

VISIT CONWY THIS WINTER

Where Snowdonia
meets the Sea



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Discover unmissable adventure, magical scenery and unique experiences. Right on your doorstep!

The toughest thing to do in Llandudno and Conwy County is to fit everything in to a winter staycation!

Get wrapped up in adventure, food and drink, history and home-from-home cosiness all in one trip. Explore the Great Orme Country Park, the glassy mountain lakes and leafy trails of the Gwydir Forest, or take a bracing walk on Wales' longest pier. From the stunning Conwy Valley to Hiraethog, discovering magical villages and unmissable experiences has never been so exciting.

Autumn and winter in Conwy see the county undergo a beautiful transformation.

Our woodlands are an explosion of russet, yellow and gold making for some spectacular sights.

In January, wrap up and see the crashing waves on beach walks along the Wales Coast Path. Get out and about exploring the winter scenery or even try your hand at a new activity.

Late January or February is perfect for a romantic getaway. Plan a St Dwynwen (patron saint of Welsh lovers), or a Valentine's mini-break with your special someone. Enjoy leisurely walks, adrenaline adventures and epic scenery that will provide magical memories to last forever.

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Picture: View of the Conwy coastline from the Great Orme

A PLACE OF ADVENTURE

Coast or country? Your stay, your way

If you fancy a few days on the coast, you could indulge in the glamour of one of our stylish hotels, relax in a cosy guest house or do your own thing in a self-catering apartment. Inland, you can enjoy a reviving spa break, stay in a country house hotel or chill out in a cottage hideaway. To book your stay go to: [visitconwy.org.uk](https://www.visitconwy.org.uk)

INDOOR & OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Adventure Parc Snowdonia, Dolgarrog

01492 353123

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Home to a world-first inland surf lagoon, Adventure Parc Snowdonia also has a weather-proof adventure facility. Adrenaline Indoors features indoor climbing, caving, high ropes, zip-wires, ninja-assault and more family friendly activities. Adventurers can even take a tandem zip line from the rooftop to fly over the surf lagoon and there's outdoor climbing and a pump track too.

Llandudno Snowsports Centre

01492 874707

Map Ref: A3

Go downhill fast at Llandudno Snowsports Centre. When better to work on your winter sports skills than during the colder months? If you prefer to take things sitting down, ride the Cresta Tobboggan run. At an amazing 575m long, you don't want to miss this exhilarating experience.

GYG Karting, Cerrigyrudion

01490 420770

Map Ref: I8

Feed your need for speed at GYG Karting. It's the largest karting circuit in the UK, providing high-octane thrills for racers of all ages.

Mynydd Sleddog Adventures, near Cerrigyrudion

07931 511217

Map Ref: I8

Wales first and only sled dog attraction offers amazing opportunities for individuals, families and groups to enjoy their very own sled dog adventure through winding, frost bitten undulating trails, surrounded by vast forest.

Zip World Fforest, Betws-y-Coed

01248 601444

Map Ref: G4

Take to the trees with friends and family at Zip World Fforest to tackle ropes, nets and swings strung through the canopy. There's also the Fforest Coaster toboggan run and the Plummet 2, a pulse-pounding 100ft/30m drop through a trapdoor that's the closest thing to free-fall this side of an aeroplane.

Go Below, Near Betws-y-Coed

01690 710108

Map Ref: G4

Go Below Underground Adventure is the ultimate dramatic subterranean experience. In former mines deep beneath Snowdonia you'll discover a world of deep blue lakes, zip wires, bridges, ladders and abseils. It's an assault course like no other.

DON'T FORGET!

Opening times and facilities may change without notice so please contact the individual attractions before setting off.



Boathouse Climbing Centre, Llandudno

01492 353535

Map Ref: A3

Llandudno's Old Lifeboat Station is the home of the Boathouse Climbing Centre that will appeal to all-comers, beginners and experts alike. It features around 200 square metres of climbing surface with a bouldering wall 4.5 meters high. The climbing tower is 8 meters high with a series of lead climbs and top rope, with many routes that are challenging the most experienced climbers.



If you're planning your own outdoor adventures, take a look at www.adventuresmart.uk Its advice on weather, gear and skills to help you stay safe.

Plas y Brenin, Capel Curig

01690 720214 Map Ref: F2

Now's the time to see the white stuff on Snowdonia's peaks. Get to grips with these mountains under expert tuition on outdoor courses run by Plas y Brenin National Mountain Sports Centre. They cover everything from climbing to canoeing, mountain biking to hiking.

