillery. See how the award-winning tipple is made and – more importantly – taste some yourself. welsh-whisky.co.uk

2 Money talks at the new Royal Mint Visitor Centre in Llantrisant. Opened in 2015, it gives a glimpse into how the coins in your pocket are made. Sorry, but they don't do free samples. royalmint.com

3 Go green at Dyffryn Gardens. Take a colourful journey through time at one of the UK's finest examples of Edwardian garden design. nationaltrust.org.uk/dyffryn-gardens

4 Stroll into the past at St Fagan's National History Museum, 100 acres of living history on the outskirts of Cardiff. museum.wales/stfagans

5 Wander the wooded Wye Valley and visit the atmospheric ruins of Tintern Abbey. You'll see why William Wordsworth was inspired to write a poem about the place. visitmonmouthshire.com

South East Wales

Packages including South East Wales are available from the following pan-Wales tour operators:

EuroWales—
T: +44 (0)1686 669766
eurowales.com

Golfbreaks.com—
T: 0800 279 7988
golfbreaks.com

The Wales Golf Holiday Company—
T: 0800 0832983
(+44 29 2061 0010 from overseas)
walesgolfholidays.com

Wales Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1656 784843
walesgolfvacations.com

Welsh Golf Breaks—
T: +44 (0)1822 618148
welshgolfbreaks.com

Welsh Rarebits Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1570 470785
rarebits.co.uk

Your Golf Travel—
T: 0800 193 6630
yourgolftravel.com

The following regional golf packages are available:

Cardiff Golfbreaks—
T: 0800 0832983
T: +44 (0)2920 610010
cardiffgolfbreaks.co.uk

Greens of Southern Wales—
T: 0800 0832983
T: +44 (0)2920 610010
greensofsouthernwales.com

South Wales Championship Links Golf Breaks—
T: +44 (0)1637 879991
southwaleslinksgolf.com

Valleys Golf Breaks
T: +44 (0)1685 813433
valleysgolfbreaks.co.uk

02 National History Museum, St Fagans
03 Southerndown Golf Club
04 Roald Dahl Plass, Cardiff Bay
05 Morlais Castle Golf Club

02—

Courses

Please see map on page 92 for reference

Aberdare Golf Club	1
Alice Springs Golf Club	2
Bargoed Golf Club	3
Blackwood Golf Club	4
Bridgend Golf Complex	5
Brynhill Golf Club	6
Bryn Meadows Golf, Hotel & Spa	7
Caerleon Golf Course	8
Caerphilly Golf Club	9
Cardiff Golf Club	10
Castell Coch Golf Club	11
The Celtic Manor Resort	12
Coed-y-Mwstwr Golf Club	13
Cottrell Park Golf Resort	14
Creigiau Golf Club	15
Dewstow Golf Club	16
Dinas Powis Golf Club	17
The Glamorganshire Golf Club	18
Green Meadow Golf & Country Club	19
Grove Golf Club	20
Llanishen Golf Club	21
Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club	22
Llanwern Golf Club	23
Llanyrafon Golf Course	24
Maesteg Golf Club	25
Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club	26
Merthyr Tydfil Golf Club	27
Monmouth Golf Club	28
Monmouthshire Golf Club	29
Morlais Castle Golf Club	30
Mountain Ash Golf Club	31
Newport Golf Club	32
Oakdale Golf Course	33
Parc Bryn Bach Golf Course	34
Parc Golf Club	35
Peterstone Lakes Golf Club	36
Pontnewydd Golf Club	37

03—

Courses

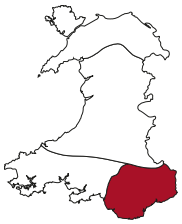
Pontypool Golf Club	38
Pontypridd Golf Club	39
Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club	40
Radyr Golf Club	41
RAF St Athan Golf Club	42
Raglan Parc Golf Club	43
Rhondda Golf Club	44
Ridgeway Golf Club	45
The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club	46
Royal Porthcawl Golf Club	47
Southerndown Golf Club	48
St Andrews Major Golf Club	49
St Mary's Hotel, Golf & Country Club	50
St Mellons Golf Club	51
Tredegar Park Golf Club	52
Tredegar & Rhymney Golf Club	53
Vale Resort	54
Virginia Park Golf Club	55
Wenvoe Castle Golf Club	56
Wernddu Golf Club	57
West Monmouthshire Golf Club	58
Whitchurch (Cardiff) Golf Club	59
Whitehall Golf Club	60
Woodlake Park Golf & Country Club	61

South East Wales green fees guide

£	£1-£25
££	£26-£50
£££	£51-£75
££££	£76-£100
£££££	£101+

Green fees were accurate at the time of checking (August 2014), but are subject to change. Please confirm actual fees when booking your tee time.

South East Wales
cosmopolitan, friendly, surprising



Aberdare Golf Club — FOUNDED 1921 — 1
Abernant, Aberdare CF44 ORY
T: Sec. Darren Clark +44 (0)1685 871188
T: Pro. Darren Clark +44 (0)1685 878735
E: aberdaregolfclub@hotmail.co.uk W: aberdaregolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,875 | Par(s): 69 | SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Alice Springs Golf Club — FOUNDED 1989 — 2
Kemeys Commander, Usk NP15 1PP
T: Sec. Shaun Collier +44 (0)1873 880914
T: Pro. Katy Edwards +44 (0)1873 880914
E: golf@alicespringsgolfclub.co.uk W: alicespringsgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18/18 | Length(s): 5,967/5,321 | Par(s): 70/69 | SSS: 69/67
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Bargoed Golf Club — FOUNDED 1910 — 3
Heolddu, Bargoed CF81 9GF
T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 830143
T: Pro. Craig Easton +44 (0)1443 836179
E: bargoed.golfclub@gmail.com W: bargoedgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Blackwood Golf Club — FOUNDED 1914 — 4
Cwmgelli, Blackwood NP12 1BR
T: Sec. John Bills +44 (0)1495 222121
E: blackwoodgolf@btconnect.com
Holes: 9 | Length(s): 1,748 | Par(s): 29 | SSS: 29
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Bridgend Golf Club — FOUNDED 1990 — 5
Golden Mile Drive, Cowbridge Road A48, Bridgend CF35 5AS
T: Sec. Rhys Lougher +44 (0)7968 565881
T: Pro. Steve Gough +44 (0)1656 647926
E: info@bridgendgolf.com W: bridgendgolf.com
Holes: 9 | Length(s): 5,967/5,321 | Par(s): 70/69 | SSS: 69/67
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Brynhill Golf Club — FOUNDED 1921 — 6
Port Road, Barry CF62 8PN
T: Office Manager Nicky Duval +44 (0)1446 720277
T: Pro. Matthew Owen +44 (0)1446 720277
E: nicky@brynhillgolfclub.co.uk W: brynhillgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,371 | Par(s): 72 | SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Bryn Meadows Golf, Hotel & Spa — FOUNDED 1973 — 7
Maesycwmmer, Caerphilly CF82 7SN
T: +44 (0)1495 225590
T: Pro. David Pocock +44 (0)1495 225590
E: pro-shop@brynmeadows.co.uk W: brynmeadows.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,021 | Par(s): 71 | SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

Caerleon Golf Course — FOUNDED 1974 — 8
The Broadway, Caerleon, Newport NP18 1AY
T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 420342
E: online.bookings@newport.gov.uk W: caerleongolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 9 | Length(s): 5,800 | Par(s): 68 | SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Caerphilly Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 9
Pencapel, Mountain Road, Caerphilly CF83 1HJ
T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2086 3441
T: Pro. Kevin Davies +44 (0)29 2086 9104
E: secretary@caerphillygolfclub.com W: caerphillygolfclub.com
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,728 | Par(s): 71 | SSS: 70
Course type: Mountain | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £

Cardiff Golf Club — FOUNDED 1922 — 10
Sherborne Avenue, Cyncoed, Cardiff CF23 6SJ
T: Asst Gen Man Claire Parry +44 (0)29 2075 3320
T: Pro. Adam Constable +44 (0)29 2075 4772
E: office@cardiffgolfclub.co.uk W: cardiffgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,150 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

04—

05—

Castell Coch Golf Club — FOUNDED 1988 — 11

Tongwynlais, Cardiff CF15 7JQ
T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2081 3370

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 1,158 | Par(s): 27
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

The Celtic Manor Resort — FOUNDED 1995 — 12

Coldra Woods, The Usk Valley, Newport NP18 1HQ
T: Golf Reservations +44 (0)1633 410262
T: Golf Academy +44 (0)1633 410312
E: bookings@celtic-manor.com W: celtic-manor.com/golf
Holes: 18/18/18 | Length(s): 7,493/6,515/6,371 | Par(s): 71/70/69 | SSS: 77/72/71
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££-£££££ Weekday £-£££££

Coed-y-Mwstwr Golf Club — FOUNDED 1994 — 13

Bryn Road, Coychurch, Bridgend CF35 6AF
T: Sec. Gareth Summerton +44 (0)1656 864934
T: Pro. Paul Thomas +44 (0)1656 862121
E: secretary@coed-y-mwstwr.co.uk W: coed-y-mwstwr.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,817 | Par(s): 69 | SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

Cottrell Park Golf Resort — FOUNDED 1996 — 14

St Nicholas, Cardiff CF5 6SJ
T: Sec. Derek B. Smith +44 (0)1446 781781
T: Pro. Simon Cox & Gareth Bennett +44 (0)1446 781781
E: events@cottrellpark.com W: cottrellpark.com
Holes: 18/18 | Length(s): 6,091/5,799 | Par(s): 72/71 | SSS: 69/68
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Creigiau Golf Club — FOUNDED 1921 — 15

Llantwit Road, Creigiau CF15 9NN
T: Sec. Richard Brookman +44 (0)29 2089 0263
T: Pro. Iain Luntz +44 (0)29 2089 0263
E: creigiaugolfclub@btconnect.com W: creigiaugolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,745 | Par(s): 71 | SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Dewstow Golf Club — FOUNDED 1988 — 16

Caerwent NP26 5AH
T: Sec. David Bradbury +44 (0)1291 430444
Pro. Matthew Griffiths
E: office@dewstow.co.uk W: dewstow.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,110 | Par(s): 72 | SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Dinas Powis Golf Club — FOUNDED 1914 — 17

Highwalls Road, Dinas Powis CF64 4AJ
T: Sec. Roger Davies +44 (0)29 2051 2727
T: Pro. Gareth Bennett +44 (0)29 2051 3682
E: secretary@dpgc.co.uk W: dpgc.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,500 | Par(s): 68 | SSS: 67
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

The Glamorganshire Golf Club — FOUNDED 1890 — 18

Lavernock Road, Penarth, Nr Cardiff CF64 5UP
T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2070 1185
T: Pro. +44 (0)29 2070 1185
E: manager@glamorganshiregolfclub.co.uk W: glamorganshiregolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,184 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £££ Weekday ££

GreenMeadow Golf & Country Club — FOUNDED 1979 — 19

Treherbert Road, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran NP44 2BZ
T: Sec. Mrs Pat Thomas +44 (0)1633 862626
T: Pro. Leon Clark +44 (0)1633 862626
E: info@greenmeadowgolf.com W: greenmeadowgolf.com
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,501/6,078 | Par(s): 69/70 | SSS: 68/70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Grove Golf Club — FOUNDED 1996 — 20

South Cornelly, Nr Porthcawl CF33 4RP
T: Sec. Michael Thomas +44 (0)1656 788771
T: Pro. Leon Warne +44 (0)1656 788300
E: enquiries@grovegolf.com W: grovegolf.com
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,128 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

Llanishen Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 21

Heol Hir, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 9UD
T: Sec. Colin Duffield +44 (0)29 2075 5078
T: Pro. Adrian Jones +44 (0)29 2075 5076
E: manager@llanishengolfclub.com W: llanishengc.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,301 | Par(s): 68 | SSS: 67
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club — FOUNDED 1927 — 22

Lanley Road, Talbot Green, Pontyclun CF72 8HZ
T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 224601
T: Pro. John McDonald +44 (0)1443 228169
E: info@llantrisantgolfclub.com W: llantrisantgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18/18 | Length(s): 5,328 | Par(s): 68 | SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £

Llanwern Golf Club — FOUNDED 1928 — 23

Llanwern Village, Newport NP18 2DW
T: Sec. Peter Probert +44 (0)1633 412029
T: Pro. Steve Truman +44 (0)1633 413142
E: info@llanwerngolfclub.co.uk W: llanwerngolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,200 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £

Llanyrafon Golf Course — FOUNDED 1981 — 24

Llanfrechfa, Cwmbran NP44 8HT
T: Pro. +44 (0)1633 874636
Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Maesteg Golf Club — FOUNDED 1912 — 25

Mount Pleasant, Neath Road, Maesteg CF34 9PR
T: Sec. +44 (0)1656 734106
T: Pro. Daniel O'Connor +44 (0)1656 812003
E: enquiries@maesteg-golf.co.uk W: maesteg-golf.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,889 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 69
Course type: Mountain | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club — FOUNDED 1962 — 26

St Pierre Park, Chepstow NP16 6YA
T: Sec. Arnie Pidgeon +44 (0)1291 635205
T: Pro. Craig Dun +44 (0)1291 635205
E: lisa.hale@marriotthotels.com W: marriottstpierre.co.uk
Holes: 18/18 | Length(s): 7,028/5,730 | Par(s): 72/68 | SSS: 74/68
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-£££ Weekday £-£££

Merthyr Tydfil Golf Club — FOUNDED 1909 — 27

Cilsanws Mountain, Cloth Hall Lane, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1NZ
T: Sec. Mr Viv Price +44 (0)7722 159293/+44 (0)1685 373131
E: secretary@mtgc.co.uk W: mtgc.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,622 Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Mountain/Moorland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Monmouth Golf Club — FOUNDED 1896 — 28

Leasbrook Lane, Monmouth NP25 3SN
T: Sec. Peter Tully +44 (0)1600 712212
Pro. Ian Harrison
E: sec@monmouthgolfclub.co.uk W: monmouthgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,582 Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Monmouthshire Golf Club — FOUNDED 1892 — 29

Llanfoist, Abergavenny NP7 9HE
T: Sec. Clare Sobik +44 (0)1873 852606
T: Pro. Brian Edwards +44 (0)1873 853171
E: monmouthshiregc@btconnect.com W: monmouthshiregolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,978 Par(s): 70 SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Morlais Castle Golf Club — FOUNDED 1900 — 30

Pant, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 2UY
T: Sec. Mrs Ruth Leonard +44 (0)1685 722822
T: Pro. Mr Sion Bebb +44 (0)1685 722822/350050
E: info@morlaisgolf.com W: morlaisgolf.com
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,550 Par(s): 71 SSS: 72
Course type: Moorland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Mountain Ash Golf Club — FOUNDED 1908 — 31

Cefnpennar, Mountain Ash CF45 4DT
T: Sec. Mike Rees +44 (0)1443 479459
E: sec@mountainashgc.co.uk W: mountainashgc.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,553 Par(s): 69 SSS: 67
Course type: Mountain Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Newport Golf Club — FOUNDED 1903 — 32

Great Oak, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9FX
T: Man. Ray Chilton +44 (0)1633 892643
T: Pro. Paul Thomas +44 (0)1633 893271
E: secretary@newportgolfclub.org.uk W: newportgolfclub.org.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,500 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Oakdale Golf Course — FOUNDED 1990 — 33

Llwynon Lane, Oakdale, Blackwood NP12 0NF
T: Sec. Mr M Lewis +44 (0)1495 220044
T: Pro. Matthew Griffiths +44 (0)1495 220440
E: hole19@callnet.com
Holes: 9 Length(s): 1,516 Par(s): 28
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Parc Bryn Bach Golf Course — FOUNDED 2008 — 34

Parc Bryn Bach, Merthyr Road, Tredegar NP22 3AY
T: Sec. +44 (0)1495 355920
E: parcbrynbach@aneurinleisure.org.uk W: parcbrynbach.co.uk
Holes: 9
Course type: Mountain

Parc Golf Club — FOUNDED 1990 — 35

Church Lane, Coedkernew, Newport NP10 8TU
T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 680933
Pro. Brian Lee
E: parc.golf@hotmail.com W: parcgolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,228 Par(s): 69
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Peterstone Lakes Golf Club — FOUNDED 1990 — 36

Peterstone, Wentloog, Cardiff CF3 2TN
T: Sec. Nicola Erasmus +44 (0)1633 680009
T: Pro. Paul Glynn +44 (0)1633 680075
E: info@peterstonelakes.com W: peterstonelakes.com
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,600 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Pontnewydd Golf Club — FOUNDED 1875 — 37

West Pontnewydd, Cwmbran NP44 1AB
T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 482170
T: Pro. Paul Mayo +44 (0)1633 482170
E: secretary@pontnewyddgolf.co.uk W: pontnewyddgolf.co.uk
Holes: 9
Course type: Meadowland

Pontypool Golf Club — FOUNDED 1903 — 38

Lasgarn Lane, Trevethin, Pontypool NP4 8TR
T: Sec. David Maile +44 (0)1495 763655
T: Pro. Ian Harrison +44 (0)1495 755544
E: manager@pontypoolgolf.co.uk W: pontypoolgolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,963 Par(s): 69 SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

Pontypridd Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 39

Ty Gwyn Road, The Common, Pontypridd CF37 4DJ
T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 409904
T: Pro. John Wills +44 (0)1443 409904
E: pgc.secretary@pontypriddgolfclub.co.uk W: pontypriddgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,951 Par(s): 69 SSS: 68
Course type: Mountain Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club — FOUNDED 1922 — 40

