



# Discover Cardiff and Wales

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# Where's Wales?

Hopefully, you all know the answer to this question by now!

- The United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) is made up of four countries: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- Wales has its own devolved government and its own parliament (the Senedd), although some political decisions are still made by the UK Government, like matters of crime and policing, defence, and foreign affairs.
- Wales makes up 4.7% of the UK population.
- Home to 3 National Parks: Eryri (Snowdonia), Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons), Pembrokeshire Coast.
- Location of 5 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty: Anglesey, Gower, Wye Valley, Llŷn Peninsula and the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley.







# Welsh culture

**Wales has a rich history, unique culture and beautiful scenery.**

- A bilingual country - English and Welsh. Welsh is the oldest living language in Europe.
- One of the best flags in the world! (at least, we think so!).
- The red dragon is the national symbol of Wales, with legends telling the story of how the red dragon defeated an invading white dragon in a fierce battle.
- The 'castle capital of the world'. There are more than 600 castles in Wales, including the 2,000-year-old Cardiff Castle, right in the city centre.
- A small country with big names: Roald Dahl, Christian Bale, Michael Sheen, Manic Street Preachers, Stereophonics, Joe Calzaghe, Geraint Thomas, Richard Burton, Sir Tom Jones, Gareth Bale, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Dylan Thomas.



# Welsh culture



Welsh corgis



Rugby



Red dragon



Castles



Welshcakes



Welsh Lady costume





# A Capital city



# Cardiff campus

Cardiff University is made up of two large, well-located campuses.

## Cathays Park:

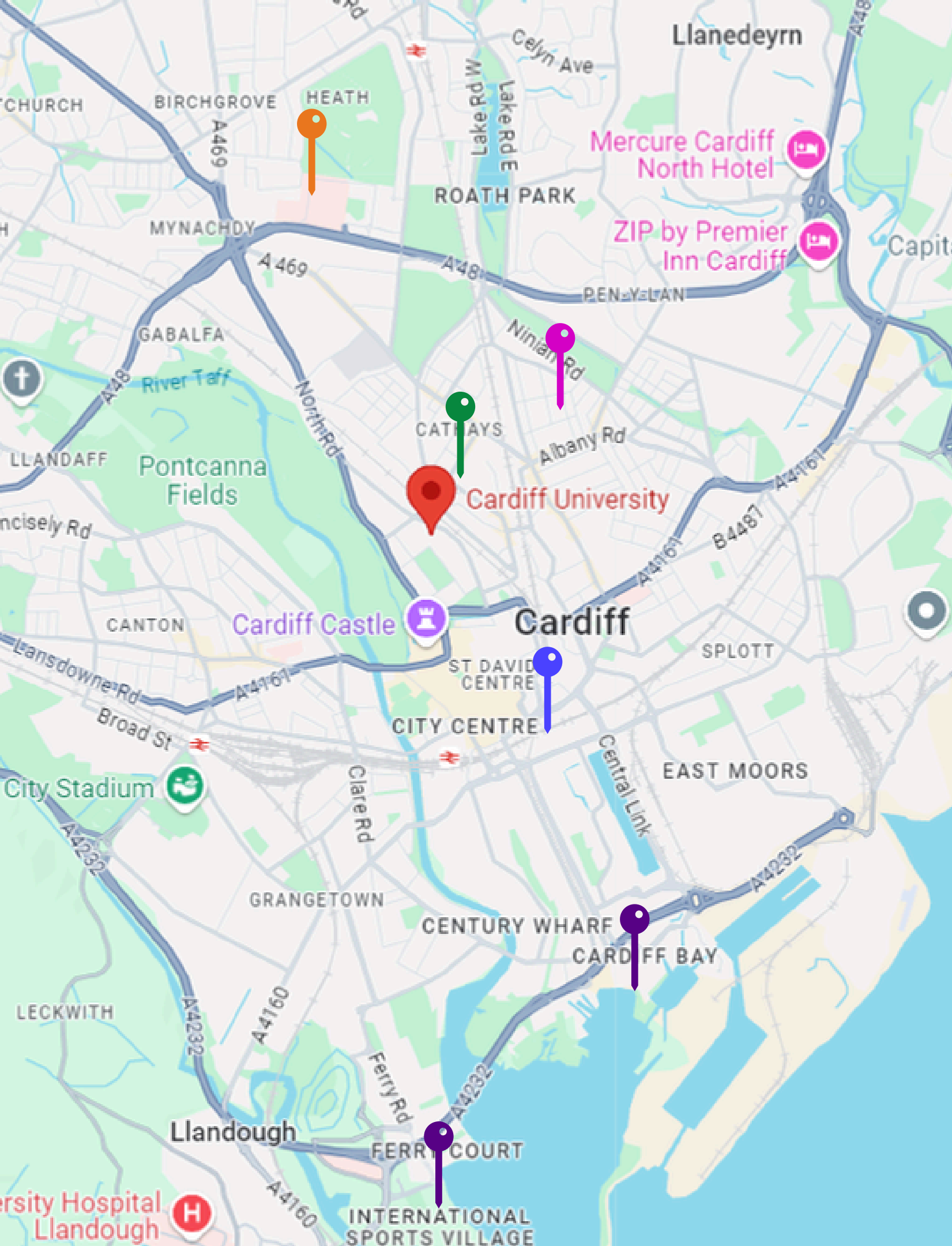
- Home to 22 of our 24 Academic Schools
- Several libraries including some 27/4 study facilities
- Location of the main Students' Union building
- Less than half a mile from Cardiff city centre
- Short walk from several halls of residence

