



Simply Nice Tours

it's like having a close friend to show you around Wales & England.

Northern Wales: Anglesey, Llyn Peninsula, and Snowdonia 8 Days/7 Nights

Welcome to Simply Nice Tours (SNT)! We specialize in trips that allow you to experience the unique character, history, and present-day life of the places you visit.

We have much to share with you. Anglesey, the Llyn Peninsula, and Snowdonia contain some of the most spectacular areas of natural beauty in the British Isles. This peaceful, rural region has been significant in the history of the UK, from prehistoric times to the present. The area is known internationally for its geological and archaeological features.

The tour outlined below maximizes your time to absorb the sights and entails gentle walking. More intensive walking and climbing options are available to suit every capability. There are many opportunities for more active days, from a wide range of water-based excursions on sea, lake, or river to impressive golf courses. We also can arrange half- or full-days with a professional photographer to enhance your skill and enjoyment in documenting your trip.

The proposed daily itineraries will be coordinated by SNT guides with a wealth of knowledge about the history and culture of the area and local lore. SNT is flexible, so just let us know your particular interests and needs. We look forward to helping you have a very memorable holiday in Wales.



DAY 1 TUESDAY: ARRIVAL AT BEAUMARIS



Your guide greets you at the Bangor rail station for the pleasant drive to the seaside town of Beaumaris. After checking in at the hotel, it's time to explore your home base for the next week.

Beaumaris was the WWII centre for the U.S. Flying Boats, and many American and British servicemen were stationed here.



There will be plenty of time to meander and discover the medieval castle that overlooks the town. SNT will share favourite places to eat, highlighting the friendly local pubs.



American aircraft in Royal Air Force service, 1939-1947.
Pictured here a Mariner GR Mark I, JX103, at the Saunders Roe Aircraft Ltd works at Beaumaris, Isle of Anglesey. © IWM (ATP 12363F).



DAY 2 WEDNESDAY: GRAND CASTLE AND TRANQUIL VISTAS



This morning you're off to one of the most impressive fortresses in Europe, Caernarvon Castle. This World Heritage site is where the investiture of the Prince of Wales, heir to the English throne, takes place.

The afternoon features the pilgrims' path to Aberdaron and Bardsey Island, at the tip of the Llyn Peninsula. In medieval times, three visits to Bardsey was the equivalent of a pilgrimage to Rome. On the way back to the hotel you have the chance to

explore the galleries and gardens in quaint Llanbedrog. We'll also stop for a beverage in the delightful fishing village of Porthdinllaen, at the Ty Coch Inn, which was recently named the third best beach bar in the world!

The final stop of the day is Nant Gwrtheyrn, a secluded former quarrying village perched on a cliff top overlooking beautiful Caernarfon Bay. It's now known as the cultural centre for the Welsh language and heritage.



DAY 3 THURSDAY: INDUSTRY AND NATURAL BEAUTY

Today the focus is the industrial history of the area and the beautiful natural scenery. You have the option to begin the journey in the minivan, or take a delightful train trip on the Welsh Highland narrow gauge railway through the mountain passes of Snowdonia to the Llanberis and its slate mines.*



Then it's off to Penrhyn Castle, a 19th century fantasy castle built by the Pennant family with their mining wealth. This enormous neo-Norman structure with spectacular surroundings is now a National Heritage Trust site. It's filled with fascinating items including a one-ton slate bed made for Queen Victoria, an outstanding collection of paintings, and an assembly of railway engines from the slate quarries.



Next stop is the Menai Strait to see two impressive bridges and take in the stunning views. Here the first iron suspension bridge in the world was built for the turnpike from London to Holyhead. Completed in 1826, it was designed by Thomas Telford, who started his career as a shepherd in his native Scotland. We'll also see the Britannia Tubular Bridge, designed by Robert Stephenson, which first connected



the mainland to Anglesey by rail in 1850.

The last visit is Parys Mountain and charming Amlwch Port. This fishing town was once home to the largest copper mine of the 18th century, which shipped all over the world. The day is topped off with a sing-along at a local Beaumaris pub, featuring the 'Coffin Dodgers' band.

DAY 4 FRIDAY: DRUIDS, CELTIC CULTURE, AND WELSH ART

The island of Anglesey was once known as Mona, the powerbase of the Druids. It was the last Celtic holdout against the Romans, culminating in a fierce battle in AD 61.



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The area is a treasure trove of prehistoric artifacts. The first evidence of humans on Anglesey dates to the Mesolithic period, approximately 7000 BC. The height of the Iron-Age Celtic era was the second century BC to first century AD, just before the time when the Romans occupied Wales.

You'll learn about Celtic history while viewing ancient standing stone circles, burial chambers, and an Iron-Age hut. You have the chance to investigate more at the regional heritage museum and art gallery at the Oriel Ynys Môn in Llangefni. It chronicles the culture of Anglesey and offers original Welsh art, jewelry, and crafts.

