**City Break**

**Lesson aim**

***improve students’ communication skills on tourism in the city***

**Lesson objectives:**

*activate learners’ vocabulary on city sights*

*improve students’ listening and reading skills on tourism in the city*

*ameliorate their speaking skills on the given topic*

*expand their cultural knowledge about famous city landmarks*

**Main Part**

Step #1

Name: Adventures in the wild or city breaks?

Timing: 3 min

Slide type: Lead-in

Slide focus: presenting the topic

Discuss the questions below with your teacher

1. What attractions above do you try visiting when you travel?
2. What other attractions would you add?
3. Can you think of a city where you can see all of those attractions?

Step #2

Name: Golden Gate City

Timing: 5 min

Slide type: Listening

Slide focus: Listening for specific information

Picture



Watch the video and note down the attractions possible to see in San Francisco

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oo6iAxf4si0> \*

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***List the rest of the stages of the lesson and give a short description of the exercises and their purpose in those stages***

Step #3

Name: Golden Gate City2

Timing:7 min

Slide type: Listening

Slide focus: Listening  for gist

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***Look at these three pictures. Do you remember the names of these attractions of San Francisco and why they are popular?***

***Watch again and match the main attractions to their description.***

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| 1. Union Square 2. Chinatown 3. Pier 39 4. The Golden Gate Bridge | 1. is the place where you can buy all kinds of strange and exotic goods and which is filled with eastern mystique 2. is almost 2 miles long and 750 feet high an opens splendid views across the Bay and out over the Pacific Ocean 3. has some of the best views of San Francisco Bay and a resident sea lion community. 4. is the finest shopping region   .. |

***Which attractions of Sam Francisco would you like to see and why?***

Step #4

Name: Cardiff

Timing:6 min

Slide type: Reading

Slide focus: Reading for specific information

Picture



***What do you know about Cardiff?***

***Read the text about Cardiff and complete it with the necessary words. (Their first letters are given.)***

Cardiff is the capital and biggest city of Wales, in the United Kingdom.

Its name in the W… language is Caerdydd. A 2011 census reports that around 346,100 people l… in Cardiff. It is the most important city in Wales for tourism, c…, government, sport, t…, nightlife and b….

Cardiff has a big port that used to be known as Tiger Bay. It is now just called Cardiff Bay, and the Welsh G… works there. There are now lots of shops, pubs and r… in Cardiff Bay. Cardiff has an int… airport, and is twinned with Nantes in France and Stuttgart in Germany. Cardiff has one of the largest stadiums in the United Kingdom, the Millennium Stadium, where important world sports m… and concerts happen. Other big stadiums in the city are the Cardiff City Stadium, where the main f… team play, Cardiff Arms Park where the main rugby team play, and the SWALEC Stadium where cricket is played.

To get around, there are lots of bus routes and train lines in the city. There are two big train stations in Cardiff city c…, called Central station and Queen Street station, but there are also 18 other smaller stations in the city for local areas. There are lots of cycle paths in Cardiff on and off the road.

Three big r… flow through Cardiff - the Taff, the Ely and the Rhymney.

Part of Cardiff is b… on marshland.

<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardiff>

**Look at the pictures and say how they are connected to Cardiff.**









**Would you like to visit Cardiff? What would you do there?**

Step #5

Name: *Free things to do in Cardiff*

Timing: 7 min

Slide type: Reading

Slide focus: Reading  for specific information

Pictures





***Read the text and say which attractions there are in Cardiff if you travel on a budget.***

# FREE THINGS TO DO IN CARDIFF

#### Travelling on a budget and looking for free things to do in Cardiff? Visit Cardiff can help…

Cardiff is a great city to visit if you’re travelling on a budget, providing you know where to go and what to check out. There is a surprising number of free attractions tourists can visit and enjoy in Cardiff, ranging from museums and galleries and fantastic architecture to historical monuments, parks, and walking trails. Luckily for you the Visit Cardiff team have put together a comprehensive list of free things to do in Cardiff when visiting on a budget, using our insider knowledge of the Welsh capital city.

#### ****National Museum Cardiff****

Housing Wales’s national art, natural history and geology collections, National Museum Cardiff should be on everyone’s Cardiff bucket list. If you’re visiting on a budget then this should be at the top of that list as the museum is free to enter.

If you want to stand and stare, there’s plenty to please your eye – from Impressionist paintings to gigantic dinosaurs. The museum occasionally holds temporary exhibitions and events which will cost extra to access, but these are very reasonably priced.

#### ****St Fagans National Museum of History****

Step back in time at Wales’ most popular heritage attraction. The museum, which is free to enter, stands in the grounds of the magnificent St Fagans Castle and gardens, a late 16th-century manor house donated to the people of Wales by the Earl of Plymouth in 1948.

