Social Activities 2025



Celtic English Academy

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- Wales / England based
- Popular attraction / activity
- Professional guide included
- Ideal for young learners
- Great value for money
- Cardiff city centre location



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A warm Welsh welcome

Introduction

Wales is a country with many traditions, a long and interesting history, and plenty of culture. It is known as a land of song with many myths and legends. This is no surprise when you see the amazing landscape. In Wales, beauty is everywhere. There are beautiful waterfalls, hills, mountains, hundreds of castles, rare plant life, and wild and unusual animals. The coast path, stretching the whole length of the country, is popular with hikers, walkers, dogs and sometimes cyclists!

Wales was voted one of the Top Ten Most Beautiful Countries in the World (Rough Guides, 2019).

Cardiff is the beautiful capital of Wales. It offers everything you would expect from a capital city. There is excellent entertainment and shopping, and many interesting historical sites. It is close to the sea, beaches, and mountains.



Full-day trips

The Gower Peninsula





Location: Wales
Cost: £35 - 50 ££
Group size: Min. 15 students
Age: All

We drive towards Swansea and visit the famous seafront of the Mumbles and the spectacular views of Swansea Bay. We next visit the famous beaches in the Gower, which have won many awards. The most amazing place here is Rhossili: it has a very long, sandy beach and surfers love it.

On our return, if open*, we visit the famous Swansea Indoor Market where you can try some local seafood such as cockles and laverbread.

**The market operates from Monday to Saturday from 8am to 5pm and it is closed on Sunday.*

Tintern Abbey & Forest of Dean



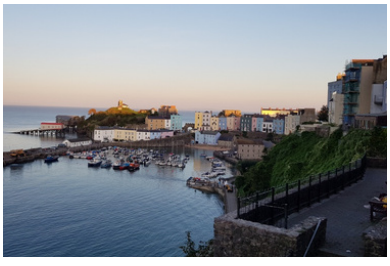


Location: Wales
Cost: £38 - 48 ££
Group size: Min. 15 students
Age: All

Tintern Abbey is a very old, historical building that an English King tried to destroy over 500 years ago. However, he was unsuccessful and the building is still standing! It is next to the small village called Tintern and the beautiful River Wye. This is where Wales and England meet each other.

West Wales - Tenby





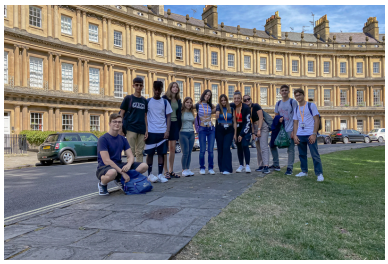
Location: Wales
Cost: £37 - 55 ££
Group size: Min. 15 students
Age: All

Tenby is a harbour town, so you will see lots of boats in the sea. It's famous for its beauty. There are narrow streets, small shops, and houses of many different colours. There are old walls around the town from the 13th Century. It has long, sandy beaches and there is a castle on a hill that overlooks all the boats.

When we are there we will visit the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) where we can see the lifeboat and discover more about the work they do.

Bath





Location:	England
Cost:	£40 - 60 £££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

Bath was built by the Romans as a place to relax and bathe. There are still some Roman buildings left in the city. There are natural spring waters in Bath which have been popular for a very long time. There are Roman baths but also the modern Thermae Bath spa, which has the only natural hot springs in Britain that you can bathe in.

Bath is a small city that always welcomes lots of visitors and is very friendly. There are lots of places to eat and drink, interesting shops, museums, art galleries, festivals, theatre, music, and sports.

Bristol





Location:	England
Cost:	£35 - 50 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

Bristol is a big city next to the important River Avon. It has a very successful history of trade and shipping. The harbour is now a cultural centre with an interesting museum. The old 19th century warehouses now have lots of restaurants, shops, and art galleries such as The Arnolfini.

Bristol is also famous for its amazing, tall bridge, a lively music scene and its world- renowned street artist, Banksy.

