

# Welcome to Llanelli

We look forward to welcoming you to the 14<sup>th</sup> Carmarthen Bay Film Festival in our town. To help you make the most of your visit, here are some pointers of where to stay, where you might eat, meet and drink and some things to do if you've a spare moment.

## Getting Here and Getting Around

Llanelli is in the Welsh county of Carmarthenshire, 12 miles to the west of the City of Swansea. Y Ffwrnes Theatre – the principal venue for the festival on the edge of the town centre.

**By car** - Llanelli is 6 miles from Junction 48 of the M4 motorway – follow the A4138 and then the A484 arriving at Eastgate where you will find ample parking. The Y Ffwrnes theatre venue is a 2 minute walk in a pedestrianised area.

**By train** - Llanelli is served by intercity GWR trains from London Paddington with direct services or requiring a change to a Transport for Wales service at Swansea. Click [HERE](#) for your tickets. The railway station is 18 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes or 14 minutes by bus operated by First Bus. Click [HERE](#).

**By bus** – there are coach services from London terminating at Swansea Bus Station and connecting to local services from First Bus. Click [HERE](#), which stop at Island Place – only 2 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes

**By taxi** – there are a number of local licensed taxi firms operating and a very limited Uber service. Some contact numbers for 24 hour services below:

- Eddies Cabs – 01554 777222
- Mastercabs – 01554 777111
- Griffs Taxi – 07528 351520
- Trish Taxis – 01554 777333

## Your Home from Home

Llanelli is well-provided with hotels.

The closest hotel to our main venue at Y Ffwrnes is **Llanelli Central Travelodge** only 2 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes Theatre. Click [HERE](#)

On the edge of the town centre is **The New Thomas Arms hotel**. 7 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes) which will also host festival events. Click [HERE](#) to book

At 86 Queen Victoria Road about 10 minutes walk we have the 4\***Coastal Park Hotel** Click [HERE](#) to book. (To access the festival discount email directly [reception@coastalparkhotel.com](mailto:reception@coastalparkhotel.com), quoting code **CBFF** when making your booking).

With distances from Y Ffwrnes Theatre indicated, further afield we have:

- **The Diplomat Hotel** (1 mile) a full service 3 star hotel with spa in the Best Western chain. Click [HERE](#) to book
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- **Premier Inn Central West** – (1 mile) a modern hotel adjacent to The Sandpiper a pub and restaurant. Click [HERE](#)
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- **Coastal Park Hotel** (1.2 miles) a welcoming hotel offering a true home-from-home experience, along with on-site pizza and ramen pop-ups during the event. Click [HERE](#) (To access the festival discount email directly [reception@coastalparkhotel.com](mailto:reception@coastalparkhotel.com), quoting code **CBFF** when making your booking).
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- **Premier Inn Central East** – (1.4 miles) a modern hotel. Walking to this venue from Y Ffwrnes is not advised. Click [HERE](#)
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- **The Sessile Oak** (1.6 miles) – a hotel in the Marston’s chain adjacent to a pub and restaurant. Walking to this venue is not advised. Click [HERE](#)

## Meet for a Coffee

Llanelli boasts a range of excellent cafes in the Town Centre. Here are some of our favourites:

**Moth Coffee** – 7 Eastgate – Chic café with great coffee 8am – 5pm apart from Sunday. 3 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes – past Nandos and turn left.

**Hwyl** – 20 Market St – serving top notch coffee and an eclectic menu. 3 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes Theatre on Market Street. Open Tuesday – Saturday 9 – 3pm

**Avo** – 28 Market St - for drinks and snacks - opposite Y Ffwrnes Theatre - Open Tuesday – Saturday 9.30 -2.30

**Llanelly House** – for Bridgerton vibes go for a coffee in a renovated Georgian Town House – also offering cream teas and a fascinating tour. Only 5 minutes walk through town. Click [HERE](#)

**Shire Coffee at the Bookshop** – 57 Stepney St - A cosy new venue serving great coffee. Only 7 minutes walk. Opens Tuesday to Friday 8am – 2pm

**Marzano’s** – licensed café serving food – 13 Cowell St – 5 minutes walk – Open 9am – 4pm

## Meet for a Pint

Llanelli is home to the famous Felinfoel Brewery, the first in Europe to can beer and here is our pick of drinking venues

**Opulence** – offering a great range of cocktails, beers and soft drinks only 3 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes Theatre in Eastgate. Open 7 days a week from 10am til 8pm in the week and later at weekend.

**The York Palace** – Llanelli's branch of the JD Wetherspoon chain – if you don't go for the beer go for the building – a converted grand cinema. Open 7 days 8am – 12am

Further afield (1 mile) we also boast **Beer Park** – a bar and shop offer Wales's largest range of craft beer and cider - 600 beers to drink in and take out. If you fancy sampling Welsh beer call in – and they will be offering tasting events in festival week. Click [HERE](#)

## Where to Eat

If you don't want to grab a bite at your hotel and don't want to wander away from the town centre then why not try:

- **The New Stepney** – a popular family pub and restaurant opposite Y Ffwrnes – Open Thursday – Monday – 9am – 10pm
- **Nando's** – a chain of restaurants focusing on spicy chicken only 1 minute walk – Open 7 days - 11.30 – 10pm
- **Sheesh Mahal** – Indian cuisine only 7 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes Open Tues – Monday 5.30 – 9.30
- **Sultan** – Indian Cuisine only 5 minutes walk from Y Ffwrnes Opens Weds – Mon 5.30 – 10pm

If you'd like to roam for something a bit different we can recommend the following within 2 miles.

- **St Elli's Bay** – fantastic brasserie overlooking the beach.
- **Cattle and Co** – American barbecue in a converted Edwardian Pump House
- **Machynys Brasserie** – Panoramic views of the Gower peninsula from the restaurant in the golf club and spa

## Where to Shop

Trostre shopping centre offers supermarkets and the usual chain stores in an out of town location (1 mile) for your convenience, but the town centre provides some interesting independent destinations within 5 minutes walk.

- **Second45** – a record shop offering a huge range of new and used vinyl and CDs
- **Kraken Gaming** – for a huge range of gaming products and events too.
- **Solid Gold** – if you've forgotten your best get-up, this menswear shop has got you covered with the best brands

- **Llanelli Market** – a general covered market with a bit of everything – pop in to The Welsh Shop for a memory of your visit or pick up some Welsh Cakes.

## More about Llanelli

Llanelli has a proud history, rapidly growing from a coastal village to a producer of 90% of the world's tinplate, as the home of the renowned Scarlets rugby team and as probably the world's largest Welsh speaking urban settlement.

Remnants of our industry remain with Tata Steel Trostre works continuing to produce specialist tinplate products but what was once a smoky industrial town is now blessed with a stunning coastline, railway lines turned into cycle tracks and a local munition works reclaimed as a Country Park with a 7 mile Blue Flag beach. With the addition of Britain's newest racecourse – Ffos Las, two championship golf courses and an RSPB Wildfowl Sanctuary we've got the full package for a visitor.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our town and look forward to welcoming you back.



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