Wales Coast Path

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2022, there's never a bad time to dip into our section of the legendary Wales Coast Path. It stretches almost 35 miles between Kinmel Bay and Llanfairfechan, so you'll have plenty of waterfront walking to choose from.

Cycling

Amid the airy, moody landscapes of Mynydd Hiraethog you'll find family-friendly routes around the Alwen and Llyn Brenig reservoirs. For road cyclists there are lung-busting climbs and gentle family trails like the Conwy Cycle Route, an almost entirely traffic-free 30-mile coastal cruise

Mountain Biking

Hardcore riders will make for unmissable experiences like the wild woodland tracks around Penmachno and Betws-y-Coed, including the mighty 16 mile Gwydir Mawr Trail.

HERITAGE CULTURE GARDENS

Conwy Castle

01492 592358 Map Ref: B3

If anything, Conwy Castle looks even more dramatic when silhouetted against a dark, brooding winter sky. Walk the ramparts to sense its power, undiminished 800 years after it was constructed as part of King Edward I's campaign against Wales. For some of the best castle and estuary views, take a walk along Conwy's medieval walls. Stretching nearly unbroken around the town's heart, they're some of the longest and best-preserved in Europe. No wonder both they and the castle have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Dolwyddelan Castle

01492 592358

Map Ref: H2

It may be smaller than Conwy, but Dolwyddelan Castle is still a rock star. Built by Llywelyn the Great (13th-century Prince of Gwynedd and de facto ruler of most of Wales), its setting on a rocky ridge amid the peaks of Snowdonia has drama to spare. Can be viewed externally all year round.

Gwrych Castle, Abergele

01745 826023

Map Ref: B7

Grade I listed country house and one of the first attempts at replicating true medieval architecture in Europe. A Trust has embarked on a restoration programme to restore the castle and parkland back to its former glory. Home to ITV's I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! for two consecutive years. Book tickets online gwrychcastle.co.uk

Penmaenmawr Museum

01492 621462

Map Ref: B2

The museum takes you on a journey through the history of the landscape, the town and its people using stories and objects from the ancient past to the present. Children will enjoy exploring the museum using the History Hunters trail. Winter opening: Wed to Sun up to 30 Nov 2022 and from March 2023. penmaenmawrmuseum.co.uk

Llandudno Pier

01492 876258

Map Ref: A3

What's not to like about piers? At Llandudno, we have the longest in Wales. So wrap up and blow the cobwebs away with a walk to the end and back.

Conwy Culture Centre

01492 576139

Map Ref: B3

Conwy Culture Centre brings Conwy's heritage to 21st-century life. Housed in a modern building just outside the town walls, it is home to a library and the Conwy Archive, plus an arts and heritage hub featuring interactive exhibits and displays from the county's historic collections.

Llandudno Museum and Gallery

01492 701490

Map Ref: A3

Llandudno Museum and Gallery is a treasure chest of all things local – from prehistoric and Roman times to Llandudno's growth as a seaside resort. Highlights of the redevelopment include new galleries, exhibitions and interpretation and family fun. Winter opening: Tue to Sat up to 17 Dec 2022 and from 1 Feb 2023. llandudnomuseum.co.uk

Mostyn, Llandudno

01492 879201

Map Ref: A3

One of the UK's best contemporary art galleries. The Edwardian façades give way to a series of strikingly modern interior spaces and a shifting programme of exhibitions. The stylish Siop sells beautiful jewellery, ceramics, prints, glassware, books and cards that have been made with love in Wales and beyond. Enjoy excellent, locally roasted coffee, cake and regional produce in the Caffi. Open Tue to Sun, free entry.

Royal Cambrian Academy of Art, Conwy

01492 593413

Map Ref: B3

Royal Cambrian Academy focuses on artistic excellence in Wales, with a mix of historic and contemporary works. The gallery space holds exhibitions, talks and workshops. Open Tue to Sat.

Ffin y Parc Gallery, Llanrwst

01492 642070

Map Ref: G4

There's more amazing art at beautiful Ffin y Parc, a grand country house that showcases some of the finest artists working in Wales alongside the best of contemporary 20th-century art. Open Wed to Sun.

Bodnant Garden, Eglwysbach

01492 650460

Map Ref: D4

Bodnant's Winter Garden, created in the last 10 years, is the seasonal jewel in its crown. This former rockery has matured into a richly colourful display of foliage and flower that makes the most of winter light – and it's just the start of a walk through 80 acres of winter wonderland.

FAMILY FAVOURITES

Picture: A Tiger at the Welsh Mountain Zoo

The Welsh Mountain Zoo, Colwyn Bay

01492 532938

Map Ref: B5

Doesn't just contain a Noah's Ark of creatures – everything from sea lions to snow leopards. It's also playing its part in the fight to save endangered species from around the world.