Waun-y-Mer, Kenfig, Bridgend CF33 4PU
T: Sec. Simon Hopkin +44 (0)1656 783093
T: Pro. Dylan Williams +44 (0)1656 783093
E: secretary@pandkgolfclub.co.uk W: pandkgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,860 Par(s): 71 SSS: 74
Course type: Links Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday £££-££££

Radyr Golf Club — FOUNDED 1902 — 41

Drysgol Road, Radyr, Cardiff CF15 8BS
T: Sec. Steve Dance +44 (0)29 2084 2408 Opt. 1
T: Pro. Simon Swales +44 (0)29 2084 2408 Opt. 5
E: manager@radyrgolf.co.uk W: radyrgolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,109 Par(s): 70 SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday £-£££

RAF St Athan Golf Club — FOUNDED 1902 — 42

Golf Club Lane, St Athan, Barry CF62 4LJ
T: Sec. +44 (0)1446 751043
E: rafstathan@golfclub.fsbusiness.co.uk W: rafstathangc.co.uk
Holes: 9 Length(s): 6,554 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Raglan Parc Golf Club — FOUNDED 1975 — 43

Parc Lodge, Station Road, Raglan NP15 2ER
T: Sec. +44 (0)1291 690077
E: info@raglanparc.co.uk W: raglanparc.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,615 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Rhondda Golf Club — FOUNDED 1910 — 44

Pontygwaith, Ferndale CF43 3PW
T: Sec. Ian Ellis +44 (0)1443 441384
E: rhonddagolfclub@aol.com W: rhonddagolf.co.uk
Holes: 18/9 Length(s): 6,063/500 Par(s): 70/27 SSS: 70/27
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££-£££££ Weekday £-£££££

Ridgeway Golf Club — FOUNDED 1996 — 45

Caerphilly Mountain, Caerphilly CF83 1LY
T: Sec. Hillary Mears +44 (0)29 2088 2255
Pro. Darran Clark
E: tom@ridgewaygolf.org W: ridgewaygolf.org
Holes: 9 Length(s): 4,693 Par(s): 68/66 SSS: 64/63
Course type: Mountain Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club — FOUNDED 1982 — 46

The Hendre, Monmouth NP25 5HG
T: Sec. Pro. Simon Aston +44 (0)1600 715353
E: enquiries@therollsgolfclub.co.uk W: therollsgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,733 Par(s): 72 SSS: 73
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Royal Porthcawl Golf Club — FOUNDED 1891 — 47

Rest Bay, Porthcawl CF36 3UW
T: Sec. Michael Newland +44 (0)1656 782251
T: Pro. Peter Evans +44 (0)1656 773702
E: office@royalporthcawl.com W: royalporthcawl.com
Holes: 18 Length(s): 7,089 Par(s): 72 SSS: 76
Course type: Links Fee: Weekend £££££ Weekday £££££

Southerndown Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 48

Ogmore by Sea, Bridgend CF32 0QP
T: Sec. John Peters +44 (0)1656 880476
T: Pro. John Peters +44 (0)1656 881112
E: admin@southerndowngolfclub.com W: southerndowngolfclub.com
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,428 Par(s): 70 SSS: 72
Course type: Downland Links Fee: Weekend £££ Weekday ££-£££

St Andrews Major Golf Club — FOUNDED 1993 — 49

Argae Lane, Nr Coldbrook, Barry CF63 1BL
T: Sec. Lesley Thomas +44 (0)1446 722227
T: Pro. John Hastings +44 (0)1446 722227
E: info@standrewsmajorgolfclub.com W: standrewsmajorgolfclub.com
Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

St Mary's Hotel, Golf & Country Club — FOUNDED 1990 — 50

Pencoed CF35 5EA
T: Sec. +44 (0)1656 868900
E: reception@stmaryshotel.com W: stmaryshotel.com
Holes: 18/12/9 Length(s): 5,335/2,838/2,416 Par(s): 68/44/35
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

St Mellons Golf Club — FOUNDED 1937 — 51

St Mellons, Cardiff CF3 2XS
T: Sec. +44 (0)1633 680408
T: Pro. +44 (0)1633 680101
E: stmellons@golf2003.fsnet.co.uk W: stmellonsgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,275 Par(s): 70 SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Tredegar Park Golf Club — FOUNDED 1921 — 52

Parc-y-Brain Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9TG
T: Sec. Stuart Salway +44 (0)1633 894433
T: Pro. Mark Phillips +44 (0)1633 894433
E: secretary@tredegarparkgolfclub.co.uk W: tredegarparkgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,564 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

Tredegar & Rhymney Golf Club — FOUNDED 1921 — 53

Cwmtysswg, Rhymney, Tredegar NP22 5HA
T: Sec. Will Price +44 (0)1685 840743
E: tandrgc@gmail.com W: tandrgc.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,400 Par(s): 67 SSS: 67
Course type: Mountain Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Vale Resort — FOUNDED 1990 — 54

Hensol Park, Hensol CF72 8JY
T: Head Pro. Clive Coombs +44 (0)1443 665899
E: sales@vale-hotel.com W: vale-hotel.com
Holes: 18/18 Length(s): 7,433/6,436 Par(s): 73/72 SSS: 74/72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £££-££££ Weekday £££-££££

Virginia Park Golf Club — FOUNDED 1992 — 55

Virginia Park, Caerphilly CF83 3SW
T: Sec. +44 (0)29 2086 3919
E: enquiries@virginiaparkgolfclub.co.uk W: virginiaparkgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 9 Length(s): 4,926 (18) Par(s): 66
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Wenvoe Castle Golf Club — FOUNDED 1936 — 56

Wenvoe, Nr Cardiff CF5 6BE
T: Sec. Nicola Sims +44 (0)29 2059 4371
T: Pro. Jason Harris +44 (0)29 2059 4371
E: wenvoecastle@btconnect.com W: wenvoecastlegolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,514 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Wernddu Golf Club — FOUNDED 1993 — 57

Old Ross Road, Abergavenny NP7 8NG
T: Sec. Sarah Watkins +44 (0)1873 856223
T: Pro. Tina Tetley +44 (0)1873 890174
E: info@wernddu-golf-club.co.uk W: wernddu-golf-club.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,186 Par(s): 69 SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

West Monmouthshire Golf Club — FOUNDED 1906 — 58

Golf Road, Nantyglo, Brynmawr NP23 4QT
T: Sec. +44 (0)1495 310233
E: care@westmongolfclub.co.uk W: westmongolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,118 Par(s): 71 SSS: 69
Course type: Heathland/Mountain Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Whitchurch (Cardiff) Golf Club — FOUNDED 1914 — 59

Pantmawr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 7TD
T: Sec. Mike Perry +44 (0)29 2062 0985
T: Pro. Rhys Davies +44 (0)29 2061 4660
E: secretary@whitchurchcardiffgolfclub.com **W: whitchurchcardiffgolfclub.co.uk**

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,278	Par(s): 71	SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££		

Woodlake Park Golf Club — FOUNDED 1993 — 61

Glascoed, Usk NP4 0TE
T: Sec. Mike Wood +44 (0)1291 673933
Pro. Gavin Evans
E: golf@woodlake.co.uk **W: woodlake.co.uk**

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,309	Par(s): 72	SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££		

Whitehall Golf Club — FOUNDED 1922 — 60

The Pavilion, Nelson, Treharris CF46 6ST
T: Sec. +44 (0)1443 451357

E: m.wilde001@tiscali.co.uk **W: whitehallgolfclub1922.co.uk**

Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,666 (18)	Par(s): 69	SSS: 68
Course type: Hilltop	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club

Local authority facilities

Blaenau Gwent—
Parc Bryn Bach Golf Course
9-hole pay as you play course
T: +44 (0)1495 355920
Map ref: 34

Bridgend—
Griffin Park
Pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)1656 726491

Cardiff—
Heath Park
Pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)29 2068 4000

Newport—
Caerleon Golf Course
Two 9-hole pay as you play courses
T: +44 (0)1633 420342
Map ref: 8

Tredegar Park
Pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)1633 656656
Map ref: 52

Rhondda Cynon Taf—
Ynysangharad Park
18-hole pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)1443 404699

Torfaen—
Llanyrafon Golf Course
9-hole pay as you play course
T: +44 (0)1633 874636
Map ref: 24

Pontypool Park
Pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)1495 764688

Vale of Glamorgan—
Porthkerry Park
18-hole pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)1446 733589

Par-3/Novice courses

Bridgend Golf Complex
T: +44 (0)1656 647926
bridgendgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 5 Page 51

Caerleon Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1656 647926
caerleongolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 8 Page 51

Cardiff Golf Centre
T: +44 (0)29 2036 1122
cardiffgolf.com

Castell Coch Golf Club
T: +44 (0)29 2081 3370
Map ref: 11 Page 52

Llanyrafon Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1633 874636
Map ref: 24 Page 52

Oakdale Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1495 220044
Map ref: 33 Page 53

Parc Bryn Bach Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1495 355920
blaenau-gwent.gov.uk
Map ref: 34 Page 53

Tregoes Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1656 302498
bridgend.ac.uk/tregoes-golf-course

Other pay and play courses

Alice Springs Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1873 880708
alicespringsgolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 2 Page 51

The Celtic Manor Resort
T: +44 (0)1633 410262
celtic-manor.com
Map ref: 12 Page 52

Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club
T: +44 (0)1291 635205
marriottstpierre.co.uk
Map ref: 12 Page 52

Monmouth Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1600 712212
monmouthgolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 28 Page 53

Morlais Castle Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1685 722822
morlaiscastlegolf.co.uk
Map ref: 30 Page 53

Mountain Ash Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1443 479459
mountainashgc.co.uk
Map ref: 31 Page 53

Peterstone Lakes Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1633 680009
peterstonelakes.com
Map ref: 36 Page 53

Radyr Golf Club
T: +44 (0)29 2084 2408
radyrgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 41 Page 53

St Andrews Major Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1446 722227
standrewsmajorgolfclub.com
Map ref: 49 Page 54

Tredegar Park Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1633 894433
tredegarparkgolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 52 Page 54

Tredegar & Rhymney Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1685 840743
tandrgc.co.uk
Map ref: 53 Page 54

Virginia Park Golf Club
T: +44 (0)29 2086 3919
Map ref: 55 Page 54

Wernddu Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1873 856223
wernddu-golf-club.co.uk
Map ref: 57 Page 54

Driving ranges

Bridgend Golf Complex 18 bays
T: +44 (0)1656 647926
bridgendgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 5 Page 51

Caerleon Golf Course 14 bays
T: +44 (0)1633 420342
caerleongolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 8 Page 51

Cardiff Golf Centre 30 bays
T: +44 (0)29 2036 1122
cardiffgolf.com

The Celtic Manor Resort 28 bays
T: +44 (0)1633 410262
celtic-manor.com
Map ref: 12 Page 52

Cottrell Park Golf Resort 20 bays
T: +44 (0)1446 781781
cottrellpark.com
Map ref: 14 Page 52

Dewstow Golf Club 26 bays
T: +44 (0)1291 430444
dewstow.co.uk
Map ref: 16 Page 52

GreenMeadow Golf & Country Club 26 bays
T: +44 (0)1633 869321
greenmeadowgolf.com
Map ref: 19 Page 52

Hensol Golf Academy 30 bays
T: +44 (0)1443 226901

Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club 17 bays
T: +44 (0)1291 635205
marriottstpierre.co.uk
Map ref: 26 Page 52

Oakdale Golf Course 18 bays
T: +44 (0)1495 220044
Map ref: 33 Page 53

Parc Bryn Bach Golf Course 6 bays
T: +44 (0)1495 711816
blaenau-gwent.gov.uk
Map ref: 34 Page 53

Parc Golf Club 36 bays
T: +44 (0)1633 680933
parcgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 35 Page 53

Ridgeway Golf Club 22 bays
T: +44 (0)29 2088 2255
ridgewaygolfclub.com
Map ref: 45 Page 54

St Andrews Major Golf Club 12 bays
T: +44 (0)1446 722227
standrewsmajorgolfclub.com
Map ref: 49 Page 54

Vale Resort 16 bays
T: +44 (0)1443 665899
vale-hotel.com
Map ref: 54 Page 54

Virginia Park Golf Club 20 bays
T: +44 (0)29 2086 3919
Map ref: 55 Page 54

Wernddu Golf Club 24 bays
T: +44 (0)1873 856223
wernddu-golf-club.co.uk
Map ref: 57 Page 54

Royal Porthcawl

Tenby Harbour

South West Wales. You're never far from the ocean's waves in this part of Wales.

And with 36 clubs spread out from Swansea Bay to the westernmost tip of Pembrokeshire, you'll be beside the sea with great golf as company.

Pembrokeshire is the second best coastal destination in the world. We didn't say that, the respected National Geographic magazine did. It's certainly home to the UK's only true coastal-based National Park – all 200 miles of it, a stunning shoreline of bays and beaches, headlands and coves. There's more coastal splendour along the Gower Peninsula, an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' and sandy Carmarthen Bay. Country lovers also get in on the act. Carmarthenshire's greens and greenery are appealing, not just in the golfing sense – there's a reason it's known as the 'garden of Wales'.

Game on

The area around Swansea and the Gower Peninsula is studded with golfing gems. There are 15 clubs in and around Swansea alone. These include Pennard, known as the 'links in the sky' thanks to its classic coastal features and the fact that it happens to be perched on a cliff some 200ft above sea level. Clyne occupies similarly spectacular seafront real estate, combining springy downland terrain with show-stopping ocean views. There's fun to be had inland too. At wooded Glynneath, night owls can even play a round of nocturnal golf.

The golfing bounty continues as you push west, taking in the gleaming Machynys Peninsula Golf and Country Club. Opened in 2005, it's one of Wales's youngest courses, but this Nicklaus-designed championship links track has already made a big name for itself. Machynys is the embodiment of a 21st-century links course, but you'll find more traditional experiences at venerable clubs like Tenby and Ashburnham. The latter has an illustrious history of competition featuring players like Dai Rees, Sam Torrance and Harry Vardon, who labelled it the course he 'liked best in Wales'. Tenby's heritage stretches back to 1888, making it the 'oldest affiliated club in Wales'. It may be getting on a bit, but its lightning fast greens have lost none of their sparkle. You can find out more by turning to page 34.

01—

01 St David's Coast

Five reasons to go off-course

1 Swap golf shoes for walking boots and hit the Wales Coast Path. Some of the most striking sections of its 870-mile length are here – you can even download the official app to your phone to help you find your way. walescoastpath.gov.uk

2 Wander Swansea, Wales's waterfront city. Soak up the atmosphere in the buzzing Maritime Quarter, grab a bargain in the covered market and explore Dylan Thomas' old haunt, Cwmdonkin Park. visitswanseabay.com

3 Get your feet wet on Gower. The perfect peninsula is home to a raft of chart-topping beaches, including the three-mile Rhossili, voted the UK's best beach by users of TripAdvisor. visitswanseabay.com

4 Trade one green for another at the National Botanic Garden of Wales. It's summer all year round within the climate controlled Great Glasshouse. botanicgarden.wales

5 Take a mini-break in St Davids, Britain's tiniest city. Good things do come in small packages. visitpembrokeshire.com

South West Wales

Packages including South West Wales are available from the following pan-Wales tour operators:

EuroWales—
T: +44 (0)1686 669766
eurowales.com

Golfbreaks.com—
T: 0800 279 7988
golfbreaks.com

The Wales Golf Holiday Company—
T: 0800 0832983
(+44 29 2061 0010 from overseas)
walesgolfholidays.com

Wales Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1656 784843
walesgolfvacations.com

Welsh Golf Breaks—
T: +44 (0)1822 618148
welshgolfbreaks.com

Welsh Rarebits Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1570 470785
rarebits.co.uk

Your Golf Travel—
T: 0800 193 6630
yourgolftravel.com

The following regional golf packages are available:

Golf on Gower—
T: 0800 0832 983
golfongower.co.uk

South Wales Championship Links Golf Breaks—
T: +44 (0)1637 879991
southwaleslinksgolf.com

WorthwhileDrives.com—
T: +44 (0)1437 765777
worthwhiledrives.com

02 Machynys Peninsula Golf & Country Club
03 National Botanic Garden of Wales
04 Pennard Golf Club
05 Rhossili Beach – Voted UK's Best Beach by TripAdvisor

02—

Courses

Please see map on page 92 for reference

Allt-y-Graban Golf Club	62
Ashburnham Golf Club	63
Carmarthen Golf Club	64
Celtic Haven Golf Academy	65
Clyne Golf Club	66
Corus Golf Course	67
Dawn Till Dusk Golf Club	68
Derllys Court Golf Club	69
Earlswood Golf Course	70
Fairwood Park Golf Club	71
Garnant Golf Club	72
Glyn Abbey Golf Club	73
Glynhir Golf Club	74
Glynneath Golf Club	75
Gower Golf Club	76
Gowerton Golf Range	77
Haverfordwest Golf Club	78
Lakeside Golf Club	79
Langland Bay Golf Club	80
Llandovery College Golf Course	81
Machynys Peninsula Golf Club & Premier Spa	82
Mayfield Golf Centre	83
Milford Haven Golf Club	84
Mond Valley Golf Club	85
Morriston Golf Club	86
Neath Golf Club	87
Newport Links Golf Club & Resort	88
Palleg & Swansea Valley Golf Club	89
Pennard Golf Club	90
Pontardawe Golf Club	91
Priskilly Forest Golf Club & Country House	92
South Pembrokeshire Golf Club	93
St David's City Golf Club	94
Swansea Bay Golf Club	95
Tawe Vale Golf Club	96
Tenby Golf Club	97
Trefloyne Golf Course	98

03—

04—

South West Wales green fees guide

£	£1-£25
££	£26-£50
£££	£51-£75
££££	£76-£100
£££££	£101+

Green fees were accurate at the time of checking (August 2014), but are subject to change. Please confirm actual fees when booking your tee time.

