

# Wales



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## Snowdonia, Anglesey & Puffin Island Cruise



*Discover the spectacular scenery of the Snowdonia National Park, a heritage rail journey and the wonderful coastline of Anglesey.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to Caernarfon for a 4 night stay.

**Day 2:** Head to **Anglesey** and explore the quaint, historic streets of Beaumaris, with its 17th century Courthouse and 13th century moated castle, as well as enjoy a 90 minute **Menai Straits or Puffin Island cruise**. If time allows, visit Llanfair PG or the hidden gardens at Plas Cadnant. Alternatively, enjoy a **full day guided tour of Anglesey**, wrapped around by 125 miles of sandy beaches and soaring rocky cliffs. Renowned for its wildlife and maritime history, there are sleepy fishing villages, hidden coves, stately homes, picturesque gardens, ancient religious places of worship and megalithic monuments to behold on this island of wonders.

**Day 3:** Enjoy an excursion into the **heart of Snowdonia to the lovely village of Llanberis**, where you could visit the National Slate Museum and step back in time to uncover the secrets of slate. This afternoon, enjoy either a narrow gauge steam train ride on the **Llanberis Lake Railway** or head to the summit of Snowdon, weather permitting, on the **Snowdon Mountain Railway**.

**Day 4:** Explore the medieval walled town of **Caernarfon** with its mighty 13th century castle or you could board a train for a single journey on the Welsh Highland Railway through the spectacular Snowdonia National Park to Porthmadog. Alternatively, visit the historic town of Conwy and wander 'around the world in 80 acres' at Bodnant Garden.

**Day 5:** Time for home.

*Please see page 21 for a 'Winter Warmer' tour at this hotel.*



**Celtic Royal Hotel HHH**  
Historic hotel within walking distance of Caernarfon's walled town and impressive castle.

- 110 Bedrooms
- Lift
- Coach parking

## Great Little Trains of North Wales



Ffestiniog Railway

*Enjoy memorable journeys on the Welsh Highland and Ffestiniog Railways through Snowdonia's stunning scenery.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to Criccieth for a 4 night stay.

**Day 2:** Marvel at the wonderful scenery on a memorable nostalgic rail trip on the famous **Ffestiniog Railway**, which offers a magical combination of spectacular landscape and historic railway. Explore the resort of **Criccieth**, with its two beaches separated by a spectacular headland castle, or if you prefer, why not visit the unique Italianate village of Portmeirion, where the cult 1960's TV series 'The Prisoner' was filmed.

**Day 3:** Excursion into the very heart of Snowdonia to **Llanberis**, which is home to the fascinating National Slate Museum and two narrow gauge railways, one which could take you on a relaxing trip around the lake and one which could take you to the very summit of Snowdon. Continue through the 'Pass of Llanberis' to the delightful village of **Betws-y-Coed**, which literally means 'sanctuary in the wood'.

**Day 4:** Travel north to the **medieval walled town of Caernarfon**, with time to explore its mighty 13th century Castle, before boarding a train for a single journey on the **Welsh Highland Railway** through the spectacular **Snowdonia National Park** scenery to the historic harbour town of **Porthmadog**, which has no less than three narrow gauge railway stations.

**Day 5:** Time to reluctantly head for home.

*Please see page 21 for a 'Rolling Back the Years' tour in March, April and October at this hotel.*



### The Lion Hotel HHH

Family run hotel in the heart of the charming Victorian seaside resort of Criccieth.

- 46 Bedrooms
- Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Ffestiniog Railway
- Welsh Highland Railway
- Entertainment on 2 nights
- 4 to 8 singles - no supplement

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Puffin Island or Menai Straits Cruise
- Guided Tour of Anglesey ➤ Llanberis Lake Railway or Snowdon Mountain Railway ➤ Entertainment on 2 nights ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £245**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £295**

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £239**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £265**



## Heart of Wales Steam & Cruise



Elan Valley

*Experience an elegant Victorian spa town, a scenic train journey, a Victorian Gothic Hall and a relaxing canal cruise.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to Llandrindod Wells for a 4 night stay.

**Day 2:** Escape to **Elan Valley**, a world away from normal life, for a coach guided tour of this beautiful location and its visitor centre. Visit **Abbey-Cwm-Hir Hall**, a Grade II listed historic house and one of Wales' finest examples of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture. Enjoy a tour of this magnificent Hall which has been restored to its Gothic splendour. Each of its 52 rooms is unique and there are stunning interiors, fascinating collections and 12 acres of beautiful gardens. Home to the National Cycle Collection, explore **Llandrindod Wells**, whose towers and ornate ironwork reflect its heyday as a Victorian spa town.