Conwy Valley Railway Museum, Betws-y-Coed

01690 710568

Map Ref: G4

Rail enthusiasts love Conwy Valley Railway Museum, located right next to the main station. Climb aboard a miniature steam train for an eight-minute trip, visit a museum full of fascinating railway artefacts and browse the huge collection of model trains in the shop.

Conwy RSPB Nature Reserve, Conwy Estuary

01492 584091

Map Ref: B4

Conwy's RSPB Reserve, a wetland site on the edge of the estuary, is a tranquil oasis of calm just a stone's throw from the A55. In winter, look out for flocks of birds gathering to feed, or forming large roosts at dusk to keep warm.

Llyn Brenig, Cerrigydrudion

01490 420463

Map Ref: G8

Explore over 2,500 acres of forest, moorland, and lakes amid stunning upland scenery. With visitor centre, café, gift shop, osprey exhibition, adventure playground, cycle hire, mountain biking, walking trails, sailing and world class fishing to discover. And don't forget the year round multi-method bank fishing in the nearby Alwen Reservoir. See the website for prices and online booking.

llyn-brenig.co.uk

A PLACE TO CONNECT

Picture: Bodnant Garden in National Trust Images Paul Harris

A TASTE OF WALES

Picture: Tasting Bar Penderyn Distillery

A PLACE TO DISCOVER

Penderyn Distillery, Lloyd Street, Llandudno

01492 701530

Map Ref: A3

Penderyn is the home of Welsh Whisky and brought back distilling to Wales after more than a century. They produce award-winning Welsh whiskies and spirits and export to over 50 countries world-wide. Book yourself onto one of their Llandudno distillery tours or a whisky masterclass, to experience the Welsh spirit, sample a whisky or two and to see what makes Penderyn Distillery so unique. penderyn.wales/llandudno

Gwinllan Conwy Vineyard, Llangwstenin

01492 545596

Map Ref: B4

Gwinllan Conwy, founded by wine enthusiasts Colin and Charlotte Bennet in 2012, produces award-winning still and sparkling wines from grapes specially chosen for North Wales' soil and climate. The secret of the Bennetts' success is revealed on guided vineyard tours and tastings. Tours normally run Thurs, Fri and Sat until the end of Nov and from mid-Jan. Book online at gwinllanconwy.co.uk



STAGE AND SCREEN

A PLACE OF INSPIRATION

Venue Cymru

01492 872000

Map Ref: A3

There's a packed winter programme at Venue Cymru, Llandudno's seafront entertainment hub. Pop, comedy, opera, drama, dance and hit musicals direct from the West End... they're all on the bill. And get in the holiday spirit with the festive panto production of Beauty and the Beast. venuecymru.co.uk

Theatr Colwyn

01492 556677

Map Ref: B5

You can also catch a movie at Colwyn Bay's Theatr Colwyn. It's Wales' oldest working theatre and cinema – and it's still going strong, now modernised to offer a 21st-century entertainment experience. Its programme of live entertainment includes music, stage plays, dance and stand-up comedy nights. theatrcolwyn.co.uk

Cineworld, Llandudno Junction

Map Ref: B4

If movies are more your thing, catch all the latest releases in the Cineworld multiplex at Llandudno Junction. cineworld.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

Our full programme of festivals and events runs throughout the year. Here's a taste of what's happening this winter. For more details of events in Conwy County check out: visitconwy.org.uk



OCTOBER

8 OCT TO 5 MARCH 2023
Cerith Wyn Evans

A major solo exhibition at Mostyn. Open Tue to Sun.
mostyn.org

15 OCT
Colwyn Bay Artisan Market
theartisanmarketcompany.co.uk

22 OCT TO 19 NOV
David Brightmore RCA
Audrey Hind RCA
Patricia McParlin RCA
Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy. Open Tue to Sat.
rcaconwy.org

27 OCT (In the event of bad weather 28 Oct)
Llandudno Fireworks Display
llandudno.gov.uk

29 OCT
Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally
cambrianrally.co.uk

29 OCT
Porth Eirias Halloween 10k and Kids 1k fun run, Colwyn Bay
bespokefitnessandevents.co.uk

29 OCT & 31 OCT
Ghost Hunt
Gwrych Castle, Abergele
gwrychcastle.co.uk

NOVEMBER

5 NOV
Ghost Hunt
Gwrych Castle, Abergele
gwrychcastle.co.uk

17-20 NOV
Llandudno Christmas Extravaganza
victorian-extravaganza.com/christmas-extravaganza