South West Wales
poetic, celtic, scenic

Allt-y-Graban Golf Club — FOUNDED 1993 — 62
Allt-y-Graban Road, Pontlliw, Swansea SA4 9DT
T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 883279
Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Ashburnham Golf Club — FOUNDED 1894 — 63
Cliffe Terrace, Burry Port SA16 0HN
T: +44 (0)1554 832269
T: Pro. Martin Stimson +44 (0)1554 832269
E: admin@ashgolf.co.uk
W: ashburnhamgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,945 | Par(s): 72 | SSS: 74
Course type: Links | Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday ££

Carmarthen Golf Club — FOUNDED 1907 — 64
Blaen y Coed Road, Carmarthen SA33 6EH
T: Sec. +44 (0)1267 281588
T: Pro. +44 (0)1267 281493
E: info@carmarthengolfclub.co.uk
W: carmarthengolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,945 | Par(s): 71 | SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Celtic Haven Golf & Leisure Club — FOUNDED 2000 — 65
Lydstep, Tenby SA70 7SG
T: Sec. Ian Morris +44 (0)1834 870000
T: Pro. Tom Hilling +44 (0)1834 870000
E: golf@celtichaven.co.uk
W: celtichaven.co.uk/golf
Holes: 9 | Length(s): 1,784 | Par(s): 33 | SSS: 29
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Clyne Golf Club — FOUNDED 1921 — 66
118-120 Owls Lodge Lane, Mayals, Swansea SA3 5DP
T: Sec. John Hollis +44 (0)1792 929290
T: Pro. Jonathan Clewett +44 (0)1792 402094
E: manager@clynegolfclub.co.uk
W: clynegolfclub.com
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,943 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 70
Course type: Moorland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £-££

Corus Golf Course — FOUNDED 1968 — 67
The Course, Groes, Port Talbot SA12 8UW
T: Sec. +44 (0)1639 872283
Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Dawn Till Dusk Golf Club — FOUNDED 1993 — 68
Bastleford Road, Rosemarket, Milford Haven SA73 1JY
T: Sec. Tracey Young +44 (0)1437 899959
E: tyoung10@btinternet.com
W: dawntilldusk.co.uk
Holes: 9 | Length(s): 3,318
Course type: Parkland

Derllys Court Golf Club — FOUNDED 1993 — 69
Llysonnen Road, Bancyfelin, Carmarthen SA33 5DT
T: Sec. Rhian Walters +44 (0)1267 211575
T: Pro. Robert Ryder +44 (0)7771 902604
E: derllys@hotmail.com
W: derllyscourtgolfclub.com
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,847 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland

Langland Bay Golf Club

Earlswood Golf Club — FOUNDED 1993 — 70

Jersey Marine, Neath SA10 6JP
T: Sec. Jane Richardson +44 (0)1792 321578

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,174 | Par(s): 68 | SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Fairwood Park Golf Club — FOUNDED 1969 — 71

Blackhills Lane, Gower, Swansea SA2 7JN
T: Sec. Erol Golbas +44 (0)1792 297849
T: Pro. Mark Evans +44 (0)1792 299194
E: info@fairwoodpark.com W: fairwoodpark.com

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,700 | Par(s): 73 | SSS: 73
Course type: Woodland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Garnant Park Golf Club — FOUNDED 1998 — 72

Dinefwr Road, Garnant, Ammanford SA18 1NP * Starter Course
T: Sec. Dylan Jones +44 (0)1269 824121
T: Pro. +44 (0)1269 824121
E: garnant@btconnect.com W: garnantgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18/5 | Length(s): 6,575/625 | Par(s): 72/15 | SSS: 72/3*
Course type: Parkland/Moorland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Glyn Abbey Golf Club — FOUNDED 1992 — 73

Trimsaran, Kidwelly SA17 4LB
T: Sec. Dafydd Latham +44 (0)1554 810278
T: Pro. Mike Davies +44 (0)1554 810278
E: info@glynabbey.co.uk W: glynabbey.co.uk

Holes: 18/9 | Length(s): 5,980/658 | Par(s): 70/27 | SSS: 69/27
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

Glynhir Golf Club — FOUNDED 1910 — 74

Glynhir Road, Llandybie, Ammanford SA18 2TF
T: Sec. Robert Edwards +44 (0)1269 851365
T: Pro. Steve Williams +44 (0)1269 851010
E: info@glynhirgolfclub.co.uk W: glynhirgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,033 | Par(s): 69 | SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Glynneath Golf Club — FOUNDED 1931 — 75

Penygraig, Pontneddfechan SA11 5UH
T: Sec. Adrian Hall +44 (0)1639 720452
T: Pro. Shane McMenamin +44 (0)1639 720452
E: enquiries@glynneathgolfclub.co.uk W: glynneathgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,090 | Par(s): 71 | SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Gower Golf Club — FOUNDED 1995 — 76

Cefn Goleu, Three Crosses, Swansea SA4 3HS
T: Sec. Nicola Stroud +44 (0)1792 872480
T: Pro. Nicola Stroud +44 (0)1792 879905
E: enquiries@gowergolf.co.uk W: gowergolf.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,441 | Par(s): 71 | SSS: 72
Course type: Rolling parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £

Gowerton Golf Range — FOUNDED 1990 — 77

Victoria Road, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3AB
T: Sec. Wayne Battye +44 (0)1792 875188
T: Pro. Mike Hobbs +44 (0)1792 875188
E: info@gowertongolfrange.co.uk W: gowertongolfrange.co.uk

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 969 | Par(s): 9
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £-££

Haverfordwest Golf Club — FOUNDED 1904 — 78

Arnolds Down, Narberth Road, Haverfordwest SA61 2XQ
T: Sec. Robin Potter +44 (0)1437 764523
T: Pro. Alex Pile +44 (0)1437 768409
E: haverfordwestgc@btconnect.com W: haverfordwestgolfclub.net

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,002 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Lakeside Golf Club — FOUNDED 1992 — 79

Water Street, Margam, Port Talbot SA13 2PA
T: Sec. +44 (0)1639 899959

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 4,580 | Par(s): 63 | SSS: 63
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Langland Bay Golf Club — FOUNDED 1904 — 80

Langland Bay Road, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4QR
T: Dir. of Golf Andrew Minty +44 (0)1792 361721
T: Pro. Mark Evans +44 (0)1792 366186
E: info@langlandbaygolfclub.com W: langlandbaygolfclub.com

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,026 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 70
Course type: Cliff top parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £-££

Llandovery College Golf Course — FOUNDED 1985 — 81

Llandovery College, Queensway, Llandovery SA20 0EE
T: Sec. +44 (0)1550 723000

E: mail@llandoverycollege.com W: llandoverycollege.com

Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Machynys Peninsula Golf Club & Premier Spa — FOUNDED 2005 — 82

Nicklaus Avenue, Machynys, Llanelli SA15 2DG
T: Dir. of Golf Andy George +44 (0)1554 744888
T: Pro. Mark Govier +44 (0)1554 744888
E: golf.pro@machynys.com W: machynys.com

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 7,121 | Par(s): 72 | SSS: 76
Course type: Modern Links | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Mayfield Golf Centre — FOUNDED 1944 — 83

Mayfield, Freystrop, Haverfordwest SA62 4ET
T: Sec. +44 (0)1437 764300

Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Milford Haven Golf Club — FOUNDED 1913 — 84

Woodbine House, Clay Lane, Milford Haven SA73 3RX
T: Sec. Steve Brown +44 (0)1646 697822
T: Pro. Elliot Harding +44 (0)1646 697822 Ext. 2
E: milfordgolfclub@aol.com W: mhgc.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,112 | Par(s): 71 | SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Mond Valley Golf Club — FOUNDED 1985 — 85

Glais Road, Clydach, Swansea SA6 5QR
T: Sec. John Williams +44 (0)1792 842929

E: enquiries@mondvalleygolf.co.uk W: mondvalleygolf.co.uk

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 6,015 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Morriston Golf Club — FOUNDED 1910 — 86

160 Casemont Road, Morristion, Swansea SA6 6AJ
T: Sec. Robert Howells +44 (0)1792 796528
T: Pro. Matthew Hollis +44 (0)1792 772335
E: morristongolf@btconnect.com W: morristongolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,708	Par(s): 68	SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £		

Neath Golf Club — FOUNDED 1934 — 87

Cwmbach Road, Cadoxton, Neath SA10 8AH
T: Sec. Chris Watkins +44 (0)1639 632759
T: Pro. Richard Bennett +44 (0)1639 633693
E: info@neathgolfclub.co.uk W: neathgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,619	Par(s): 72	SSS: 73
Course type: Heathland	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££		

Newport Links Golf Club & Resort — FOUNDED 1925 — 88

Golf Course Road, Newport SA42 0NR
T: Sec. +44 (0)1239 820244
E: newportgc@lineone.net W: newportlinks.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,053		
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £		

Palleg & Swansea Valley Golf Club — FOUNDED 1930 — 89

Palleg Road, Lower Cwmtwrch, Swansea SA9 2QQ
T: Sec./Pro. Graham Coombe +44 (0)1639 842193
E: gc.gcgs@btconnect.com W: palleg-golf.com

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,902	Par(s): 72	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Pennard Golf Club — FOUNDED 1896 — 90

2 Southgate Road, Southgate, Swansea SA3 2BT
T: Sec. Sally Crowley +44 (0)1792 233131
T: Pro. +44 (0)1792 233451
E: sec@pennardgolfclub.com W: pennardgolfclub.com

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,902	Par(s): 72	SSS: 70
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend £££ Weekday ££		

Pontardawe Golf Club — FOUNDED 1924 — 91

Cefn Llan, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4SH
T: Sec. Richard Gove +44 (0)1792 863118
E: enquiries@pontardawegolfclub.co.uk W: pontardawegolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,101	Par(s): 70	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland/Mountain	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Priskilly Forest Golf Club & Country House — FOUNDED 1992 — 92

Castlemorris, Nr Fishguard, Haverfordwest SA62 5EH
T: Sec. P Evans +44 (0)1348 840276
E: jevans@priskilly-forest.co.uk W: priskilly-forest.co.uk

Holes: 18/9	Length(s): 5,900/2,670	Par(s): 70/35	SSS: 69/35
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

South Pembrokeshire Golf Club — FOUNDED 1969 — 93

Military Road, Pembroke Dock SA72 6SE
T: Sec. Michael Seal +44 (0)1646 621453
Pro. Robert Ryder
E: spgc06@tiscali.co.uk W: southpembsgolf.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,210	Par(s): 70	
Course type: Headland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

St David's City Golf Club — FOUNDED 1903 — 94

The Burrows, Whitesands, St David's, Haverfordwest SA62 6PT
T: Sec. +44 (0)1437 721751
E: info@stdavidscitygolfclub.co.uk W: stdavidscitygolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,582	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Swansea Bay Golf Club — FOUNDED 1892 — 95

The Clubhouse, Jersey Marine, Neath SA10 6JP
T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 812198
E: swanseabaygolfclub@hotmail.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,459	Par(s): 72	SSS: 72
Course type: Links			

Tawe Vale Golf Club — FOUNDED 1965 — 96

Clydach, Swansea SA6 5QR
T: Sec. +44 (0)1792 842929
T: Pro. Leon Clark +44 (0)1633 862626
E: info@greenmeadowgolf.com W: greenmeadowgolf.com

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,015	Par(s): 70	SSS: 69
Course type: Flat Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Tenby Golf Club — FOUNDED 1888 — 97

The Burrows, Tenby SA70 7NP
T: Sec. David Hancock +44 (0)1834 842978
T: Pro. Rhys Harry +44 (0)1834 844447
E: info@tenbygolf.co.uk W: tenbygolf.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,528	Par(s): 72	SSS: 72
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££		

Trefloyne Golf Course — FOUNDED 1996 — 98

Trefloyne Lane, Penally, Tenby SA70 7RG
T: Sec. Tom Beynon +44 (0)1834 842165
T: Pro. Oliver Duckett +44 (0)1834 845639
E: sarah@trefloyne.com W: trefloyne.com

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,635	Par(s): 72	
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££		

Pennard Golf Club

Local authority facilities

Carmarthenshire—

Garnant Golf Course
18-hole pay as you play course
T: +44 (0)1269 824121
Map ref: 72

Glyn Abbey Golf Club
9-hole pay as you play course
T: +44 (0)1554 810278
Map ref: 73

Pembrey Country Park
Pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)1554 833913

Neath Port Talbot—

Gnoll Golf Course
9-hole pay as you play course
T: +44 (0)1639 635808

Par-3/Novice courses

Corus Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1639 871111
Map ref: 67 Page 61

Glyn Abbey Golf Club (9-hole)
T: +44 (0)1554 810278
glynabbey.co.uk
Map ref: 73 Page 63

Gowerton Golf Range
T: +44 (0)1792 875188
gowertongolfrange.co.uk
Map ref: 77 Page 63

Heatherton Country Sports Park
T: +44 (0)1646 651025
heatherton.co.uk

Llandovery College Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1550 723000
llandoverycollege.com
Map ref: 81 Page 63

Mayfield Golf Centre
T: +44 (0)1437 764300
Map ref: 83 Page 63

Tycroes Golf Range
T: +44 (0)1269 596555

Other pay and play courses

Allt-y-Graban Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1792 883279
Map ref: 62 Page 61

Dawn Till Dusk Rosemarket Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1437 899959
Map ref: 68 Page 61

Earlswood Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1792 321578
Map ref: 70 Page 63

Garnant Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1269 824121
parcgarnantgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 72 Page 63

Glyn Abbey Golf Club (18-hole)
T: +44 (0)1554 810278
glynabbey.co.uk
Map ref: 73 Page 63

Glynneath Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1639 720452
glynneathgolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 75 Page 63

Newport Links Golf Club & Resort
T: +44 (0)1239 820244
newportlinks.co.uk
Map ref: 88 Page 64

South Pembrokeshire Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1646 621453
southpembsgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 93 Page 64

Driving ranges

Aberdulais Golf Range 20 bays
T: +44 (0)1639 639111
aberdulaisgolf.co.uk

Carmarthen Golf Club 8 bays
T: +44 (0)1267 281588
carmarthengolfclub.com
Map ref: 64 Page 61

Glyn Abbey Golf Club 6 bays
T: +44 (0)1554 810278
glynabbey.co.uk
Map ref: 73 Page 63

Glynhir Golf Club 4 bays
T: +44 (0)1269 851365
glynhirgolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 74 Page 63

Gowerton Golf Range 26 bays
T: +44 (0)1792 875188
gowertongolfrange.co.uk
Map ref: 77 Page 63

Heatherton Country Sports Park 12 bays
T: +44 (0)1646 652000
heatherton.co.uk

Lakeside Golf Club 20 bays
T: +44 (0)1639 899959
Map ref: 79 Page 63

Machynys Peninsula Golf Club & Premier Spa 21 bays
T: +44 (0)1554 744888
machynys.com
Map ref: 82 Page 63

Mayfield Golf Centre 12 bays
T: +44 (0)1437 764300
Map ref: 83 Page 63

Tycroes Golf Range 10 bays
T: +44 (0)1269 596555

Newport Links

Wye Valley, near Builth Wells

Mid Wales. Red kites and green hills, forests and farmland characterise this peaceful, restful part of Wales.

But there's plenty on offer on Mid Wales's other green scene – 30 friendly golf clubs, ranging from classic links courses on Cardigan Bay to hidden gems along the Wales/England border.

You'll not be short of scenery either. The southern part of the Snowdonia National Park reaches all the way down to Machynlleth (in fact, 500 of its 840 square miles are within Mid Wales). There's more hilly countryside – smoother and even greener than Snowdonia – along the Welsh border. And filling the spaces between east and west, there's an untamed 'wild Wales' of moor and lakeland that's a no-go area even for hardy golf clubs. But you should go for its elemental beauty and the chance to spot wildlife, including the red kite.

Game on

You'll find some of the greenest greens in the country in lush Mid Wales. At parkland Cradoc, high-altitude views across the Brecon Beacons are that rare example of a welcome distraction from your golf. But don't take our word for it. Turn to pages 26-31 to find out what *Golf World* Senior Editor Kit Alexander thought. While you're there, you can also see how he got on at tree-lined Builth Wells and Harry Vardon-designed Llandrindod Wells – the latter an unusual experiment in course architecture that transplants links features to a hilltop setting. Rocky Llanymynech also occupies a lofty vantage point. Straddling the border between Wales and England, it's the only course where you'll tee off in one country and putt in another. Don't worry, you won't need your passport.

Lapped by the blue waters of Cardigan Bay, this part of Wales is also home to stunning coastal courses. There's Aberystwyth, another Vardon design and one of our many hidden gems (turn to pages 14-17 for more). Borth & Ynyslas stakes a claim to being Wales's oldest course. While not everyone agrees, it definitely offers a truly timeless out-and-back links experience. Historic Aberdovey is another coastal classic. Only separated from the sea by a ridge of tumbling dunes, it's a salty experience that no links lover should dare to miss.

