

National Tourism Awards for Wales 2018

Regional Winners 2018



businesswales.gov.wales/zones/tourism

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**I'm delighted to
welcome you all to
the National Tourism
Awards for Wales 2018.**

**Congratulations
to all the winners.**

Organised by Visit Wales and hosted at the Celtic Manor Resort, The National Tourism Awards for Wales celebrates the very best of Wales' tourism – showcasing Wales' tourism businesses and the industry's achievements. The Awards is also our chance to put tourism in the limelight and reward those of you who work tirelessly to give our visitors a welcome and experience that they'll return for time and again.

The tourism industry in Wales is in a strong position, and we have every reason to be confident for the future – the quality and variety of businesses which are on the shortlist this evening is just one reason for this confidence.

Congratulations to all of you who have been selected as regional winners and made it to the final. We have seen an exceptionally high standard of entries and are delighted to see the quality of what we have to offer in Wales as our industry goes from strength to strength. As regional winners, this brochure provides a snapshot of our best in Wales.

We appreciate that it takes time to enter the awards but the effort can pay dividends and can be of great benefit to team and staff morale. Well done all and I wish you an enjoyable and successful evening.

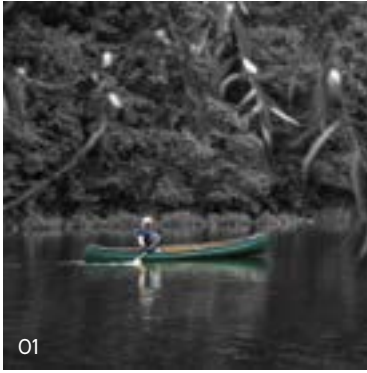


Lord Elis-Thomas AM
Minister for Culture, Tourism and Sport



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Best Activity



Mid Wales

01 want to canoe?

want to canoe? is ideally situated on the banks of the River Wye in Hay on Wye on our small, organic, family-run farm; we offer canoe hire, expeditions and guided adventure sessions on the River Wye.

www.canoehire.co.uk

North Wales

02 Always Aim High Events

Always Aim High is a Welsh events company which organises world class triathlons, running events and cycle sportives exclusively in Wales.

<http://alwaysaimhighevents.com>

South East Wales

03 Loving Welsh Food

Loving Welsh Food offers food tours, safaris, cooking workshops and Welsh food presentations in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.

<https://lovingwelshfood.uk/>

South West Wales

04 Pembrokeshire Falconry

Exceptional bird of prey flying experiences and displays based at the National Botanic Garden of Wales.

www.pembrokeshire-falconry.co.uk

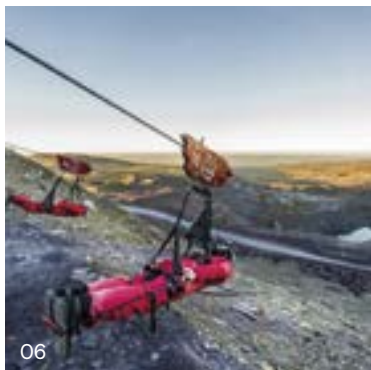
Best Attraction



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Mid Wales

05 King Arthur's Labyrinth

Sail through the magical veil of an underground waterfall into a mythical world filled with dragons, giants, fierce battles and the legendary King Arthur.

www.kingarthurslabyrinth.co.uk

North Wales

06 Zip World

Zip World first opened in 2013 with Velocity, the fastest zip line in the world. Now guests aged 3+ can experience 9 all-weather adventures in 3 stunning locations in North Wales.

www.zipworld.co.uk

South East Wales

07 Cardiff International White Water

Cardiff International White Water (CIWW) is an adrenaline-fuelled, on demand white water adventure centre.

