

NEW Scottish Cities and Scenery



Loch Leven

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Enjoy a tour of the scenery of Perthshire from our base in Kinross together with a visit to the capital city of Edinburgh. This itinerary can be amended to include suitable overnight stops if required.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to the hotel in Kinross with a recommended stop in Carlisle or Gretna Green en route.
- Day 2** Stay in Kinross this morning and experience the boat crossing to Loch Leven Castle where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in 1567 before her dramatic escape almost a year later. Afterwards journey through the spectacular scenery of the Trossachs via Callander, Loch Katrine and Loch Lomond. Head back towards Kinross stopping at the historic city of Stirling if time permits.
- Day 3** Full day excursion to Edinburgh to enjoy all the attractions of the Capital City and a spot of shopping. A visit to the Royal Yacht Britannia and visitor centre is

included this afternoon. Learn about the unique history of this famous yacht through photographic displays before stepping aboard for a fascinating audio tour.

Day 4 Travel north via Scotland's first capital, Dunkeld, to Pitlochry. View the famous Pitlochry Dam and Fish Ladder where salmon negotiate the specially constructed ladder to access the man made Loch Faskally. Enjoy a wee dram during an included tour of Edradour, the smallest distillery in Scotland, and learn about the history of the distillery and the art of the whisky maker. Return to Kinross with a stop for some free time in the lovely city of Perth.

Day 5 Homeward journey.



Windlestrae Hotel

Windlestrae Hotel, Kinross

Our opinion: Having had a major refurbishment in 2007 the hotel offers a good standard of accommodation in a pleasant spot near to the centre of the small town of Kinross. There are footpaths from the gardens down to the shores of Loch Leven and Kinross House.

- 3 star • 45 bedrooms
- No lift but 12 ground floor rooms
- Leisure Centre
- Coach Parking

5 day tour including coach travel and:

- 4 nights half board in Kinross
- Admission to the Royal Yacht Britannia
- Boat ride and visit to Loch Leven Castle
- Visit to Edradour Distillery

2010 price per person

Mar	£268
Apr to June & Sept	£308
Oct	£256

Isles of Arran and Mull



Brodick Castle
Courtesy National Trust for Scotland

In true island-hopping tradition we present the ultimate in west coast scenery, travelling from south to north and taking in the islands of Arran and Mull. The ferry crossings are an appealing part of this tour as they give an opportunity for panoramic views of the wonderful coastline and off lying islands.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel into Scotland via Gretna and continue through Dumfries and Galloway to Ayrshire for a 2 night stay.
- Day 2** Full day excursion to the Isle of Arran, said to be "Scotland in Miniature" with high mountains to the north and lower lying hills to the south. Travel round the island taking in some of Arran's lovely craft centres. Admission is also included to Brodick Castle and Country Park, unique for being the only island country park in Britain. The Castle offers 600 years of history, a fabulous collection of valuable artefacts and stunning views over Brodick Bay to the Ayrshire Coast.

Day 3 Journey north with a stop beside Loch Lomond (optional loch cruises are available). Continue via Inverary and Loch Awe to Oban with a late afternoon crossing to the Isle of Mull for a 2 night stay.

Day 4 Scenic excursion around Mull including foot passenger crossings to the legendary Isle of Iona, burial place to 48 ancient Scottish kings.

Day 5 Morning ferry crossing back to Oban and scenic journey through the Trossachs to Stirling with a final overnight in the Glasgow area.

Day 6 Homeward journey.

Menzies Hotel, Irvine

Our opinion: Recently refurbished, this 4 star hotel offers contemporary accommodation set within its own grounds on the edge of town.

- 4 star • 128 bedrooms
- Plenty of ground floor rooms
- Coach parking

Isle of Mull Hotel and Spa, Mull

Our opinion: Fully refurbished in 2006 the hotel has a reputation for its quality dining and panoramic sea views.