DAY 5 SATURDAY: CONWY CASTLE



Conwy Castle deserves its own day of exploration, and the route there provides a lovely drive along the coastline. Located at the mouth of the beautiful Conwy Valley, and classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Conwy Castle is among the finest surviving medieval fortifications in Britain. It was built under the reign of Edward I, during his conquest of Wales between 1283 and 1289. The walls enclose the town, which was built over the original site of the Aberconwy Abbey, a Cistercian monastery. There will be plenty of time to tour the castle, wander the fortress ramparts and town streets, and relish the views where the River Conwy meets the sea.

DAY 6 SUNDAY: CHIRPS AND CHURCHES

Today you're on to cliff birds and churches. First you'll visit the South Stack National Bird Reserve, managed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. A haven for a broad assortment of coastal birds, you will likely see guillemots, razorbills and puffins among other species. You also might spot porpoises and dolphins



Saint Cwfan Church from the south at high tide

riding the waves below the cliff nesting colonies.

A short walk across the breakwater from South Stack brings you to Holyhead. The largest town in Anglesey, it has been a thriving port since the 18th century.

Some of the oldest church sites in the UK are found on the island. You'll visit two in the afternoon. First stop will be Llanbadrig Church -- Welsh for "Church of Saint Patrick" -- near the seaside village of Camaes. The peaceful location with a commanding view over the ocean is considered among the oldest Christian sites in Wales, dating around 440 AD. The church is set on a cliff above the spot where legend says in the 5th century St. Patrick took shelter in a cave after being shipwrecked.

The day's sightseeing concludes at Saint Cwfan Church on the small tidal island of Cribinau – the Welsh translates to "chapel in the sea". It originally stood at the end of a peninsula; over the centuries the ocean slowly eroded the coast to the point that the peninsula was cut off, turning it into an island. Some believe the church is dedicated to the Irish Saint Kevin, who founded a monastery across the sea at Glendalough in County Wicklow, Ireland. A church has been on the site since the 7th century; part of the picturesque building standing today dates to the 13th century.

DAY 7 MONDAY: SNOWDONIA

The focus today is the highest point in Wales, Snowdon mountain, and its breathtaking views. It is the second tallest peak in the Britain Isles outside of the Scotland. According to Welsh folklore, Snowdon is the tomb of Rhitta Gawr, a giant that was slain by King Arthur. If clear weather, you can choose to take the cog train to the summit (price not included).

The route winds through Betws-y-Coed, gateway to Snowdonia National Park. Established in 1951, it is the largest and oldest of the three national parks in Wales, and features the largest natural lake in the country.

We'll also enjoy a stop at the woollen mill in the village of Trefriw, where traditional Welsh bedspreads, travel rugs, knitting wool, tweeds, and "tapestry fabric" are still processed from raw wool in one of the last hydro-electric powered mills in operation in Wales.

The day's excursion will be topped off with a visit to award-winning Bodnant Welsh Food Centre, which highlights delicious traditional products from more than 100 artisan suppliers across Wales.



Betws-y-Coed looking toward Snowdon.
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DAY 8 TUESDAY: FINAL SIGHTS AND DEPARTURE



We conclude the tour with several more gems of the region. First stop is tranquil Newborough Forest and Beach. Here you can walk to ruins of the church of Saint Dwynwen – known as the Welsh patron saint of lovers – located on Llandwyn Island. You'll also have the chance to stroll the delightful hidden gardens at Plas Cadnant Estate.

For purchasing final souvenirs before heading back to the Bangor train station, we'll stop in the town with the longest name in the world: Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch.

Thus we end the tour and say farewell. The Bangor rail station offers easy, fast rail connection to London and Manchester.

Please note: Simply Nice Tours reserves the right to change the sequence of days or itinerary due to weather or other circumstances

PRICE

All costs are per person based on double occupancy (twin or double room) at a single location in Beaumaris*.

Tour prices includes:

- 7 nights standard 3-star accommodation, en suite (private bathroom)
- 7 British breakfasts
- 8 days guide services
- Train transfer at Bangor rail station: pick up at 11.00 a.m., drop off at 2:30 p.m.
- Ground transportation to designated locations for duration of tour

Payment Type	2 People	4 People	6 People
Cash per person	\$2,450	\$1,400	\$ 950
Credit Card Per person	\$2,570	\$1,470	\$1,000

Premium accommodation can be arranged at an additional cost

Tour price does **not** include:

- Air travel: Please confirm your air arrangements with SNT before booking with the airline
- Train travel
- Travel insurance
- Lunches, dinners, beverages (other than designated coffee, tea, juice provided with breakfast)
- * Admission fees or activity costs unless otherwise noted

Optional activities can be scheduled at additional cost, including:

- Train ride to Snowdon summit
- Train ride through Snowdonia National Park
- Ziplining: ride Europe's longest zipline at Bethesda or Llechwedd!
- Horseback riding
- Bike riding
- Go Cart riding
- Boat ride
- Sea fishing
- Sea zoo
- Underground slate mine tour
- Portmeirion village tour
- Entry to South Stack lighthouse
- Farm Park (suitable for young children)
- Hawking Centre: witness the speed and splendor of falcons!
- Cooking class at Bodnant Kitchens



- Prime Minister David Lloyd George boyhood home and museum

DATES

Shorter or longer tours can be arranged. Please contact Simply Nice Tours to discuss your travel dates and plans.

We look forward to hearing from you!