<https://www.ciww.com>

South West Wales

08 Folly Farm

2018 sees Folly Farm celebrate 30 years in business. Once a working dairy farm it now receives 500,000 visitors a year and was recently named 10th Best Zoo in the World by TripAdvisor.

www.folly-farm.co.uk





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Mid Wales

09 Caemorgan Mansion
Caemorgan Mansion, 5 Star
Luxury Guest House in the
heart of Cardigan Bay.
www.caemorgan.com

North Wales

**10 Manorhaus Townhaus
Llangollen**
Manorhaus Townhaus is a boutique
bed and breakfast in the centre of
Llangollen. A Victorian townhouse,
its original features contrast with
stylish modern interior design,
art and 21st Century facilities.
www.manorhaus.com

South East Wales

11 The Greyhound Inn
A traditional 18th century village
inn, set in the heart of rural
Monmouthshire, Whether you
come to stay, to eat, or just pop in
for a drink, you're always assured
of the warmest of welcomes.
www.greyhound-inn.com

South West Wales

12 Roch Castle
Spectacular and dramatic,
12th century Roch Castle offers
luxury accommodation with
award winning breakfast; and sits
high above the Pembrokeshire
landscape offering panoramic
views over St Brides Bay and the
Preseli Hills.
www.rochcastle.com

Best Caravan, Camping or Glamping



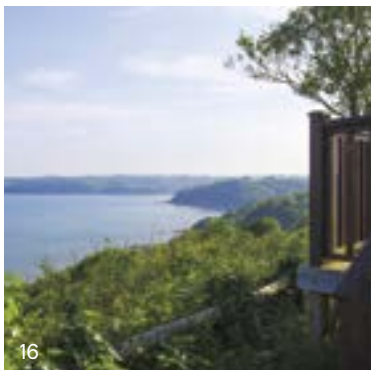
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Mid Wales

13 Cosy Under Canvas

Rustic and luxurious Glamping in a Welsh woodland. Whether you're after sanctuary or adventure our Dome holidays are great for loved-up couples, family down-time or group gatherings.

www.cosyundercanvas.co.uk

North Wales

14 Llanfair Hall

Llanfair Hall – for high quality all-weather glamping with your own bathroom, superb personalised customer service, a fabulous view of Snowdonia and holidays with star-lit nights included.

www.llanfairhall.com

South East Wales

15 Parkdean Resorts Trecco Bay

Come to Trecco Bay for unlimited family fun with kids' clubs, our fabulous Splashland indoor pool, bowling, bingo, live entertainment and more!

www.parkdeanresorts.co.uk

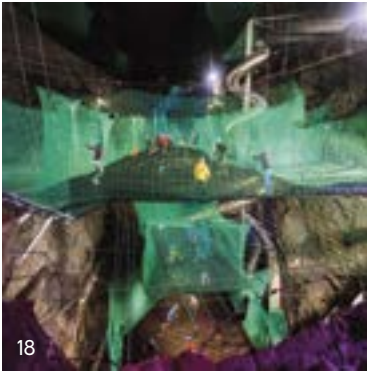
South West Wales

16 Celtic Holiday Parks

Three unique Parks in Pembrokeshire – Croft Country Park, Noble Court which is also home to luxury glamping brand "Celtic Escapes" and Meadow House each with its own superb features and settings.

www.celticholidayparks.com

Best Destination



Mid Wales

17 Brecon Beacons Tourism and Brecon Beacons National Park

Our National Park is a great place to get active. This is not a fenced-off preserve – it's a living, working landscape which will bring out your adventurous side.

www.breconbeacons.org

North Wales

18 Zip World

Zip World first opened in 2013 with Velocity, the fastest zip line in the world. Now guests aged 3+ can experience 9 all-weather adventures in 3 stunning locations in North Wales.

www.zipworld.co.uk

South East Wales

19 Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Tourism

Welcoming 7 million visitors a year, the Wye Valley region is a leading visitor destination, supporting over 7,000 jobs in the area, with Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Tourism providing effective destination management to improve the visitor experience and the attractiveness/ accessibility of the area.

www.wyedeantourism.co.uk

South West Wales

20 Fishguard Bay Welcome (FBW)

FBW – However you arrive you are on our horizon.

www.facebook.com/fishguardbaywelcome



Best Event



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Mid Wales

21 Green Man Festival

More than just a music festival, Green Man is a celebration of literature, laughs, art, science and mischief – all set within the majestic Brecon Beacons.