01—

01 Dolphin spotting

Five reasons to go off-course

1 See things differently at the Centre for Alternative Technology near Machynlleth. It's an inspiring insight into innovation that's as green as our golf courses. cat.org.uk

2 Get lost in a good book at the Hay Festival, Mid Wales's famous 'Woodstock of the mind', according to ex-US President Bill Clinton. hayfestival.com

3 Spot a porpoise. And a bottlenose dolphin, if you're lucky. Take a boat trip on Cardigan Bay to catch a glimpse of these charismatic oceangoing mammals. discoverceredigion.co.uk

4 See stars. Get a high definition view of the night sky in the Brecon Beacons National Park. It's one of only five International Dark Sky Reserves in the world. midwalesmyway.com

5 Visit our very own 'Lake District', the Elan Valley lakes, plus more scenic reservoirs at Clywedog, Nant-y-Moch and Lake Vyrnwy. midwalesmyway.com

Mid Wales

Packages including Mid Wales are available from the following pan-Wales tour operators:

EuroWales—
T: +44 (0)1686 669766
eurowales.com

Golfbreaks.com—
T: 0800 279 7988
golfbreaks.com

The Wales Golf Holiday Company—
T: 0800 0832983
(+44 29 2061 0010 from overseas)
walesgolfholidays.com

Wales Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1656 784843
walesgolfvacations.com

Welsh Golf Breaks—
T: +44 (0)1822 618148
welshgolfbreaks.com

Welsh Rarebits Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1570 470785
rarebits.co.uk

Your Golf Travel—
T: 0800 193 6630
yourgolftravel.com

The following regional golf packages are available:

Heart of Wales Golf Breaks—
T: +44 (0)1597 828598
heartofwalesgolfbreaks.co.uk

Snowdonia Golf Coast Cluster—
T: +44 (0)845 450 5885
golf-northwales.co.uk

02—

03—

04—

05—

02 Llanymynech Golf Club
03 Hay Festival
04 Aberdovey Golf Club
05 Brecon Beacons National Park – International Dark Sky Reserve

Courses

Please see map on page 92 for reference

Aberdovey Golf Club	99
Aberystwyth Golf Club	100
Bala Golf Club	101
Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club	102
Brecon Golf Club	103
Builth Wells Golf Club	104
Cardigan Golf Club	105
Cilgwyn Golf Club	106
Cradoc Golf Club	107
Cwmrhydneuadd Golf Club	108
Dolgellau Golf Club	109
Knighton Golf Club	110
Lakeside Golf Course	111
Llandrindod Wells Golf Club	112
Llanymynech Golf Club	113
Machynlleth Golf Club	114
Maesmawr Golf Club	115
The Old Rectory Country Hotel	116
Oswestry Golf Club	117
Penrhos Park	118
Rhosgoch Golf & Leisure Club	119
Royal St David's Golf Club	120
St Giles Golf Club	121
St Idloes Golf Club	122
Saron Golf Course	123
Summerhill Golf Club	124
Welshpool Golf Club	125

Mid Wales green fees guide

£	£1-£25
££	£26-£50
£££	£51-£75
££££	£76-£100
£££££	£101+

Green fees were accurate at the time of checking (August 2014), but are subject to change. Please confirm actual fees when booking your tee time.

Mid Wales
green, green, green

Aberdovey Golf Club — FOUNDED 1892 — 99
Station Road, Aberdovey LL35 ORT
T: Sec. Gareth Pritchard +44 (0)1654 767493
T: Pro. Andy Humphreys +44 (0)1654 767493
E: sec@aberdoveygolf.co.uk W: aberdoveygolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,507 Par(s): 71 SSS: 72
Course type: Links Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday ££-£££

Aberystwyth Golf Club — FOUNDED 1911 — 100
Brynmor Road, Aberystwyth SY23 2HY
T: Sec. Mrs Carole Burnell +44 (0)1970 615104
E: secretary@aberystwythgolfclub.com W: aberystwythgolfclub.com
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,119 Par(s): 70 SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Bala Golf Club — FOUNDED 1928 — 101
Penlan, Bala LL23 7YD
T: Sec. +44 (0)1678 520359
E: balagolf@btconnect.com W: golffbala.co.uk
Holes: 10
Course type: Hilltop

Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club — FOUNDED 1885 — 102
Aer-y-Mor, High Street, Borth SY24 5JS
T: Sec. +44 (0)1970 871202
T: Pro. John Lewis +44 (0)1970 871557
E: secretary@borthgolf.co.uk W: borthgolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,086 Par(s): 70
Course type: Links Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Brecon Golf Club — FOUNDED 1902 — 103
Newtown Park, Llanfaes, Brecon LD3 8PA
T: Sec. Pat McCarthy +44 (0)1874 622004
E: info@brecongolfclub.co.uk W: brecongolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 9 Length(s): 6,122 (18) Par(s): 70 (18) SSS: 70 (18)
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Builth Wells Golf Club — FOUNDED 1923 — 104
Golf Links Road, Builth Wells LD2 3NF
T: Sec./Pro. Simon Edwards +44 (0)1982 553296/551155
E: info@builthwellsgolf.co.uk W: builthwellsgolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,240 Par(s): 66 SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Cardigan Golf Club — FOUNDED 1895 — 105
Gwbert, Cardigan SA43 1PR
T: Sec. Paul Miles +44 (0)1239 621775
T: Pro. Steven Parsons +44 (0)1239 621775
E: cgc@btconnect.com W: cardigangolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,455 Par(s): 72 SSS: 73
Course type: Links/Clifftop Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday ££

Cilgwyn Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 106
Llangybi, Lampeter SA48 8NN
T: Sec. John M Jones +44 (0)1570 493286
E: secretary@cilgwyngolf.co.uk W: cilgwyngolf.co.uk
Holes: 9 Length(s): 5,361 Par(s): 68 SSS: 67
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Cradoc Golf Club — FOUNDED 1967 — 107
Penoyre Park, Brecon LD3 9LP
T: Man. Debbie Hughes +44 (0)1874 623658
T: Pro. Richard Davies +44 (0)1874 625524
E: secretary@cradoc.co.uk W: cradoc.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,188 Par(s): 71 SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Cwmrhydneuadd Golf Club — FOUNDED 1991 — 108
Pentregat, Llandysul SA44 6HD
T: Sec. John Curry +44 (0)1239 654933
W: cwmgolf.co.uk
Holes: 9 Par(s): 31
Course type: Parkland

Dolgellau Golf Club — FOUNDED 1910 — 109
Pen Cefn Road, Dolgellau LL40 2ES
T: Sec./Pro. Mark White +44 (0)1341 422603
E: info@dolgellaugolfclub.com W: dolgellaugolfclub.com
Holes: 9 Length(s): 4,696 (18) Par(s): 66 SSS: 64
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Knighton Golf Club — FOUNDED 1906 — 110
Frydd Terrace, Knighton LD7 1DL
T: Sec. +44 (0)1547 528646
E: knightongolfclub@btconnect.com W: knightongolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 9
Course type: Moorland

Lakeside Golf Course — FOUNDED 2008 — 111
Bryn Llyn Farm, Bryn Llyn Lane, Garthmyl SY15 6RU
T: Sec. +44 (0)1686 640909
E: lakesidegolfcourse.co.uk
Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Llandrindod Wells Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 112
The Golf Club, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5NY
T: Sec./Pro. Phil Davies +44 (0)1597 822247
E: secretary@lwgc.co.uk/info@lwgc.co.uk W: lwgc.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,759 Par(s): 69 SSS: 69
Course type: Upland Links Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Llanymynech Golf Club — FOUNDED 1933 — 113

Pant, Nr Oswestry SY10 8LB
T: Sec. +44 (0)1691 830983
T: Pro. Andy Griffiths/Stuart Penrose +44 (0)1691 830542
E: secretary@llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk W: llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,873 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 68
Course type: Hilltop | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Machynlleth Golf Club — FOUNDED 1904 — 114

Felingerrig, Machynlleth SY20 8UH
T: Sec. John Lewis +44 (0)1654 702000

E: secretarymachgolfclub@btconnect.com W: machynllethgolfclub.com

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 2,863 | Par(s): 34 | SSS: 34
Course type: Heathland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Maesmawr Golf Club — FOUNDED 1990 — 115

Mid Wales Golf Centre, Moat Lane, Caersws SY17 5SB
T: Sec. +44 (0)1686 688303

E: info@midwalesgolfcentre.co.uk

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 1,277 | Par(s): 27
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

The Old Rectory Country Hotel — FOUNDED 1979 — 116

Llangattock, Crickhowell NP8 1PH
T: Sec. +44 (0)1873 810373

E: oldrectoryhotel@live.com W: rectoryhotel.co.uk

Holes: 9
Course type: Meadowland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Oswestry Golf Club — FOUNDED 1903 — 117

Aston Park, Oswestry SY11 4JJ
T: Sec. Roger E Stamp +44 (0)1691 610535
T: Pro. Jim Stirling/Richard Edwards +44 (0)1691 610535
E: secretary@oswestrygolfclub.co.uk W: oswestrygolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,891 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday ££

Penrhos Park — FOUNDED 1992 — 118

Llanrhystud SY23 5AY
T: Sec. Rowland Rees-Evans +44 (0)1974 202999

E: info@penrhosgolf.co.uk W: penrhosgolf.co.uk

Holes: 18/9 | Length(s): 6,660/1,784 | Par(s): 72/31 | SSS: 73/-
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £-££

Rhosgoch Golf & Leisure Club — FOUNDED 1984 — 119

Rhosgoch (near Hay-on-Wye), Builth Wells LD2 3JY
T: Sec. Christopher Dance +44 (0)1497 851251

E: rhosgochgolf@yahoo.co.uk W: rhosgoch-golf.co.uk

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 5,000 | Par(s): 68 | SSS: 66
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Royal St David's Golf Club — FOUNDED 1894 — 120

Harlech LL46 2UB
T: Sec. Gareth Lewis +44 (0)1766 780361
T: Pro. Gareth Lewis +44 (0)1766 780857
E: sales@royalstdavids.co.uk W: royalstdavids.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,629 | Par(s): 69 | SSS: 72
Course type: Links | Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday ££-£££

St Giles Golf Club — FOUNDED 1895 — 121

Pool Road, Newtown SY16 3AJ
T: Sec. +44 (0)1686 625844

E: stgilesgolf@googlemail.com W: stgilesgolf.co.uk

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 6,012 (18) | Par(s): 70 (18)
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

St Idloes Golf Club — FOUNDED 1920 — 122

Penrhallt, Llanidloes SY18 6LG
T: Sec. +44 (0)1686 412559

W: stidloesgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 5,510 | Par(s): 66
Course type: Parkland

Saron Golf Course — FOUNDED 1989 — 123

Penwern, Saron, Llandysul SA44 5EL
T: Sec. C Searle +44 (0)1559 370705

E: sarongolfcourse@btconnect.com W: sarongolfcourse.com

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 2,208 | Par(s): 33
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Summerhill Golf Club — FOUNDED 1994 — 124

Clifford, Hay-on-Wye HR3 5EW
T: Sec. +44 (0)1497 820451

E: enquiries@hayonwyegolf.co.uk W: summerhill.fl1hosting.com

Holes: 9 | Length(s): 5,858 | Par(s): 70
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Welshpool Golf Club — FOUNDED 1894 — 125

Y Golfa, Welshpool SY21 9AQ
T: Sec. Sally Marshall +44 (0)1938 850249

E: secretary@welshpoolgolfclub.co.uk W: welshpoolgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,700 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 69
Course type: Mountain

Llanymynech

Par-3/Novice courses

Capel Bangor Golf & Country Club
T: +44 (0)1970 880741
colossalactivities.co.uk/capel-bangor-golf-club.html

Cliff Hotel, Gwbert
T: +44 (0)1239 613241
cliffhotel.com

Cwmrhydneuadd Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1239 654933
cwmgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 108 Page 69

Fairbourne Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1341 250979
fairbournegolfclub.co.uk

Machynlleth Golf Club (Short Course)
T: +44 (0)1654 702000
machynllethgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 114 Page 70

Maesmawr Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1686 688303
Map ref: 115 Page 70

The Old Rectory Country Hotel
T: +44 (0)1873 810373
rectoryhotel.co.uk
Map ref: 116 Page 70

Penlanlas Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1970 625319
penlanlas.co.uk

Penrhos Park
T: +44 (0)1974 202999
penrhosgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 118 Page 70

Other pay and play courses

Aberystwyth Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1970 615104
aberystwythgolfclub.com
Map ref: 100 Page 69

Bala Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1678 520359
golffbala.co.uk
Map ref: 101 Page 69

Brecon Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1874 622004
brecongolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 103 Page 69

Cradoc Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1874 623658
cradoc.co.uk
Map ref: 107 Page 69

Dolgellau Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1639 720452
dolgellaugolfclub.com
Map ref: 109 Page 69

Lakeside Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1686 640909
lakesidegolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 111 Page 69

Llandrindod Wells Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1597 822247
lwgc.co.uk
Map ref: 112 Page 69

Llanymynech Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1691 830983
llanymynechgolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 113 Page 70

Machynlleth Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1654 702000
machynllethgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 114 Page 70

Rhosgoch Golf & Leisure Club
T: +44 (0)1544 370286
rhosgoch-golf.co.uk
Map ref: 119 Page 70

Saron Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1559 370705
Map ref: 123 Page 70

Welshpool Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1938 850249
welshpoolgolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 125 Page 70

Driving ranges

Cradoc Golf Club 10 bays
T: +44 (0)1874 623658
cradoc.co.uk
Map ref: 107 Page 69

Llandrindod Wells Golf Club 8 bays
T: +44 (0)1597 822247
lwgc.co.uk
Map ref: 112 Page 69

Maesmawr Golf Club 12 bays
T: +44 (0)1686 688303
Map ref: 115 Page 72

Penrhos Park 3 bays
T: +44 (0)1974 202999
penrhosgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 118 Page 70

Aberystwyth

Ogwen Valley, Snowdonia

North Wales. The 50 clubs here are almost as varied as the scenery.

And that's saying something in a part of Wales where miles of sandy coastline are in the mix along with wooded hills and rocky mountains.

Did we mention mountains? There are lots of them – 15 peaks over 3,000ft in Snowdonia alone, while along the border the grassy hills of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley are protected as an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. AONBs also cocoon the pristine shores of the Isle of Anglesey and Llŷn Peninsula, keeping them as nature intended. North Wales is the UK's outdoor activities capital. So if you want more fresh air after your game of golf there's an A to Z of things to do (abseiling to zip-wire riding, since you ask).

Game on

It's two for one in the Victorian resort of Llandudno, with a pair of lovely links courses – North Wales and Maesdu – lying just a golf ball's throw apart. While you're in the area, sample neighbouring Conwy too. The Open Qualifying links course is every bit as regal as Conwy Castle, a World Heritage Site just down the road. Set on a spear of rock jutting into the Irish Sea, iconic Nefyn & District is a one-of-a-kind golfing thrill – an almost nautical experience that has been likened to playing on the deck of an aircraft carrier. You'll also want to cross the Menai Strait to Anglesey and play Bull Bay – Wales's most northerly course. Aside from these big-hitters, there are less well-known golfing gems just waiting to be discovered. The panoramic sea views at hilltop Criccieth enchant all who play here, while Abersoch blends links and parkland into a delicious golfing recipe all of its own. Turn to pages 16-19 where we reveal more of our hidden treasures. Follow in the footsteps of legendary course designer James Braid and play the 10 clubs that make up North Wales's very own James Braid Trail. And don't miss out on scenic Vale of Llangollen, a genuine contender for best inland course in the country.

01 Bodnant Food Centre

Five reasons to go off-course

1 Head to the new National Trust Porth y Swnt Visitor Centre at Aberdaron for a fresh perspective on 30 miles of dramatic Llŷn Peninsula coastline. nationaltrust.org.uk/porth-y-swnt

2 Enjoy a real taste of Wales at Bodnant Welsh Food Centre. Try locally sourced produce, buy goodies in the farm shop, or brush up your kitchen skills with inspiring cookery classes. bodnant-welshfood.co.uk

3 See Llandudno from sea and air. Walk to the tip of its Victorian pier (the longest in Wales) or ride a cablecar (the longest in the UK) to the summit of the Great Orme Headland. visitllandudno.org.uk

4 Visit Zip World near Bethesda and rocky Blaenau Ffestiniog to experience Europe's longest ziplines, massive underground trampolines and high-rope cavern adverntures. zipworld.co.uk

5 Take in the view from the top of Snowdon. There's a narrow-gauge railway to the summit, just in case you forget your walking boots. snowdoniarailway.co.uk

NorthWales

Packages including North Wales are available from the following pan-Wales tour operators:

EuroWales—
T: +44 (0)1686 669766
eurowales.com

Golfbreaks.com—
T: 0800 279 7988
golfbreaks.com

The Wales Golf Holiday Company—
T: 0800 0832983
(+44 29 2061 0010 from overseas)
walesgolfholidays.com

Wales Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1656 784843
walesgolfvacations.com

Welsh Golf Breaks—
T: +44 (0)1822 618148
welshgolfbreaks.com

Welsh Rarebits Golf Vacations—
T: +44 (0)1570 470785
rarebits.co.uk

Your Golf Travel—
T: 0800 193 6630
yourgolftravel.com

The following regional golf packages are available:

Gateway to Wales Golf—
T: +44 (0)845 450 5885
golf-northwales.co.uk

Golf Coast North Wales—
T: +44 (0)845 450 5885
golf-northwales.co.uk

Golf North Wales—
T: +44 (0)845 450 5885
golf-northwales.co.uk

Isle of Anglesey Golf Pass—
T: +44 (0)845 450 5885
golf-northwales.co.uk

North Wales Golf Breaks—
T: 0800 083 2983
T: +44 (0)2920 610010
northwalesgolfbreaks.co.uk

Snowdonia Golf Coast Cluster—
T: +44 (0)845 450 5885
golf-northwales.co.uk

02 Summit of Snowdon
03 Abersoch Golf Club
04 Zip Word Velocity, nr Bethesda
05 Conwy Golf Club and Marina

02—

03—

04—

Mid Wales green fees guide

£	£1-£25
££	£26-£50
£££	£51-£75
££££	£76-£100
£££££	£101+

Green fees were accurate at the time of checking (August 2014), but are subject to change. Please confirm actual fees when booking your tee time.

