

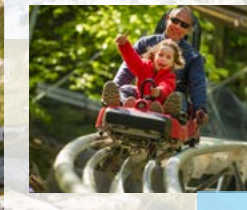
Get wrapped up...

In Conwy

Where Snowdonia Meets the Sea



WINTER GUIDE 2019/2020



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Get wrapped up... in a winter break



DISCOVER UNMISSABLE ADVENTURE, MAGICAL SCENERY AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES.

The toughest thing to do in Llandudno and Conwy County is to fit everything in to a winter staycation! There's so much on offer – whether it's a family break, adventure getaway or a relaxing retreat you're after, this part of North Wales has it all.

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 mountains of Snowdonia or take a bracing walk on Wales' longest pier. From the stunning Conwy Valley to Hiraethog, discovering magical villages, unmissable experiences and events 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. Enjoy a magical winter break in a cosy cottage, a sumptuous seafront hotel or a country inn with a roaring log fire and a warming hot chocolate as you take in the stunning views around you.

In January, wrap up and see the crashing waves on a beach walk 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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OUTDOOR AND INDOOR ADVENTURE

Named by Lonely Planet as one of the world's best places to visit, North Wales is now regarded as the UK's adventure capital. From adrenaline rushes to coastal path walks, experience the best that the outdoors has to offer, with a unique North Wales take on it.



ADVENTURE PARC SNOWDONIA, DOLGARROG

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Already home to a world-first inland surf lagoon, Adventure Parc Snowdonia now has a new weather-proof adventure facility. Adrenaline Indoors features one of the UK's longest artificial caving systems, indoor and outdoor climbing & racer walls, leaps of faith, stunt jumps, possibly the most extreme slides you'll ever encounter, and the UK's only kicker flight slide. Adventurers can even take a tandem zip line from the rooftop to fly over the surf lagoon. There's also a soft play area for toddlers.



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 2,500ft/750m Cresta Run, the longest toboggan run in Wales.

AND
SO THE
ADVENTURE
BEGINS

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.



GYG KARTING, CERRIGYDRUDION

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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.

ZIP WORLD FFOREST, BETWS-Y-COED

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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 freefall this side of an aeroplane.

BOATHOUSE CLIMBING CENTRE, LLANDUDNO

01492 353535

Map ref: A3

Llandudno's Old Lifeboat Station is the new 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.

WALES COAST PATH

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.

Don't forget! Opening times and facilities may change without notice so please contact the individual attractions before setting off.



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.

PLAS Y BRENIN, CAPEL CURIG

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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.

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.



HERITAGE CULTURE GARDENS



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. And if you're still in the mood for walking, continue along our rather lovely prom (which we think looks even more magical all lit up after dark).

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

01690 750366 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.



ABERCONWY HOUSE

01492 592246 Map ref: B3

This 14th-century merchant's house, a rare survivor through centuries of turbulent history, stands as a living time capsule. Inside, the rooms are furnished to illustrate different periods in Aberconwy's long life, giving a peek into our Jacobean, Georgian and Victorian past. The house is open daily from March to 3 Nov from 10am to 5pm. Open weekends only 9 Nov to 22 Dec from 11am to 4pm.

CONWY CULTURE CENTRE

01492 576139 Map ref: B3

Scheduled to open in winter 2019/20, the new Conwy Culture Centre brings Conwy's heritage to 21st-century life. Housed in a striking modern building just outside the town walls, it will be 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.



Winter Light

On 16 Nov and 14 Dec the castle will be illuminated in white as part of the Winter Light event in Llandudno. See page 13.



MOSTYN, LLANDUDNO 01492 879201 Map ref: A3

One of the UK's best contemporary art galleries. It's also a fascinating architectural achievement, with a gold-spined Edwardian façade giving way to a series of strikingly modern interior spaces. Inside you'll find a shifting programme of exhibitions that showcase the best in contemporary art and craft from Wales and beyond. There's also a cool café and stylish shop selling jewellery, ceramics, prints and books. Open Tue to Sun.

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: F4
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. Don't worry if your budget won't stretch to taking a painting home with you. The cakes on sale in the café are masterpieces in their own right. 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.



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FAMILY FAVOURITES

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 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.

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 through landscaped grounds, visit a museum full of fascinating railway artefacts and browse the huge collection of model trains in the shop.

LLANDUDNO CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE

01492 339507 Map ref: A3
Those with a sweet tooth are in for a treat at Llandudno's very own Chocolate Experience. The Llandudno attraction is divided into nine different areas each one uncovering a different part of the history of chocolate. The Memory Lane section also features hundreds of chocolate wrappers, tins and boxes from the last century. See website for opening times: llandudnochocolateexperience.co.uk



STAY, EAT, DRINK, SHOP

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

If you've been to Llandudno and Conwy, you'll know that we have no shortage of great places to stay - the largest choice in Wales, in fact. Indulge in the glamour of one of our luxurious hotels, relax in a cosy guest house or do your own thing in a self-catering apartment. It's the same story inland at Betws-y-Coed where you can enjoy a reviving spa break, stay in a country house hotel or chill out in a luxury self-catering hideaway. Go to visitconwy.org.uk to find a place to stay.



DINE OUT

It's all on the menu - sophisticated fine dining and wholesome country cooking, fashionable bistro dishes and the finest fish and chips. The menus will leave you planning your next meal ... even before you order!

Not surprising, with such tempting produce right on our doorstep? We're talking flavoursome Conwy mussels, prized Welsh Black beef from the Conwy Valley, mountain lamb and farmhouse cheeses.

On the drinks front we have local microbreweries, artisan gins and even a vineyard producing subtle whites, medium-bodied reds, fruity rosés and quaffable sparkling wine.