<http://www.greenman.net/>

North Wales

22 Underneath the Arches

Underneath the Arches is the annual celebration for the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct & Canal World Heritage Site, Wrexham. Visitors come from across the UK to the stunning firework and lighting show.

www.facebook.com/underneaththearches

South East Wales

23 Visit Cardiff (UCLF'17)

UEFA Champions League Final 2017 was the biggest sporting event to have ever been staged in Wales; welcoming over 314,000 visitors to Cardiff on the day.

www.visitcardiff.com

South West Wales

24 Long Course Weekend

In only 8 years, this home grown event now attracts over 32,000 people from 32 countries to Wales, generating over 160,000 bed nights and is televised to over 800 million homes in 100 different countries.

www.longcourseweekend.com



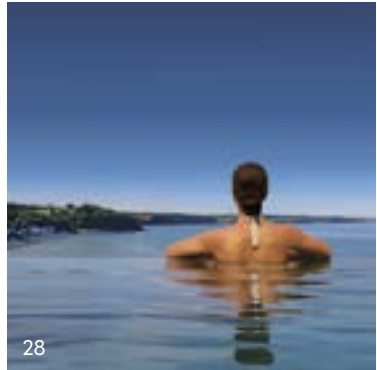
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Mid Wales

25 Llangoed Hall Hotel

Llangoed Hall is a historic, five star country house hotel located in the beautiful Wye Valley at Llyswen, near Brecon.

<http://www.llangoedhall.co.uk>

North Wales

26 Dunoon Hotel

The Dunoon is unapologetically and gloriously different; elegant, understated, formal yet still relaxed, old world rather than new fangled.

www.dunoonhotel.co.uk

South East Wales

27 Hilton Cardiff

The Hilton Cardiff is situated in the heart of the city and a great base for exploring the Welsh capital.

www.hilton.com/cardiff

South West Wales

28 St Brides Spa Hotel

On a cliff top overlooking Saundersfoot in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, St Brides Spa Hotel is an oasis of calm with a contemporary restaurant, award winning spa and stylish bedrooms.

www.stbridesspahotel.com

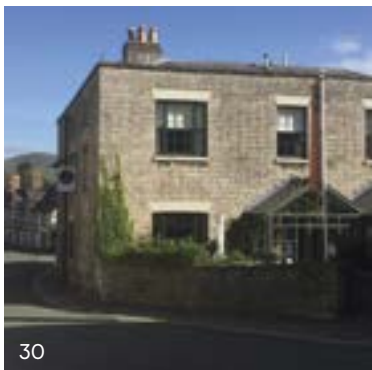
Best Place to Eat



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Mid Wales

29 Ynyshir Restaurant and Rooms

Ingredient led. Flavour driven.
Fat fuelled. Meat Obsessed.

www.ynyshir.co.uk

North Wales

30 Manorhaus Ruthin

Dining for those who enjoy freshly prepared modern cuisine that takes full advantage of locally sourced ingredients and produce, served in attractive yet relaxed surroundings with attentive unobtrusive service.

www.manorhaus.com

South East Wales

31 The Whitebrook Restaurant with Rooms

At family run The Whitebrook Restaurant with Rooms in the Wye Valley, every dish on Michelin star chef owner Chris Harrod's menu features foraged or locally sourced ingredients.

www.thewhitebrook.co.uk

South West Wales

32 Beach House

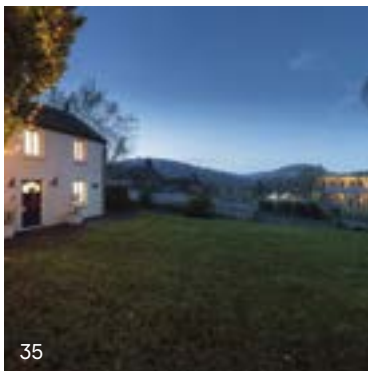
Led by Head Chef Hywel Griffith, AA Restaurant of the Year for Wales Beach House offers an exceptional dining experience with a magnificent coastal backdrop to the world famous Three Cliffs Bay.

