

Abergavenny Experiences!

Memories are made from experiences and we think some of the following suggestions for memorable days out will really work well. Pick and mix from some of our ideas.

You can find all of the businesses featured on this website.

We recommend that you pre-book experiences to avoid disappointment.

If you do book with any of the businesses mentioned please let them know you discovered them on this website

If you need maps, walking routes and further

help from experienced, knowledgeable information staff, help is at hand from the following information centres:

Abergavenny Information Centre, The Town Hall, 61, Cross Street, NP7 5HD 01873 853254

Blaenavon World Heritage Centre, Church Road, NP4 9AE 01495 742333

CRiC centre, 1, Beaufort Street, Crickhowell, NP8 1BN 01873 811970

Hay on Wye Information centre, Oxford Road, HR3 5DG 01497 820144

History, hills and culture

Be inspired by the 360 degree panoramic views from the top of Sugar Loaf, come down to earth and enjoy a leisurely lunch at **The Crown** at Pantygelli, walk lunch off and wander around Abergavenny town. Look out for the heritage plaques on the Trails and Tales route around the town, the route can be found on www.visitabergavenny.co.uk. **Abergavenny Museum** can be discovered in the grounds of Abergavenny Castle. Walk a short way to St Mary's Church to see the 'Jesse', a very large 15th century wooden carving depicting the lineage of Jesus Christ. It is unique to Britain and described by Tate Britain as one of the finest medieval sculptures in the world.

Enjoy some real Welsh culture on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 18.30 by watching the rehearsals of **The Beaufort Male Voice Choir**, visitors are very welcome, contact Chris Evans 07885 303883.

10:00-12:00 Walk to sugar loaf

13:00-14:00 Lunch at the Crown at Pantygelli

14:00-16:00 Retail therapy and history in Abergavenny

18:30-19:30 Beaufort Male voice choir (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

20:00-21:00 Meal at the Grofield Inn or a take away fish & chip supper from **The Codfather** or takeaway from **Pizzorante**

Riding high

There is no better way to experience the Llanthony Valley than on horseback, getting to the **Grange Trekking Centre** offers some outstanding scenery. Or hire an ebike from **route 46ebikehire** and enjoy one of the amazing circular routes from their doorstep, around the Llanthony Valley or the Black Mountains. Continue to Hay on Wye, famous as the town of books for lunch, before mooching around the independent shops. Return to Abergavenny taking in Talgarth and Crickhowell, then relax in **The Kings Arms** for a cosy pub meal, or the **Tapas Twist**, tapas bar.

Another option to experience spectacular scenery on horseback is to take a trek from **Ellesmere Riding Centre**, where they will take you high above Llangorse Lake, the largest natural lake in Mid and South Wales. Take lunch at **The Bear Hotel**, Crickhowell, browse the unique independent shops or take a hike up Table Mountain. End the day with an evening meal at **The Angel Hotel**.

10:00-12:00 Trekking at the Grange or Ellesmere riding centre.

13:00-14:00 Lunch in Hay on Wye or Crickhowell, Bear Hotel.

14:00-16:00 Retail therapy in Hay on Wye or shop in Crickhowell with a hike up to Table Mountain.

19:00-21:00 Evening meal at The Kings Arms or The Angel Hotel or Tapas Twist.

Take it easy

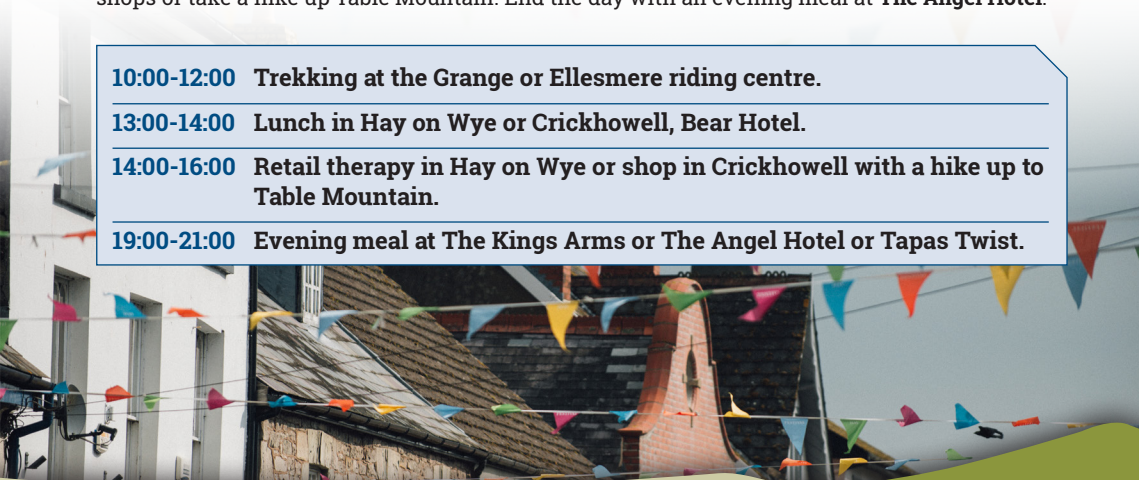
Take it easy and enjoy the peace of the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal by hiring an electric boat from **Beacons Boats** at Gilwern. Head for the mountains and park at Keeper's Pond, take a picnic, but keep some room for ice cream from the van parked nearby. Stretch your legs and walk around The Bloreng, look out for the memorial to Foxhunter, champion showjumper ridden by Sir Harry Llewellyn, famous for securing Great Britain's only gold medal in the 1952 Olympics. The ashes of Sir Harry are scattered around the memorial. Keeping the theme, why not enjoy an evening meal at **The Foxhunter** in Nantyerry.