TREATCARD

A winter taste of Wales in Llandudno - try some of North Wales' best wining and dining experiences this November and December and enjoy great savings with your free treatcard. Collect 6 stickers from participating restaurants for your chance to win 4 tickets to the Llandudno Hospitality Association Ball in 2020. See all the eateries and offers at treatcard.co.uk



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Forget Amazon. There's a special magic about Christmas shopping - especially if you head our way. Llandudno's Christmas Fayre is famously festive and for more gift ideas go to Betws-y-Coed's speciality shops. At nearby Trefriw Woollen Mills you can browse products manufactured on site. Wander Conwy's medieval streets in search of that perfect gift. And Llandudno has the biggest and best shopping in North Wales.



CINEWORLD Map ref: B4

If movies are more your thing, catch all the latest releases in the Cineworld multiplex at Llandudno Junction. cineworld.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. Now modernised to offer a 21st-century entertainment experience. Its programme of live entertainment includes music, stage plays, dance and stand-up comedy nights. Don't forget to book your tickets for Aladdin, running from 21 Dec to 4 Jan 2020. theatrcolwyn.co.uk

STAGE AND SCREEN 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 Sleeping Beauty. venuecymru.co.uk



Festivals, EVENTS & WINTER GETAWAYS

With only **nine weekends**
until **Christmas...**

why not book yourself a winter
getaway around one of our
fantastic events culminating in
the captivating Winter Light
on 14 December.

To book your stay go to
visitconwy.org.uk
or call the Llandudno Tourist
Information Centre on
01492 577 577.

FRIDAY 25 - SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

25-26 OCT

Halloween Drive In
Adventure Parc
Snowdonia, Dolgarrog
adventureparcsnowdonia.com

25-27 OCT

Conwy Feast
gwleddconwyfeast.com

25-31 OCT

Ffear Fforest Halloween
Zip World Fforest,
Betws-y-Coed
zipworld.co.uk

26 OCT

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

26 OCT - 3 NOV

Halloween Spooky Tours
Gwrych Castle, Abergele
gwrychcastle.co.uk



FRIDAY 1 - SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER



29 OCT-2 NOV

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA

VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO VENUECYMRU.CO.UK

30 OCT

**Llandudno Fireworks
Display**
(In the event of bad
weather 31 Oct)

31 OCT

Halloween Event
Gwrych Castle, Abergele
gwrychcastle.co.uk

31 OCT

Creepy Castle Tours,
Conwy Castle
cadw.gov.wales

2-3 NOV

Snowdonia Walking Festival
Betws-y-Coed
breeseadventures.co.uk

2 NOV

North Wales Contemporary Craft Fair MOSTYN,
Llandudno mostyn.org

FRIDAY 8 - SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER

8-10 NOVEMBER **NORTH WALES CHORAL FESTIVAL**

VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO

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

9 NOV -1 MARCH 2020 Exhibitions by Chiara Camoni (Italy), Nobuko Tsuchiya (Japan), Anj Smith (England) at MOSTYN, Llandudno. (Open Tue to Sun) mostyn.org

FRIDAY 15 - SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

14-17 NOV

Llandudno Christmas Fayre

Over 150 of the very finest food, drink and craft stalls. llandudnochristmasfayre.co.uk

16 NOV

Winter Light : Chapter I,

Llandudno. An evening of fiery processional performance

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17 NOV

Conwy Half Marathon
runwales.com

FRIDAY 22 - SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

23-24 NOV

Waves, Mud and Mountains,
Adventure Parc Snowdonia,
Dolgarrog
adventureparcsnowdonia.com

23 NOV - 21 DEC

The Winter Show at
Royal Cambrian Academy
Conwy (Open Tue to Sat)
rcaconwy.org

FRIDAY 29 - SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER



29 NOV

THEATR COLWYN
COLWYN BAY
THEATRCOLWYN.CO.UK

VIENNA FESTIVAL BALLET
PRESENT SNOW WHITE

30 & 1 DEC

Christmas Fayre,
Gwrych Castle, Abergele
gwrychcastle.co.uk

30 & 1 DEC

Christmas Fayre,
Llyn Brenig, Cerrigydrudion
llyn-brenig.co.uk

DON'T FORGET: This list was compiled in August 2019, so details may have changed. Please check dates if you plan to attend an event or book accommodation.

FRIDAY 6 - SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

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

7 DEC Llandudno Christmas Parade
llandudno.gov.uk

7-8 DEC Christmas Market,
Adventure Parc Snowdonia, Dolgarrog
adventureparcsnowdonia.com



Sleeping Beauty
THE PANTOMIME
OF YOUR DREAMS



7-29 DEC
SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME
VENUE CYMRU, LLANDUDNO VENUECYMRU.CO.UK

FRIDAY 13 - SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

14 DEC Winter Light : Chapter II,
North Western Gardens, Llandudno.
Spectacular story telling through light projection
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14 DEC Winterfest, Conwy.conwytownevents.co.uk

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WINTER LIGHT

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MYTHS & MONSTERS AWAKEN

A CAPTIVATING EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY
STORIES THAT HAVE LURKED IN THE DARKNESS
FOR CENTURIES ARE NOW COMING TO LIGHT

CHAPTER I - 7PM 16 NOVEMBER
Mostyn Street, Llandudno

CHAPTER II - 7PM 14 DECEMBER
North Western Gardens, Llandudno



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 - Parc Coedwig Gwydyr
Gwydyr Forest Park
 - Canolfan Groeso
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 - Pwynt Gwybodaeth i Ymwelwyr
Tourist Information Point
 - Copa Mynydd
Mountain Peak

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 Inland on the scenic Conwy
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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



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