

# Attractions and Activities

**Challenge Wales** Join us year-round for big boat sailing. Challenge Wales gift vouchers available for a unique, exhilarating and truly unforgettable present. No sailing experience necessary. T: 029 21 25 10 40 [www.challengewales.org](http://www.challengewales.org)

**Craft in the Bay** Specialising in Welsh made Craft, housed in a light airy and spacious gallery in the cultural heart of the Capital of Wales. T: 029 2048 4611 [www.makersguildinwales.org.uk](http://www.makersguildinwales.org.uk)

**Lightship 2000** See the ship decorated for Christmas and taste our Galley's Seasonal Menu. The Lightship is the central focus for the Churches of Wales in Cardiff Bay. T: 029 2048 7609

**Wales Millennium Centre** Range of shows and events for all ages at this iconic cultural centre also shops, bars and fresh Restaurant. T: 029 2063 6464

**The Red Dragon Centre** The ultimate destination for the festive season. Whether it's food, drink, movies, bowling, casino entertainment, family events, or Christmas parties, we've got everything under one roof alongside free customer parking. [www.thereddragoncentre.co.uk](http://www.thereddragoncentre.co.uk)

**Techniquet** Where you can find quirky stocking-fillers, clever games, brilliant books and have a great day out? Techniquet, the hands-on science centre, what will you discover? (Closed Mondays during school term). T: 029 2047 5475

**Pedal Power** Enjoy Cardiff Bay by bike. Cycle hire available 10am-4pm weekends only (weather permitting - check website for further details). T: 029 2039 0713 [www.cardiffpedalpower.org](http://www.cardiffpedalpower.org)

**Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre** Visit the Tourist Information Centre, in Wales Millennium Centre, to find out what's on around the Bay over the festive season. Or find some unique Christmas presents in their gift shop. T: 029 2087 7927

**Cardiff Ice Arena** Be part of the action and join the Cardiff Devils on game night, or visit their shop for Christmas gift ideas. T: 029 2038 2001

**Cardiff International White Water** The ultimate Christmas gift! Buy a voucher for your friends and family to experience white water rafting. T: 029 2082 9970

**City Sightseeing Bus Tours** Take a hop on-hop off bus tour of the City and Bay. Our winter service runs daily November - March, 10am - 3pm. T: 07808 713928

**Mermaid Quay** Whether you're looking for a party venue or somewhere to chill out, quality dining or a grab-and-go snack, a Christmas gift or a makeover treat, Mermaid Quay's mix of bars, restaurants, shops and services suits all tastes. [www.mermaidquay.co.uk](http://www.mermaidquay.co.uk)

## Cardiff Bus

Hop on board the number 6 from the city centre. For timetables visit [www.cardiffbus.com](http://www.cardiffbus.com)

# Stay in the Bay

Whether you are on a city break, seeing a show with friends or on a Christmas shopping trip, there are a range of great places for you to stay in the Bay ...

**Acityabode** (Serviced Apartments) T: 08709 194790

**Holiday Inn Express** T: 029 2044 9000

**St. David's Hotel & Spa** T: 029 2045 4045

**Urdd City Sleepover** (Youth Hostel) T: 029 2063 5678

**Festive Freeze Offer** - Stay at the Urdd City Sleepover during December and January and take advantage of their great winter discounts! From only £36 per night, including three meals a day, T&Cs apply.

## Parking | APCOA Cardiff Waterside

This large multi-story car park is in a central location next to Wales Millennium Centre. With the Park Mark Award for safety, its open 24 hours. Park all day on the weekend for only £4! Pierhead Street, CF10 4PH. T: 0845 210 2100

## On the Road to Christmas



### Cardiff Bay Christmas Markets 17 - 20 November, from Midday

Wrap up warm and explore the bustling Christmas markets, outside Wales Millennium Centre.

17 November, from 5.30pm

Head down to the markets to meet the Cardiff Devils! Some of your favourite players will be there to sign Devils merchandise... a special Christmas gift for any sports fan.



