

Mines, Mountains and a Single Malt

This is our tour of the South Wales Valleys and Brecon Beacons National Park with a new addition to the tour - Penderyn Distillery, for a taste of Welsh whisky!

We start the day at Big Pit Mining Museum for a visit to our famous coal mine. You discover how this part of the world became the heart of the industrial revolution and how its town - Blaenavon - has become a World Heritage Site.

Heading north we enter the Brecon Beacons National Park for a tour of the breathtaking countryside. A landscape shaped by glaciers with rolling green hills, jagged peaks, lakes, rivers and cascading waterfalls. We stop for lunch and walks at the national parks' visitors centre situated in the heart of this inspiring place.

We continue on but stay in the national park for a real treat - a tour of the Penderyn Distillery - the only distillery in Wales. Penderyn takes its name from the old Welsh village in the foothills of the park. Get ready for samples of Welsh whisky, vodka, gin and cream liqueur!

Tour itinerary:

National Coal Mining Museum 'Big Pit' at Blaenavon

Brecon Beacons National Park & Visitors Centre

Penderyn Distillery - Welsh Whisky

Departure days: **Every Tuesday & Friday**

Departs: 0900hrs Returns: 1700hrs

Pickup point: National Museum Cardiff

Price: £45.00 | Saver £40.00 (Students, Seniors over 60, children under 16)

Family £100.00 (2+3Children)

All Admissions Included

Romans, Rivers and Ruins

You begin this tour with a visit to one of Northern Europe's most astonishing Roman military sites at Caerleon - "Fort of the Legion".

Explore the amphitheatre where gladiators fought to their death, the bath house around which much of a Roman soldiers life revolved and the National Legionary Museum displaying all the archaeology of a way of life which existed over 1900 years ago.

You cross the majestic Usk and Wye rivers to reach the spectacular monastic ruin at Tintern Abbey, trailing in the footsteps of the Cistercian monks and Catholic dominance.

Following a lunch stop at the nearby Abbey Mill Craft Centre and maybe a walk along the banks of the Wye river, you continue onto Raglan Castle described as the finest late-medieval fortress in Britain with splendid views of the Monmouthshire countryside.

Tour itinerary:

Caerleon: Roman Amphitheatre; Fortress Baths; Legionary Museum, Caerwent: Roman city, Tintern Abbey, Abbey Mill Craft Centre(Lunch), Raglan Castle.

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Golden Gower

A tour of the Gower Peninsular with golden sandy beaches, stunning coastline and prehistorical wonders: Wales at its best.

Your tour begins at the Dylan Thomas Centre in Swansea with an opportunity to a glimpse at the life and work of one of Wales' most celebrated poets.

Then we head onto Gower - Britain's first designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

With fantastic views and walks along the coastal path and beaches, ancient stone-age discoveries, windswept ruins, sheep, sheep, sheep and plenty of fresh air.

Prepare to be spellbound at Rhossili Bay - one of the best views in the UK - where you will also get the opportunity to see the serpent in the sea.... (Worms Head)

This day surprises and delights all who come to Wales.

Prepare for plenty of walking and even a swim!

Tour itinerary:

Dylan Thomas Centre, Gower Peninsular: Swansea Bay; Mumbles; Langland Bay (coastal walk optional) to Caswell Bay; Parc le Breos - neolithic burial chamber; Rhossili (Lunch stop); Weobley Castle.

Departure days: **Every Thursday & Sunday**

Departs: 0900hrs Returns: 1730hrs

Pickup point: National Museum Cardiff

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A Welcome to Wales

If you are visiting Wales for the first time or want to get to know Cardiff and the surrounding landscape more then this is the tour for you.

We start with an orientation driving tour of the city of Cardiff and the redeveloped Cardiff Bay. Highlights are - National Museum Wales, City Hall, Cardiff Castle, Millennium Stadium, Wales Millennium Centre, Y Senedd and Cardiff Bay Visitor Centre.(Driving tour)

Then we travel to the outskirts of Cardiff to begin our visits. Firstly, the open air museum called St Fagans. Formerly known as the Welsh Folk Museum and the Museum of Welsh Life this is Wales' most popular heritage attraction and Europe's leading open-air museum.

Situated in the 100 acre grounds of St Fagans Castle, the museum is home to over 40 re-erected buildings from different historical periods including farm houses, a school, a chapel, a post office, miners cottages, terraced gardens, a blacksmith, a cockpit, tearooms, celtic village and a working bakery!

After refreshments at the museum restaurant we continue to the foot of the south Wales valleys and visit two famous Welsh castles. Castell Coch, Red Castle, is a rebuilt 14th century castle at the gorge of the river Taff. Just over the hill is another wonder of Wales - the mighty fortress of Caerphilly Castle. The largest of all the 641 Welsh castles.

Tour itinerary:

Driving tour Cardiff city and Cardiff Bay, National History Museum Wales (3hr visit), Castell Coch (>1hr visit), Caerphilly Castle (>1hr visit).

Departure days: **Every Monday & Friday**

Departs: 0900hrs Returns: 1700hrs

Pickup point: National Museum Wales, Cardiff

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