

GETAWAY

Next week we launch our famous holidays from £10 per person offer to readers. **ADRIAN CAFFERY** and family sample one of the many holiday parks included in the promotion



JANUARY BEST FOR BARGAINS

JANUARY is the cheapest month of the year to enjoy a city break according to the latest research. Holidaymakers can save as much as 73% versus going away in more popular months.

Holiday comparison website, TravelSupermarket.com says the average cost per night of a city break to Seville in southern Spain is £41.25 in January, a difference of 73% vs visiting the city in September where the average cost is £89 per night. And it's a similar story across a range of popular city break destinations. Bavarian capital, Munich offers holidaymakers an average saving of 65% in January, vs the more popular month of September (£49.41 vs £96.56).

The capital of Latvia, Riga reveals a difference of 64% between January and August (£35.56 vs 68.90), while Hamburg, Germany costs an average of £41.66 per night in January vs £74.76 in May (57% difference).

Poland's capital, Warsaw costs on average £30.83 per night in January vs £55.07 in April (a difference of 56%) with prices in Barcelona, Spain revealing a difference of 53%, January vs August (£42.73 vs £73.67).



■ **ATTRACTION** Tickets Direct has a triple offer on - with savings of more than £85 per person on 2018 ticket bookings.

The offer includes: Free admission to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex; 14 days for the price of seven on Disney Ultimate theme park tickets and discounts of more than £30 on combination tickets. Combination tickets provide significant savings compared to booking individual park tickets. The Orlando Freedom Ticket Ultimate includes 14 days unlimited access to the 13 major theme parks in Florida. The ticket costs £757 per adult and £724 per child and is more than £30 cheaper than buying individual tickets.

To book call free on 0808 271 4453 or visit attraction-tickets-direct.co.uk

SITTING outside the Ty Coch Inn, drink in hand, we could see why it was voted the world's best beach bar in a recent survey. The taste of our specially brewed 6.5% Ty Coch cider was enhanced by the views to the Yr Eifl mountain range and Snowdonia beyond, as the kids played merrily on the sandy beach below the sea wall.

Ty Coch is nestled in the National Trust-owned fishing village of Porthinllaen on the Llŷn Peninsula in north Wales, where we were enjoying some autumnal sunshine during a midweek break.

Built in 1823, the inn started life as a vicarage but when the vicar moved closer to his church, the housekeeper started to quench the thirst and fill the tummies of the shipbuilders working on the beach.

Only locals can drive into the tiny village so visitors must either walk along the beach from Morfa Nefyn or along the private road which passes through a scenic golf course, which takes around 20 minutes.

The weather took a turn for the worse the next day of our holiday so we were glad to be staying at Hafan y Mor, a Haven holiday park where the massive swimming pool complex has had a £3 million upgrade.

Splashaway Bay now boasts three exhilarating flume slides, a multi-lane slide, a bubble pool, a 'Lazy River', a wave pool, a children's pool, lots of fun features and a lane pool for those wanting to just swim.

To top it off there's a Millie's coffee and cookie bar. We were there during the October half term and feared that with the inclement weather we would have to join a queue with a "one out, one in" rule, but the complex is so big that wasn't the case.

The kids had such fun there that three hours passed in a flash, and they would have happily stayed longer had there not been so much more to do at Hafan y Mor - so much, in fact, that four days wasn't long enough.

There's crazy golf, sand art, roller discos, bug hunts, water zorbing, target shooting, segways, coastal walks, football lessons, swimming lessons, bicycle lessons, nest box making... the list goes on.

Our son, Owen, did his best Robin Hood and Errol Flynn impressions during the archery and fencing classes for three to five-year-olds. The swords were foam but they still wore full combat gear.

Unfortunately, I left it too late to book daughter Cerys, aged seven, onto the Turbo Paddlers, Aqua Gliders or Aqua Jets sessions. And she didn't have the head to tackle the high ropes course in the treetops, but plenty will.

Another pool-based activity at Hafan y Mor for children over seven is kayaking, but we were able to do

HAVEN CAN'T WAIT



Owen enjoyed the fencing classes for three to five-year-olds

The pool area is almost big enough to keep you entertained for a whole holiday



Meeting Haven's Seaside Squad



The spacious holiday home



Canoeing at Glasfryn Parc



The Ty Coch Inn

Splash is a water slide starting 12m up with two wave chutes, both 60 metres long, alongside a spiral tube chute that's 91m long.

There's more eco-friendly fun: pedal-powered moonkarts, family-sized canoes, a huge bouncing pillow, treehouses, a barefoot trail, a 70m sledge run and Britain's only boardwalk maze.

The sheer joy on the kids' faces as they rode the Green Dragon and Solar Splash made for some great souvenir photos - and this is the only theme park I've been to where you don't get ripped off. For just £2 Greenwood will

email you the photo so you can print it off as many times as you like when you get home, which works out much cheaper than buying those 'framed' versions.

Back at Hafan y Mor, our evenings were spent in the company of the Seaside Squad: Polly the life guard, Ned the DJ, Rory the tiger, Greedy the monkey, Bradley the bear and Anxious the elephant.

There was dancing, games, bingo and photo opportunities, and one night a terrific musical featuring well-known show tunes and pop songs that Cerys absolutely loved - and even Owen sat through.

It was an action-packed few days, but the longest lasting memory of our break will probably be breakfast on our final morning at Hafan y Mor's Mash & Barrel restaurant.

We were joined by Polly, Anxious and Greedy, who were all very generous with both their time and their cuddles, really making our children's week.



Crazy golf and the high ropes course at Hafan Y Mor

LATE BREAKS

LAST-MINUTE DEALS ON HOLIDAYS

GAME OF THRONES GETAWAY HAVING been named as the number one region to visit in 2018 by Lonely Planet, there's no better time to take a trip to the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland.

As the home to Titanic Studios, visitors can also enjoy the Westeros Tour, exploring many of the filming locations featured in Game of Thrones, following in the footsteps of the Starks and Lannisters themselves.

Price is from £115.50 per person including two night's accommodation at the Holiday Inn Express, Belfast and tickets for the Westeros Game of Thrones Tour. Valid for arrival January 12. Visit www.superbreak.com or call 0800 042 0288.

NEED TO KNOW

■ **ADRIAN CAFFERY** and family were guests of Haven at Hafan y Mor, between Criccieth and Pwllheli, which has 1,400 caravan pitches, many with views across to Snowdonia. They stayed in a six-berth Prestige caravan, in a quiet cul de sac, with central heating and double glazing ensuring a good night's sleep. It had a twin bedroom for the kids while the double had a small dressing table, masses of storage and an en-suite. There was a good sized

shower with shelves for gels (why do so many hotels still get this wrong?). The comfortable lounge was well designed with full-width patio doors leading to decking, which looked out on to a landscaped island.

■ **HAVEN** operates parks across the country and is offering a saving of up to 25% on all 2018 holidays until February 6. To find out more about this offer or to book visit www.haven.com or call 0333 202 5205.

■ **SELECTED** Haven parks, including Hafan y Mor, are taking part in our Holidays from £10 per person promotion.

■ **THE** best way to find places to visit in Snowdonia is to go to attractionsofsnowdonia.com. It's worth getting a Snowdonia pass, which costs just £5 per person for 12 months and gives you discounts at more than 50 attractions, restaurants, shops and accommodation. See Snowdoniapass.co.uk



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