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Wales is often called the 'Land of Castles' and rightly so, as it is home to some of Europe's finest surviving examples of medieval castle construction.

The Castles of Wales
Kidwelly Castle is an imposing ruin, situated on a scarp above the upper tidal limit of the Gwendraeth Fach Estuary, and considered one of the finest castles in Wales. Laugharne Castle: 13th century Cadw The castle of Laugharne was built by the Anglo-Normans in the early twelfth century and is probably mentioned in 1116, but the existing ruins are thirteenth century and later. Llandovery Castle: 11th century Llandovery Castle is a motte and bailey castle first mentioned in 1113.

List of castles in Wales - Wikipedia
Built to guard the Tâf estuary, Laugharne Castle is one of the most fought-over in Wales.

Welsh castles | Wales.com
Perched on a rocky limestone hill in the town of Llandeilo in Carmartenshire, Wales, Carreg Cennen Castle is prized for the views it offers as much as for its ancient history.

10 Most Beautiful Castles in Wales (with Map & Photos ...
Also known as Sennybridge Castle and Castell Rhyd-y-Briw, this native Welsh castle built around 1260 is believed to be the work of Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, Prince of Wales.

List of Castles in Wales | Historic UK
Top Wales Castles: See reviews and photos of castles in Wales, United Kingdom on Tripadvisor.

THE 10 BEST Wales Castles (with Photos) - Tripadvisor
Located in the capital of Wales, Cardiff Castle was originally built in the 11th century as a motte and bailey castle atop an older Roman fort dating back to the 3rd century.

15 Best Castles in Wales - The Crazy Tourist
Caerphilly Castle The largest castle in Wales, and the second-largest in Britain, Caerphilly Castle was locked within water defences when it was built by the English during the 13th century.

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Harlech Castle is almost the archetypal castle a magnificent citadel, with four perfectly round towers at each corner.

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List of British royal residences - Wikipedia
Conwy Conwy Castle, a striking stone structure alongside the Conwy estuary as a lookout of users of the estuary and river as a way of accessing the area as well as a stronghold of the local surroundings. It was built by King Edward Longshanks as part of his iron ring of castles of the oppressive regime of the people of Wales. Thankfully, the red dragon of Wales now flies above the castle walls ...

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Pencoed Castle, Gwent, Wales is going to auction on the 17th September 2020. Originally built in the thirteenth century, the castle is in need of

refurbishment and offers significant development potential together with income from other existing buildings on the site.

Castles for sale in Wales

Wales‼s Anglo-Norman ‼celebrity‼ castles ‼ the Caernarfons and Harlechs of this world ‼ were built at great expense by Edward I. No less relevant as an insight into these turbulent times are the native fortresses ‼ the authentically Welsh castles if you like ‼ that were the strongholds of the princes of Wales.

The Princes of Wales | Cadw

High above the town of Llangollen, Castell Dinas Bran is one of the most prominent castles in Wales. Often translated as Crow's Castle, the views it affords of the surrounding area made it an...

The most beautiful castles in Wales | CNN Travel

These are the best places for groups seeking castles in North Wales: Castell Dinas Bran. Caernarfon Castle. Gwrych Castle. Chirk Castle. Conwy Castle. See more castles for groups in North Wales on Tripadvisor.

THE 10 BEST North Wales Castles (with Photos) - Tripadvisor

Llansteffan Castle, Carmarthenshire. Carmarthenshire is a county steeped in Arthurian legend. Visit one of many castles such as medieval Kidwelly, Laugharne, Dinefwr or Carreg Cennen. Places To Visit South Wales Welsh Castles Scenery Castle Pembrokeshire Swansea Bay Castles In Wales Scenic.

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You may be a castle enthusiast on holiday or an armchair aficionado seeking the perfect introduction to Welsh castles. If so, here is the perfect solution: a combination of fireside companion and practical handbook for windswept walks. The introduction sweeps through medieval history, setting the castles in their historical, political and military context, while the main text is a practical guide to nearly 80 castles with grid reference and notes on access, history and building details. Fully illustrated, "Castles in Wales, A Handbook" also includes a list of over 400 medieval castles, and an appendix of possible, post-medieval and lost castles.

History of and gazetteer to all surviving Welsh castles - the majority 13c - arranged by county, with full OS details.

