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All Wales Tour

A 16 day / 15 nights comprehensive, non-rush tour of Wales. It has historic places, medieval castles, ancient stones, Celtic culture, interesting people, spectacular coastline and beautiful countryside.



DAY-1 Tuesday Arrival Day

We can meet you at Cardiff rail station, or if you prefer transfer you from London's Heathrow airport.

A visit to Caerphilly castle the stone behemoth, surrounded by a series of moats and watery islands was the brainchild of Gilbert 'the Red' de Clare, a redheaded nobleman of Norman descent. He also built the original Castell Coch, 'Red Castle', located the other side of Caerphilly mountain.

DAY-2 Wednesday The Capital and St Fagan's Outdoor Museum of Welsh Life

Today we drive to the Welsh Capital, Cardiff the home of the Welsh Parliament at the Senedd Building in Cardiff Bay. Where will also find the Millennium Centre and the Dr Who Experience along with many nice coffee shops and restaurants by the waterside. Many of the now famous BBC Television series are filmed right here in Cardiff, such as Dr. Who, Torchwood, Gavin & Stacey, Upstairs Downstairs, s you may recognise some of the locations.

The city centre houses some fine examples of Victorian Arcades, wonderful museums, art galleries and the spectacular Cardiff Castle dating back to Norman times.

In the afternoon we will be visiting The Museum of Welsh Life at St Fagan Castle. In the grounds of this fortified manor house many old buildings have been reconstructed from all over Wales to avoid them being destroyed forever, they are now preserved and you'll be free to roam in and out of them to experience welsh life through the ages, included at the museum is a working bakery, Victorian shops, a farm were animals are still kept and much more.



DAY-3 Thursday National Botanical Gardens & Brecon National Park

Today we will wind our way through Brecon Beacon National Park over to The National Botanic Garden of Wales at Llanarthney, here we will see the largest single glass greenhouse in Europe, which houses exotic plants from all over the world. You can wander through walled gardens, avenues and hothouses enjoying this unique botanical collection.

After our visit here we will drive up to Brecon for lunch in this delightful and ancient market town, there will also be time for you to explore the town.



We continue west to the coast to the smallest city in Wales, it really is a village, St David's

DAY-4 Friday Churches and Harbours

In the morning we will visit the small coastal town of Solva situated on St. Brides Bay in West Wales. It's hard to imagine that many ships left this small harbour bound for the New World.



The afternoon will be spent visiting St Davids Cathedral, named after the patron saint of Wales Dewi Sant, a beautiful medieval place of worship, there has been a church on this site since the 6th century and the present cathedral was started in 1181.

Should you wish to attend a service arrangement can be made.



We recommend dinner in the picturesque Porthgain harbour with two good eating establishments and lovely sea views.

DAY-5 Saturday

A short walk on the Pembrokeshire National Park Path will lead you to St Govan's a chapel by the sea that dates back to the 6th century. Remember to count the steps down and see if they match the steps coming up.

The Tudor Merchant house in Tenby will transform you to 15th century Wales. At the time, Tenby was a busy commercial port, and the occupant of this type of house would have been a merchant who'd trade goods that were brought into and out of the town's harbour. The building consists of three stories; the lower floor was originally used as a shop by the merchant to conduct his business, the first floor as living quarters for the family and the upper floor for the sleeping quarters.

DAY-6 Sunday Driving the West Coastal road

In the morning we will drive this scenic coastal road to Criccieth with stops on the way at Pentre Ifan the Neolithic dolmen in the Preseli hills, and the fascinating Nevern Church with its 'weeping yews' and Celtic cross.

In the afternoon we continue along the coast past Harlech castle to the Victorian village of Criccieth. After we have checked you into our sea view accommodation we will orientate you into your new home for the next few days and explore the dominating castle that oversees the town and share a few of our places to eat along with some of our favourite pubs.



DAY-7 Monday The Architecture and Gardens of Portmeirion.

We will visit the charming and much photographed village of Beddgelert and hear the sad story of Gelert the faithful hound of Prince Llywelyn slain by his masters' hand. We will also take a gentle walk by the river to Lake (Llyn) Dinas



In the afternoon we will explore the Italianate village of Portmeirion, the dream of Sir Clough Williams-Ellis who designed and built it between 1925 and 1975.

Day-8 Tuesday Classic Castle and the Pilgrim's Path

This morning we will join the Welsh Highland Railway for a spectacular ride through mountain passes of Snowdonia to end our journey at one of the most impressive castles in Europe, Caernarfon Castle, a world heritage site and this is where the investiture of the Prince of Wales took place, Prince Charles the heir to the throne of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In the afternoon we will be following the path of many hundreds of pilgrims over the centuries to Aberdaron and Bardsey Island. In medieval time's three pilgrimages to the island equated to a pilgrimage to Rome.



On our way home we will stop off for a well-earned beverage at the Ty Coch Inn.



Day-9 Wednesday Snowdonia National Park.

Today * we will take the train to the summit of Britain's second highest mountain Snowdon, let's hope for a clear day as the views from the summit are spectacular.



We move on from Snowdon to Llanberis in the afternoon to watch some slate splitting demonstrations and the mining machinery that has left an imprint on the land.

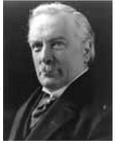
To complete our day, we will stop for tea or a pint at the Pen Y Gwryd pub, this is where the first successful ascent of Mount Everest was conceived and planned by Sir John Hunt and Edmund Hillary. The 1953 Everest team also stayed here as they prepared for their historic climb.



