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ACT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2023 DELEGATE GUIDE

As the focal point of the corporate treasury calendar, the ACT Annual Conference brings together over 1,000 treasury and finance professionals across all industries and geographies. Join 100+ expert speakers and 80+ solution providers to learn, network and inspire each other and further your treasury career.

In 2023, the conference moves to the International Convention Centre Wales (ICC Wales) for the first time. This state-of-the-art venue features the latest in conference technology, with a firm focus on delegate comfort and environmentally-friendly business (see page 3).

We are delighted to be working with the ICC Wales and this delegate guide will provide you with all the information you need to make your experience with us as productive and seamless as possible.



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WORKING TOWARDS A PAPER-FREE EVENT



In keeping with our focus on ESG and the ICC Wales's environmental friendly ethos, this year the conference is working towards going paperless for 2023.

There will be no printed programme, ACT delegate bags or delegate inserts. Most of the information you need will be available digitally, via the conference app.

Via the app you will be able to:

- **View** the full agenda
- **Create** your personal schedule
- **Network** and arrange meetings with other attendees
- **View** speaker and exhibitor profiles and much more.

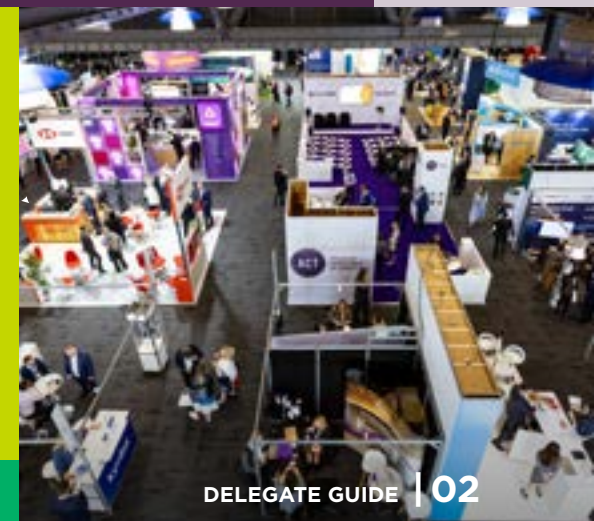
The app will be available to download in April, via your app store.



NETWORKING DRINKS AND DINNER



At the end of the first day of the conference all delegates are invited to a networking drinks reception within the exhibition hall, followed by a seated dinner all included in the price of your ticket.





THE VENUE

Opened in September 2019, the ICC Wales has taken a different approach to other convention and conference centres by incorporating and respecting the surrounding environment, championing local produce and placing the delegates' welfare at the heart of everything they do. The venue is surrounded by the Coldra Woods, and as well as views onto the woodland from inside the venue, the woods offer an opportunity to experience nature during the conference.

There are covered outdoor meeting spaces in the surrounding woodland, and several walking and running trails, allowing delegates to work and exercise in nature.

Why not organise a walking meeting while onsite? A Stanford University study on the positive effects of walking on creativity found that walking "improves the generation of novel, yet appropriate ideas", with the effect remaining even when people sit down to do their creative work shortly after.

The highly skilled ICC culinary team have personally selected the finest local ingredients that not only taste delicious but simultaneously boost alertness and energy levels, general wellbeing and the overall good health of delegates.

During the conference you will experience meals where superfoods, fruit and vegetables are prominent,

high in protein, low in saturated fats all designed to keep you as happy and productive as possible.

In addition to the conference caterers, there are a variety of restaurants only a short distance away at the Celtic Manor Resort (see page 6), handy if you need to arrange a private dining experience.

On top of these impressive sustainability credentials, the ICC Wales:

- has mini recycling centres in every corner
- recycles food waste to generate low carbon electricity
- has planted 15,000 shrubs & trees in the surrounding area to complement native woodland
- is dedicated to responsible waste management
- refillable water stations (don't forget your water bottle).



GETTING THERE



TRAIN

The closest train station to ICC Wales is Newport, which is located approximately 13 minutes away by car. Attendees travelling from London can receive an exclusive return fare of £42 with Great Western Railway.

Click here to book. Please be aware that these train tickets will be valid only with proof of attendance at a conference. Tickets can be booked up to three months in advance, subject to availability, one ticket at a time.



COACHES

Coaches will be running a free of charge shuttle service during peak travelling hours, between Newport train station and ICC Wales. Further details will be released closer to the event.



TAXIS

There is a taxi rank at Newport train station where there will be a limited number of taxis available. These will be payable by the individual delegate.



ACCOMMODATION

MICE Concierge are the official accommodation partner for ACTAC 2023. They have sourced the best available bedroom rates for hotels in the area for our delegates. Once your attendance at the event is confirmed, please use the link below to check availability and book your accommodation.

miceconciergeme.com/act2023

To block book five or more bedrooms, or for any other queries, please contact hello@miceconcierge.com.



TRAVEL TO THE ICC WALES

The ICC Wales is less than two hours by train from London Paddington and Birmingham, a stone's throw from the M4, boasts 2,000 car parking spaces and is also close to both Cardiff and Bristol airports.

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Hunters lodge



Hunters lodge dining area

TRAVEL TO THE ICC WALES



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

ICC Wales is serviced by the Newport Bus service which travels along Chepstow Road. The closest bus stop is located a five-minute walk away.

Plan your journey here.

Other Newport Bus services travel on the **Chepstow Road**.