London





Location:	England
Cost:	£47 - 72 £££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

London is the most famous city in the UK. It is a very old city and is full of famous places such as Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar square, the Tower of London, the London Eye, and Big Ben. It has lots of museums, art galleries, famous shops, restaurants and historical places. You will never get bored because there is so much to do.

London is approximately a 4-hour drive from Cardiff. Please note that a significant amount of time will be spent on the bus. Once in London, we can organise a walking sightseeing tour; however, no specific visits can be arranged due to the tight schedule — unless you include an overnight stay in London (at additional cost).

Oxford



Location:	England
Cost:	£45 - 70 £££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Oxford is famous all over the world for its history and its university. For 800 years, royalty and important students have lived and studied here. Many movies and TV shows have been filmed here, most famously 'Harry Potter'.

There are famous gardens and a beautiful river that you can ride a boat on. It is also an international city with lots of shops and businesses.

Stonehenge & Salisbury



Location:	England
Cost:	£51 - 67 £££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

**£10 supplement for 18+ years old students*



Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument that is nearly 5000 years old! It is probably the most famous monument in Europe. The monument and the countryside around it is full of mystery and ancient history. You can take a guided tour and listen to the story of what Stonehenge was and how it was built.

In Salisbury there is a huge Cathedral, which is a very big church. It has a very high tower and the oldest working clock in the world. There is also a very famous document called the Magna Carta, which was written in the 12th Century. You can learn a lot about British history here.

The Costwolds



Location:	England
Cost:	£34 - 50 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



When you think about a pretty English village and beautiful English gardens, you are probably thinking about the Cotswolds. The houses in the villages are very cute and the gardens are colourful and full of flowers. The Cotswolds is a big area with many interesting towns, villages, rivers, huge palaces and castles, all in the most beautiful countryside.

Cosmeston Lakes, Penarth Pier & Dyffryn Gardens





Location:	Wales
Cost:	£35 - 43 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All

This trip includes a guided walk around the beautiful Cosmeston Lakes. You will see amazing wildlife and countryside and then visit the Medieval Village. After this, there is a short trip to Penarth Pier to look at the views over the sea to Cardiff Bay. Next, we will go to the beach at Lavernock Point and to Sully Island. Sully Island is small and if the sea is out, we can walk across the beach to visit it.

After a short drive, we arrive at Dyffryn Gardens and the big, grand Manor House in the countryside. You will never forget this house and its beautiful gardens.

Ogmore Castle, Merthyr Mawr & the Vale Coastline





Location:	Wales
Cost:	£22 - 29 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All

The first stop on this trip is the small village of Merthyr Mawr. There are some old, interesting cottages here. We walk to the river and cross it using the stepping stones and on the other side of this river is Ogmore Castle. Next, we stop at the cafe located in the horse stables.

We return back along the Vale of Glamorgan heritage coastal route and see the beaches at Ogmore and Southerndown. There are amazing views over the sea from this road.

Half-day trips

Caerphilly Castle



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£28 - £39 ff
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



The largest castle in Wales, and the second biggest castle in the UK (the biggest is Windsor, of course!). This is a must for history and culture fans. Take a stroll around the moat and feed the ducks, take a tour around the inside of the castle, and see if you can find Wales' very own leaning tower!

If you have time after exploring the castle, why not find a lovely tearoom and taste some traditional Welsh food? Caerphilly cheese is a must. We recommend trying some with your Bara Brith!

Castle Coch



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£28 - £37 ff
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



This fairy tale castle is newer than the 13th century castle it was built upon. The castle you see standing today and its beautiful interior that you can explore was actually built and designed in the Victorian era.

Nestled in the woodlands near Cardiff, Castell Coch is a stunning 19th-century castle with towering turrets, rich history, and breathtaking views. Explore its beautifully decorated rooms, lush gardens, and medieval charm for a magical experience in the heart of Wales.