Since 1948 over forty original buildings from different historical periods have been re-erected in the 100-acre parkland, among them houses, a farm, a school, a chapel and a splendid Workmen’s Institute. Traditional crafts and activities bring St Fagans alive, in workshops where craftsmen still demonstrate their traditional skills.

Throughout the year, St Fagans comes to life as traditional festivals, music and dance events are celebrated.

#### ****Pierhead Building****

The Pierhead has been a central part of the Cardiff Bay landscape, having witnessed colossal change in the last century. Since 1897 it has helped Wales forge its identity. Visit their interactive exhibition and experience the stories that have put Cardiff Bay at the forefront of Welsh economic and civil identity for the best part of 200 years.

#### ****Norwegian Church Arts Centre****

A landmark building on the Cardiff Bay waterfront and a renowned cultural venue, The Norwegian Church Arts Centre holds a wide range of events from cultural and art festivals to craft markets. It has an exhibition space, a café, and is free to enter. Just outside you will spot a mosaic sculpture to commemorate Captain Scott, the famous explorer. A great place to stop and have a snack and a drink, and take a look at an exhibition if you’re in Cardiff Bay.

#### ****The Senedd****

Visit the home of Welsh democracy. Situated overlooking the waters of Cardiff Bay, this public building is one of Cardiff’s most outstanding pieces of contemporary architecture and is a Parliament for the people of Wales.

Opened on St David’s Day 2006 by Queen Elizabeth II and renowned architect Lord Richard Rogers, The Senedd is situated in a prime position on the waterfront alongside the Pierhead, also belonging to the Assembly estate.

Take a free tour or watch a debate taking place in the Welsh Parliament via the public gallery.

#### ****Museum of Cardiff****

A fun, free museum for visitors exploring the city’s heritage and uncovering its story.

The perfect place to start your visit to Cardiff. The Museum of Cardiff is the first museum where Cardiffians and visitors alike can discover the story of the city through the eyes of those who know it best – its people.

***Bute Park***

The green heart of Cardiff, Bute Park is one of the UK’s largest and most beautiful parks.

At 56 hectares (equivalent to 75 football pitches), it is one of the largest urban parks in Wales and comprises a broad mix of historic landscape, urban woodland, sports pitches, arboretum, horticultural features, sculpture trail, a secret garden café and river corridor. You can spend a whole day here and still not see everything there is to discover.

<https://www.visitcardiff.com/news/2020/01/08/free-things-to-do-in-cardiff/>

Step #6

Name: *Free things to do in Cardiff2*

Timing: 6 min

Slide type: Reading

Slide focus: Reading  for gist

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<https://www.visitcardiff.com/news/2020/01/08/free-things-to-do-in-cardiff/>

***Read the text “FREE THINGS TO DO IN CARDIFF”*** again and say which sight is described.

1. It is the home of Welsh democracy.
2. Next to the building there is a sculpture to commemorate the famous explorer.
3. In this place craftsmen show their skills.

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**Which attractions of Cardiff are the most interesting and why?**

Step #7

Name: *Which city would you like to visit, Cardiff or San Francisco?*

Timing: 7 min

Slide type: Speaking

Slide focus: Discussing questions

Picture





1. After getting information on Cardiff or San Francisco, what impression on these cities have you got?

2. Could you compare two cities? Which one is more modern, more picturesque, more polluted, more exciting etc.?

3. Which city would you like to visit more if you had a chance and why?

4. Which sights would you like to see in the city?Why?

Step #8

Name: *Talk about visiting your town or city*

Timing: 6 min

Slide type: Speaking

Slide focus: Describing the sights of your city

Picture



***Imagine that tourists come to your city and strive for exploring it. Be their guide and help them to see the main sights and enjoy the atmosphere of the city.***

Use the following plan –

1) Short information on the situation, status and population of your town/city

2) Characterize it (Is it modern or old, noisy or calm? what kinds of transport are used there?...)

3) Talk about its main sights

4) Say where tourists can go if they want to have a cheap meal, a good meal, to watch a film, enjoy beautiful views …

5) Explain to them why you love your place and it is so special to you

You have 2 min to prepare your answer.

Step #9

Name: *Now you can*

Timing: 3 min

Slide type: Summarizing

Slide focus: Showing the student what they have learnt

*Now you can*

1. Use the vocabulary on city sights.

2. Extract specific and main information from the texts on the given topic when reading and listening.

3. Express your opinion on the sights of Cardiff and San Francisco and compare two cities.

4. Talk about the curiosities and tourist features of your own city.