



# Simply Nice Tours

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## North Wales Tour

Exploring historic places, culture and the beautiful countryside of Snowdonia National Park and North Wales. 8 days / 7 nights or 6 days / 5 nights



### DAY-1 Tuesday Arrival Day

11 AM We meet at Manchester Airport and drive the scenic route along the old coaching road to Criccieth. After checking into our sea view accommodation, we orient you to your new home for the next few days and explore the medieval castle that oversees the town. We share with you our favourite places to eat and friendly pubs.

### DAY-2 Wednesday A train, castle and pilgrims

We go through the Snowdonia National Park to one of the most impressive castles in Europe, Caernarfon Castle. You have the option of taking this journey in the mini van or the delightful rail trip on the Welsh Highland narrow gauge railway through the mountain passes of Snowdonia, This mighty fortress of Caernarfon is a World Heritage site and where the investiture of the Prince of Wales, heir to the English throne, takes place.

In the afternoon we follow the pilgrims' path to Aberdaron and Bardsey Island. In medieval times three visits to Bardsey was equivalent to a trip to Rome.

On our way home we will stop off for a beverage at the Ty Coch Inn recently named the third best beach bar in the world!



### DAY-3 Thursday History and life underground

After a stroll along the Dwyfor river we visit the village and the boyhood home of David Lloyd George. Lloyd George was one of the most influential Prime Minister of the UK, part Andrew Jackson, part FDR, this remarkable man influenced history as our leader in WW1 and introducing pensions, children's charter, health insurance and other social programs.

In the afternoon we drive to the evocative Llechwedd Slate Mine in Blaenau Ffestiniog and visit a Victorian village. You will have the opportunity of putting on a hard hat and descending into the deep mine, or taking a tram through the slate caverns. This day will give you an understanding of the people and economy of this region.

If we are lucky and the choir is in rehearsal we attend the local award winning Cor Brythoniad male voice choir in the evening. Wales is known as the land of song, for the music lover this is a memorable evening

**DAY-4 Friday                    Stones and Druids**

This is a long day as we explore the Island of Anglesey, powerbase of the Druids, and last hold out against the Romans. For those that need a few souvenirs we visit the town with the unusual name of **Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch**. Throughout the day we investigate ancient standing stones, burial chambers, iron age hut and circles. The South Stack National Bird Reserve allows you to see an assortment of cliff birds. In the afternoon a visit to St Patrick's church and the museum and gallery at Mons Y Oriel completes our day before our return journey back to Criccieth.



**DAY-5 Saturday                The Conwy Valley**

We drive through Snowdonia National Park to Betws y Coed gateway to Snowdonia National Park and the Conwy Valley. We have stops at Llanwrst tea shop; see the process of wool at the Trefriw mill.

In the afternoon we walk the grounds of one of the best gardens in Britain the superb Bodnant Gardens, and sample delicious foods from all over Wales at the Bodnant food court

We finish the day in the medieval walled town of Conwy where you can sample a flight of locally made hand crafted beers at the Albion Ale House.



**DAY-6 Sunday                 Portmeirion**

We visit the charming, much photographed village of Beddgelert with the story of Gelert the faithful hound. A gentle walk by the river to Lake (Llyn) Dinas

After which you are invited to be our guest for a traditional Sunday lunch at Castell Deudraeth, and after

explore the must see Italianate village of Portmeirion.

**DAY-7 Monday Summit of Snowdon**

Today we take you to the summit of the second highest place in Britain, Snowdon. On a clear day the views are spectacular. You may choose to walk or take the cog train to the top.

In the afternoon we will visit the National Slate museum in Llanberis. Where you will see a slate splitting demonstration and the machinery that has left an imprint on the land. We complete this day with a cup of tea or pint of bitter at the Pen-Y-Gwryd pub where the first successful ascent of Mount Everest was conceived and planned by Sir John Hunt and Edmund Hillary. The 1953 Everest team stayed here as they prepared for their historic climb.



**Day 8 Tuesday Departure Day**

We leave Criccieth and the sea as we drive in land to Llangollen, famed for its musical competition the 'Eisteddfod' and where Pavarotti competed as a young boy.

A visit to the 'Ladies of Llangollen' house gives us an insight to restrictive life style of upper class women, and how two ladies rejected their family arranged planned life.

A short walk across Telford's aqueduct shows you the brilliance of one of the world's greatest engineers.

At the end of the day we say farewell at a Manchester airport hotel. You will be able to rest and relax before your flight home on the following day.



**PRICE: North Wales Tour.**

| Duration 10 days 9 Nights  | No of Persons  | No of Persons | No of Persons |
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| Two Locations – Criccieth & Manchester   | 2  | 4             | 6             |
| Credit Card Price <b>Per person</b> based on two people sharing a twin or double room on B&B basis's | \$3,500.00   | \$2,350.00    | \$2,450.00    |
| Cash Price <b>Per person</b> based on two people sharing a twin or double room on B&B basis's        | \$3,325.00   | \$2,250.00    | \$2,325.00    |
| Airports   | Manchester Airport Pick-up at 11.00am and Drop-off 5:30 pm |               |               |
| <b>Type of Tours</b>   | Sightseeing, Gentler Walking or Hiking Tour                |               |               |

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:**

For tour dates please call 717 243 5112 or email us [simplynicetours@comcast.net](mailto:simplynicetours@comcast.net)

**Tour price includes:**

8 days Guide Services

7 nights' accommodation en-suite  
 breakfasts

Airport transfer and ground transportation for the tour.

6 British  
 1 lunch at Portmierion

**Tour price does not include:**

Air travel  
 beverages – you get to choose  
 places or activities or train rides - you get to choose  
 Travel insurance

Lunch, Dinners or  
 Admissions to

**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**

