



Wales Sights



- ▶ The largest urban areas in Wales are Cardiff, Swansea, and Newport, all located on the southern coast



Conwy Castle

- Construction began in 1283 was completed in 1289. It was built for King Edward I of architect James St. Dzhordzha .Castle Conwy is located at the entrance to the city of the same name Karnarvonshir County on the north coast of Wales



Caerphilly Castle

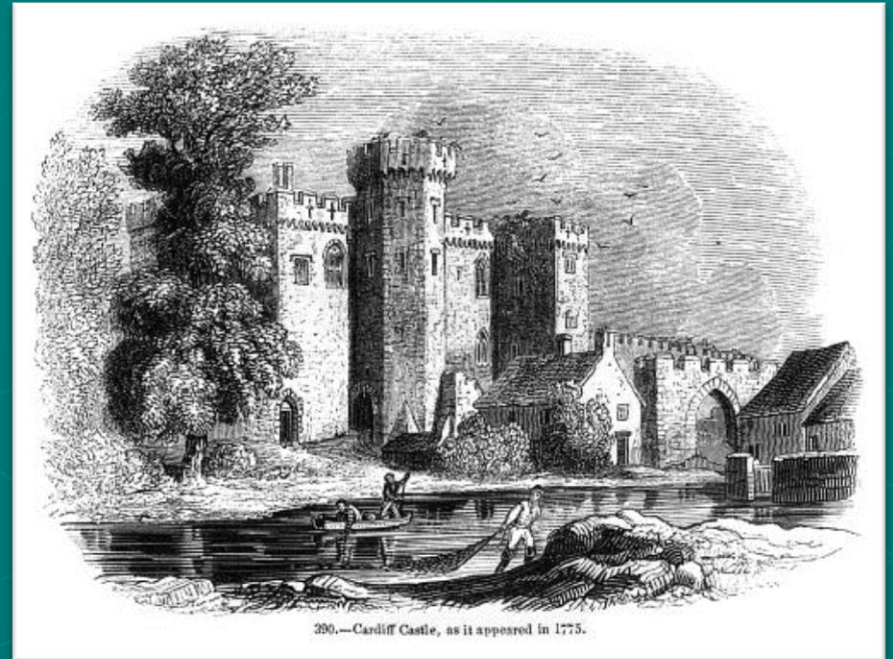
- ▶ Caerphilly - a medieval castle in the center of Caerphilly in South Wales - the largest in Wales and the second largest in England. The facility was built in the four years from 1268 to 1271, and is the earliest example of concentric defense architecture with extensive water moat



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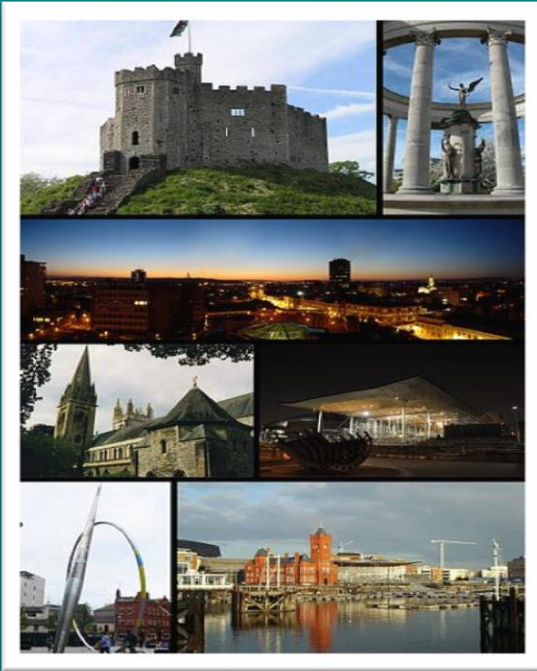
390.—Cardiff Castle, as it appeared in 1775.

