



WALES SHORTLIST



POWIS CASTLE

Welshpool,
SY21 8RF

Tick when you've visited!

Medieval castle rising dramatically above the celebrated garden. The world-famous garden, overhung with clipped yews, shelters rare and tender plants. Laid out under the influence of Italian and French styles, it retains its original lead statues and an orangery on the terraces. High on a rock above the terraces, the castle, originally built circa 1200, began life as a medieval fortress. Remodelled and embellished over more than 400 years, it reflects the changing needs and ambitions of the Herbert family - each generation adding to the magnificent collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture and tapestries.



CEREDIGION COAST

Penmorfa,
Aberaeron,
Ceredigion,
SA46 0PA

Dolphin Watching - Cardigan Bay, famous for Europe's largest pod of bottlenose dolphins, is also home to porpoises, seals, seabirds and other marine plants and animals. The area is a designated Special Area of Conservation. A wildlife spotting boat trip is a 'must do' activity on a visit to Ceredigion. There are several great places along the Ceredigion coast to spot dolphins, especially around headlands, such as between Cardigan Island and Mwnt, Aberporth, Ynys Lochtyn near Llangrannog, Bird Rock near New Quay and Aberystwyth harbour. Dolphins even come within metres of the harbour wall at New Quay. Look out too for Harbour Porpoises.



PENTRE IFAN

Civil parish of Nevern,
Pembrokeshire,
Wales

A Neolithic Burial Chamber, the Pentre Ifan Dolmen dates from approximately 3,500 B.C. The collection of seven stones, the largest a huge capstone which is 16ft long, 7.9 ft wide and 3ft thick, is estimated to weigh 16 tonnes. The monument has been identified as a communal burial chamber.



ROCK POOLS

Freshwater East beach,
Wales

Wales - Whether it's sunny or raining we explore all the rock pools. Grandma and Grandad bring us here, every summer, every year. There's so much to do and lots to explore, let's not go home, let's stay evermore. There's birds to see and shells to pick, and lots of ice cream and lollies to lick! We love it here, it's a beautiful place and everything goes at a much slower pace. We don't want people flocking to our Hidden Gem... we want to keep it a secret from them!



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LOST LAND OF CENTRE - CANTRE'R GWAELOD

Between Ramsey Island and Bardsey Island
in what is now Cardigan Bay
to the west of Wales

Is Wales's very own Atlantis, and the tale is one of Wales's best known legends. According to the legend, Cantre'r Gwaelod was the rich and fertile 'lowland hundred' and 16 cities governed by Gwyddno Garanhir, whose palace, Caer Wyddno, was reputedly near Aberystwyth. The land stretched across what is today the open sea of Cardigan Bay and lay below sea level, protected by sea walls.

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