Big Pit Coal Museum



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£25 - £40 ff
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Big Pit is a real coal mine and one of Britain's leading mining museums. There is a very entertaining education centre and you can learn all about the coal mines and the industry. There is a multi-media tour of a modern coal mine, exhibitions and historic buildings. You can also go on a tour of the real underground mine. They take you down 91 metres to the real mine and you see what life was like for the people who worked down there.

Please note that only small groups can be accommodated at the same time, so we may need to split your group across different tours.

The Royal Mint Museum



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£31 - £41 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Have you always wanted to know how money was made? At the Royal mint museum in Llantrisant, you can see coins, medals, artwork and miniting equipment previously owned by the Royal mint. The museum is located on the site of the Royal mint, so you can see where money is made.

Penderyn Welsh Distillery



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£32 - £47 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	18+



Based in the Brecon Beacons, this distillery has won many awards for its single malt whistkies and spirits. Find out how they are made, and enjoy testing their spirits whilst taking in the beautufl scenery that the Brecon Beacons has to offer.

Barry Island



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£16 - £26 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



This beautiful blue flag beach is about 15 minutes' drive from Cardiff and is perfect for sunbathing or swimming. On colder days, it is still a beautiful place to go for a walk or eat fish and chips on the seafront. There is an amusement park and several amusement arcades along the seafront , making Barry island a fun day out for everyone. Come and experience a day at a traditional British seaside.

McArthurGlen, Designer Outlet Bridgend



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£19 - £30 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

Shopping, shopping and more shopping! Designer brands without the huge pricetag- grab yourself a bargain here.

More than 90 shops, cafes and restaurants. There are lots of famous brands there such as Adidas, Calvin Klein, Ted Baker, Joules, Next, Marks and Spencer, Cadburys, Tommy Hilfiger, Lindt, Levi's, Boss, Vans and many more.

Caerleon Roman Fortress and Baths



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£26 - £41 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All



Inside a modern covered building in today's Caerleon, you can still explore the remains of the immense natatio, or open-air swimming pool, that once held more than 80,000 gallons of water. Thanks to the wonders of film projection you'll glimpse a Roman soldier still diving the depths today.

You can also see the cramped rooms where the men slept and stored their weapons – the only Roman legionary barracks still on view in Europe.

Cosmeston Lakes Medieval Village



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£20 - 30 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



This is one of Wales' leading open-air museums and a popular heritage attraction. Discover how people lived and worked in the village in the 1350s.

You could also enjoy a leisurely walk around Cosmeston lake, have a picnic or stroll through the woods that surround the park. A beautiful day out for everyone.

Dan-yr-Ogof Caves (National Showcaves Centre)





Location:	Wales
Cost:	£46 - £59 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

Visit 3 different caves in the heart of the Brecon Beacons National Park. The beautifully decorated caves stretch around one kilometre, and your reward at the end is a walk behind a 40-foot underground waterfall!

If that isn't enough excitement for you, there is also an onsite dinosaur park with a collection of 200 life-sized dinosaur models. Trick your followers into thinking you've visited Jurassic Park! Among other attractions here are the Shire Horse Centre, an iron age village, and the museum.

Newport Wetlands Nature Reserve





Location:	Wales
Cost:	£25 - 35 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

Explore over 438 hectares of protected, biodiverse land. Not just for bird or nature lovers, fitness fanatics will enjoy walking here in the fresh air whilst taking in the beautiful scenery of the Severn Estuary.

Once you are ready for a rest, you can have a picnic, visit the cafe, or have a more relaxing time in the visitor centre.

Activities in Cardiff

Principality Stadium





Location:	Wales
Cost:	£25 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

Wales' largest stadium, hosting rugby and football matches, as well as concerts from famous singers and performers. An experienced guide takes us to the press centre, where famous players are interviewed by reporters. We are taken to the dressing room where the players change before and after the match, and then walk through the tunnel onto the field. It is easy to imagine the excitement of walking out to huge crowds of people! We also visit the Royal family's area for watching matches- the best view in the stadium!

Please note that only small groups can be accommodated at the same time, so we may need to split your group across different tours.

