

# Beaumaris

## Circular Town Walk

This is a gentle stroll around the historic seaside town of *Beaumaris*, which boasts over 200 Listed Buildings on the map provided. Starting at the Pier with its majestic views over the *Menai Strait*, the walk takes you to many of the town's highlights via its quaint pastel-coloured cottages, quality shops, varied cafés, fine restaurants, and ancient inns.



## Directions

### 1 The Pier to The Courthouse

Start at the entrance to the *Pier*, and walk to the end, passing the *RNLI*. At the end of the *Pier*, admire the views: ahead of you are the mountains of *Eryri*, and to the right on the opposite shore, the town of *Bangor*. To the left you can see *Great Orme* and *Llandudno*. Retrace your steps down the pier, admiring the seafront with its pastel buildings and *Grade II Listed Chimney* to the left, and the imposing *Victoria Terrace* to the right. On *The Green* you'll also see a *Stone Circle*. Carefully cross the road, and go straight ahead down the narrow, paved road aiming for the pedestrian archway under the *Town Hall*. Emerge onto busy *Castle Street* where you will find all manner of shops and eateries. Opposite you'll see the *Tudor Rose*. Turn right past *Bulkeley Hotel* and, on the left, *The Bulls Head*. When you reach a square, aim for the gap to the right-hand side of the *Courthouse*.

### 2 The Courthouse to Bulkeley Gateway

Cross the road and walk to the pedestrian crossing. Cross here entering the *gardens* ahead of you, and take a tour of the perimeter path, marvelling at the east wall of the *Castle* as you do so. Exit the park and retrace your steps back around the *Courthouse*. From the square, carefully cross the road and walk past the *Castle Gift Shop*. Follow the road around to the left. There is a regular *Artisans Market* held in front of the *David Hughes Community Centre*. Keep the *Catholic Church* on your right, and continue up *Rating Row* past all the pastel cottages. At the junction turn right and follow the road to the end of more pastel cottages. Cross the road and go down *Stanley Street* where you'll see the stone *Bulkeley Gateway* at the end.

### 3 Bulkeley Gateway to The Pier

Follow the road round to the right as far as *Fford Meigan* on *Cae Bricks Estate*, then turn and retrace your steps. Before the *Gateway*, turn right down *Gaol Street*. At the crossroads, left down *New Street*, then right at the end down *Steeple Lane*. Take the archway through the wall into the grounds of *St Mary's & St Nicholas' Church*. Walk a circuit of the church, noting the town's *War Memorial* on the far side. Exit the churchyard back through the archway and turn left continuing down *Steeple Lane*. On your right is the unmistakable, high perimeter wall of the town's *Historic Gaol*. Continue down *Steeple Lane*, turn right down narrow *Chapel Lane*, and left down *Gadlys Lane*. Turn left again, pass the *Liverpool Arms* on your left, and walk along bustling *Castle Street* back to the archway under the *Town Hall*. Opposite the *Town Hall* is *Church Street* where you'll find the *George & Dragon*, and the *Market Square*. Walk back via the archway to the start of your walk at the *Pier*. ■

## Selected Sites

- The **Pier** was opened in 1846 and, following a storm, was rebuilt and extended to 170m in 1872. For many years it served steamers to and from *Llandudno* and *Liverpool*. In 2011 it underwent a major £2m refurbishment.



Pier

- Despite appearances the **Stone Circle** on *The Green* is not ancient but was built in 1995 to mark the *Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Môn* held there the following year.



Stone Circle



Town Hall

- The first municipal building here was a 1563 *Elizabethan Hall*. The current **Town Hall** replaced it in 1785, and its large room on the first-floor was once said to be "*the most splendid ballroom in North Wales*".

- Dating from the 1480s, the **Tudor Rose** is one of the oldest timber-framed buildings in Britain. It stands as a fine reminder of what most of *Castle Street* would have once looked like.



Tudor Rose

- Now a museum, the **Courthouse** was built in 1614 and is both one of *Anglesey's* most fascinating buildings, and also the oldest Courthouse in Wales.



Courthouse

- Unfinished, the **Castle** was intended to be Wales' largest and most advanced of its time. Built by *Edward I* between 1295 and 1330, it features four symmetrical concentric lines of fortification including a moat, towers, gatehouses, and a pier to serve supply ships. It is one of only five *UNESCO World Heritage Sites* in Wales.



Castle

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- When completed in 1948 the award-winning **Cae Bricks Estate** comprising 30 houses was hailed as the benchmark in quality, post-war, affordable housing. *Aneurin Bevan*, then Minister of Health, visited the construction site three times.



Cae Bricks



Coffin Lid

- **St Mary's & St Nicholas' Church** dates from 1330. The nave is original, but many parts have been remodelled over the years. The Porch houses a stone coffin purportedly belonging to *Joan, Lady of Wales* (d. 1237), wife of *Llewelyn the Great, Prince of Wales*, effective ruler of Wales.

- The impressive **Bulkeley Estate Gateway** was once the entrance to the *Baron Hill* estate established in 1618.



Gateway

- The **Gaol** is a disused prison that has been transformed into a museum and gives a fascinating insight into Victorian prison life. Built in 1829 and expanded in 1867, it closed in 1878 and was later used as the town's police station.



Gaol





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