CARDIFF IS THE CAPITAL AND THE LARGEST CITY IN WALES AND THE TENTH LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM



Cardiff

The city is the country's chief commercial centre, the base for most national cultural and sporting institutions, the Welsh national media, and the seat of the National Assembly for Wales. The unitary authority area's mid 2011 population was estimated to be 346,100, while the population of the Larger Urban Zone was estimated at 861,400 in 2009. Cardiff is a significant tourist centre and the most popular visitor destination in Wales with 18.3 million visitors in 2010. In 2011, Cardiff was ranked sixth in the world in National Geographic's alternative tourist destinations



Welsh National War Memorial



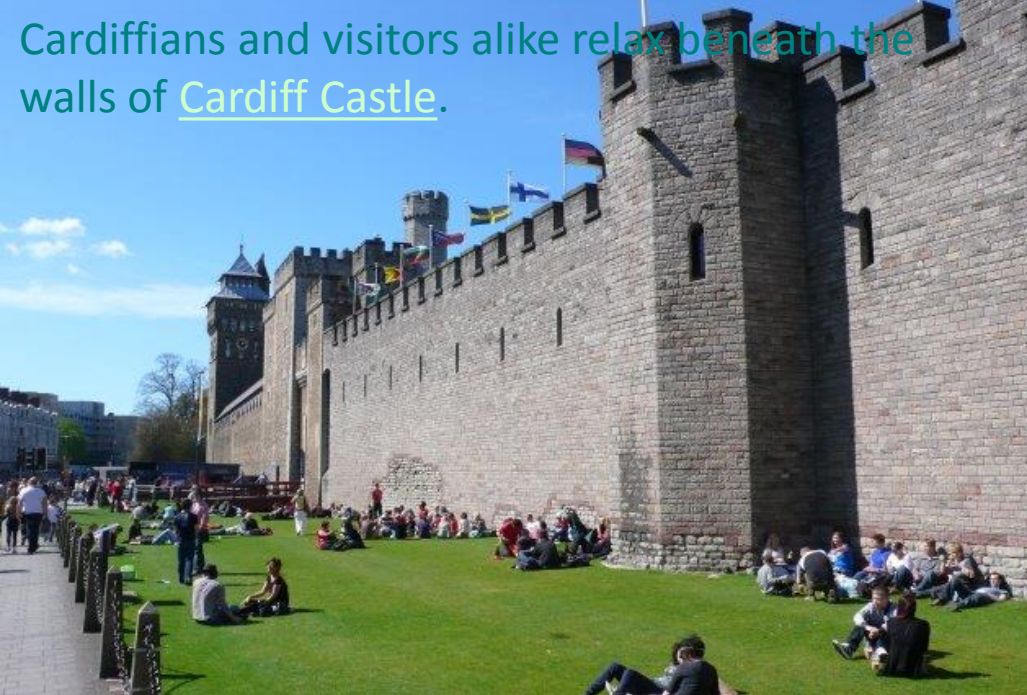
National Museum of Wales, Cardiff

Redevelopment in the city's historic Cardiff Bay area.



Cardiff City Hall borders Cathays Park





Cardiffians and visitors alike relax beneath the walls of Cardiff Castle.



Cathedral



Cardiff University's main building

Cardiff Bay

It is the area created by the Cardiff Barrage in South Cardiff, the capital of Wales. Cardiff Bay played a major part in Cardiff's development by being the means of exporting coal from the South Wales Valleys to the rest of the world, helping to power the industrial age. The coal mining industry helped fund the building of Cardiff into the Capital city of Wales



Museum Avenue



CARDIFF NATIONAL MUSEUM



Port Talbot



The town is built along the eastern rim of Swansea Bay in a narrow strip of coastal plain surrounding the River Afan estuary. Swansea is visible on the opposite side of Swansea Bay. The local beach is known as Aberavon Sands and is situated along the edge of the bay between the River Afan and the River Neath. The other beach in Port Talbot is Margam Sands, popularly known as Morfa Beach. The north-eastern edge of the town is marked by the River Neath. A significant landmark in the town is the Port Talbot Steelworks.

- ▶ The town is still said to be the most polluted place in Wales and the most polluted in the United Kingdom outside of London. However, air quality in the Port Talbot area has improved.



Margam Castle, not far from Margam Abbey

Picton Monument in
Carmarthen



Carmarthen

- ▶ Carmarthen is the county town of, Carmarthenshire, Wales. It is sited on the River Towy 8 miles (13 km) north of its mouth at Carmarthen Bay.
- ▶ Carmarthen lays claim to being the oldest town in Wales but the two settlements of Old and New Carmarthen were only united into a single borough in 1546. Currently, Carmarthen is the location of the headquarters of Dyfed-Powys Police, the Carmarthen campus of the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David and the West Wales General Hospital.

