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Cardiff Bay “the tube” Visitors centre.

The building is an elliptical shape designed to make you feel as if you are standing inside a telescope. Situated in an enviable waterfront position, this major attraction has panoramic views across the Bay. Inside the Centre, visitors will be able to see a variety of educational exhibitions on display. Currently, there is “Baywatch”, an environmental exhibition located in the learning bay. This gives visitors the opportunity to learn about the birds, fish and insects that inhabit the 200 hectare lake

Location: Harbour Drive, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF10 4PA

Opening times: May- Sept: 9:30 am to 6pm

More information: Call 02920 463833 or visit www.cardiffharbour.com/learning/visitor.htm

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at our Cardiff Central Travelodge, Imperial Gate, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff, CF10 1FA from as little as £29 per night, for the best deals log on to www.travelodge.co.uk

National Mining Museum

Big Pit is a real coal mine and one of Britain's leading mining museums. With facilities to educate and entertain all ages, Big Pit is an exciting and informative day out. There's an exciting multi-media tour of a modern coal mine with a virtual miner, colliery buildings open to the public for the first time, and you can even take the world-famous underground tour — go 300 feet underground with a real miner and see what life was like for the thousands of men who worked at the coal face.

Location: Blaenafon, Torfaen, NP4 9XP

Opening Times: Open daily 9.30 am–5 pm. Underground tours run frequently 10am–3.30pm

More Information: Call (01495) 790 311 or visit www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/bigpit

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Pembrokeshire Beaches

Pembrokeshire, more than any other county in the UK, has received the most seaside awards for its beaches. So if you're a beach lover, and a fan of surfing, windsurfing, kite surfing, coasteering, scuba diving in crystal clear waters or just great family fun seaside holidays then the place to head is Pembrokeshire, West Wales. Jump to it! Great news then for family fun seaside holidays in West Wales. Many beaches around the key West Wales family resorts have superbly clean beaches. Tenby for example has pretty much blue flag idyllic beaches across the board, with Tenby North, Tenby Castle and Tenby South beaches all blue flag.

Nearest Travelodge: Stay at the Pembroke Dock Travelodge, Pier Road, Pembroke Dock, Pembrokeshire, SA72 6DY from as little as £19. For the best rates visit www.travelodge.co.uk