TAXIS

Taxis are easily accessible via the local taxi firm, Dragon Taxis. Taxis can be booked in advance by phone on **01633 216216** or using the app; just search for “**Dragon Taxis Newport**” in your app store. A taxi from the station to ICC Wales will cost £11.20.



DRIVING

Car parking charges at ICC Wales

Delegates are eligible for exclusive parking rates when parking for 8+ hours. You can pre-book your parking here: iccwales.celtic-collection-events.com/parking/order/

For further information on parking rates please visit ICC Wales' website. iccwales.com/getting-here/car/



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BY CAR

Cardiff

Time: 23 mins Distance: 14 miles

Bristol

Time: 40 mins Distance: 31 miles

Birmingham

Time: 1hr 50 mins Distance: 105 miles

London

Time: 2hrs 30 mins Distance: 138 miles

Manchester

Time: 3hrs Distance: 170 miles

BY RAIL

Birmingham 2hrs 32 mins

Bournemouth 3hrs 52 mins

Brighton 4hrs 46 mins

Bristol 41 mins

Cardiff 2hrs 21 mins

Crewe 2hrs 39 mins

Exeter 2hr 16 mins

Gatwick 3hr 7 min

Heathrow 2hr 36 mins

Leeds 5hr 10 mins

Liverpool 4hr 24 mins

London (Paddington) 2hr 6 mins

Manchester 3hr 56 mins

Newcastle 6hr 52 mins

Nottingham 4hr 5 mins

Oxford 1hr 49 mins

Southampton 2hr 48 mins

Stoke-On-Trent 3hr 21 mins

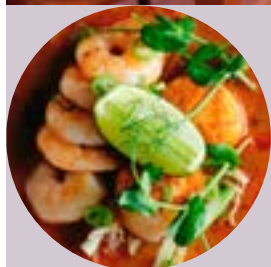
Swansea 1hr 20 mins

York 5hr 14 mins

*these are the average travel times

THE CELTIC MANOR RESORT

The ICC Wales is only a short walk away from the Celtic Manor hotel and resort where you'll discover a host of restaurants, spa and golf facilities.



RESORT RESTAURANTS

This is what the Celtic Manor have to say about their restaurants:

THE OLIVE TREE

Enjoy a relaxed and informal dining experience in the stunning wood-panelled Olive Tree Private Dining Room. With aspect windows on two sides and a view over the Roman Road Golf Course, this is the perfect venue for a more relaxed group dinner. A self-service buffet means you can indulge as much or as little as you like.

STEAK ON SIX

Enjoy an award-winning meal in a stunning setting which features incredible views over Coldra Woods. Alongside the finest steaks from the British Isles and beyond, diners can also take their pick from an array of other fine meats, fish and wine.

RAFTERS

Located within the Rafters Restaurant, this semi-private area offers spectacular views of the Welsh countryside, whilst comfortably serving a hearty Welsh lunch or dinner.

THE GRILL

This warm and welcoming clubhouse restaurant boasts great food any time of the day, with cosy fires and spectacular views overlooking the Roman Road golf course.

PAD

Pad Private Dining Room offers an exquisite dining experience imitating the passionate Asian dishes served in the main restaurant, next door. Located in the historic Manor House property, this private dining room offers the perfect intimate setting for a themed dinner together with pre and post-dinner drinks.

THE NEWBRIDGE ON USK

Enjoy lovingly cooked modern British cuisine featuring seasonal ingredients from our own kitchen garden. With head chef Adam Whittle at the helm of this fabulous two AA Rosette award-winning restaurant. All this, in the loveliest setting on the banks of the River Usk.

THE RIB SMOKEHOUSE & GRILL

Succulent smoked dishes with Southern flavour. Discover steakhouse sophistication with smokehouse aromas and Southern-influenced dishes treated to our secret recipe rub, cooked low and slow in our hickory wood-fired smoking ovens.

CONTACT

If you are interested in reserving any of the areas above, please contact:

The Celtic Collection Events Team
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01633 410 252

RELAX AT THE FORUM SPA



Escape to the tranquil haven of The Forum Spa and feel your stresses ease away as you relax and unwind in a world of sheer luxury and indulgence. This award-winning spa immediately envelops you in a sanctuary of serenity and tranquillity.

For more information visit the Forum Spa website

celtic-manor.com/spa-fitness/forum-spa/about-forum-spa



GOLF AT CELTIC MANOR RESORT



The Celtic Manor offers world-class championship courses, a golf academy and driving range. Even if you are not staying onsite, the resort offers visitor day rates and all equipment can be hired onsite.

Find out more celtic-manor.com/golf

There are numerous corporate hospitality opportunities available at the Celtic Manor.

Contact the Celtic Manor Events Team here: celtic-manor.com/conference-events/contact-our-events-team

VISIT WALES

Wales is a country synonymous with dramatic landscapes, green spaces and stunning coastline.

Whether it's waterfalls and rivers, valleys and forests or mountains and hills, Wales is a country where the natural environment is entwined both with its history and its future economic and social ambitions. From three National Parks at Snowdonia, the Brecon Beacons and the Pembrokeshire Coast, to areas of outstanding natural beauty at Anglesey, Gower, Wye Valley, Llŷn Peninsula, the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley, and 870 miles of the Wales Coast Path - the first path in the world to follow a country's coastline in its entirety. Wales boasts a natural advantage when it comes to making the most of the great outdoors.

Visit the Visit Wales visitwales.com website for more information about Wales



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