

VISIT CARDIFF

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Eventful year ahead for Cardiff

Cardiff is set for a busy year in 2007 with a packed calendar of world class sport, art, music and family events.

Cardiff has established itself as one of the world's top sporting destinations and 2007 will be no exception. Cardiff's Millennium Stadium will host cup final football, World Cup rugby, six matches of Rugby League in one weekend and even ice climbing and scuba diving as part of the XS07 extreme sports expo.

Cardiff is not just a sporting venue. Arts-lovers will be able to enjoy a full season of Welsh National Opera



Tesco Children's Festival, part of Cardiff Festival

at Wales Millennium Centre and works by Leonardo Da Vinci at the National Museum Cardiff.

For music lovers the Cardiff Singer of the World competition and the Welsh Proms return to St David's Hall, and the two-day

Metro Weekender music festival in Bute Park provides the entertainment on August Bank Holiday weekend.

The Cardiff Festival will also return in 2007, featuring two months of live music and entertainment.

www.visitcardiff.com

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what's new

New Cardiff Bay tour

A tour of places of worship in Cardiff Bay has been launched. The tour includes visits to the Norwegian Church, the Butetown mosque and the Cardiff Bay lightship. www.cardiffbaytours.com

Roots to Cardiff

A new exhibition telling the story of Cardiff's immigrant population opens in the Old Library on 24 Feb. *Roots to Cardiff: how the world made a city*, explores their reasons for coming here and their reasons for staying, using archive film, historic photos, mementos and stories from just some of the families who have made Cardiff their home. www.cardiffmuseum.com

Soprano daffodil

Visitors to the RHS Spring Flower show in Cardiff in April will be able to purchase new Katherine Jenkins daffodil bulbs. The new flower, named after the Welsh mezzo-soprano, will first be presented to the singer at the Wales v England rugby match in March. www.rhs.org.uk



Artists impression of the white water centre

Plans revealed for white water centre

Images of the new Cardiff Bay white water centre at the International Sports Village have been unveiled.

The 250 metre Olympic-standard canoe slalom centre will give visitors the opportunity to experience a wide variety of white-water

activities at the state-of-the-art facility, which is planned to open in 2008.

As the first facility of its kind in the UK the £8.4 million centre is expected to attract over 50,000 users per year once fully established.

www.cardiff.gov.uk

New European routes launched

Flybe, one of Europe's leading low-cost airlines, is launching a brand new base at Cardiff Airport with the introduction of a frequent, low fare service from Belfast City Airport.

Operating twice daily from May 2007, Flybe's fares will start from £19.99 one way including taxes and charges.

Thomsonfly, who currently operate seven routes from Cardiff, including Faro and Jersey, will also introduce a new Barcelona to Cardiff flight in May 2007.

The flights will operate four times per week with prices starting from just £22.99 one way, including taxes and charges.

www.cwifly.com



Held

6-7 Mar, Wales Millennium Centre

Australian Dance Theatre visit Wales for the first time with their new production, Held. Combining high-energy modern dance with live photography, images of the dancers are captured and projected onto video screens on stage as the performance continues.

www.wmc.org.uk

Six Nations Rugby

4 Feb, 17 Mar, Millennium Stadium

The return of the Six Nations championship in February means sports fans will once again have the chance to watch top-class rugby and experience Cardiff's world-class big match atmosphere.

www.millenniumstadium.com

Robot Thought

17-25 Feb, Techniquest

Immerse yourself in a world of Robots in a brand new show in Techniquest's science theatre. Experts in the field of Robotics will be demonstrating how robots have many uses in today's society and hosting robotics activities and workshops.

www.techniquest.org



Russell Brand

4 Mar, St David's Hall

Winner of Time Out's Stand-Up Comedian of the Year gong and described as "the most exciting comedian of his generation", Big Brother's big mouth brings his award-winning wit to St David's Hall as part of their Laughing Matters season.

www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

St David's Day

1 Mar, Cardiff Castle

Special celebrations are held all over Wales to commemorate our Patron Saint, and in Cardiff visitors can enjoy free entry to Cardiff Castle, with Welsh harpists and singers providing musical entertainment.

www.cardiffcastle.com



EDF Cup semi-finals

24 Mar, Millennium Stadium

The second season of the Anglo-Welsh Cup rugby union competition, the EDF Energy Cup, comes to Cardiff with a semi-final double header. Cardiff Blues face Llanelli Scarlets and Sale Sharks take on Leicester Tigers for a place in the 2007 cup final.

www.millenniumstadium.com

Tracy Beaker Gets Real

20-24 Feb, New Theatre

The story of Tracy Beaker by Children's Laureate Jacqueline Wilson has already become a popular TV series, now it comes to the stage. Join the UK's most popular and volatile girl when she explodes onto the stage in this brand new show with music for all the family.

www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Leonardo Da Vinci

23 Mar - 4 Jun, National Museum Cardiff

The National Museum Cardiff presents Ten Drawings by Leonardo Da Vinci: An Exhibition to Celebrate the 80th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen, a rare opportunity to see 10 of the finest drawings by the Renaissance master, loaned from the Royal Library at Windsor Castle.

www.museumwales.ac.uk