19 NOV
Colwyn Bay Artisan Market
theartisanmarketcompany.co.uk

20 NOV
Conwy Half Marathon
runwales.com

26 NOV
Ghost Hunt
Gwrych Castle, Abergele
gwrychcastle.co.uk

26 NOV
Betws-y-Coed Trail Challenge
trailbetws.com

26 NOV TO 23 DEC
Winter Exhibition
Royal Cambrian Academy Conwy. Open Tue to Sat
rcaconwy.org

DECEMBER

FRI NIGHT 2 & SAT 3 DEC
Llanrwst Christmas Weekend
cyngorllanrwst.cymru

3 DEC
Llandudno 5k Santa Dash
bespokefitnessandevents.co.uk

3 DEC
Llandudno Christmas Parade
llandudno.gov.uk



10-31 DEC
Beauty and the Beast panto
Venue Cymru, Llandudno
venuecymru.co.uk

26 NOV TO 4 DEC
Winter Sounds
A series of events that celebrate live music, spoken word and great sounds across Conwy County
conwyculture.com



29 NOV TO 3 DEC
The Osmonds Musical
Venue Cymru, Llandudno
venuecymru.co.uk

10 DEC
Colwyn Bay Christmas Artisan Market
theartisanmarketcompany.co.uk



10 DEC
Conwy Medieval Christmas
conwytownevents.co.uk

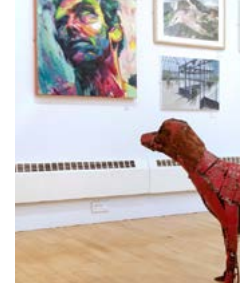
24 DEC TO 7 JAN 2023
Robin Hood panto
Theatr Colwyn
theatrcolwyn.co.uk

27 DEC
Llandudno Train & Toy Fair
Venue Cymru, Llandudno
llantransfest.co.uk

31 DEC
Ghost Hunt
Gwrych Castle, Abergele
gwrychcastle.co.uk

JANUARY

7 JAN TO 25 FEB
Annual Open Exhibition
at Royal Cambrian Academy, Conwy. Open Tue to Sat. rcaconwy.org



FEBRUARY

3 FEB
U20 Six Nations Internationals - Wales v Ireland
Stadiwm CSM, Colwyn Bay venuecymru.co.uk



13-18 FEB
Sister Act The Musical
Venue Cymru, Llandudno
venuecymru.co.uk



13-19 FEB
2023 BetVictor Welsh Open
Venue Cymru, Llandudno
venuecymru.co.uk

24 FEB
U20 Six Nations Internationals - Wales v England
Stadiwm CSM, Colwyn Bay.
venuecymru.co.uk



28 FEB TO 4 MARCH
The Cher Show A New Musical
Venue Cymru, Llandudno
venuecymru.co.uk

MARCH

4-5 MARCH
North Wales Choir Festival
Venue Cymru, Llandudno
venuecymru.co.uk



DON'T FORGET: This list was compiled in August 2022, so details may have changed. Please check dates if you plan to attend an event or book accommodation.



Cyrraedd yma:

TRÊN

I'r cyrchfannau arfordirol:
nationalrail.co.uk

I'r ardaloedd mewndirol
ar Reiffordd hyfryd
DYFFRYN CONWY:
conwyvalleyrailway.co.uk

BWS
nationalexpress.com

TEITHIO O AMGYLCH:
traveline.cymru

ALLWEDD/KEY

■ ● ■ Rheilffordd gyda gorsaf
Railway with station

Ffin Parc
Cenedlaethol Eryri
Snowdonia National
Park Boundary

Parc Coedwig Gwydir
Gwydir Forest Park

Canolfan Groeso
Tourist Information Centre

Pwynt Gwybodaeth
i Ymwelwyr
Tourist Information Point

Copa Mynydd
Mountain Peak

Getting here

TRAIN

To the coastal destinations:
nationalrail.co.uk

Inland on the scenic Conwy
VALLEY LINE:
conwyvalleyrailway.co.uk

COACH
nationalexpress.com

GETTING AROUND
traveline.cymru



Marine Drive Tours Llandudno

01492 879133 Map Ref:A3

Get on board a luxury vintage coach
for a one hour tour of Marine Drive and
enjoy breathtaking views of Anglesey,
Snowdonia and out over the Irish
Sea. Tour departs daily from the pier
entrance at 11am, 1pm & 3pm.
alpine-travel.co.uk



**CONWY &
LLANDUDNO**
Tourist Information Centres



LLANDUDNO TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

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01492 577577

CONWY TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

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