<http://beachhouseoxwich.co.uk/>





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Mid Wales

33 Plas Dinam County House

Plas Dinam is a magnificent, family owned mansion and run mansion in Mid Wales with 15 bedrooms, available for exclusive use for celebrations, holidays and weddings.

www.plasdinamcountryhouse.co.uk

North Wales

34 Gors-lŵyd Cottage

A Mountain Retreat On The Llŷn Peninsula.

www.welshbreak.com

South East Wales

35 Monmouthshire Cottages LLP

Monmouthshire Cottages is a family run self catering business, passionate about our welcome, our quality, and our utterly fabulous Wye Valley location.

www.monmouthshirecottages.co.uk

South West Wales

36 Basel Cottage Holidays

Located on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park, 5* Basel Cottage Holidays offers guests dog-friendly accommodation, a private terrace, enclosed garden, fields and woodlands for total family enjoyment.

www.baselcottageholidays.co.uk



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Mid Wales

37 Dragon UAV

Dragon UAV's mission is to stand out in the rapidly expanding aerial media market offering a range of innovative products to Welsh businesses.

www.dragonuav.co.uk

North Wales

38 St George's Hotel

Experience Llandudno and all that the North Wales Coast has to offer by staying at Luxurious 4-Star St George's Hotel overlooking the beautiful Bay of Llandudno.

www.stgeorgeswales.co.uk

South East Wales

39 The Blaenafon Cheddar Company Ltd

Slice into Blaenafon Cheddar and say Mmmm.

www.chunkofcheese.co.uk

South West Wales

40 The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales manages some of the regions most precious wild places from Cardiff to Aberystwyth; including the beautiful Pembrokeshire islands of Skomer and Skokholm.

www.welshwildlife.org



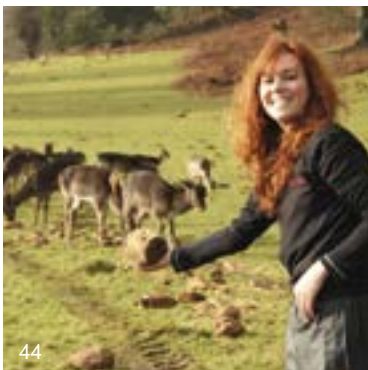
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Mid Wales

41 Kathryn Colling – Cambria Tours Ltd/Hafan Epic Retreats Cyf

Kathryn Colling is the Head of Business Development at Cambria Tours/Cambria DMC, an inbound tour operator and a Director at Epic Retreats, featuring unique Welsh-legend inspired accommodation and experiences.

<http://cambriadmc.com/>

North Wales

42 Tommy Davies – Coed-Y-Glyn Log Cabins

It's a real privilege to be able to share this beautiful country I call home, with all our guests.

www.coedyglyn-logcabins.co.uk

South East Wales

43 Rhiannon Roberts – Rhiannon Art Ltd

Rhiannon, a self-taught artist living in Cardiff Bay, focuses on painting Welsh sceneries in a quirky and playful way. She aims to fill everyone's world with colour by creating vibrant and eye-catching designs.

www.rhiannonart.co.uk

South West Wales

44 Sarah Jones – National Trust

National Trust Ranger, Sarah, helps to conserve over 800 acres of parkland National Nature Reserve at Dinefwr Park in Llandeilo; home to an ancient herd of White Park Cattle.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dinefwr