**Day 3:** Head to the Ceredigion Heritage Coast and the **Victorian seaside resort of Aberystwyth**, which is home to beaches, a lovely Promenade, a funicular railway, castle ruins and the National Library of Wales, and enjoy an unforgettable and nostalgic journey through some wonderful scenery on the **Vale of Rheidol narrow gauge steam railway**.

**Day 4:** Experience the beautiful and diverse scenery of the **Brecon Beacons National Park**, including **Brecon**, with its medieval cathedral and narrow streets full of craft and antique shops, and a **relaxing cruise through a lock and over an aqueduct on the historical Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal**, a fantastic feat of engineering which was built before roads and railways. A buffet lunch or cream tea can be included, if required. Alternatively, you could visit **Hay-on-Wye**, which has become a world famous second-hand book centre.

**Day 5:** Homeward bound.



**The Metropole Hotel**  
**HHHH**

In the heart of Llandrindod Wells, it has been owned by the same family for over 100 years.

- 120 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Vale of Rheidol Railway ➤ Brecon Canal Cruise
- Abbey-Cwm-Hir Hall & Gardens
- Elan Valley Visitor Centre & coach guided tour
- Entertainment on 1 night ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £285**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £304**

## Pembrokeshire Coastlines & Tenby



*Experience stunning sea views, Britain's only coastal National Park, an enchanting castle and the seaside resort of Tenby.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to the Cliff Hotel & Spa, near Cardigan for a 4 night stay.

**Day 2:** Surrounded by some of the finest coastline in Europe is **St Davids**, the **smallest cathedral city** in Britain and a popular location for pilgrims and artists alike. Adjacent to its 12th century cathedral stand the magnificent ruins of the medieval Bishop's Palace. Enjoy a visit to **enchanted Picton Castle**, near Haverfordwest, which is a half fortified manor house and half medieval castle, set in 40 acres of stunning gardens.

**Day 3:** Excursion through the **Pembrokeshire Coast National Park** to **Tenby**, one of the UK's finest coastal holiday resorts, which has retained its natural charm, narrow streets, harbour and beautiful beaches. Tenby is steeped in ancient history and surrounded by an imposing medieval stone wall. If time allows, continue to the picturesque seaside village of Saundersfoot, with its historic harbour.

**Day 4:** Visit the lovely market town of **Cardigan**, with its unspoilt townscape and rich heritage, before continuing through the picturesque Teifi Valley to the **National Wool Museum**. Enjoy an informative guided tour and let the story of wool, once the most important industry in Wales, weave its magic in this unique working museum. If time allows, why not call into the fascinating National Coracle Centre at Cenarth.

**Day 5:** Sadly, it's time to head for home.

*Please see page 21 for a 'Turkey & Tinsel' tour at this hotel.*



**The Cliff Hotel & Spa**  
**HHH**

This lovely hotel near Cardigan, has stunning sea views and cliff-top walks.

- 73 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Picton Castle & Gardens
- National Wool Museum & Guided Tour
- Entertainment on 3 nights ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr, May & Oct: Prices from: £242**  
**Jun to Sep: Prices from: £260**

## Gower Peninsula & Tenby



Discover Britain's *first* 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty', the resort of Tenby, a wonderful garden or a nostalgic train journey.

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to Llanelli or Carmarthen for a 4 night stay.

**Day 2:** Experience the sheer beauty of the Gower today with a visit to the **Gower Heritage Centre**, which offers crafts, a watermill and a museum, but most of all enjoy a **coach guided tour of the Gower Peninsula**. Ensure you visit the **picturesque Victorian seaside village of Mumbles**, with its boutiques, galleries and potteries, and if time allows call in to the regenerated Swansea Bay and Maritime Quarter, home to the National Waterfront Museum.

**Day 3:** Excursion into Pembrokeshire to the **historic seaside resort of Tenby**, with its natural charm, narrow streets, harbour and beautiful beaches. Alternatively, you could try something completely different and head into the southern foothills of the Brecon Beacons to Penderyn Distillery, home of the one and only single malt Welsh Whisky or enjoy spectacular scenery on the Brecon Mountain Railway.

**Day 4:** Explore **Carmarthen, the oldest town in Wales**, with its popular Wednesday outdoor market, medieval lanes and Georgian buildings. This afternoon the choice is yours. You could visit the **National Botanic Garden of Wales**, with the world's largest single-span glasshouse, **Aberglasney Gardens**, which was a garden lost in time and abandoned for fifty years or you could enjoy a nostalgic heritage train journey on the **Gwili Steam Railway**.

**Day 5:** Head for home.



### Best Western Diplomat Hotel & Spa HHH

A family-run hotel, it combines warm hospitality, with style and sophistication.

- 50 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Ivy Bush Royal Hotel HHH

Set in the heart of Carmarthen, it combines old world charm with modern facilities.