The Impact of the Edwardian Castles in Wales publishes the proceedings of a conference held in 2007, a year that marked the seventh centenary of the death of King Edward I, which set out to review recent scholarship on castles that he built in north Wales after two wars, in 1277 and 1282-83 and a Welsh uprising in 1294-95, and to rethink the effect that their building had upon Wales in the past, present and future. Building upon the seminal work of Arnold Taylor, whose study of the buildings and documentary evidence has been pivotal to Edwardian castle studies for more than fifty years, the volume includes papers which call into question the role of Master James of St George as the architect of the kings new castles; the role of Richard the Engineer, the nature of royal accommodation in the thirteenth century and a detailed look at how households worked, especially in the kitchen and accounting departments. New approaches to castle studies are encouraging a more holistic understanding of the Edwardian castles and their context and to this end papers consider their impact on Welsh society and its princes in the thirteenth century, notably Llywelyn ab Iorwerth (Fawr , the Great) and his grandson, Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, prince of Wales. Their symbolism and meaning through the words of Welsh poets and the mythology behind Caernarfon Castle are also examined, so too is the role of Welshmen in Edward Is armies. The wider context is considered with papers on the Edwardian towns in Wales, the baronial castles in north Wales and Edward I in Scotland and Gascony. The castles still have powerful resonance and the Minister for Heritage in the Welsh Assembly Government considers their role and presentation in Wales today and in the future. Robert Liddiard concludes that the volume 'not only takes our knowledge of the Edwardian castles forward, but also informs the study of castles in the British Isles'.

The purpose of the book is to give visitors to the medieval castles of Wales a concise but informative description of the main publicly accessible sites in a convenient format. An introductory chapter outlines the development of castle architecture in Britain, drawing on Welsh examples, with a number of ‼box features‼ that elaborate more fully on particular aspects, such as gatehouses, or key personalities such as Llywelyn Fawr. Five chapters form a regionally based gazetteer of the castles described. Each entry is prefaced with a key to arrangements at each castle, such as whether there is an entry charge. The know history of any given site is then summarized, and this is then followed by the core of each entry, namely the description of the visible remains, to enable visitors to navigate their way around. Some of the descriptions of the larger sites are accompanied by plans. A final chapter provides a brief overview of castle-like buildings dating from the seventeenth century onwards, and this is followed by a guide to further reading.

In 1277 Edward I gathered a huge army and marched into Wales to subdue the rebel Welsh princes. A key part of his strategy was to erect a castle wherever his army rested. This title takes a detailed look at the design, development and principles of defence of these Welsh castles, documenting daily life within their walls and the historical events that took place around them. Focusing on key sites, it highlights the varied castle designs ranging from fortifications based on French models to the defences inspired by Constantinople, and is illustrated with eight pages of full-colour illustrations and cutaway artwork.

In 1277, Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, Prince of Gwynedd, met with Edward I of England in Aberconwy to finalise a treaty that would change the fate of both nations. His hand forced by Edward‼s invasion earlier that year, Llywelyn‼s acceptance of the terms confirmed not only short-term peace but also that the rule of Wales would pass to Edward on his death. To augment his rising dominance, the English king embarked on a building project that saw the rise of some of the most recognisable fortresses in Europe. Quite literally, an ‼Iron Ring‼ of castles. Even before the construction of Edward‼s infamous ‼Iron Ring‼, castles were by no means rare in Wales. Both before and simultaneous to William the Conqueror‼s establishment of timber and stone fortresses in the south and borderlands, a process continued by many of his descendants, native structures also existed. Though often more palatial than protective, such constructions proved decisive to the ongoing wars and were often chosen as sites for future castles. Just as had been the case in England, the story of the castle crosses many centuries. Many began as Roman forts, whereas others date from more modern times. While many are now romantic ruins, others remain cherished family homes, if not hotels or museums. By adopting an identical approach to that seen in Castles of England, the purpose of this book is to throw light on the stories behind them. For as long as there have been castles in Wales, there have been mysteries within their walls. Murders that remain unsolved, treasures unfound, prisoners left to rot in the darkest pits and valiant warriors whose heroic deeds have become a cherished part of the Welsh identity. From blood-soaked heroes to long-lost legends, despotic pirates to wailing hags, Castles of Wales offers a fresh investigation into many of its

fascinating fortresses. No country has more castles per square mile than Wales. Even today, there are more than 200 to be enjoyed. Inspired by such a rich tapestry of tales, this book provides an essential introduction to the nation many regard as ⏌The Land of Castles⏌.

This volume presents a collection of essays providing a picture of the current knowledge of castles in Wales and the Marches. The essays have been brought together to honour a leading scholar in the field of castle studies. The collection is set out in chronological order starting with early earthwork castles and extending through to the 17th-century Civil War. The majority of the papers look at an architectural, archaelogical or histroical aspect of a particular castle. There are in addition three synoptic papers. The interest of the volume goes beyond the medieval period, and six of the essays have particular relevance for post-medievalists.

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