Cardiff Castle





Location:	Wales
Cost:	£20 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

Cardiff Castle is a huge castle in the middle of the city. It is very famous and it stands in the middle of beautiful parks and next to a river. There is 2000 years of history in the castle to explore and learn about. There is an old tower from the 11th century, and you can climb to the top and see views of Cardiff and the Welsh mountains.

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Cardiff Bay - Aquabus





Location:	Wales
Cost:	£20 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here

On this trip, we take the Water Taxi from Cardiff Castle to the beautiful and modern Cardiff Bay. We pass the stadium, the Nature reserve and St David's Hotel.

At Cardiff Bay you can see the building where the Welsh Government work, the Millenium Theatre, and the Norwegian church. There is a barrage that goes out across the sea to the town of Penarth. You can walk to Penarth or stop and have a coffee in one of the many interesting cafes.

Cardiff Bay - Barrage Walk



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£14 - £21 £
Group size:	Min. 10 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Cardiff Bay barrage connects Cardiff Bay with Penarth. The stunning walk gives views of Cardiff's iconic buildings and the Severn Estuary. Along the way, there are plenty of things to do- have a picnic, play on the park, go skating at the skate park or even workout at the outdoor free gym. There's something along this work for everyone.

Cardiff Bay - Senedd, National Assembly Tour



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£14 - £21 £
Group size:	Min. 10 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Just a short walk away from the city centre, you will find the spectacular Cardiff Bay. Here, you will find a range of international restaurants and bars. This is also where you'll find the Senedd- Wales' parliament building. The beautiful building is sustainably made and designed, and unlike most parliament buildings, the public are able to go inside, take a look around and even have a tour!

St Fagans Museum of Welsh Life



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£22 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



This museum has been popular in Wales for many years. It includes a huge manor house and a village of traditional Welsh houses. You can walk around the village and into all the old houses. Some of the houses have people still working in them, making bread and working with their animals. There are demonstrations of farming and crafts and you can hear people speaking Welsh. An extremely interesting place to visit.

BBC Studio Tour



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£17 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Ever wondered how sound effects are added to your favourite podcasts? Or what it's like to read the news? You can experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of BBC Cymru Wales. Visit the state-of-the-art television and radio studios to discover the secrets of making a BBC programme and follow in the footsteps of some of Wales' famous faces. Each walking tour will last approximately 90 minutes.

Please note that only small groups can be accommodated at the same time, so we may need to split your group across different tours. Tour tickets are also open to the public so tickets get sold quickly. We need plenty of notice in order to book tickets.

ZIP World South Wales



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£50 - 170 £££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Do you want to go on the fastest seated Zip line in the world? We thought you might, so we have made this trip available to Celtic students. Perfect for adrenaline junkies and those who love heights (or maybe even those of you who don't!).

It's not all about the adrenaline though- this Zip line is also located in a beautiful area. You can fly over the colliery, from Rhigos mountain, where you can observe the natural beauty and the scars that the coal mining industry has left on the landscape.

Cardiff International White Water



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£56 - £63 £££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



Do you want to experience Olympic standard white water rafting in a city? We thought you might, so here it is. The 250m white water course is designed for rafts, canoes, and kayaks. If this isn't for you, there is also Indoor Wave. This allows 2 people at a time to ride a bodyboard indoors.

After all of that exercise and excitement, you'll probably need refreshments. On site, there is a cafe bar, perfect for reviewing the days' highlights with your friends.

Treetop Adventure Golf



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£16 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



This 18-hole mini golf course transports you to another place. You will not believe that you are actually in St David's shopping centre, but feel like you are in a tropical jungle. It's the perfect way to have fun with your friends after a long day in class.

Boulders Rock Climbing



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£38 - £45 ££
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



This indoor climbing centre has something for every level of climber. Their inclusive environment means that even if you haven't climbed, by the end of your first session, you will know how to! This centre has become more than just a climbing centre, but has a thriving community- once you have visited, you'll want to come back to the warm and friendly atmosphere again and again.