### On the Road to Christmas

19 November - Entertainment starts at 4pm

Join in the countdown, with Father Christmas and Capital FM, for the Cardiff Bay 'Christmas light switch on' and magnificent firework display!



# Winter in Cardiff Bay



more  
than just  
a good  
day out

Events Guide  
2011/2012

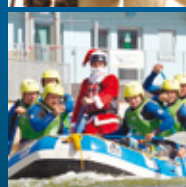
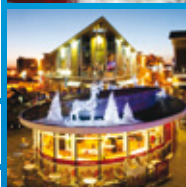
  
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# November

# December

<b>1-30</b>	<b>Stuart Akroyd Exhibition</b>   Craft in the Bay
<b>3</b>	<b>"What's the Story"</b>   Be part of the audience for a topical radio show. Watch teams jostle with the week's news to outwit and entertain. FREE ENTRY
<b>10</b>	info@tidyproductions.co.uk   Urdd Hall (in Wales)
<b>17</b>	Millennium Centre), Doors Open 7:15pm. Start 7:30pm
<b>24</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Open Day</b>   Wales Millennium Centre, from Midday
<b>7-24</b>	<b>Oliviero Olivieri - Photography Exhibition "The Other Sardinia"</b>   Norwegian Church, 9am - 6pm
<b>11</b>	<b>ALABAMA 3 on tour</b>   For tickets visit <a href="http://www.coalexchange.co.uk">www.coalexchange.co.uk</a>   Coal Exchange
<b>12</b>	<b>Cwtch Christmas Exhibition</b>   Craft in the Bay, runs to 8 January 2012
<b>12-13</b>	<b>Craft Fair</b>   The Red Dragon Centre, 10am - 6pm
<b>15-19</b>	<b>Matthew Bourne's Nutcracker</b>   Wales Millennium Centre
<b>17</b>	<b>Meet the Cardiff Devils!</b>   Some of your favourite players will be there to sign merchandise... a special gift for any sports fan. From 5.30pm   Cardiff Bay Christmas Markets <b>Beaujolais Nouveau Day</b>   Enjoy a 4 course French style lunch menu with live music and entertainment. £35pp Book Now 029 2087 7959   Norwegian Church, Midday - 5pm
<b>17-20</b>	<b>Cardiff Bay Christmas Markets, from Midday</b>   New for 2011 the Roald Dahl Plass, outside Wales Millennium Centre, will be transformed into a bustling four day Christmas market. Offering a range of stalls great to find those unique Christmas gifts! It will also host a Santa's Grotto and variety of children's entertainment.
<b>19</b>	<b>On the Road to Christmas Entertainment from 4pm</b> Come and enjoy a lively event programme including live music, carol singing, bustling markets and children's funfair rides. Then join in the countdown, with Father Christmas and Capital FM, for the Cardiff Bay Christmas light switch on and a magnificent firework display over the water!
	
<b>19-20</b>	<b>Joie de Vivre Christmas Markets</b>   A taste of 'Scandinavia' at Christmas   Norwegian Church, Midday - 5pm <b>Christmas gifts from Absolutely Fabulous shopping</b> The Red Dragon Centre, 10am - 7pm
<b>20</b>	<b>Mencap Santa Dash</b>   Registration fee £14 Cardiff Bay, 11am <a href="http://www.mencap.org.uk/santadashcardiff">www.mencap.org.uk/santadashcardiff</a>
<b>21</b>	<b>BELLOWHEAD</b>   11-piece band fusing folk, funk, jazz, and classical music, they have succeeded in placing themselves at the cutting edge of the contemporary music scene   Coal Exchange
<b>25</b>	<b>Disco Party Night (£35pp)</b>   St David's Hotel and Spa
<b>26&amp;27</b>	<b>Carols on the Quayside</b>   Mermaid Quay, 2pm - 5pm <b>Taste Christmas Market</b>   Award-winning food stalls, fabulous craft gifts, workshops, children's activities and entertainment   Wales Millennium Centre
<b>27</b>	<b>Meet Bjorn the Polar Bear!</b>   A fully animated and life-sized pod-puppet   The Red Dragon Centre, appearances at 12.30pm, 2pm and 3.30pm. FREE.
<b>30</b>	<b>FLOGGING MOLLY</b>   The legendary 7-piece Celtic punk ensemble will be playing tracks from the album, as well as classics   Coal Exchange



