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**Impressive:** Caernarfon Castle remains as imposing today as it did eight centuries ago.

**O**NE of North Wales' most beautiful destinations, the historic walled town of Caernarfon has it all.

Ideally nestled alongside the Menai Strait and boasting breathtaking views across Snowdonia, the majestic town of Caernarfon is blessed with both a rich history and bright future.

Historically developed as a stronghold for King Edward 1 - following his creation of the magnificent Caernarfon Castle during the 13th century - Caernarfon has long been an important town in North Wales and is deservedly one of the

UK's most celebrated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Surrounded by fortified walls, inside the picturesque town offers a charming combination of architecture and is a small pocket of living history.

A pleasure to explore, one of the best ways to see the town is by foot and from the twin-towered gatehouse to the wall walks, there are many nooks and crannies as well as quaint, winding streets to work your way round and investigate.

Famed for being the place of Prince Charles' investiture as Prince of Wales in 1969, impressive Caernarfon Castle remains as imposing today as it did eight centuries ago and dutifully stands guard over the town and its people below.

There are many other attractions in the town, from the beautiful Blue Flag yachting marina and multi-million pound creative enterprise centre, Galeri Caernarfon, to the Welsh Highland Railway and Lon Eifion cycle path.

What's more, Caernarfon offers much more than a rich history and is a thriving town. Home to a bustling retail centre, shoppers have always been well catered for within the walls, and a short walk around the atmospheric streets will reveal a large variety of both local and high street stores.

In particular, the town's treasure trove of independent shops are a real gem to behold and from Welsh crafts, jewellers, soft furnishings, antiques and boutiques to name but a few, you'll discover a friendly welcome and personal service awaits you.

Equally, Caernarfon's future looks just as exciting and the town is currently going through somewhat of a transformation. With a superb, continental style redevelopment of the Maes (Castle Square) set to be completed this summer, and the creation of Doc Fictoria on the harbour which will include luxury apartments, a 13,000sq ft shopping centre, a number of restaurants and a 49 bedroom hotel, there's never been a better time to explore this charming town.

So, for a warm, Welsh welcome and an abundance of activities and attractions, Caernarfon is a great place to live, work or play.

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