

## Holyhead, Wales

Holyhead is an industrial port and ferry dock. Small ships will dock on Orthios Jetty Pier, for larger ships this is a tender port. Cruise guests docking at Holyhead will use a complimentary shuttle, taking you to the parking area at the Celtic Gateway Bridge. Taxis are found at this location, as well as tours booked outside of the cruise line.

The Celtic Gateway Bridge is a pedestrian bridge, a four min walk across takes you into the center of town.

Holyhead is hilly and often damp; wear shoes with appropriate traction.

### History

Holyhead, on Holy Island, is a historic port town in Wales. Dating as far back as 1530, Holyhead served as an important port stopover point for the mail between London and Dublin. The longest breakwater in the UK is found here, at 1.75 miles long, providing a safe harbor in rough seas. The town is centered around St Cybi's Church, which was built on a Roman fort.

### Foods

- Welsh Cakes - A sweet bread, cooked on a hot griddle or baking stone, then sugar sprinkled. Teatime treat.
- Cawl - A hearty stew made of meat and vegetables.
- Rarebit - Toast covered in a hot cheese sauce made of caerphilly cheese, ale, mustard, and Worcestershire.
- Bara Brith - A yeast bread made with dried fruit that is soaked overnight in tea; giving the loaf a unique flavour.
- Laverbread - Bread made using laver, a seaweed hand-picked from the coastline. Unique texture and salty.
- Tatws Popty - Potatoes made in the used roasting pan after meat is cooked, crispy on the top, moist on the bottom, soaking up the meat juices. Most recipes include carrots and onions.
- Crempogs - Welsh pancakes made with buttermilk.
- Glamorgan Sausage - No meat, made from cheese, leeks and breadcrumbs.
- Tatws Pum Munud - A traditional stew made from very thinly sliced potatoes, vegetables, and smoked bacon. Ingredients lay flat and the stew is cooked in a large frying pan.
- Oggies - Originally a mobile hot lunch for miners. Oggies are encased with flaky, buttery pastry and filled with lamb, leeks and potatoes.
- Rissole - A deep fried mix of mashed potato, corned beef, onions, and herbs all rolled together in a ball and coated with breadcrumbs.
- Pikelet - A small pancake for breakfast; cross between a drop scone and a crumpet.



### Animals

You may see; red deer, feral goats,  
red kite (raptor), harbor porpoise, and red grouse.





## Plants

Unique to Wales are; Ley's Whitebeam, Black Mountain Hawkweed, Snowdon Lily, Yellow Whitlow Grass, Cuckoo flower, Bog rosemary, and Snowdon lily.

## Language

Welsh, though English is also widely spoken.

## Currency

British Pounds. Credit cards are widely accepted.

## Driving

Left side, valid US Driver's License needed.  
Most roads are narrowing and winding.



## Sightseeing on your own

- Market St - Take the Celtic Gateway Bridge into town and you'll arrive on Market St. This is the main shopping area hosting a variety of shops, pubs, and restaurants.
- St Cybi's Church - located at the end of Market St. First established in 540 AD, the current structure was built in the 13th century, with the last addition in 1897. The lower graveyard is still protected by the roman walls.
- Tŷ Mawr and Trefignath - Dating back to 3100 BC, the Tŷ Mawr standing stone and Trefignath burial chambers are a bit over a mile southeast town, inside sheep pastures. Visitors are welcome, close the gate behind you.
- Maritime Museum - Located on the waterfront, one mile northwest of the port, on Newry Beach. The museum features local maritime history such as pirates, shipwrecks, and rescues.
- South Stack Lighthouse - Located on the opposite side of the island. Built in 1809 to warn ships away from the rocks. To climb the lighthouse, visitors will first need to traverse a steep 365 step stairway down the cliff face.
- Holyhead Golf Club - is open to visitors. [Home - The Holyhead Golf Club Ltd](#)

## Guided Tours

### Holyhead Shore Excursion to Caernarfon Castle

From \$88pp

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Holyhead/Holyhead-shore-excursion-Caernarfon-castle-guided-tour/d4330-398638P3?pid=P00002881&uid=U00204439&mcid=58086&currency=USD>

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