<b>2</b>	<b>Morgen Hall Exhibition</b>   Craft in the Bay, runs to 31 January 2012
<b>3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Carols on the Quayside</b>   Mermaid Quay, 2pm - 5pm <b>Taste Christmas Market</b>   Wales Millennium Centre
<b>4</b>	<b>Happy Feet 2 celebration!</b>   Get up close to The Penguin Family - giant characters combining animatronic costumes and enchanting puppetry   The Red Dragon Centre, appearances at 12.30, 2pm and 3.30pm. FREE
<b>5</b>	<b>Tea Dance</b>   Wales Millennium Centre, 2pm - 4pm FREE / ticketed event
<b>6</b>	<b>National Assembly for Wales' Annual Carol Concert</b> Y Senedd   Open to the public. FREE For more information, visit <a href="http://www.assemblywales.org">www.assemblywales.org</a>
<b>9</b>	<b>Lady Gaga Tribute Night (£48pp)</b> St David's Hotel and Spa
<b>10</b>	<b>Oliver!</b>   Family Day, includes free workshops and free performances   Wales Millennium Centre, 10am - 2pm
<b>10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>Carols on the Quayside</b>   Mermaid Quay, 2pm - 5pm
<b>11</b>	<b>Two Calling Birds!</b>   Innovative street theatre from two fantastical giant birds with stunning fanned tails and fully animated sound effects   The Red Dragon Centre, appearances at 1pm and 3pm. FREE <b>Santa Sunday Lunch (£28pp)</b>   St David's Hotel and Spa
<b>12</b>	<b>Oliver!</b>   Wales Millennium Centre, runs to 21 January 2012
<b>12-13</b>	<b>Mary Poppins Ice Show</b>   Cardiff Ice Arena Doors Open 6pm. Show Starts 7pm.
<b>13</b>	<b>The Elves and the Shoemakers / Y Cobylnnod a'r Cryddion Weston Studio (Welsh &amp; English performances)</b>   Wales Millennium Centre, runs to 31 December
<b>15</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>   Lightship, 2pm
<b>17</b>	<b>The Elves and the Shoemakers</b>   Free family workshops (English language)   Wales Millennium Centre, 2pm - 3pm
<b>17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Meet Santa and his reindeer</b>   Mermaid Quay, 2pm - 5pm
<b>18</b>	<b>Christmas cheer from Santa and friends, including Snowy the Snowman, Rodney, and Christmas Bear</b>   30min appearances on the hour 12pm - 4pm and festive face painting   The Red Dragon Centre, 12pm - 4pm. FREE.
<b>19-24</b>	<b>Carols on the Quayside</b>   Mermaid Quay, 2pm - 5pm
<b>21</b>	<b>Michael Bubl� Tribute Night (46pp)</b>   St David's Hotel and Spa <b>Y Cobylnnod a'r Cryddion free family workshops (Welsh language)</b>   Wales Millennium Centre, Midday - 1pm
<b>22</b>	<b>Beatles Tribute Night (£46pp)</b>   St David's Hotel and Spa
<b>23</b>	<b>Disco Party Night (£48pp)</b>   St David's Hotel and Spa
<b>23-27</b>	<b>Spend Christmas on Flat Holm</b>   Have fun and get away from it all with this unique festive break   Flat Holm Island
<b>30 - 2 Jan</b>	<b>Celebrate New Year on Flat Holm</b>   Enjoy island activities, relax and watch the sunset and then bring in the New Year in the Island pub   Flat Holm Island

# January

<b>1</b>	<b>New Year Blast!</b>   Get down to Cardiff International White Water and be the first to experience the thrill of white water rafting in 2012   Cardiff International White Water, 11am - 4pm
<b>1-21</b>	<b>Oliver!</b>   Wales Millennium Centre

For further event information, including times and ticket prices, visit our website or contact the Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre on 029 2087 7927 for attraction details.

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