- 70 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Gower Heritage Centre and Guided Tour
- National Botanic Garden of Wales, Aberglasney Gardens or Gwili Steam Railway ➤ Entertainment on 2 nights
- Leisure facilities (Diplomat Hotel)

May to Sep: Prices from: £275

## Cultural Cardiff & the Royal Mint



Cardiff Castle

Cardiff is far more than just a city break, with its vibrant bay area, imposing Castle, heritage and historic local attractions.

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to Cardiff for a 3 night stay.

**Day 2:** Familiarise yourself with **Cardiff** on an enjoyable and informative **two hour coach guided tour** of the city, the bay, the Barrage and Penarth seafront, before returning to your hotel, from where you will be able to explore the city and its numerous attractions for yourself.

**Day 3:** See the heads and hear the tales, at the **Royal Mint Experience**. Go behind the scenes and see the processes that put the pounds and pennies in our pockets. Discover some surprising stories and fascinating facts about the craftsmanship that goes into each miniature work of art, and follow the journey of a coin, from a blank to a bank. If time allows, why not visit the St Fagans National History Museum, one of Europe's foremost open-air museums and Wales's most popular heritage attraction. Set in over 100 acres of parkland and with over 40 historic buildings and wonderful gardens, you can really feel the rich history of Wales and its people. Alternatively, visit the Victorian Dyffryn House with its beautiful 55 acre Grade 1 registered Edwardian gardens and its stunning collection of intimate garden rooms, formal lawns and arboretum.

**Day 4:** Time to head for home.

*Please note that this tour can be extended to a 4 night stay, if required.*



### Holiday Inn Cardiff City Centre HHH

Excellent central location, close to the castle and perfect for exploring this captivating city.

- 157 Bedrooms • Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB
- Two hour coach-guided tour of Cardiff
- The Royal Mint Experience

Apr to Oct: Prices from: £189



## Welsh Borders & Cheshire All Inclusive



The wonderful North Wales and Cheshire border awaits on this All Inclusive package based at the Beaufort Park Hotel. From here, you could visit the historic Roman walled city of Chester, the vibrant city of Liverpool, the elegant Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno and the picturesque town of Llangollen.

### Highlights include:

• Welcome tea/coffee and bara brith on arrival • Three drinks vouchers per person, per night on selected drinks • Three nights entertainment which could include singers or a choir, and bingo/quiz

### Beaufort Park Hotel HHH

Independently run hotel close to the market town of Mold.

- 105 Bedrooms
- Ground floor bedrooms
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB
- Inclusions as above
- 6 singles - no supplement

Feb & Mar: Prices from £185

## Rolling Back the Years



Good old fashioned fun awaits in the lovely resort of Criccieth in North Wales. Enjoy music from the 50's and 60's, a sing-a-long, quizzes, competitions, a film show and the chance to 'Rock & Roll'. Visit the elegant Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno and enjoy a nostalgic train ride.

### Highlights include:

• Old penny to spend on a welcome drink • Visit to The Home Front Experience in Llandudno • A Cadwaladers Ice Cream and a steam train ride from Porthmadog • Nightly 50's and 60's themed entertainment

### The Lion Hotel HHH

Family run hotel in the heart of the charming Victorian seaside resort of Criccieth.

- 46 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB
- Inclusions as above
- 4 singles - no supplement

Mar, Apr & Oct: Prices from £204

## Snowdonian Winter Warmer



Spectacular Snowdonia scenery awaits on this Winter Warmer package based at the excellent Celtic Royal Hotel in Caernarfon. Visit the elegant Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno and enjoy the Snowdonian towns and villages.

### Highlights include:

• Punch or mulled wine reception on arrival day • Tea/coffee and mince pies on one afternoon • Christmas dinner on one evening • Indoor Treasure Hunt • Entertainment on three nights

### Celtic Royal Hotel HHH

Historic hotel within walking distance of Caernarfon's walled town and impressive castle.

- 110 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB
- Inclusions as above
- Leisure facilities

Nov & Dec: Prices from: £176

## Pembrokeshire Coastlines Turkey & Tinsel



Wonderful sea views await at the Cliff Hotel, close to the historic town of Cardigan where the counties of Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion meet. Visit Cardigan, the seaside resort of Tenby and St David's.

### Highlights include:

• Mulled wine and mince pies • Two hours free use of the spa facilities per person per day • 50% discount on selected drinks between 6pm and 9pm each evening • Christmas and New Year themed dinners • Nightly entertainment

### The Cliff Hotel & Spa HHH

This lovely hotel near Cardigan, has stunning sea views and cliff-top walks.

- 73 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB
- Inclusions as above
- Leisure facilities

Nov & Dec: Prices from: £199