

# 10 Day Round Wales Tour

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Welcome!! Slow, relaxed touring is our goal, so please don't hesitate to speak up if you want to stop for photos, a restroom, tea or coffee. During the tour, if you decide that you want to take a day off to just sit around, all we ask is that you let us know so we aren't waiting for you. We want you to return home feeling like you've "really" discovered and explored the places we've taken you.

After meeting up at the airport we start the tour in north Wales. At **Froncysyllte** you will cross the world famous **Pontcysyllte Aqueduct** 'The Stream in the Sky', one of Wales' architectural gems, built by the great engineer Thomas Telford.

**Llangollen** sits under the brooding Castell Dinas Bran. Stroll over the medieval town bridge and take a horse-drawn boat trip on the canal. The town is host each year to the Llangollen World Music Festival and while you are here you may find a colourful array of street events taking place. The **Horseshoe Pass** offers some of the most spectacular views in Wales.

The **Great Orme Copper Mine** is one of the most impressive modern day discoveries. They date back 4,000 years to the Bronze Age, more than 2,000 before the arrival of the Romans.

The medieval walled town of **Conwy** has a magnificent brooding castle, picturesque quay and is overlooked by spectacular Snowdonia. Take a walk around the town walls and visit Britain's smallest house. Also take time for **Plas Mawr**, a wondrous Elizabethan town house.

A visit to **Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantisiiliogogoch** the Welsh town famous for having the longest place name in the U.K is a must. Here you will be able to take photos and pay a visit to the station

**Snowdonia** is a magical place, home to the highest mountain in Wales and England, and with stunning views around every corner it will keep you entranced as you travel over the **Llanberis Pass** passing **Mount Snowdon**, Wales' highest mountain before visiting **Beddgelert**, Snowdonia's prettiest village. Here you will enjoy a stroll along the river and visit the grave of 'Gelert' the faithful hound of Prince Llewellyn. Throughout the history of Wales, Llewellyn is known as "Llewellyn the Great" because he was the first to unite all of the Welsh princes against the invading English.

The **National Slate Museum** is set in a dramatically beautiful landscape on the shores of **Llyn Padarn**. It is set in the Victorian workshops and you travel back in time to see an industry and way of life that has almost disappeared.

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St. Brynach founded a church at **Nevern** in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. In the churchyard don't miss the famous 'Bleeding Yew' and the stunning Great Cross an inscribed 10<sup>th</sup> century masterpiece standing about 13 feet high. We will also take a trip up to the pilgrims' cross. See if you can find it. **Pentre Ifan** is one of the U.K.'s best burial mounds set in a stunning location underneath Carn Inglis.

The smallest city in Britain, **St. Davids** is the birthplace of our Patron Saint and home to the magnificent 13<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral and Bishops' Palace. Enjoy a guided tour of the Cathedral, which has been a popular place of pilgrimage since the middle- ages.

**Laugharne** was once, home to Wales' literary genius Dylan Thomas. Thomas is one of Wales' finest poets with an extraordinary way with words. 'Under Milk Wood' is his most well known work.

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The **Museum of Welsh Life** at St. Fagans just outside Cardiff contains a collection of period buildings from all parts of Wales which have been carefully dismantled and rebuilt. You will see how life in Wales has changed over time in the superlative Rhyd-y-car ironworkers' cottages, which were built in about 1800.

You will get the opportunity of experiencing the life of a coal miner as you visit **Big Pit**. You will be issued with a miner's helmet and lantern and taken underground for a tour led by one of the miners who used to work in the mine.

Take a wonderful drive through the verdant Wye valley before you arrive at the world famous **Tintern Abbey**, situated in one of the most picturesque settings you can imagine. The 12<sup>th</sup> century abbey has inspired writers and painters for over two hundred years.

The old Roman town of Isca gives you a chance to see the remains of a Roman barracks and a splendid amphitheatre. There is also a magnificently restored Roman baths to be explored.

Prices start at just £1,495 per person based on 2 people sharing double/twin rooms on a bed and breakfast basis. Transport to and from Heathrow is included in the price as is entrance to the following attractions:-

Conwy Castle

Plas Mawr Elizabethan Townhouse

National Slate Museum Llanberis

Dylan Thomas Boathouse in Laugharne

Museum of Welsh Life St. Fagans

Big Pit

Tintern Abbey

Also, you will have a farewell dinner on your last night courtesy of Cambrian Routes Limited as a thank you for your company.