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BEAUTIFUL MUMBLES

Referred to as 'the gateway to the Gower Peninsula', this beautiful seaside village is steeped in history. Mumbles is the perfect location base for any Gower holiday.



THE PIER

Opened on 10th May 1898 and costing £10,000 Mumbles pier was originally designed as an overflow for cargo headed to Swansea Docks. It wasn't long before the pier became a major terminal for paddle steamers unloading tourist from routes along the Bristol Channel and River Severn.

After the First World War the RNLI added a slipway and access walk to the north side of the pier and in the 1920's the famous red roofed house was constructed at the top of the

slipway. In 1946 the pier was in desperate need of renewal but due to ongoing rationing of metal and wood it was not until 9th June 1956 that the pier re-opened.

After almost 60 years the pier is now undergoing a huge refurbishment program in which everything other than its legs will be either restored or renewed. A new RNLI boathouse and slipway is being built on the end of the pier as well as new fishing platforms along each side of the pier head. The pier will be re-opening to the public in the summer of 2014... hopefully!

EATING OUT

Mumbles is home to some of the best restaurants in the area, where you can enjoy local produce like freshly caught fish and seafood, some of it landed just yards away. In a region renowned for its ice cream parlours, Mumbles hosts some of the most famous, with award-winning recipes.



SHOPPING & RELAXING

Mumbles is famous for its small, independent shops, boutiques and quirky galleries selling everything from high-end fashion to casual surfing gear; traditionally-carved Welsh lovespoons to American folk art; local seafood to continental charcuterie and handmade chocolates.

Alternatively treat yourself to a relaxing spell in one of the several beauty salons dotted around the village, providing services from award-winning hairstyling, to

holistic massage therapy and luxury spa treatments.

Most shops and salons are concentrated in the Newton Road, Dunns Lane and Mumbles Road areas.

You can really spoil yourself when you visit Mumbles!



MAJESTIC AND HISTORIC OYSTERMOUTH CASTLE

THE PIER IS CURRENTLY HALFWAY THROUGH A MULTIMILLION POUND RENOVATION PROJECT



HISTORY

Mumbles has been settled since ancient times, and its history is still very much on display throughout the village. Mumbles Lighthouse, built in 1794, still warns passing boats of undersea sand banks - you can view it best from Mumbles' Victorian pier, which is also home to a café and skating rink.

Mediaeval Oystermouth Castle was once home and fortress for the Norman Lords of Gower, and hosts outdoor theatre performances during the summer months.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Mumbles Railway was the world's first passenger railway service, it carried the first fare-paying railway passengers on 25 March 1807

Swansea Bay experiences one of the largest tidal ranges in the world with a maximum range of about 10 m.

Oyster fishing was once an important industry in Swansea Bay, employing 600 people at its height in the 1860s.

OYSTERMOUTH CASTLE

The Castle sits majestically on the hill in Mumbles with stunning views overlooking Swansea Bay. An ideal picnic location!

With stunning views over Mumbles, Oystermouth Castle sits majestically on the hill overlooking Swansea Bay. Over recent years the castle has undergone conservation work to ensure the castle structure is safe and sustainable for the foreseeable

future. Work was carried out under the expert eye of Glamorgan Gwent archaeologists. Now the public can explore parts of the castle that have been hidden away for centuries, new features include ancient graffiti art from the 14th century, private staircases leading from vaults to previous banqueting halls and a 30 foot high glass bridge.

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LANGLAND BRASSERIE

Langland's Brasserie is a café bar brasserie in one of the finest

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BEACHES

Swansea Bay and Gower are blessed with many award-winning beaches such as Bracelet Bay (Blue Flag and Seaside Award), Caswell Bay (Blue Flag and Seaside Award), Langland Bay (Blue Flag and Seaside Award) and Limeslade Bay (Green Coast Award and Rural Seaside Award).

The lovely Port Eynon Bay (Blue Flag and Seaside Award) was recently voted the 'Best British Beach 2011' in the Cadbury Flake 99 Great British Beach Awards.

Rhossili Bay, our 'supermodel of British beaches' (The Independent) was voted 'the best beach in Britain' in 2010 (Cadbury Flake 99 Great British Beach Awards & Daily Mail online poll) and the UK's 'best picnic spot' (British Guild of Travel Writers). It also won a Green Coast Award 2012.

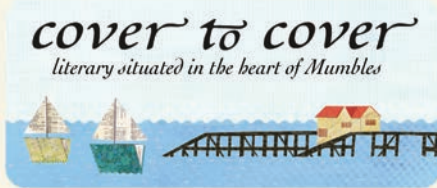
If you're into surfing head for Langland, Caswell or Llangennith.

For wilder experiences, head to Three Cliffs Bay, Mewslade, Pwll Du, Brandy Cove, just some of the hidden jewels of the Gower Peninsula.

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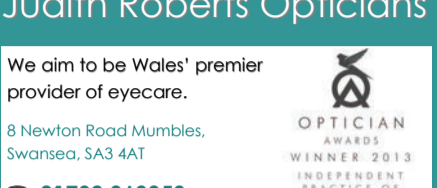
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