- 3 star superior • 86 bedrooms
- No lift, but plenty of ground floor rooms
- Spa facilities
- Coach parking

6 day tour including coach travel and:

- 2 nights half board in Irvine
- 2 nights half board on Mull
- 1 night half board in the Glasgow area
- Welcome drink and portage in Irvine and on Mull
- Admission to Brodick Castle
- Ferry crossings as detailed

2010 price per person

May 13	£382
June 10, Sept 9 & 16	£385

Discover the Border



Llangollen

A tour of contrasts visiting attractions along the Welsh border, from the Roman city of Chester to the delightful canalside village of Llangollen. An excursion and rail journey in Snowdonia National Park is also included.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to the hotel for a welcoming cup of tea and slice of cake on arrival.
- Day 2** Travel over the spectacular Horseshoe Pass to Llangollen for a 2 hour motorised canal boat trip along the "Stream in the Sky". The boat travels through the beautiful Vale of Llangollen and across the famous Pontcysyllte Aquaduct, built by Thomas Telford between 1793 and 1806. Afternoon visit to the magnificent stately home of Erddig Hall, complete with its restored formal walled garden.
- Day 3** Travel into the charming Roman walled city of Chester for a guided 2 hour gentle walking tour of the

town centre. Admission to the Cathedral is included as well as the chance to walk along the historic walls. Afternoon at leisure for shopping and independent exploring.

Day 4 Excursion via Ruthin to the Snowdonia National Park. Follow a scenic route through the mountains before arriving at Bala. Afternoon return rail journey along the picturesque shores of Lake Bala.

Day 5 Homeward journey with a recommended stop at the Wedgwood Visitor Centre near Stoke-on-Trent. Their new sophisticated tea room serves mouth-watering cakes and classic British teas.

Beyond the Brecon Beacons



Pen-y-fan
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Mid Wales boasts spectacular scenery throughout the Brecon Beacons National Park and the Cambrian Mountains. This tour combines must-see attractions with less visited gems of the region.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to mid Wales with a recommended stop in Hereford.
- Day 2** Morning visit to the nearby market town of Builth Wells before an afternoon guided tour of the Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir, a 52 roomed private Victorian mansion whose owners have spent 9 years restoring it to its original splendour. Also enjoy the beautiful walled garden.
- Day 3** A feature of today's excursion is the beautiful mountain scenery of the Brecon Beacons. Stop off in

the market towns of Brecon or Abergavenny before continuing to Hay-on-Wye, famous for its books and speciality produce shops.

Day 4 Excursion through the Cambrian Mountains with a scenic drive around the Elan Dams. Continue to Devil's Bridge and board the Vale of Rheidol Steam Railway for the hour long journey to Aberystwyth. Enjoy some free time in this seaside resort before returning to the hotel.

Day 5 Homeward journey.



Beaufort Park Hotel

Beaufort Park Hotel, Mold

Our opinion: A friendly, well-run hotel in a great location for excursions in all directions.

- 3 star • 106 bedrooms • Coach parking
- No lift but plenty of ground floor bedrooms
- 2 nights entertainment for each 4 night stay
- Tea/coffee served on arrival and portage included for midweek stays

5 day tour including coach travel and:

- 4 nights half board in Mold
- Return journey on Bala Lake Railway
- Admission to Erddig Hall
- Pontcysyllte Aquaduct boat trip
- Guided tour in Chester

2010 price per person

Apr	£264
May	£276
June to Sept	£282

The Beaufort Park also offers various additions to add value to your tour. These include cookery demonstrations, murder mysteries and tribute nights. Please contact us for details.



Metropole Hotel

Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells

Our opinion: Recent refurbishments make the Metropole Hotel the best quality choice in the area, combining period charm with modern comforts.

- 3 star superior • 120 bedrooms • Lift
- Leisure centre • Coach parking
- Town centre location

5 day tour including coach travel and:

- 4 nights half board in Llandrindod Wells
- Single journey on Vale of Rheidol Steam Railway
- Private guided tour at Abbey-Cwm-Hir

2010 price per person

May to Sept	£298
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Winter Breaks

The Hall at Abbey-Cwm-Hir is particularly festive in the winter months. Contact us for prices for festive and winter breaks in the Brecon Beacons.