## Heath Park:

- Home to Healthcare-related courses (excluding Pharmacy and Optometry)
- Dedicated healthcare campus shared with the University Hospital of Wales
- Next to 100 acres of parkland and playing fields
- Students' Union and support services on site
- Sport and fitness facilities (including swimming pool)
- 24/7 study areas and IT facilities
- Lecture theatres, seminar rooms, libraries and operating theatres are also on campus.







# Areas of Cardiff

There is student accommodation throughout Cardiff, but there tend to be higher concentrations of students in the following neighbourhoods:



## Cathays

- Close to Cathays campus
- 5-10 min walk to town/ Cathays campus
- Lots of student houses
- Cathays train station
- Very high number of students



## Heath

- 5-10 min walk to Heath Park Campus
- Popular with Medicine, Dentistry and Healthcare Sciences students
- Quieter than Cathays and Roath
- More residential than student houses
- Close to park and train station



## Roath

- 10-15 min walk to Cathays campus
- 10-20 min walk to Heath Park
- Close to Roath Park
- Mix of residential and student houses, more family-friendly than Cathays



## Cardiff Bay

- 30-40 min walk to Cathays campus (15-20 min cycle, 5 min train)
- Frequent bus and train routes
- Lots of flats and apartments- popular with older students, couples and families.
- Mermaid Quay, coastal walks, Taff & Ely trails
- Private rental



## City Centre

- 5-15 min walk to Cathays campus
- Private rentals or halls of residence
- Closest to School of Journalism, Media and Culture



# Cardiff Bay

Once the world's busiest coal-exporting port, Cardiff Bay is now a vibrant waterfront with restaurants, shops, a theatre, cultural landmarks and scenic walks along the water.





# Cardiff Castle

A 2,000-year-old site right in the heart of the city, Cardiff Castle blends Roman history, medieval towers and lavish Victorian interiors – a must-visit for all Cardiff guests.





# Principality Stadium

This iconic venue hosts international rugby, football, and massive concerts – from Six Nations matches to music legends like Oasis, Metallica, Beyoncé, Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran.





# Cardiff city centre

Bustling with life all year round, Cardiff City Centre is home to high-street shops, independent cafés, and seasonal events like the famous Cardiff Christmas Market.







# Life in Cardiff

## World-class sporting venues and events:

- The Cardiff University Cardiff Half Marathon
- Regular international rugby, cricket and football matches

## Music venues attracting global stars

- Including Taylor Swift, Beyoncé, P!nk, Justin Timberlake, Ed Sheeran, U2, The Killers, Sting
- Many independent music venues featuring up-and-coming artists

## Theatre, arts and culture including:

- Wales Millennium Centre, The New Theatre, The Welsh National
- Opera, Chapter Arts Centre and more
- Castles, festivals, galleries, historic shopping arcades.



# Life in Cardiff





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# Green and easy to travel in and around

- Well connected: international airport, good public transport links and 2 hours from London by train
- One of the best shopping destinations in the UK
- One of the greenest cities in the UK, with over 330 parks and gardens, like Bute Park
- Easy access to National Parks, beaches, castles, woodland, scenic cycle paths etc...





# Life in Cardiff

From the vast Bute Park right next to the city centre to tranquil Roath Park with its iconic lake, there's always a peaceful spot to relax, exercise or catch up with friends outdoors.