Guildhall Square, Carmarthen



Aberaern



- ▶ Aberaern is located between Cardigan and Aberystwyth on the A487, at a junction with the A482 leading south-east to the university town of Lampeter.
- ▶ The shoreline consists of generally steep storm beaches of pebbles, although fine sand is visible at low tide levels. Aberaern south beach was awarded the Blue Flag rural beach award in 2005. It contains the Harbourmaster Hotel.
- ▶ The town is notable for the sale of honey, honey ice-cream and, more recently, honey mustard.



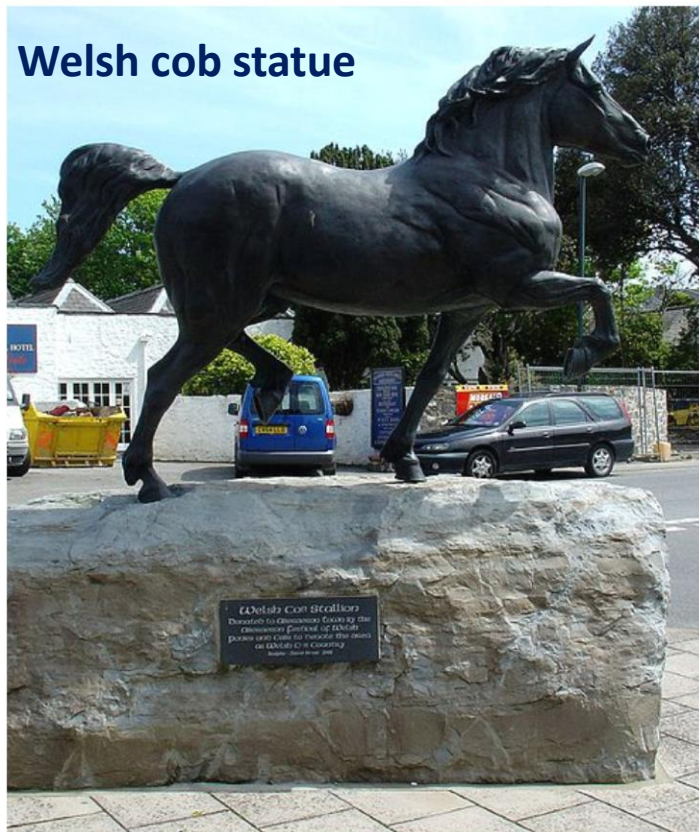
Harbour at low tide



Footbridge over the Aeron



Welsh cob statue



Market Street

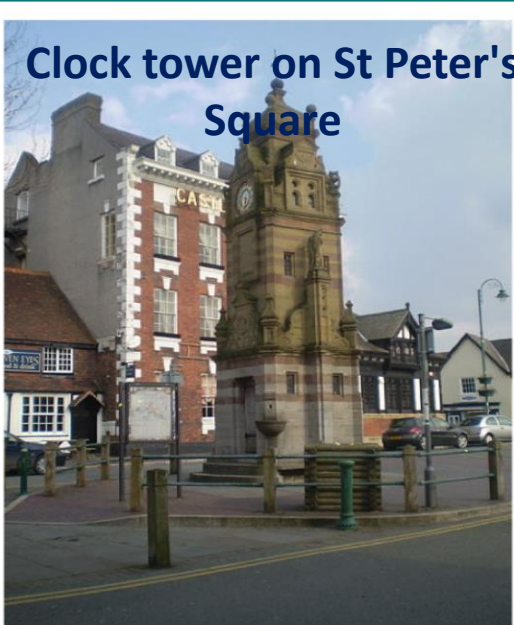


Ruthin



- ▶ Ruthin is a community and the county town of Denbighshire in north Wales. Located around a hill in the southern part of the Vale of Clwyd - the older part of the town, the castle and Saint Peter's Square are located on top of the hill, while many newer parts of the town are on the floodplain of the River Clwyd.
- ▶ The name 'Ruthin' comes from the Welsh words rhudd (red) and din (fort), and refers to the colour of the new red sandstone which forms the geologic basis of the area, and from which the castle was constructed in 1277-1284. The original name of Rhuthin was 'Castell Coch yng Ngwern-fôr' (red castle in the sea-swamps).

Clock tower on St Peter's Square



The Old Court House built in 1401



The town War Memorial