Courses

Please see map on page 92 for reference

Abergele Golf Club	126
Abersoch Golf Club	127
Anglesey Golf Club	128
Baron Hill Golf Club	129
Betws-y-Coed Golf Club	130
Bull Bay Golf Club	131
Caernarfon Golf Club	132
Caerwys Golf Club	133
Clays Golf Club	134
Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club	135
Criccieth Golf Club	136
Denbigh Golf Club	137
Ffestiniog Golf Club	138
Flint Golf Club	139
Hawarden Golf Club	140
Henllys Golf Club	141
Holyhead Golf Club	142
Holywell Golf Club	143
Kinsale Golf Club	144
Llanfairfechan Golf Club	145
Maesdu Golf Club	146
Mold Golf Club	147
Moss Valley Golf Club	148
Nefyn & District Golf Club	149
North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club	150
Northop Golf Club	151
Old Colwyn Golf Club	152
Old Padeswood Golf Club	153
Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club	154
Penmaenmawr Golf Club	155
Pennant Park Golf Club	156
Penrhyn Golf Club	157
Plassey Golf Club	158
Porthmadog Golf Club	159
Prestatyn Golf Club	160
Clwb Golff Pwllheli	161
Rhos-on-Sea Golf Club and Hotel	162
Rhuddlan Golf Club	163
Rhyl Golf Club	164
Ruthin-Pwllglas Golf Club	165
Silver Birch Golf Club	166
St Deiniol Golf Club	167
St Melyd Golf Club	168
Storws Wen Golf Club	169
Tyddan Mawr Golf Course	170
Vale of Llangollen Golf Club	171
Wrexham Golf Club	172

North Wales
historic, rocky, sandy

Abergele Golf Club — FOUNDED 1910 — 126
Tan-y-Gopa Road, Abergele LL22 8HZ
T: Sec. Chris Langdon +44 (0)1745 824034
T: Pro. Iain Runcie +44 (0)1745 823813
E: secretary@abergelegolfclub.co.uk W: abergelegolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,396 | Par(s): 72 | SSS: 71
Course type: Parkland (USGA Greens) | Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Abersoch Golf Club — FOUNDED 1908 — 127
Abersoch, Pwllheli LL53 7EY
T: Sec./Pro. Alan Drosinos Jones +44 (0)1758 712636/712622
E: manager@abersochgolf.co.uk W: abersochgolf.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 5,847 | Par(s): 69 | SSS: 69
Course type: Links & Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Anglesey Golf Club — FOUNDED 1914 — 128
Station Road, Rhosneigr LL64 5QX
T: Sec. M I Parry +44 (0)1407 811127
T: Pro. Gary Coppell +44 (0)1407 811202
E: info@theangleseygolfclub.com W: angleseygolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,330 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 71
Course type: Links | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Baron Hill Golf Club — FOUNDED 1880 — 129
Beaumaris LL58 8YW
T: Sec. Mick Barlow +44 (0)1248 811715/810231
E: golf@baronhill.co.uk W: baronhill.co.uk
Holes: 9 | Length(s): 5,572 | Par(s): 68 | SSS: 68
Course type: Moorland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Betws-y-Coed Golf Club — FOUNDED 1972 — 130
Ffordd Hen Eglwys, Betws-y-Coed LL24 0AL
T: Sec. Adam Brown +44 (0)1690 710556
E: info@golf-betws-y-coed.co.uk W: betws-y-coedgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18/9 | Length(s): 4,998/2,455 | Par(s): 64/32 | SSS: 64
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Bull Bay Golf Club — FOUNDED 1913 — 131
Bull Bay Road, Amlwch LL68 9RY
T: Sec. John Burns +44 (0)1407 830960
T: Pro. John Burns +44 (0)1407 831188
E: info@bullbaygc.co.uk W: bullbaygc.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,276 | Par(s): 70 | SSS: 72
Course type: Coastal heathland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Caernarfon Golf Club — FOUNDED 1909 — 132
Llanfaglan, Caernarfon LL54 5RP
T: Sec./Pro. Aled Owen +44 (0)1286 678359
E: pro@caernarfongolfclub.co.uk W: caernarfongolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 | Length(s): 6,017 | Par(s): 69 | SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland | Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £-££

Caerwys Golf Club — FOUNDED 1988 — 133
Pen-y-Cefn Road, Caerwys, Holywell CH7 5AQ
T: Sec. Becky Hall +44 (0)1352 721222
T: Pro. Andy Barnett +44 (0)7855 308339
E: caerwysgolf@live.co.uk W: bullbaygc.co.uk
Holes: 9 | Length(s): 1,413 | Par(s): 30
Course type: Woodland | Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

05—

Clays Golf Club — FOUNDED 1985 — 134

Bryn Estyn Road, Wrexham LL13 9UB
T: Man. Joanne Beddows +44 (0)1978 661406
T: Pro. Gareth James +44 (0)1978 661406
E: enquiries@claysgolf.co.uk W: claysgolf.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,942	Par(s): 69	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £-££		

Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club — FOUNDED 1890 — 135

Beacons Way LL32 8ER
T: Sec. Chris Chance +44 (0)1492 593400
T: Pro. Andrew Blake +44 (0)1492 593400
E: admin@conwygolfclub.com W: conwygolfclub.com

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,667	Par(s): 72	SSS: 74
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday ££		

Criccieth Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 136

Ednyfed Hill, Criccieth LL52 0PH
T: Sec. Iolo Griffith +44 (0)1766 522154
E: info@cricciethgolf.co.uk W: cricciethgolfclub-northwales.co.uk

Holes: 11	Length(s): 5,034	Par(s): 67	SSS: 64-67
Course type: Hilltop	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Denbigh Golf Club — FOUNDED 1902 — 137

Henllan Road, Denbigh LL16 5AA
T: Sec. Gerald Parry +44 (0)1745 816669
T: Pro. Ben Brierly +44 (0)1745 816669
E: secretary@denbighgolfclub.co.uk W: denbighgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,751	Par(s): 68	SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££		

Ffestiniog Golf Club — FOUNDED 1893 — 138

Y Cefn, Ffestiniog LL41 4PS
T: Sec. R Glyn Hughes +44 (0)1766 762637
E: info@ffestinioggolf.org

Holes: 9	Length(s): 2,301	Par(s): 32	
Course type: Upland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Flint Golf Club — FOUNDED 1966 — 139

Cornist Lane, Flint CH6 5HJ
T: Sec. Anthony Middleton +44 (0)1352 732327
E: secretary@flintgolfclub.co.uk W: flintgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 9	Length(s): 6,962	Par(s): 69	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Hawarden Golf Club — FOUNDED 1911 — 140

Groomsdale Lane, Hawarden CH5 3EH
T: Sec./Pro. Alex Rowland +44 (0)1244 531447
E: secretary@hawardengolfclub.co.uk W: hawardengolfclub.myprogolfer.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,857	Par(s): 69	SSS: 68
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £		

Henllys Golf Club — FOUNDED 1996 — 141

Beaumaris LL58 8HU
T: Dir. of Golf Peter Maton +44 (0)1248 811717
T: Pro. David Gadsby +44 (0)1248 811717
E: hg@hpb.co.uk W: henllysgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,821	Par(s): 71	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££		

Holyhead Golf Club — FOUNDED 1912 — 142

Trearddur Bay LL65 2YL
T: +44 (0)1407 762022
T: Pro. Steve Elliott +44 (0)1407 762022
E: holyheadgolfclub@tiscali.co.uk W: holyheadgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,090	Par(s): 72	
Course type: Heathland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££		

Holywell Golf Club — FOUNDED 1906 — 143

Brynford, Holywell CH8 8LQ
T: Sec. Matt Parsley +44 (0)1352 710040
T: Pro. +44 (0)1352 710040
E: secretary@holywellgc.co.uk W: holywellgc.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,091	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Old Padeswood

Pwllheli

Kinsale Golf Club — FOUNDED 1996 — 144
Llanerchymor, Holywell CH8 9DX
T: Sec. +44 (0)1745 561080
Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Llanfairfechan Golf Club — FOUNDED 1972 — 145
Llanerch Road, Llanfairfechan LL33 0EB
T: Sec. +44 (0)1248 680144
Holes: 9
Course type: Parkland

Maesdu Golf Club — FOUNDED 1915 — 146
Hospital Road, Llandudno LL30 1HU
T: Sec. +44 (0)1492 876450
T: Pro. Simon Boulden +44 (0)1492 876450
E: enquiries@maesdugolfclub.co.uk W: knightongolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,576 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Mold Golf Club — FOUNDED 1909 — 147
Cilcain Road, Pantymwyn, Mold CH7 5EH
T: Sec. Chris Mills +44 (0)1352 741513
T: Pro. Craig Tudor +44 (0)1352 740318
E: info@moldgolfclub.co.uk W: moldgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,473 Par(s): 69
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££

Moss Valley Golf Club — FOUNDED 1988 — 148
Moss Road, Moss, Wrexham LL11 6HA
T: Sec. +44 (0)1978 720518
E: info@mossvalleygolf.co.uk
Holes: 9 Length(s): 5,249 (18) Par(s): 68 (18)
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Nefyn & District Golf Club — FOUNDED 1907 — 149
Lôn Golff, Morfa Nefyn, Pwllheli LL53 6DA
T: Marketing Director Duncan Smith+44 (0)1758 720966
T: Pro. John Froom +44 (0)1758 720102
E: secretary@nefyn-golf-club.co.uk W: nefyn-golf-club.co.uk
Holes: 18/18 Length(s): 6,267/6,520 Par(s): 71/71 SSS: 70/72
Course type: Links Fee: Weekend ££-£££ Weekday ££

North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club — FOUNDED 1940 — 150
72 Bryniau Road, West Shore, Llandudno LL30 2DZ
T: Sec. Nick Kitchen +44 (0)1492 875325
T: Pro. Richard Bradbury +44 (0)1492 876878
E: enquiries@northwalesgolfclub.co.uk W: northwalesgolfclub.org.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 5,580 Par(s): 71 SSS: 71
Course type: Links Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Northop Golf Club — FOUNDED 1994 — 151
Northop CH7 6WA
T: Sec. +44 (0)1352 840440
T: Pro. Matthew Pritchard +44 (0)1352 840440
E: secretary@northopgolfclub.co.uk W: northopgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££

Old Colwyn Golf Club — FOUNDED 1907 — 152
Woodlands Avenue, Old Colwyn, Colwyn Bay LL29 9NL
T: Sec. +44 (0)1492 515581
Holes: 9
Course type: Meadowland

Old Padeswood Golf Club — FOUNDED 1977 — 153
Station Road, Padeswood, Nr Mold CH7 4JD
T: Sec. Robert Jones +44 (0)1244 547401
T: Pro. Tony Davies +44 (0)1244 547401
E: sec@oldpadeswoodgolfclub.co.uk W: oldpadeswoodgolfclub.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,696 Par(s): 72 SSS: 72
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £-££

Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club — FOUNDED 1933 — 154
The Caia, Station Lane, Padeswood, Mold CH7 4JD
T: Sec. Gareth Hughes +44 (0)1244 550537
T: Pro. Tony Davies +44 (0)1244 550537
E: admin@padeswoodgolf.plus.com W: padeswoodgolfclub.com
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,051 Par(s): 70 SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £-££

Penmaenmawr Golf Club — FOUNDED 1910 — 155
The Pavilion, Conwy Old Road, Penmaenmawr LL34 6RD
T: Sec. Mrs A Greenwood +44 (0)1492 623330
E: clubhouse@pengolf.co.uk W: pengolf.co.uk
Holes: 9 Length(s): 5,372 (18) Par(s): 67 (18) SSS: 66 (18)
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Pennant Park Golf Club — FOUNDED 1998 — 156
Whitford, Holywell CH8 9ER
T: Sec. Ian Jones +44 (0)1745 563000
T: Pro. Andrew Barnett +44 (0)7855 308339
E: info@pennant-park.co.uk W: pennant-park.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,059 Par(s): 70 SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £

Penrhyn Golf Club — FOUNDED 1990 — 157
Llanddaniel-Fâb LL60 6NN
T: Owner/MD Mr W R Carter +44 (0)1248 421150
T: Pro. +44 (0)1248 421150
Holes: 9 Length(s): 1,214 Par(s): 27
Course type: Parkland

Plassey Golf Club — FOUNDED 1992 — 158
The Plassey, Eyton, Wrexham LL13 0SP
T: Sec. Mr D Bradshaw +44 (0)1978 780020
T: Pro. Lewis Harper +44 (0)7891 211393
E: enquiries@plassey.com W: plassey.com/golf
Holes: 9 Length(s): 4,961 Par(s): 66 SSS: 64
Course type: Parkland Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £

Porthmadog Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 159
Morfa Bychan, Porthmadog LL49 9UU
T: Sec. Gwilym Jones +44 (0)1766 514124
T: Pro. Gary Kilmister+44 (0)1766 513828
E: secretary@porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk W: porthmadog-golf-club.co.uk
Holes: 18 Length(s): 6,322 Par(s): 71 SSS: 72
Course type: Links Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££

Prestatyn Golf Club — FOUNDED 1905 — 160

Marine Road East, Prestatyn LL18 7HS
T: Sec. +44 (0)1745 854320
T: Pro. +44 (0)1745 854320
E: enquiries@prestatyngolfclub.co.uk W: prestatyngolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,808	Par(s): 72	SSS: 73
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £		

Clwb Golff Pwllheli — FOUNDED 1900 — 161

Golf Road, Pwllheli LL53 5PS
T: Sec. Dennis Moore +44 (0)1758 701644
T: Pro. Stuart Pilkington +44 (0)1758 701644 Opt 2
E: info@clwbgolffpwllheli.com W: clwbgolffpwllheli.com

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,108	Par(s): 69	SSS: 70
Course type: Links/Parkland	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££		

Rhos-on-Sea Golf Club and Hotel — FOUNDED 1899 — 162

Penrhyn Bay, Llandudno LL30 3PU
T: Sec. +44 (0)1492 549641
T: Pro. +44 (0)1492 548115
E: info@rhosgolf.co.uk W: rhosgolf.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 5,965	Par(s): 69	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £		

Rhuddlan Golf Club — FOUNDED 1930 — 163

Meliden Road, Rhuddlan LL18 6LB
T: Sec. John Wood +44 (0)1745 590217
T: Pro. Andrew Carr +44 (0)1745 590898
E: secretary@rhuddlangolfclub.co.uk W: rhuddlangolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,291	Par(s): 72	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday £		

Rhyl Golf Club — FOUNDED 1890 — 164

Coast Road, Rhyl LL18 3RE
T: +44 (0)1745 353171
T: Pro. Jason Shufflebotham +44 (0)7534 589068
E: rhylgolfclub@btconnect.com W: rhylgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 9	Length(s): 2,979	Par(s): 70 (18)	SSS: 71 (18)
Course type: Links	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

St Deiniol

Ruthin-Pwllglas Golf Club — FOUNDED 1920 — 165

Pwllglas, Ruthin LL15 2PE
T: Sec. Neil Roberts +44 (0)1824 702296
E: secretary@ruthinpwllglasgc.co.uk W: ruthinpwllglasgc.co.uk

Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,354 (18)	Par(s): 66 (18)	SSS: 66 (18)
Course type: Parkland/Upland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Silver Birch Golf Club — FOUNDED 1995 — 166

Betws yn Rhos, Abergele LL22 8BZ
T: Sec. Menna Jones +44 (0)1492 680690
E: enquiries@silverbirchgolfclub.co.uk W: silverbirchgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 3,235	Par(s): 59	SSS: 58
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

St Deiniol Golf Club — FOUNDED 1906 — 167

Pen-y-Bryn, Bangor LL57 1BG
T: Sec. DT Davies +44 (0)1248 353098
E: secretary@bangorgolf.co.uk W: bangorgolf.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,000	Par(s): 68	SSS: 69
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £		

St Melyd Golf Club — FOUNDED 1922 — 168

The Paddock, Meliden Road, Prestatyn LL19 8NB
T: Sec. Janette Williams +44 (0)1745 854405
E: office@stmelydgolf.co.uk W: stmelydgolf.co.uk

Holes: 9	Length(s): 5,839 (18)	Par(s): 68 (18)	SSS: 68 (18)
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Storws Wen Golf Club — FOUNDED 1996 — 169

Brynteg LL78 8JY
T: Sec. Mr G Coup +44 (0)1248 852673
E: storws.wen.golf@hotmail.co.uk W: storwswen.org

Holes: 9	Length(s): 2,801	Par(s): 35	
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Tyddan Mawr Golf Course — FOUNDED 1990 — 170

Crawia Road, Llanrug, Caernarfon LL55 4BS
T: Sec. Nigel Williams +44 (0)1286 674919
E: dnw1@gwal.wanadoo.co.uk

Holes: 9	Length(s): 2,042	Par(s): 54	
Course type: Undulating Parkland	Fee: Weekend £ Weekday £		