**Cardiff Castle and Bute Park**



**Roath Park**



**St Fagans National Museum of History**



# Getting around

- The city is compact and flat with the university located in the city centre, making it easy to walk and cycle rather than paying for public transportation.
- Late night: taxi or Uber
- Travelling further: trains, inter-city coaches and flights from Cardiff or Bristol airports



“ I love how walkable Cardiff is. Coming from a city where I had to take a bus everywhere, it's great to save money and time, and get around easily—whether it's to the library or into town.

Fatiha from Indonesia,  
Psychology with Professional Placement (BSc)





# Cultural events

There is always something to do in Cardiff, with special celebrations planned for most international events and occasions and well as a festivals to celebrate Welsh food, music, language and culture.

- International food festivals
- International film festivals
- International music showcases
- Open air theatre
- Pride parade
- Go Global festival
- Cardiff Mela
- Amgueddfa Cymru Food Festival
- Dathliad Cymru Affrica Festival (meaning ‘Celebration of Wales-Africa’ in Welsh- dance, Afro-Welsh performances, workshops, film, an art/photography exhibition, food and more)
- TAFWYL (Welsh language, music and more)





# Welsh cultural events



St David's Day



National Eisteddfod



Tafwyl



Welsh Proms



Royal Welsh Show



Hay Festival



# International cultural events



Cardiff Mela



Cardiff Castle Holi festival



Diwali Festival



Lunar New Year



Pride Cymru



SAmgueddfa Cymru Food Festival

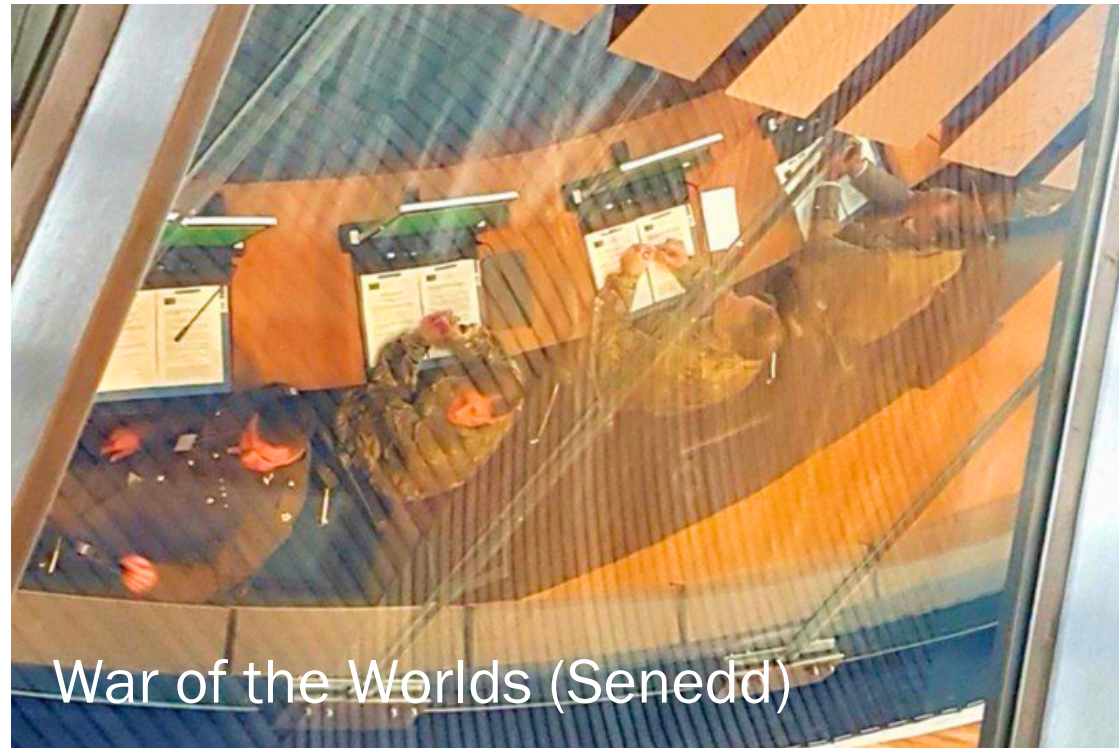


# Cardiff on set

The city (and university campus) has frequently been used as a film set for TV shows like Dr Who, Sherlock and His Dark Materials as well as Hollywood blockbuster films. How many of these do you recognise?



Sherlock (Main Building)



War of the Worlds (Senedd)



Torchwood (Roald Dahl Plass)



Merlin (Museum of Welsh Life)



His Dark Materials (Glamorgan Building)



Dr Who (National Museum)



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