



RIVER TAWE CRUISES



River Trips include “Floating Classroom” for schools and community use.
Public trips, corporate hospitality, private functions, birthdays, weddings etc

Discover Swansea’s unique heritage

Licensed to carry 47 passengers (seated) in heated enclosed cabin

Hot and cold drinks, licensed bar and snacks

Platform lift for wheelchair and easy access

2015 Cruise Times

12:00, 14:00 & 16:00 – 7 Days per week (until further notice)

For group or party bookings of 10 or more (ANY day/time), please call us

Further Details and Booking Enquiries

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Swansea Community Boat



Copperopolis

Swansea



From the earliest times, ships moored at quays along the river bank. Swansea Castle was built in the 14th century to protect the port. Sea going ships could follow the river inland to load coal. The history of the navigation is the story of Swansea itself. Discover how the Tawe River navigation helped create Copperopolis, one of the greatest industrial powerhouses that the world has ever known.

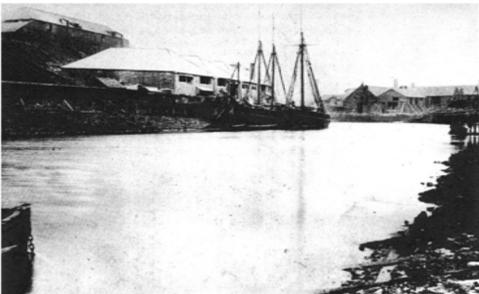
The Hafod copper works was established by John Vivian in 1810. The Vivians owned copper mines and small copper works in Cornwall, but came to Swansea because of readily available cheap coal. Vivian town Hafod was built to house the workers.

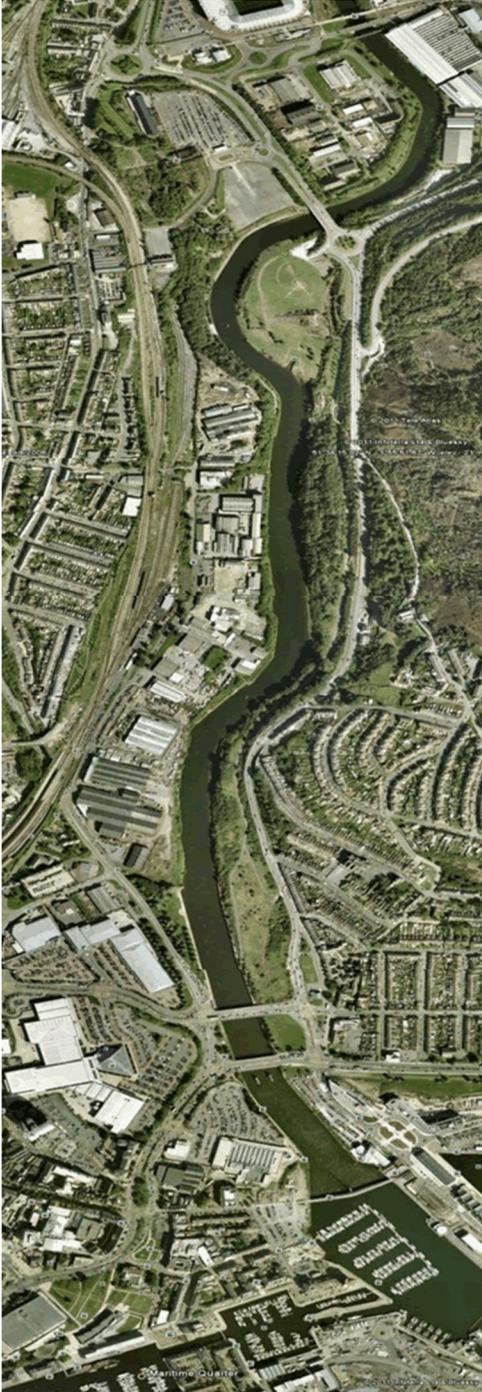
The wages at the works were good and this brought many workers to Swansea. In 1848, the works employed 500 men and 500 women and children.

Why did the Copper Industry develop at Swansea?

It took 3 tons of coal to smelt 1 ton of copper ore, so it was more economical to site the copper works at Swansea near the Coal Mines.

At one time, over 90% of the World's copper came from Swansea.





The River Route

Sailing from the Swansea Museum Historic Vessels pontoon, passing through the Marina and swing bridge into Swansea Marina Lock.

Once through the lock we proceed up river, passing Swansea Yacht and Sub Aqua Club and under the Sail Bridge opposite Sainsbury's.

Going under the two road bridges, we travel past the site of the Cambrian Pottery works and towards the scenic approach to the historic Copper Works site.

Passing White Rock, the river changes directions and travels under the White Rock road bridge and Copper Quarter development.

Reaching the historic bascule bridge just before Morfa retail park and Liberty Stadium, we reach the limit of our navigation and start our return to Swansea Marina.

Watch out for the varied wildlife that can be seen along the river, including; otters, foxes, salmon, sewin (sea trout), bass, mullet, gannets, herons, wagtails and kingfishers.

Trip duration approx. 1½ hours.

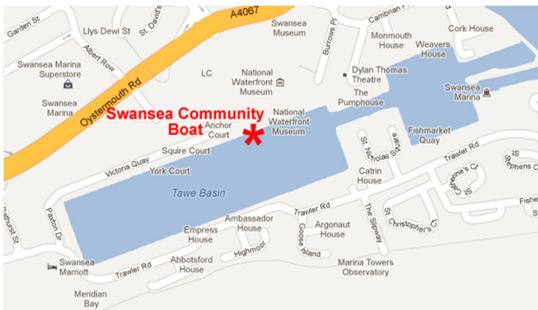
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Adults	£8
Child (over 5, under 16)	£5
Child under 5 (one per family)	FREE
Concessions	£6
Family (2 adults & 2 children)	£22
Family (2 adults & 3 children)	£25

Please contact us for prices for group discounts and private bookings



Directions



Swansea Community Boat (“Copper Jack”) is located in Swansea Marina, close to Swansea Leisure Centre (LC2) and next to the National Waterfront Museum and only 5 minutes walk from the city centre.

By bus

For latest information for buses to Swansea City Bus Station (The Quadrant), visit www.firstgroup.com.

By road

From outside Swansea, exit the M4 at junction 42 and follow the brown signs. From inside Swansea, the Waterfront Museum is located on Oystermouth Road next to the LC2. For satellite navigation purposes use the post code SA1 3ST.

By rail

Swansea is served by mainline services to London, Paddington. There are also links with Carmarthen and West Wales and station in Mid Wales via the Heart of Wales line.

Car parking

Swansea Leisure Centre (LC2) has a large car park (paid – free on Sunday)