Vale of Llangollen Golf Club — FOUNDED 1908 — 171

Holyhead Road, Llangollen LL20 7PR
T: Sec. Bob Hardy +44 (0)1978 860906 Ext. 3
T: Pro. Matt Davies +44 (0)1978 860906 Ext. 1
E: info@vlgc.co.uk W: vlgc.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,656	Par(s): 72	SSS: 73
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend £-££ Weekday £-££		

Wrexham Golf Club — FOUNDED 1906 — 172

Holt Road, Wrexham LL13 9SB
T: Sec. Denise Wilson +44 (0)1978 364268
T: Pro. Sam Griffiths +44 (0)1978 351476
E: info@wrexhamgolfclub.co.uk W: wrexhamgolfclub.co.uk

Holes: 18	Length(s): 6,246	Par(s): 70	SSS: 70
Course type: Parkland	Fee: Weekend ££ Weekday ££		

Local authority facilities

Conwy—
Llandudno, Great Orme
Pitch and putt course
T: +44 (0)7990 517020
colossalactivities.co.uk/capel-bangor-golf-club.html

Par-3/Novice courses

Clays Golf Club (9-hole)
T: +44 (0)1978 661406
claysgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 134 Page 76

Gwynus Golf Centre
T: +44 (0)1286 660440

Kinmel Park Golf Complex
T: +44 (0)1745 833548
kinmel-golf.co.uk

Llŷn Golf Course
T: +44 (0)1758 701200
pen-y-berth.co.uk

Mountain Park Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1352 736000
mountainparkgolf.co.uk

Park Golf
T: +44 (0)1745 730805
parkgolf.co.uk

Penrhyn Golf Complex
T: +44 (0)1248 421150
Map ref: 157 Page 77

Silver Birch Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1492 680690
d-m-jones.co.uk/golf
Map ref: 166 Page 78

Treborth Golf Complex
T: +44 (0)1248 371170
treborthgolfcomplex.co.uk

Tyddyn Mawr Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1286 674919
Map ref: 170 Page 78

Other pay and play courses

Anglesey Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1407 811127
angleseygolfclub.com
Map ref: 128 Page 75

Betws-y-Coed Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1690 710556
golf-betws-y-coed.co.uk
Map ref: 130 Page 75

Bull Bay Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1407 830960
bullbaygc.co.uk
Map ref: 131 Page 75

Caerwys Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1352 721222
caerwysgolfcourse.co.uk
Map ref: 133 Page 75

Maesdu (Llandudno) Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1492 876450
maesdugolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 146 Page 77

Moss Valley Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1978 720518
mossvalleygolf.co.uk
Map ref: 148 Page 77

Mountain Park Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1352 736000
mountainparkgolf.co.uk

Northop Country Park
T: +44 (0)1352 840440
northoppark.co.uk
Map ref: 151 Page 77

Plassey Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1978 780020
plassey.com
Map ref: 158 Page 77

Clwb Golff Pwllheli
T: +44 (0)1758 701644
pwllheligolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 161 Page 78

Rhuddlan Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1745 590217
rhuddlangolfclub.co.uk
Map ref: 163 Page 78

Ruthin-Pwllglas Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1824 702296
ruthinpwllglasgc.co.uk
Map ref: 165 Page 78

St Deiniol Golf Club
T: +44 (0)1248 353098
st-deiniol.co.uk
Map ref: 167 Page 78

Driving ranges

Clays Golf Club **20 bays**
T: +44 (0)1978 661406
claysgolf.co.uk
Map ref: 134 Page 76

Kinmel Park Golf Complex **24 bays**
T: +44 (0)1745 833548
kinmel-golf.co.uk

Llŷn Golf Course **15 bays**
T: +44 (0)1758 701200
pen-y-berth.co.uk

Park Golf **14 bays**
T: +44 (0)1745 730805
parkgolf.co.uk

Treborth Golf Complex **20 bays**
T: +44 (0)1248 371170
treborthgolfcomplex.co.uk

Tenby harbour

Grass routes.

Looking for some inspiration for your own Welsh golfing adventure? We've got unforgettable experiences at every point of the compass. Check out these suggested itineraries and find more at online at visitwales.com/golf

Best of the West

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and Ceredigion Heritage Coast are renowned for their untouched seascapes and rich wildlife. Walkers rave about the coast path that runs around south-west Wales. Golfers love these uplifting surroundings too when they play a variety of courses that charm and challenge in equal measure.

How long – Three days

Where to stay – Stay south or north? You choose. **Tenby** has a great choice of accommodation, including dormy rooms at the club itself. You can also stay on-site, so to speak, at Trefloyne or Newport Links.

Making the cut – The picturesque South Pembrokeshire resort of Tenby, ringed by medieval town walls, is the ideal gateway to the entire region. Its golf club, founded in 1888, lays a claim to being the birthplace of Welsh golf. It's a pure links classic, a James Braid course laid out in natural golfing terrain of sea-washed turf and sandy dunes. The holes are classy and short, the greens fast and true, the sea views stunning. It boasts excellent year-round playability thanks to the sandy links sub-soil ('When it rains it drains' could well be the club's motto). In Tenby it's a case of from old to new, links to parkland, in the blink of an eye. Neighbouring Trefloyne is a mere youth, founded in the 1990s. It's maturing nicely as a top-rated course.

Further west, **Milford Haven Golf Club's** rolling parkland course epitomises the 'golf as it should be' ethos. It's very welcoming, with good-value green fees, holes that test golfers of all levels, an excellent layout and good conditions, and glorious views of the Milford Haven waterway.

The rugged, away-from-it-all North Pembrokeshire coast is very different from the south. One of the best places to compare the two is from the headland course overlooking the Nevern Estuary at Newport. This challenging links course has many fans – and has attracted lots more since 2008 when an additional nine holes were added and luxury accommodation came on stream, elevating it to a desirable golfing resort.

You'll leave Pembrokeshire and enter Ceredigion for **Cardigan Golf Club**, an arresting blend of links, heath and clifftop golf. It's another of those unsung courses that surprise and delight. Again – something of a theme with this itinerary – the views are superlative. Veteran US golf writer Furman Bisher compared the views over the Teifi Estuary with those at Pebble Beach. But do they have as many dolphins as Cardigan Bay?

01—

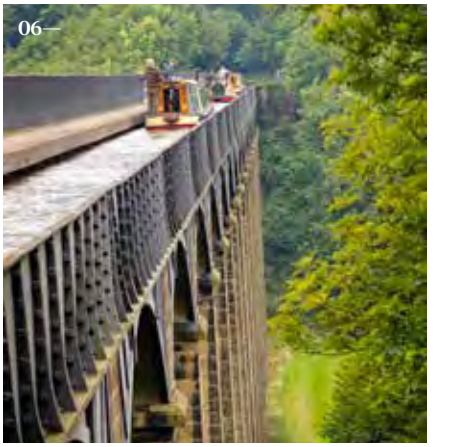
02—

03—

04—

05—

06—



07—

North Stars

Scenic North Wales is famous for its lively seaside resorts and rugged green valleys. The golf is pretty good too, with an appetising choice of links and parkland courses vying for your attention.

How long – Four days

Where to stay – Llandudno has the largest choice of graded accommodation in Wales. And it's got excellent transport links to make ensure get to your game on time.

Making the cut – You need venture no more than a mile or so from the Victorian resort town of Llandudno to find three outstanding courses. The undisputed 'Queen of the Welsh resorts' has kept her looks and character over the years – the promenade and pier are as pristine today as they were when created over 150 years ago.

Let's start with some links. **North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club**, on Llandudno's West Shore, is a true links challenge, a natural course that commands respect as well as superb views across the Conwy Estuary to the mountains of Snowdonia. It's best known for its duo of criss-cross par threes on the 16th and 17th. 'They may be pretty short holes but most golfers would pay good money to par both with any sort of breeze blowing,' says Jeremy Elwood from *Golf Monthly* magazine.

Maesdu (Llandudno) Golf Club runs almost alongside, though this is parkland golf with links thrown in. The gently undulating course, designed by Tom Jones (no, not that one) and James Braid, is varied, versatile and suitable for all abilities. And it comes with more of those stunning sea and mountain views.

Conwy is the venue for your third golfing experience. It's another classic links course, the first club in Wales to have the honour of hosting a qualifying round for the Open Championship. This 'must-play' course is no stranger to prestigious competitions and invariably attracts praise for its challenge, presentation and condition. 'It is a course where you have to think off the tee,' is typical of competitors' comments.North Wales isn't just about the coast.

Head inland to **Vale of Llangollen** and you'll be rewarded with one of Wales's golfing gems. This tree-lined, parkland course laid out alongside the River Dee offers a stern test for even the most able golfers. The ninth is its signature hole, a 439-yard par-four aptly known as The River. Played with the water at your right towards a hole which doglegs to the left, an unsuccessful tee shot can end up in the submerged Dee's currents.

08—

09—

10—

01 Teifi Estuary, Mid Wales
02 Cardigan Golf Club
03 Plas Newydd, Llangollen
04 River Dee, Llangollen
05 North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club
06 Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, North Wales
07 Great Britain's smallest house, Conwy
08 Conwy Castle
09 Maesdu (Llandudno) Golf Club
10 Llandudno pier

11 River Wye, Builth Wells
12 Usk Valley, Brecon Beacons
13 Brecon Jazz
14 Cradoc Golf Club
15 Builth Wells Golf Club
16 Monmouthshire Golf Club
17 The Rolls of Monmouth
18 Sergio Garcia at The 2010 Ryder Cup, The Celtic Manor Resort
19 Marriott St Pierre

11—

Heart Of Wales

You're guaranteed to fall in love with this itinerary. Not only do you travel through some of Wales's loveliest countryside but you'll also enjoy golf of the highest standard on three great (and very green) courses.

How long – Two or three days

Where to stay – There's a varied range of accommodation on offer in Brecon, Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells – from large country house hotels to cosy guesthouses and welcoming inns.

Making the cut – Make for Brecon, the handsome Georgian town at the heart of the Brecon Beacons National Park. Just a few miles north you'll come to Cradoc, a parkland course laid out on a prominent hill. The first thing that hits you is the view. It's stunning. The southern horizon is dominated by the distinctive, flat-topped summit of Pen y fan, the highest peak in the Beacons. The golf is just as eye-catching. Cradoc's mature, tree-lined fairways are specially designed to make the most of its rolling, hilly location. It's classy golf, where rough stuff is kept to a minimum and the welcome at the 19th hole epitomises the friendly, unstuffy spirit of 'golf as it should be', Welsh-style.

Next comes **Builth Wells**, over a hill or two (or three) to the north. You're in the true Welsh heartlands here, surrounded by tranquil farming country and in a market town that hosts one of Europe's largest country jamborees, the Royal Welsh Show, held each July. Like Cradoc this highly regarded, well-groomed parkland course is noted for more of those wonderfully wide Welsh vistas (see if you can spot a red kite circling above enjoying a bird's-eye view) and smooth, true putting greens. It's one of those 'hidden gems' that delights all who discover it, with a good use of natural features like woodland, ponds and riverbanks.

Last but not least comes another 'Wells', this time **Llandrindod** ('Llandod' if you're a local). The town of Llandrindod Wells is a Victoriana personified – it's a complete inland resort, purpose built as a spa town in Victorian times with all the period features. You can still 'take the waters' – and also take to the hills for some exciting and unusual golf. Llandrindod's airy course has been described intriguingly as 'upland links'. Designed by Harry Vardon and altered some time later by James Braid (two of the best, we think you'll agree), it's a mix of lush upland turf, banks and natural hazards with well-protected greens. If involving, links-style golf played in rolling hills (with more of those fabulous Mid Wales views) is your thing, then Llandod is a must-visit.

12—

13—

14—

15—

The Beautiful South

You'll be playing world-class golf within a few miles of crossing the M4 Severn Bridge into Wales. The Celtic Manor Resort, host of The 2010 Ryder Cup, is just the start of it all. Wales's green, rolling border country is studded with golfing gems.

How long – Three/four days

Where to stay – Book into The Celtic Manor Resort or Marriott St Pierre, two easily accessible bases for exploring all of south-east Wales.

Making the cut – You've seen it on TV. Now's your chance to play at **The Celtic Manor Resort**, just off the M4 on the approach to Newport. But which course? The Montgomerie, perhaps? Or the Roman Road? Or follow in the footsteps of your golfing heroes and play the Twenty Ten, the only course purpose built for a Ryder Cup competition. They are all superb championship courses offering a golfing rollercoaster of thrills and challenges set in 2,000 acres of panoramic parkland. And, to cap it all, you have the resort complex itself, one of Europe's finest, with luxury accommodation, fine dining, a state-of-the-art spa, clubhouses, a floodlit golf academy, driving range, pro shops, fishing, shooting, mountain biking and walking. Golf with all the extras doesn't get any better than this.

If you cross the Severn Estuary on the original Severn Bridge using the M48 you'll soon come to **Marriott St Pierre**, near Chepstow. To give it its full title, Marriott St Pierre Hotel and Country Club is another premium golfing destination. With two top parkland courses – the 7,028-yard Championship Old Course and 5,730-yard Mathern Course – plus a golfing academy, it has hosted many prestigious competitions including 11 European Tour events and the Solheim Cup.

Head into those inviting velvety hills for – forgive the pun – a Rolls Royce of a course. It's the **Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club**, a magnificent championship parkland course within the Rolls Estate, former home of motoring pioneer and aviator Charles Stewart Rolls, co-founder of the esteemed marque. The course lives up to its name, with lush, top-quality greens, fairways and surroundings that include many fine specimen trees.

You're in a very foodie part of Wales – award-winning restaurants and inns abound, especially around Abergavenny (home to a famous food festival). So when you're heading for the **Monmouthshire Golf Club** you can look forward to mouthwatering food as well as tasty golf. Monmouthshire is another fine parkland course – in this case designed by the great James Braid – that's one of the oldest in Wales. Set amongst mountain and riverside scenery in the verdant Usk Valley, it's a superb example of mature parkland golf that can be as tough as it is beautiful.

16—

17—

18—

19—

Free brochures
Find out more about Wales by choosing some of the FREE guides available. Check them out, and order or download them from: visitwales.com/brochures

Other Visit Wales websites
There are a number of other really useful Visit Wales websites to get information on the different types of activities you can try on your holiday in Wales.

Adventure: visitwales.co.uk/active
Fishing: fishing.visitwales.com
Mountain Biking: mbwales.com
Walking: walking.visitwales.com
Watersports: watersportswales.co.uk

For up-to-date information on short breaks and longer holidays in Wales, go to the official website: visitwales.com

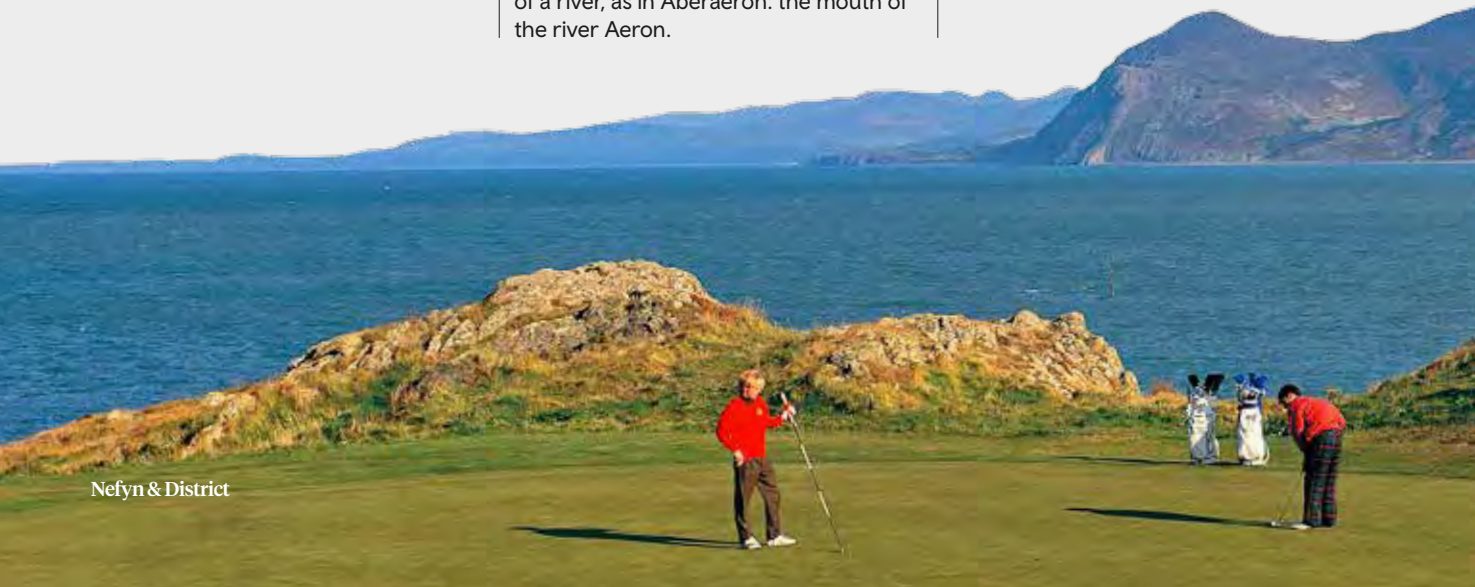
Mother Tongue
When the Romans arrived in Britain, every person in what is now England and Wales spoke the same language: Welsh (or at least, British, the Celtic language from which modern Welsh is descended). Successive invasions from mainland Europe drove the British language to the western edges of Britain, where it evolved into Welsh, Cornish and the now-extinct Cumbric. The language also hopped across to north-west France, where the Breton language is still partly intelligible to Welsh speakers.