Railways of Wales



North Wales is home to many of the famous heritage railways and is also one of the most scenic locations in Britain. This tour combines the best of the railways with unrivalled mountain scenery. If you would like a tailor-made itinerary using some alternative railway journeys, please contact us for a quote.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to North Wales with a recommended stop en route in Chester. We can make arrangements for a guided city tour if required.
- Day 2** This morning transfer to Porthmadog for a one way journey on the Ffestiniog Railway to Blaenau Ffestiniog. Time to visit the Llechwedd Slate Caverns, a reconstruction of a Victorian Slate Mine, (cost not included), before reboarding the coach for the onward journey via Betws-y-Coed and more spectacular views of Snowdonia National Park.
- Day 3** Enjoy a morning ride on the Snowdon Mountain Railway, an exciting 2 hour return journey to Snowdon's

- new summit station. Afternoon visit to the Welsh Slate Museum in Llanberis.
- Day 4** Today have a truly electrifying experience with a visit to Electric Mountain. See how the awesome power of water is harnessed to generate electricity in Europe's largest man-made cavern. Tour includes a sound and light spectacular before journeying by bus into the Dinorwig Power Station. Afternoon options could include a visit to Caernarfon or the seaside towns of Llandudno and Conwy.
- Day 5** Homeward journey via Bala and Llangollen if route permits.

Highlights of North Wales



North Wales has a host of attractions and in this tour we attempt to encompass the region's highlights. A brand new rail journey through Snowdonia is included as is a historic castle visit, spectacular gardens and the beach resorts of the north coast.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to North Wales with a recommended stop at the Wedgwood Visitor Centre near Stoke-on-Trent. Their new sophisticated tea room serves mouth-watering cakes and classic British teas.
- Day 2** A day to explore the scenic Snowdonia National Park. Board the newly opened Welsh Highland Railway for the journey from Caernarfon to Porthmadog which now traverses the famous Aberglaslyn Pass. Rejoin the coach and continue the scenic trail by road, returning to the hotel via Blaenau Ffestiniog and Betws-y-coed.
- Day 3** Excursion to Anglesey to visit the historic Beaumaris

- Castle one of Wales' finest fortified castles. Spend the afternoon viewing the six lovely bays of Anglesey before returning to the mainland.
- Day 4** Today enjoy a visit to one of the world's finest gardens; Bodnant, situated above the River Conwy with stunning views across Snowdonia. It features huge Italianate terraces and formal lawns on its upper level with a wooded valley, stream and wild garden below. Later spend some time at leisure in the Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno.
- Day 5** Homeward journey.



Legacy Royal Victoria Hotel

Legacy Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis

Our opinion: Enjoying a spectacular location at the foot of Mount Snowdon the Royal Victoria Hotel prides itself on its friendly service to groups and its entertainment programme.

- 3 star • 106 bedrooms
- Lift
- Lovely views
- Entertainment most nights (May to Sept)
- Coach parking

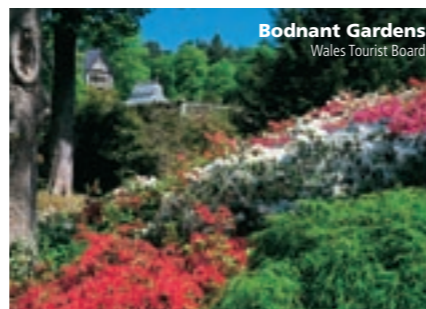
5 day tour including coach travel and:

- 4 nights half board in Llanberis
- Single journey on Ffestiniog Railway
- Return journey on Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Entry to Slate Museum
- Guided tour of Electric Mountain

2010 price per person

Apr	£258
May & Oct	£278
June & Sept	£303
July to Aug	£309

❖ No Single Supplement (max 5)



Bodnant Gardens
Wales Tourist Board

Royal Goat Hotel, Beddgelert

Our opinion: An attractive, traditional hotel located on the edge of the village. This homely privately run hotel prides itself on its quality dining and personalised service.

