



7-day sample itinerary to Wales, UK



Day 1

Start in Conwy

From the world city of London, make your way to Conwy in Wales either by road or train. Conwy is a waterfront enclave that's famous for its medieval walls and 13th-century castle. Visitors can walk around the mile-long fortified walls that circle the town for the best views of the harbour and the charming streets. Don't miss seeing the smallest house in Britain, St Mary's church and the Elizabethan manor Plas Mawr.

Day 2

Caernarfon, Snowdonia.

In the morning, start for Caernarfon. Along the way, you'll pass the colourful seaside town of Llanfairfechan and Bangor, the oldest city in Wales. From Caernarfon, take in the many castles and enter Snowdonia National Park to see misty valleys, green rolling hills and Mt Snowdon - the highest peak in the vicinity.

Legend even has it that King Arthur's magical sword, Excalibur, can be found at the bottom of one of the park's lakes. End the day in Portmeirion.



Day 3

Portmeirion

This is a charming Italianate village which will remind you of Wes Anderson's movie sets. Walk along the clusters of 1920s pastel cottages and wildflower gardens hover on a cliff above an estuary. You can even go back to Snowdonia for day hikes.

Day 4

Hay-on-Wye, Brecon Beacons

Carry on to Machynlleth. Some still call it the ancient capital as it was the 1404 Parliament of Owain Glyndŵr (the Prince of Wales) - and today there is a museum in honour of him and a lovely little café next door.

Continue onto Hay-on-Wye. This quaint hamlet on the edge of Brecon Beacons National Park is a bibliophile's dream. Here you will see streets lined with libraries as well as outdoor shelves stuffed with books. Don't miss the sunset.



Day 5

Cardiff

Next stop: Cardiff, Europe's youngest capital. The port city, just two hours west of London by train, was a major coal industry hub, but now has flourished, thanks to a top-notch arts scene, one-of-a-kind stores, and buzzy nightlife.

Visit Cardiff Castle - Dating back to 55AD, it was originally a Roman fort that later became a Norman stronghold (the 11th-century Norman keep still stands and has one of the best views of Cardiff at its top). The rest of the castle, built in the 14th and 15th centuries, was completely redesigned in 1866 when a British aristocrat moved in to make it his private home.

Day 6

Pembrokeshire

The southwest coast of Wales is worth the trip for its jaw-dropping scenery. Just a two-hour drive from the capital Cardiff, Pembrokeshire feels a different world, thanks to its unsullied seascape, rare wildlife and laid-back lifestyle. This coastal path is most notable for the views of coves, castles and clear-water beaches (keep an eye out for seals and bottlenose dolphins).



Day 7

Gower Peninsula

For your last day, go to U.K.'s first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Gower is all pristine beach and wild countryside. Visit Three Cliffs Bay - Instagram perfect view along Gower Coast Path, or Rhossili - a vast beach with a shipwreck and Worm's Head bluffs.

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