10:00-12:00 Boating on the canal

13:00-14:00 Pic-nic at Keepers pond

14:00-16:00 Walk around the Bloreng

19:00-21:00 Meal at The Foxhunter



All about coal & iron

Close to Abergavenny is Blaenavon, birthplace of the industrial revolution. Take a trip below ground at **Big Pit**, a Welsh coal mining experience at Rhondda Heritage Park, where ex-miners paint a picture of what working underground, mining for coal was actually like. Follow this by lunch at **Blaenavon**

World Heritage Centre which has an excellent interactive exhibition which reveals

why Blaenavon was perfectly placed for the iron industry to thrive. Round off your day

by visiting the **Blaenavon Ironworks** built in

1789, experience the blast furnaces, water balance tower and the houses where the workers lived. For a treat, book a table at some of the award winning restaurants around Abergavenny.



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10:00-12:00 Visit Big Pit

13:00-14:00 lunch at Blaenavon world heritage centre and exhibition

15:00-16:00 Visit Blaenavon Ironworks

19:00-21:00 Meal at The Hardwick, Restaurant 1861, The Walnut tree.



Arts alive!

If it is culture you are looking for in Abergavenny, you are in luck. There is a growing group of talented artists settling in the area who welcome visitors to their studios to see their work. We have devised a tour of some of the galleries. If you want to spend a day at an art workshop, **Chapel Cottage** offer day workshops. Top off your tour by taking afternoon tea at **The Angel Hotel**. They are holders of The British Tea Guild Council's Top City and Country Afternoon Tea Award and The Award of Excellence.

10:00-11:00 Court Roberts Art.

11:15-12:15 Textiles at The Weir

13:00-14:00 Court Cupboard Gallery

14:30-16:00 High Tea at The Angel Hotel

The taste of Abergavenny

Famous for the annual food festival, Abergavenny is a great destination for foodies. Wandering around Abergavenny you will not fail to notice the variety of cafes and food producers such as **Rawlings Family Butchers** offering 48 varieties of award winning sausages or award winning **Neil Powell Master Butcher and Delicatessen**. A trip to **Abergavenny Garden Centre** will also appeal to the senses, a traditional garden centre where you may come across some unusual plants or shrubs. For lunch you could book a table at **Restaurant 1861** which is near to the final destination of the day, **White Castle Vineyard**. Book a tour of the 7 acre vineyard, finish off with a wine tasting experience. To round off the evening, book a table at **The Walnut Tree**, a Michelin starred restaurant.



10:00 - 12:00 Walk around Abergavenny town and pop over to Abergavenny Garden Centre

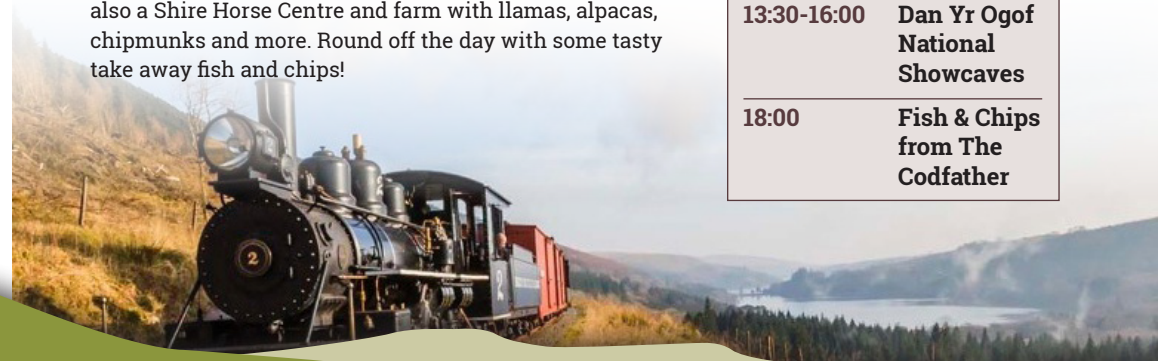
12:30- 13:30 Lunch at The Copper Kettle

14:00-16:00 Tour of White Castle Vineyard

19:00 - 21:00 Evening meal at The Walnut Tree

Trains & Dinosaurs

Climb on board the **Brecon Mountain Railway**, one of 12 train ride experiences in Wales, a 10 mile circular trip which climbs high into the Brecon Beacons. There is a café and play area for children, a perfect family treat. After this travel 45 minutes to **Dan-Yr-Ogof National Showcaves**, to see not only over 250 life-sized dinosaurs, but a series of underground caves with spectacular waterfalls. There is also a Shire Horse Centre and farm with llamas, alpacas, chipmunks and more. Round off the day with some tasty take away fish and chips!



10:30-11:00 Arrive at Brecon Mountain Railway to collect tickets

11:00-12:30 Circular train ride

13:30-16:00 Dan Yr Ogof National Showcaves

18:00 Fish & Chips from The Codfather