- 3 star • 32 bedrooms • Lift • Coach parking
- Plenty of lounge space
- Entertainment twice weekly

5 day tour including coach travel and:

- 4 nights half board in Beddgelert
- Single journey on Welsh Highland Railway
- Admission to Beaumaris Castle
- Admission to Bodnant Gardens

2010 price per person

May to Sept	£295
Oct	£286

A 4 night Welsh themed Christmas package is available. Contact us for details.

NEW Gardens of South Wales



National Botanic Garden of Wales
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Savour the stunning scenery of South and West Wales with a day spent in the Pembrokeshire National Park and visits to two of the region's renowned gardens.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to Swansea with a recommended stop in the delightful town of Ledbury.
- Day 2** Full day excursion to the spectacular Pembrokeshire Coast. We recommend a stop in the beautiful seaside town of Tenby and a visit to St. Davids, the UK's smallest city, with its craft shops and art galleries.
- Day 3** Discover the National Botanic Garden of Wales. Nestled in the Tywi Valley the garden combines themed displays, rolling parkland and secluded woodland. The award winning Great Glasshouse is a highlight of any visit with its profusion of rare, fragrant, exotic and even spooky plants. Enjoy some free time in Carmarthen, before returning to the hotel.

- Day 4** Take a scenic drive across the Brecon Beacons with a stop in the market town of Brecon. This afternoon visit Aberglasney Gardens. Abandoned for 50 years, with the house and garden overgrown and crumbling, the restoration of Aberglasney has been a remarkable achievement. Explore the ancient formal gardens with its pools, parapets and cloisters and then the surrounding gardens, which are now a renowned plantsman's paradise. A visit to Dinefwr Park and Castle in nearby Llandeilo can also be included for an extra charge.
- Day 5** Homeward journey with a stop in Cardiff if time permits.

The Pembrokeshire Coast and Tenby



Pembrokeshire Coast

A picturesque corner of Wales which offers wonderful beaches, stunning coastal scenery and attractive villages. The Pembrokeshire Coast was Britain's first coastal National Park.

Tour Itinerary

- Day 1** Travel to Pembrokeshire with a recommended stop in Llandrindod Wells or Hereford.
- Day 2** Tour with a local guide including the remarkable little "city" of St Davids and some of the many local craft centres.
- Day 3** A gentle day spent in and around Fishguard with a chance to enjoy some of the wonderful coastal scenery

- forming the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.
- Day 4** A trip to the lovely seaside resort of Tenby with its rich, sandy beaches. A boat trip to Caldey Island, inhabited for centuries by cistercian monks is included.
- Day 5** Return journey with a recommended stop in Wales' vibrant capital of Cardiff if time permits.



Ramada

Ramada Swansea

Our opinion: Refurbished in 2006, the Ramada Swansea is a spacious and modern hotel in landscaped grounds with outdoor seating and a lake, just 3 miles from Swansea.

- 3 star superior
- 120 bedrooms
- Coach parking
- Leisure Centre
- No lift but ground floor rooms available
- Attractive lakeside walk behind the hotel

5 day tour including coach travel and:

- 4 nights half board in Swansea
- Entrance to National Botanic Garden of Wales
- Entrance to Aberglasney Gardens

2010 price per person

Apr to June & Sept to Oct	£252
July & Aug	£236

❖ No Single Supplement (max 5)



Fishguard Bay Hotel

Fishguard Bay Hotel, Fishguard

Our opinion: A splendid Victorian hotel nestled into the cliffs with spectacular views over Fishguard Bay. The hotel has benefited from extensive refurbishment in recent years and provides comfortable accommodation for visitors to West Wales.

- 3 star • 59 bedrooms • Lovely views
- Lift serves most areas of hotel • Coach parking

5 day tour including coach travel and:

- 4 nights half board in Pembrokeshire
- Guide for full day excursion
- Boat trip to Caldey Island

2010 price per person

Mar & Oct	£238
Apr & Sept	£245
May to Aug	£255

❖ No Single Supplement (max 6)