Nowadays Welsh is spoken by around a fifth of the population, especially in the north and west of Wales, where it is many people's everyday working language. You'll also hear quite a bit of Welsh in major towns and cities like Cardiff, where the government and all major public bodies are fully bilingual. So if you want to know what our ancient British ancestors sounded like, just find your nearest Welsh speaker and say *shwmae*!

A sense of place
Place names tell a story in Wales. You'll see the same words appear time and again on our road signs, and they'll always tell you something of the local history or landscape. Two in particular appear very often: Llan indicates a church or parish, usually followed by the name of the saint to whom it's dedicated, as in Llandudno: the church of St Tudno. Aber means the mouth or confluence of a river, as in Aberaeron: the mouth of the river Aeron.

Here's a list of common names to look out for on your travels:

Aber	mouth / confluence of river
Afon	river
Betws	chapel
Blaen	source of a stream
Bryn	hill
Bwlch	a mountain pass
Caer	fort, fortified camp
Capel	chapel
Cas, castell	castle
Coed	forest
Cwm	valley
Din	hill fort
Dinas	city
Dyffryn	valley
Eglwys	church
Ffordd	road
Ffynnon	spring
Glyn	deep valley
Gwaun	moorland
Hafod	summer
Hendre	winter farmstead
Llan	church, sacred enclosure
Llyn	lake
Môr	sea
Mynydd	mountain
Nant	brook
Newydd	new
Plas	hall, mansion
Pont	bridge
Rhaeadr	waterfall
Traeth	beach
Tŷ	house
Ynys	island


Nefyn & District

How do I know I'm booking good quality accommodation?
When choosing your holiday accommodation, look for the Cymru/Wales quality mark of Wales' official, nationwide quality assessment scheme. Visit Wales and the AA are the only checking agents in Wales, checking out over 5,000 properties. Both assess holiday accommodation to the same criteria and award one to five stars, based on the facilities and overall quality of the experience. Also look out for that extra-special property that has been awarded Visit Wales' Gold Award, given for exceptional standards of hospitality, comfort and food in serviced accommodation.

For more information on accommodation in Wales, the Cymru/Wales Quality Assessment scheme, general grading information and star ratings go to: visitwales.com/holidayaccommodation

I'd like to learn some Welsh before my visit – where do I start?
Take a look at the following websites to pick up some basics:
bbc.co.uk/learnwelsh
s4c.co.uk/dysgwyr
saysomethingin.com/welsh

If you'd like to learn Welsh in Wales, the Nant Gwrtheyrn Welsh Language & Heritage Centre specialises in residential courses for adults learning Welsh.
nantgwrtheyrn.org

Accessible Wales
If you're planning a holiday in Wales and have a mobility impairment or any other special requirements, then there are a number of ways to help you choose accommodation and activities that are suitable to your needs. Tourism for All is a free specialist information service promoting accessible tourism. It offers free guidance on travel planning, transport, accommodation and booking:
tourismforall.org.uk

For the UK's biggest directory of accessible accommodation and travel, visit: openbritain.net

For finding accessible places for all to enjoy in Wales, visit:
accessiblecountryside.org.uk

Where can I get local tourist information?
One of the simplest and quickest ways of getting local information is by calling in to one of our Tourist Information Centres. The staff are highly trained, have an excellent knowledge of the area and will be delighted to help you with booking your accommodation, finding places to eat, things to do, routes to take, national and local events and obtaining maps, guides and books. Normally, offices are open between 10.00 and 17.00. For a list of Tourist Information Centres see: visitwales.com/contact/touristinformation-centres

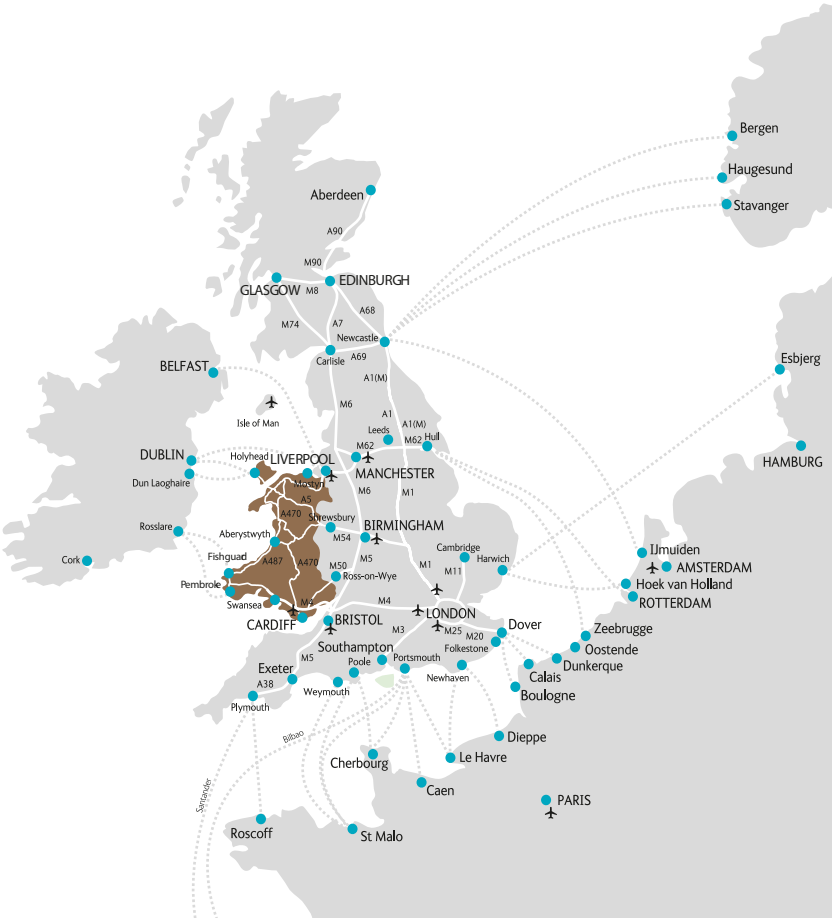
Travel agents and tour operators in the UK and Ireland.
To make it really easy to book your holiday or short break in Wales you could use a tour operator. There are a number of UK and Irish companies who offer Wales-based holidays. They often have specialist knowledge of particular products and will be happy to help you find the right holiday to suit your needs. For companies go to:
visitwales.com/touroperators

Selling Wales to your clients
If you work in the leisure travel trade or business tourism sectors, we have a dedicated website to help you sell Wales to your clients and enhance existing tours to Wales or help introduce Wales into UK programmes for the first time. There's everything from great places to visit, how to get here, inspiring itinerary ideas, operator and venue searches and the latest product news where you can sign up to receive regular product updates.
traveltrade.visitwales.com

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in this publication, Visit Wales can accept no liability for any errors, inaccuracies or omissions or for any matter in anyway arising out of the publication of the information. All websites listed are checked at the time of going to press. However, Visit Wales cannot be held accountable for any change in the content of these websites.
visitwales.com

Getting to Wales.

Wales is easy to get to. It's only a few hours by motorway from London. By train it's even quicker – just two hours from London to Cardiff. It's the same from Britain's major airports with speedy road and rail links from Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester.



By Road

Mileage and journey times by car:

Birmingham – Aberystwyth
123 miles, 2hrs 44mins
Bath – Newport
42 miles, 52mins
Canterbury – Cardiff
214 miles, 3hrs 51mins
Coventry – Barmouth
138 miles, 2hrs 56mins
Exeter – Swansea
144 miles, 2hrs 35mins
Leeds – Llandudno
126 miles, 2hrs 31mins
London – Cardiff
151 miles, 2hrs 53mins
London – Tenby
238 miles, 4hrs 29mins
Manchester – Caernarfon
105 miles, 2hrs 19mins
Nottingham – Swansea
204 miles, 3hrs 41mins
Newcastle-upon-Tyne – Llandudno
221 miles, 4hrs 20mins
Reading – Carmarthen
172 miles, 3hrs 2mins
York – Welshpool
152 miles, 3hrs 7mins
Edinburgh – Cardiff
393 miles, 7hrs 3mins
Glasgow – Aberystwyth
331 miles, 6hrs 4mins

Mileage/times supplied by theaa.com

National Express provides a nationwide network of express coach services linking major towns and cities in Wales as well as the UK's principal destinations. Check out their website for special offers. nationalexpress.com

You can hop on and off the National Express network with a Brit Xplorer pass. Passes can be purchased online at nationalexpress.com/offers/brit-xplorer.aspx

Megabus provides low cost intercity travel in the UK, with buses running from a number of major UK cities to locations in Wales. uk.megabus.com

By Air

Cardiff Airport is situated on the outskirts of the capital.

For detailed information on flights and how to get to and from the airport by road, rail, bus and taxi go to cardiff-airport.com

Airlines from all over the world fly into the London airports, so check with your travel agent or tour operator to find the best option for your journey. Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool also have a number of international flights, and Bristol airport is very conveniently located for a trip to Wales. UK airports that offer easy access to Wales:

Birmingham International Airport—
birminghamairport.co.uk
Bristol Airport—
bristolairport.co.uk
Liverpool John Lennon Airport—
liverpoolairport.com
London Gatwick Airport—
gatwickairport.com
London Heathrow Airport—
heathrow.com
London Luton Airport—
london-luton.co.uk
London Stansted Airport—
stanstedairport.com
Manchester Airport—
manchesterairport.co.uk

By Rail

In the UK, fast and frequent rail services run between London Paddington and Cardiff, taking just over two hours. There is a half-hourly departure to Cardiff Central, with an hourly continuation to Swansea and onward connections to West Wales.

There are also direct trains from London Euston and Manchester to Llandudno, Bangor and Holyhead; from Birmingham, Shrewsbury and Crewe to the North Wales coast and the Llŷn Peninsula; from Manchester and Shrewsbury to Newport; and from Portsmouth, Southampton and Salisbury to Cardiff.

From London Heathrow Airport, there's a fast, direct rail service to Paddington, where you can change onto a direct train to Wales. From London Gatwick Airport, you can travel direct to London Victoria, then take the tube to Paddington or Euston to continue your journey. For general rail enquiries visit:
nationalrail.co.uk
thetrainline.com

By Sea

Ferry crossings from Ireland to Wales:

Irish Ferries
irishferries.com
Dublin Port to Holyhead
Journey time: 1hr 49mins (Fast ferry)
Journey time: 3hrs 15mins (Cruise ferry)
Rosslare to Pembroke
Journey time: 4hrs (Cruise ferry)

Stena Line
stenaline.co.uk
Dublin Port to Holyhead
Journey time: 3hrs 15mins (Superferry)
Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead
Journey time: 2hrs 20mins (Fastcraft)
Rosslare to Fishguard
Journey time: 3hrs 30mins (Superferry)

Ferry crossings from mainland Europe to Great Britain:
Brittany Ferries
brittany-ferries.co.uk
Condor Ferries
condorferries.co.uk
DFDS Seaways
dfdsseaways.co.uk
LD Lines
ldline.co.uk
P&O
poferries.com
Stena Line
stenaline.co.uk

Cruise ships dock at the Port of Holyhead on Anglesey almost every week between May and September. Cruise lines calling in include Crystal, Hapag Lloyd, Oceania, P&O, Silversea, Swan Hellenic, Thomson, Tui, Voyages of Discovery and Windstar.

For more information on getting to Wales go to visitwales.com/explore/travel-maps

Getting around Wales.

It's easy to get around Wales by train, bus, car or even domestic flight. And if you're keen to explore, you'll find plenty of journeys that are wonderful experiences in their own right. We have some of the most scenic roads, railways and pathways in Britain.

Train running along the Dovey estuary

By Road

The most scenic drives in Wales count among the best in Britain. Some favourite routes with fantastic views include the A466 along the Wye Valley, the B4574 from Rhayader to the Vale of Rheidol, the A4069 across the Black Mountain range, the A4086, A498 and A4085 around Snowdon and Marine Drive around Great Orme in Llandudno.

When you're out and about in the National Parks, use the convenient park and ride bus services designed to cut down on traffic: pembrokeshire.gov.uk or gwynedd.gov.uk

National Express operates long-distance intercity coach services to many towns and cities throughout Wales. For more information and to plan your journey go to nationalexpress.com

Megabus runs a low-cost coach service between Cwmbran, Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Carmarthen and Pembroke Dock. uk.megabus.com

By Rail

Rail services run through the regions of Wales – usually on highly scenic routes such as the Cambrian Coast, Conwy Valley and Heart of Wales lines.
thecambrianline.co.uk
scenicwales.co.uk
heart-of-wales.co.uk
nationalrail.co.uk
arrivatrainswales.co.uk

For pure pleasure why not take a ride on some of the 14 narrow gauge and steam railways? Many are members of the Great Little Trains of Wales.
greatlittletrainsofwales.co.uk

Additional Information

For up-to-date and reliable public transport information – traveline.cymru
For a handy route planner – theaa.com or rac.co.uk
For information on UK road regulations – gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code

Discounted rail and bus travel

The Explore Wales Pass offers unlimited travel on all mainline rail services in Wales plus most scheduled bus services. Holders will also benefit from discounted entry to many tourist attractions and selected accommodation. The Explore Wales Pass (£94) allows four-day train and eight-day bus travel. The Explore South Wales, North Wales and Mid Wales Passes (£64 each) allow four-day train and eight-day bus travel within each regional area. There are also a number of Rovers and Rangers tickets available, which all offer unlimited train travel for one day on specific areas of the Arriva Trains Wales network. They can be purchased from the station booking office or on board the train. arrivatrainswales.co.uk/explorewalespass

For more information on getting around Wales go to visitwales.com/explore/travel-maps/getting-around-wales

Our other websites.

If playing golf has given you an appetite for the outdoors, then Wales comes well equipped for adventure.

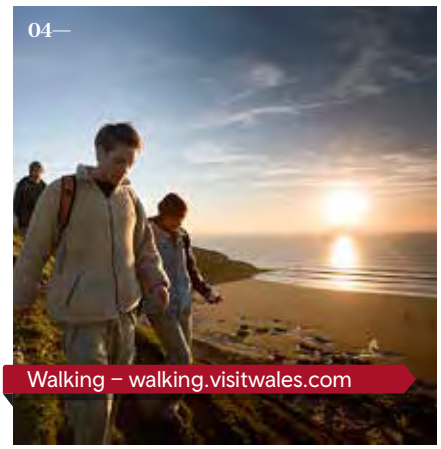
We have mountains for the mountain bikers, salmon rivers for the anglers and bogs for the bog snorkellers. And as we're surrounded on three sides by sea, we're pretty well off for water, too – including surf for the surfers. None of this depends on good weather, which is just as well because it has been known to rain occasionally in Wales. But that's hardly a big issue when you're hurtling down a mountain with your rear brakes burned out. And don't let the end of summer dampen your enthusiasm.

The sea in Wales is warmer in October than in July. Even when it does get chilly, you could always pack away your surfboard and go fishing for grayling on the River Wye instead. The activity websites below will point you in the right direction. So what are you waiting for?

Adventure – visitwales.com/active

Watersports – watersportswales.co.uk

Fishing – fishing.visitwales.com

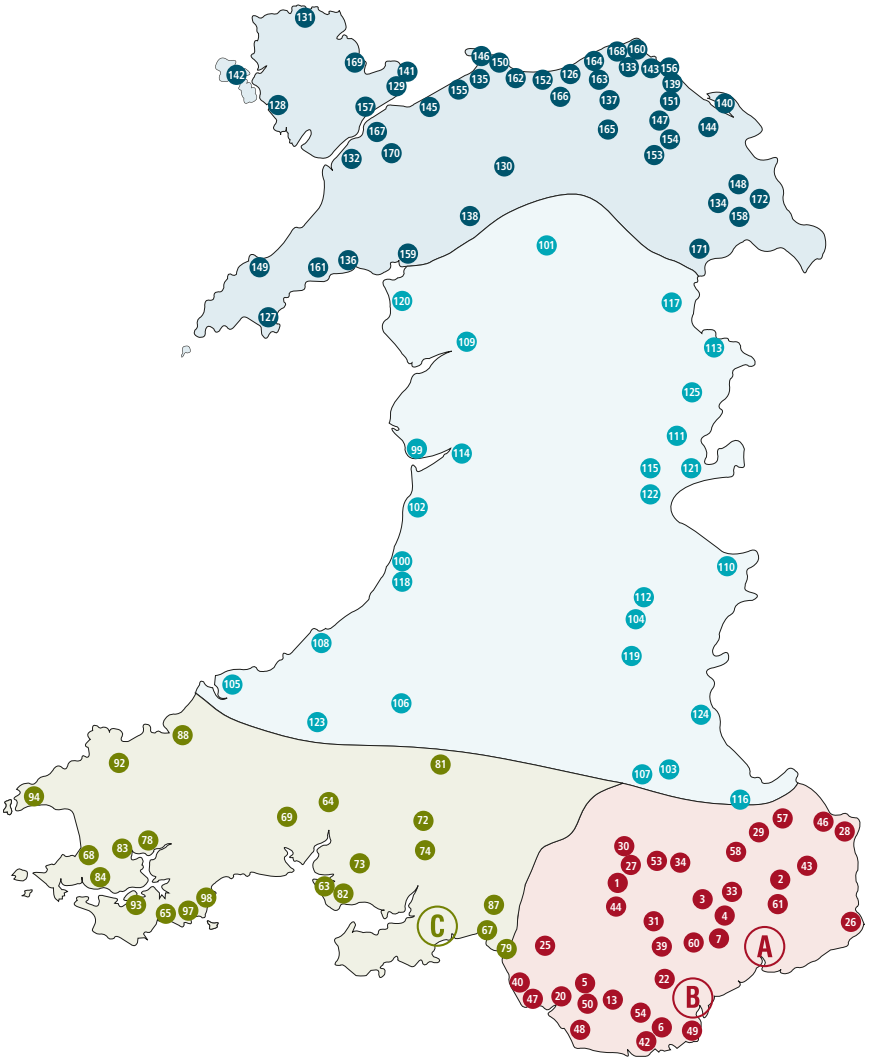


04—

Walking – walking.visitwales.com

Mountain Biking – mbwales.com

Golf course index map.