* This day is subject to the weather conditions.

Day-10 Thursday Modern History and the hard life Slate Mining.

Today we will visit the village of Llanystumdwy, Criccieth, the boyhood home of David Lloyd George, the only solicitor to date to become Prime Minister of Great Britain; he led a Wartime Coalition Government between 1916 and 1922 and was the Leader of the Liberal Party from 1926 to 1931. You could say he was part Andrew Jackson and part FDR, this remarkable man had a huge influence of history.



We move on to evocative Llechwedd Slate Mine at Blaenau Ffestiniog this afternoon and visit a small Victorian village which we hope will give you an insight and understanding of the people and the economy of this region and the hardship they endured.

We round off the day with an evening visit to a Welsh Male Voice Choir rehearsal.

Day-11 Friday The Vale of Conwy

Today we drive through Snowdonia national park to Betws y Coed, along the Conwy Valley with stops at Trefriw Woollen Mills, tea at Llanwrst tea shop, choose between the magnificent Bodnant Gardens or the Bodnant Food court where you will be able to see and taste foods from all over Wales

The end of the day we will be in the imposing medieval walled town of Conwy and visit the Albion Ale House where if you choose to sample a flight of local brews.



Day-12 Saturday Last Stand of the Druids

We spend the day on the Island of Anglesey the power base of the Druids and where they took their last stand against the Romans. We will visit the town of *Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch* and then on to explore ancient standing stones, burial chambers and Iron Age Hut circles.

In the afternoon we will travel to see the South Stack National Bird Reserve, St Patrick's church and the museum and gallery of Oriel Ynys Mon before we return to Criccieth.

Day-13 Sunday Heart of Wales

A drive through the heart of Wales takes use down valleys, and across the most rural part of Wales with it villages and small towns. We stop along the way at Dolgellau, and see where some of the earliest settlers came from Wales to settle Penns Woods the original Pennsylvania. At Machynlleth we get a view of Owain Glyndwr first Parliament building, and Llanidloes with its half-timbered Old Market Hall. A stop for a 'cuppa' and bara brith bread at the Builth Wells Art Gallery based in the old rail station, and now a site for the work of local artists and crafts people.



Day-14 Monday

In the morning we explore Tintern Abbey (Welsh: *Abaty Tyndyrn*) founded by Walter de Clare, Lord of Chepstow, 1131. It is situated in the village of Tintern in Monmouthshire, on the Welsh bank of the River Wye which forms the border between Monmouthshire in Wales and Gloucestershire in England. It was only the second Cistercian foundation in Britain, and the first in Wales. It inspired William Wordsworth's poem "Lines written a few miles above Tintern Abbey", Alfred, Lord Tennyson's poem "Tears, Idle Tears", Allen Ginsberg's "Wales Visitation". In the reign of King Henry VIII, his Dissolution of the Monasteries ended monastic life in England and Wales. On 3 September 1536 Abbot Wyche surrendered Tintern Abbey and all its estates to the King's visitors and ended a way of life which had lasted 400 years. Valuables from the Abbey were sent to the royal Treasury and Abbot Wyche was pensioned off. The building was granted to the then lord of Chepstow. Lead from the roof was sold and the decay of the buildings began.

The afternoon is taken up in Caerleon an old Roman fortress *Isca Augusta* on the River Usk. The National Roman Legion Museum tells us about the Roman way of life in Wales.

Day-15 Tuesday The Town of Books.

For our last full day we spend it leisurely exploring the 'Gospel Pass', the highest road in Wales, with a stop at Llanthony Priory.

In the afternoon we visit the 'Town of Books'. More of a village than a town this remarkable place has an international reputation for its book festival attracting authors and visitors alike to enjoy this spectacular gathering of literary folks.

Take as much time as you want. Browse one of the thirty-six book stores. Take a peek in the Lion Street Gallery or read in the real castle bookstore.



Day-16 Wednesday Departure day.

Following an early breakfast, we will take you to Newport rail station that will take you to London Paddington and the Heathrow Express for those departing Heathrow that afternoon, or other destinations.

PRICES: All Wales Tour.

Duration 16 days 15 Nights	No of Persons	No of Persons	No of Persons	No of Persons
	2	4	6	8
Credit Card Price Per Person based on two people sharing a twin or double room on B&B basis's	\$5,500.00	\$3,505.00	\$2,835.00	\$2,500.00
Cash Price per Person based on two people sharing a twin or double room on B&B basis's	\$5,225.00	\$3,325.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,375.00
Type of Tours	Sightseeing or Gentle Walking			

All prices are subject to change without notice, early deposit will secure your price and tour dates.
Premium accommodation, where available, please add \$40.00 per person per night.
The more family and friends in your booking the more you will each save.

DATES:

"Please call 717 243 5112 or email simplynicetours@comcast.net for dates"

Tour Price includes:

Guide Services

Transfer and transportation from Cardiff rail station.

B&B accommodation with an en-suite room

Full Welsh breakfast for each night of accommodation

* Transfer from and to London Heathrow airport can be arranged at an additional cost \$500.

Tour Price does not include:

Air travel

Lunch, Dinners and beverages, you choose when to eat, what to eat and how much you spend.

Admissions or rides, you only pay for the admissions and rides that interest you.

Any travel related insurance coverage.

AIR:

Please confirm your air arrangements with us **before booking** with the airline.

**We reserve the right to change the sequence of days,
or, itinerary due to weather, or other circumstances.**