Bowling



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£18 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All
More info:	Here



See which one of your classmates can get the most strikes! Bowling is a wonderful way to practice English whilst having fun with your classmates. The best thing about bowling in Cardiff is that all the equipment is provided, so all you need to do is turn up and have fun!

Treasure hunt, cinema nights, cooking sessions, etc...



Location:	Wales
Cost:	£5 - £25 £
Group size:	Min. 15 students
Age:	All



Celtic has lots of experience keeping our students, young and old, busy and entertained during their stay. We can organise evening and weekend events to suit the needs and interests of your group. Some examples include treasure hunts, cinema nights in our iconic residence and even cooking sessions. Contact us for a more tailored experience.

Low-cost activities

Board games



Location: Wales
Cost: Free
Group size: Min. 2
Age: All



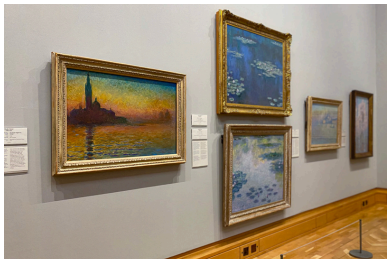
Whether you're in a small group or a larger team, we have games to adapt to your group size, making it the perfect way to improve your English skills while having a blast!

For smaller groups, you'll get to practice your vocabulary, pronunciation, and conversation skills in a friendly, supportive setting. In larger groups, you'll have even more chances to engage in lively discussions, work together, and practice teamwork—all while learning English in an interactive way.

National Museum of Wales in Cardiff



Location: Wales
Cost: £4
Group size: Min. 15 students
Age: All
More info: Here



The National Museum of Wales has so much to offer. Situated in a grand building next door to the city hall, it has a natural history section, various temporary exhibits, as well as an art section featuring paintings from famous artists such as Monet.

When you get tired, there is a cafe in the grand entrance where you can admire the exhibits whilst drinking your tea.

Roath Park Lake



Location: Wales
Cost: £4
Group size: Min. 10 students
Age: All
More info: Here



Just a scenic 40-minute walk from Celtic, you'll discover a beautiful 30-acre man-made lake nestled in the heart of Roath Park - a beautifully preserved Victorian-era gem. This picturesque spot is perfect for boating and fishing, offering a peaceful escape surrounded by nature.

The park itself boasts stunning landscaped gardens, a charming lighthouse, and a wealth of local wildlife. We'll enjoy a leisurely stroll around the lake, taking time to spot the many birds and creatures that call this idyllic setting home.

Sports



Location: Wales
Cost: £4
Group size: Min. 2
Age: All



Whether you're playing rounders, aiming for a goal in football, or enjoying friendly competition in other fun games, there's something for everyone. It's the perfect chance to get active, show off your skills, and work together with friends or teammates. With a mix of classic and fast-paced sports, this event promises a day full of action, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Don't miss out—grab your gear and come ready to play!

Quizzes



Location: Wales
Cost: £4
Group size: Min. 4
Age: All



The quizzes are designed to help you practice and improve your English skills in a fun, interactive way. With different themes for each quiz, you'll have the chance to test your knowledge on everything from everyday vocabulary to culture, food, geography, and more! Whether you're brushing up on grammar, expanding your vocabulary, or testing your listening skills, each quiz will bring a new challenge and a great opportunity to learn. Join us for a friendly, competitive environment where you can have fun while boosting your English skills. Don't miss out—let's quiz and learn together!

Bute Park



Location: Wales
Cost: £4
Group size: Min. 10 students
Age: All
More info: Here



Situated behind Cardiff's iconic Castle, and stretching back for many acres to Pontcanna fields, Bute park is perfect for everyone. Go for a run, have a picnic, follow the music trail, or maybe just relax in the Secret Garden Cafe.

Share your photos and experiences with us:

We are always open to suggestions when it comes to social activities, so if there is anywhere you want to go or anything you want to do, tell us in advance and we'll try our best to organise it for you.

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