South East Wales

1 Aberdare Golf Club
2 Alice Springs Golf Club
3 Bargoed Golf Club
4 Blackwood Golf Club
5 Bridgend Golf Complex
6 Brynhill (Barry) Golf Club
7 Bryn Meadows Golf, Hotel & Spa
13 Coed-y-Mwstwr Golf Club
20 Grove Golf Club
22 Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club
25 Maesteg Golf Club
26 Marriott St Pierre Hotel & Country Club
27 Merthyr Tydfil Golf Club
28 Monmouth Golf Club
29 Monmouthshire Golf Club
30 Morlais Castle Golf Club
31 Mountain Ash Golf Club
33 Oakdale Golf Course
34 Parc Bryn Bach Golf Course
39 Pontypridd Golf Club
40 Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club
42 RAF St Athan Golf Club
43 Raglan Parc Golf Club
44 Rhondda Golf Club
46 The Rolls of Monmouth Golf Club
47 Royal Porthcawl Golf Club
48 Southerndown Golf Club
49 St Andrews Major Golf Club
50 St Mary's Hotel, Golf & Country Club
53 Tredegar & Rhymney Golf Club
54 Vale Resort
57 Wernddu Golf Club
58 West Monmouthshire Golf Club
60 Whitehall Golf Club
61 Woodlake Park Golf & Country Club

A Newport (Gwent) area

8 Caerleon Golf Course
12 Celtic Manor Resort
16 Dewstow Golf Club
19 GreenMeadow Golf & Country Club
23 Llanwern Golf Club
24 Llanyrafon Golf Course
32 Newport Golf Club
35 Parc Golf Club
37 Pontnewydd Golf Club
38 Pontypool Golf Club
52 Tredegar Park Golf Club

B Cardiff area

9 Caerphilly Golf Club
10 Cardiff Golf Club
11 Castell Coch Golf Club
14 Cottrell Park Golf Resort
15 Creigiau Golf Club
17 Dinas Powis Golf Club
18 The Glamorganshire Golf Club
21 Llanishen Golf Club
36 Peterstone Lakes Golf Club
41 Radyr Golf Club
45 Ridgeway Golf Club
51 St Mellons Golf Club
55 Virginia Park Golf Club
56 Wenvoe Castle Golf Club
59 Whitchurch (Cardiff) Golf Club

South West Wales

63 Ashburnham Golf Club
64 Carmarthen Golf Club
65 Celtic Haven Golf Academy
67 Corus Golf Course
68 Dawn Till Dusk Golf Club
69 Derllys Court Golf Club
72 Garnant Golf Club
73 Glyn Abbey Golf Club
74 Glynhir Golf Club
78 Haverfordwest Golf Club
79 Lakeside Golf Club
81 Llandovery College Golf Course
82 Machynys Peninsula Golf Club & Premier Spa
83 Mayfield Golf Centre
84 Milford Haven Golf Club
87 Neath Golf Club
88 Newport Links Golf Club & Resort
92 Priskilly Forest Golf Club & Country House
93 South Pembrokeshire Golf Club
94 St David's City Golf Club
97 Tenby Golf Club
98 Trefloyne Golf Course

C Swansea area

62 Allt-y-Graban Golf Club
66 Clyne Golf Club
70 Earlswood Golf Course
71 Fairwood Park Golf Club
75 Glynneath Golf Club
76 Gower Golf Club

77 Gowerton Golf Range
80 Langland Bay Golf Club
85 Mond Valley Golf Club
86 Morriston Golf Club
89 Palleg & Swansea Valley Golf Club
90 Pennard Golf Club
91 Pontardawe Golf Club
95 Swansea Bay Golf Club
96 Tawe Vale Golf Club

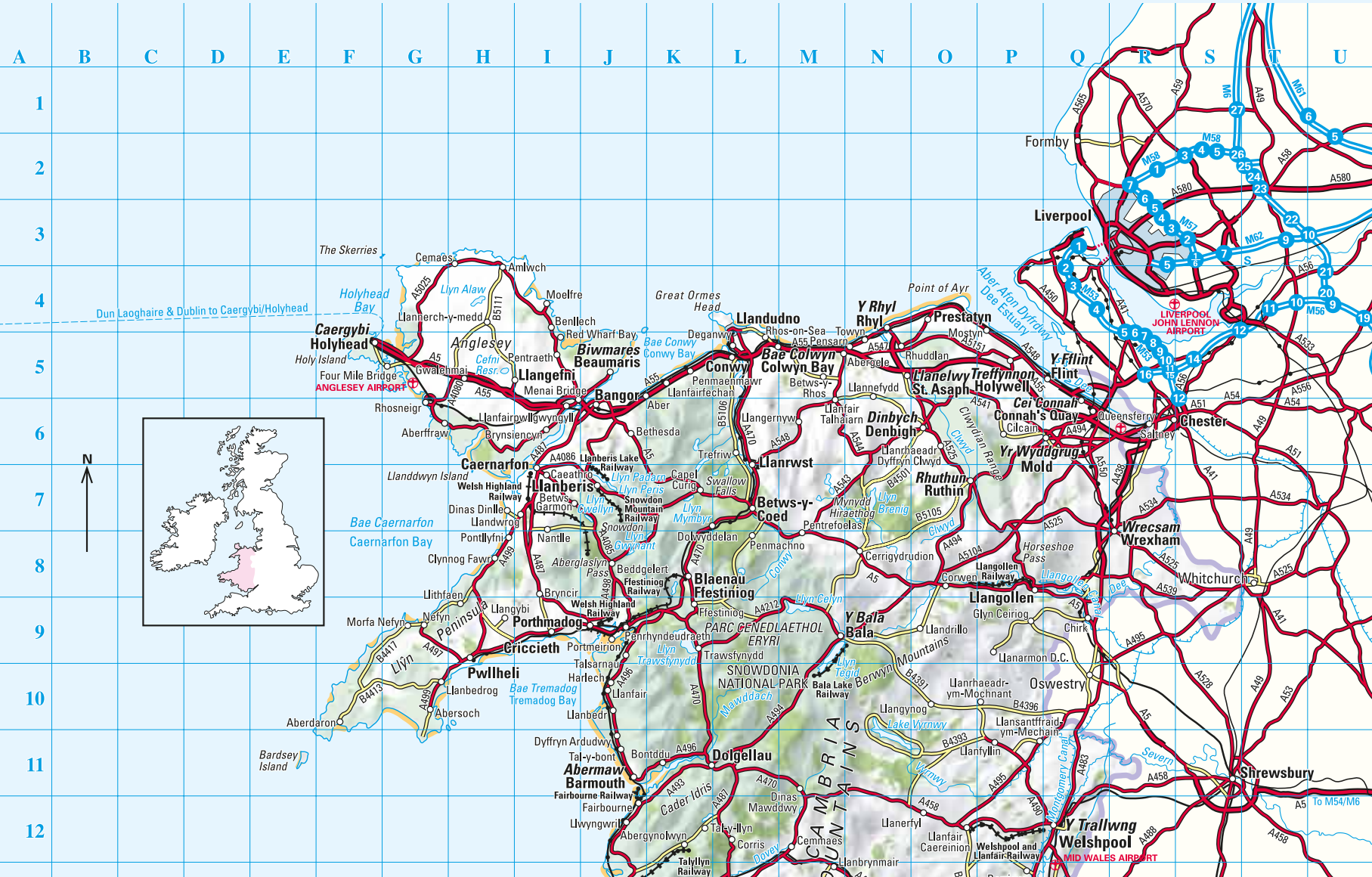
Mid Wales

99 Aberdovey Golf Club
100 Aberystwyth Golf Club
101 Bala Golf Club
102 Borth & Ynyslas Golf Club
103 Brecon Golf Club
104 Builth Wells Golf Club
105 Cardigan Golf Club
106 Cilgwyn Golf Club
107 Cradoc Golf Club
108 Cwmrhydneuadd Golf Club
109 Dolgellau Golf Club
110 Knighton Golf Club
111 Lakeside Golf Course
112 Llandrindod Wells Golf Club
113 Llanymynech Golf Club
114 Machynlleth Golf Club
115 Maesmawr Golf Club
116 The Old Rectory Country Hotel
117 Oswestry Golf Club
118 Penrhos Park
119 Rhosgoch Golf & Leisure Club
120 Royal St David's Golf Club
121 St Giles Golf Club
122 St Idloes Golf Club
123 Saron Golf Course
124 Summerhill Golf Club
125 Welshpool Golf Club

North Wales

126 Abergele Golf Club
127 Abersoch Golf Club
128 Anglesey Golf Club
129 Baron Hill Golf Club
130 Betws-y-Coed Golf Club
131 Bull Bay Golf Club
132 Caernarfon Golf Club
133 Caerwys Golf Club
134 Clays Golf Club
135 Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club
136 Criccieth Golf Club
137 Denbigh Golf Club
138 Ffestiniog Golf Club
139 Flint Golf Club
140 Hawarden Golf Club
141 Henllys Golf Club
142 Holyhead Golf Club
143 Holywell Golf Club
144 Kinsale Golf Club
145 Llanfairfechan Golf Club
146 Maesdu (Llandudno) Golf Club
147 Mold Golf Club
148 Moss Valley Golf Club
149 Nefyn & District Golf Club
150 North Wales (Llandudno) Golf Club
151 Northop Country Park
152 Old Colwyn Golf Club
153 Old Padeswood Golf Club
154 Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club
155 Penmaenmawr Golf Club
156 Pennant Park Golf Club
157 Penrhyn Golf Club
158 Plassey Golf Club
159 Porthmadog Golf Club
160 Prestatyn Golf Club
161 Pwllheli Golf Club
162 Rhos-on-Sea Golf Club and Hotel
163 Rhuddlan Golf Club
164 Rhyl Golf Club
165 Ruthin-Pwllglas Golf Club
166 Silver Birch Golf Club
167 St Deiniol Golf Club
168 St Melyd Golf Club
169 Storws Wen Golf Club
170 Tyddan Mawr Golf Course
171 Vale of Llangollen Golf Club
172 Wrexham Golf Club

This is Wales.


A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
N
Formby
Liverpool
LIVERPOOL JOHN LENNON AIRPORT
Point of Ayr
Aber Afon Dyfrdwy
Dee Estuary
Y Rhyl
Rhyl
Prestatyn
Y Flint
Flint
Llanelwy
St. Asaph
Treffynnon
Holywell
Cei Connah
Connah's Quay
Queensferry
Chester
Saltney
Dinbych
Denbigh
Yr Wyddgrug
Mold
Rhuthun
Ruthin
Wrecsam
Wrexham
Whitchurch
Llangollen
Corwen
Horseshoe Pass
Oswestry
Shrewsbury
Y Trallwng
Welshpool
MID WALES AIRPORT
Welshpool and Llanfair Railway
Llandudno
Conwy
Bae Colwyn
Colwyn Bay
Great Ormes Head
Bae Conwy
Conwy Bay
Bangor
Biwmares
Beaumaris
Llangefni
Anglesey
Caergybi
Holyhead
Holy Island
The Skerries
Holyhead Bay
Dun Laoghaire & Dublin to Caergybi/Holyhead
Four Mile Bridge
ANGLESEY AIRPORT
Caernarfon
Llanberis
Llanberis Lake Railway
Snowdon Mountain Railway
Welsh Highland Railway
Llanrwst
Betws-y-Coed
Blaenau Ffestiniog
Ffestiniog Railway
Porthmadog
Criccieth
Pwllheli
Llŷn Peninsula
Bae Caernarfon
Caernarfon Bay
Llanddwyn Island
Bae Tremadog
Tremadog Bay
Bardsey Island
Aberdaron
Abermaw
Barmouth
Fairbourne Railway
Dolgellau
Y Bala
Bala
Bala Lake Railway
SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK
PARC CENEDLAETHOL ERYRI
Berwyn Mountains
Llyn Tegid
Lake Vyrnwy
Cader Idris
Mawddach
Dovey
Montgomery Canal
Severn
Aber Conwy
Aberglaslyn Pass
Llyn Padarn
Llyn Peris
Llyn Gwynant
Llyn Mymbyr
Swallow Falls
Llyn Celyn
Llyn Brenig
Clwydian Range
Clwyd
Conwy
Dee
Llyn Trawsfynydd
Llyn Cwellyn
Llyn Dinas
Llyn Cynwch
Llyn Mawddach
Llyn Vyrnwy
Llyn Clywedog
Llyn Brenig
Llyn Celyn
Llyn Tegid
Llyn Trawsfynydd
Llyn Mymbyr
Llyn Padarn
Llyn Peris
Llyn Gwynant
Llyn Cynwch

Bae Ceredigion
Cardigan Bay
Tywyn
Aberdyfi
Aberdovey
Machynlleth
Y Drenewydd
Newtown
Montgomery
Aberystwyth
Vale of Rheidol Railway
Llanidloes
Ludlow
Tref-y-clawdd
Knighton
Rhaeadr Gwy
Rhayader
Llanandras
Presteigne
Llandrindod
Llandrindod Wells
Leominster
Aberaeron
New Quay
Tregaron
MYNYDDOEDD CAMBRIAN
Llanfair-ym-Muallt
Builth Wells
Llanbedr Pont Steffan
Lampeter
Y Gelli Gandryll
Hay-on-Wye
Hereford
PARC CENEDLAETHOL ARFORDIR SIR BENFRO
PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK
Aberteifi
Cardigan
Teifi Valley Railway
Abergwaun
Fishguard
Tyddewi
St David's
Hwlffordd
Haverfordwest
Caerfyrddin
Carmarthen
Gwili Railway
Llanymddyfri
Llandovery
Aberhonddu
Brecon
Llandeilo
Ross-on-Wye
Trefynwy
Monmouth
Y Fenni
Abergavenny
PARC CENEDLAETHOL BANNAU BRYCHEINIOG
BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK
Brecon Beacons
Black Mountains
Bae Sain Ffraids
St. Brides Bay
Milford Haven
Aberdaugleddau
Doc Penfro
Pembroke Dock
Penfro
Pembroke
Saundersfoot
Dinbych y Pysgod
Tenby
Bae Caerfyrddin
Carmarthen Bay
Burry Port
Llanelli
Pontarddulais
Castell-Nedd
Neath
Abertawe
Swansea
Port Talbot
Bae Abertawe
Swansea Bay
Merthyr Tudfil
Merthyr Tydfil
Aberdâr
Aberdare
Pontypridd
Caerffili
Caerphilly
Casnewydd
Newport
Cwmbrân
Cas-gwent
Chepstow
Caerdydd
Cardiff
Penarth
Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
Bridgend
Porthcawl
Y Barri
Barry
CARDIFF AIRPORT
Bristol
Môr Hafren
Bristol Channel
Aber Hafren
Severn Estuary
Traffyrdd
Motorways
Ffyrdd Deuol
Dual Carriageways
Prif Ffyrdd
Main Roads
Ffyrdd eraill
Other Roads
Rheilffyrdd a gorsafoedd
Railways and Stations
Rheilffyrdd cul
Narrow Gauge Railways
Ffin genedlaethol
National Boundary
Afonydd, llynnoedd a chronfeydd dwr
Rivers, Lakes & Reservoirs
Ardaloedd o Harddwch Naturiol
Eithriadol a Phartiau Cenedlaethol
Areas of Outstanding Natural
Beauty and National Parks
Fforestydd
Forest Areas
0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Miles
0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 Kilometres
© Croeso Cymru - Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru 2011
© Visit Wales - Welsh Assembly Government 2011
Map sylfaenol drwy garedigrwydd CollinsBartholomew ©
Base map by kind permission of CollinsBartholomew ©
Cartographeg gan Cosmographics
Cartography by Cosmographics

The Senior Open Championship Returns in 2017

Get ready for a parade of golfing superstars on Royal Porthcawl's luscious links as the Senior Open Championship gets underway 26–30 July.

It's the second time that the star-studded tournament has graced Royal Porthcawl's historic greens. Back in 2014, the Senior Open's first visit to Wales served up a feast of world-class golf, as Bernhard Langer stormed to an unprecedented 13-stroke victory. Quite an achievement considering he was up against a field of top-class players that included Tom Watson, Colin Montgomerie, Ian Woosnam, Fred Couples and Miguel Ángel Jiménez.

This year's edition promises an equally stellar line-up, so we recommend picking up your tickets sooner rather than later.

One player who will definitely be there is 2002 Ryder Cup hero Phillip Price, who makes his Senior Open debut when the competition kicks off on 27 July. Pontypridd-born Price is looking forward to testing his skills on Royal Porthcawl's sometimes breezy terrain, describing it simply as 'the best links golf course'.

It isn't only Royal Porthcawl that's getting in on the Senior Open action. Ahead of the tournament proper getting underway, qualifying events will be held at nearby Ashburnham, Pyle & Kenfig, Southerndown and Machynys.