

# GROUPS

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A **LEGENDARY** YEAR TO VISIT



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# YEAR OF LEGENDS OR BLWYDDYN Y CHWEDLAU AS WE SAY HERE IN WALES

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The culture and identity of North Wales has been influenced by the legends, myths, and magic that are associated with almost every lake, hill, mountain and village throughout the region. So why not take your group on a quest to find out more about our myths and legends that were 'made' here in Wales.  
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Legendary Thomas Telford built the tallest aqueduct in the world. The result is impressive. **Pontcysyllte** carries the Llangollen Canal across the Dee Valley. They call it "the stream in the sky". Boat or walk across the 1,007ft-long, 126ft-high structure and you'll find out why.

If you don't fancy a boat trip you could climb aboard the only standard gauge Heritage Railway in Llangollen. Sample the sights and sounds of yesteryear whilst passing through some of the finest natural beauty North Wales has to offer.

**Offa's Dyke Path** is a 177-mile (285 Km) walking trail. It's named after the fortification King Offa constructed in the 8th century to divide Mercia from rival kingdoms in what is now Wales. It follows the Clwydian chain of hills, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, before crossing the Dee Valley.

This area sees fewer visitors than Snowdonia, a perfect "get away from it all" destination. If you prefer coastal walks, we have some of Britain's best. Now all you have to do is choose your path!

Or for a really colourful visit why not call in at **Bodnant Garden** spanning some 80 acres above the River Conwy. The garden has a wide range of interesting and beautiful plants from all over the world, particularly China, North America, Europe and Japan, and is now open throughout the year.

**Plas Cadnant Hidden Gardens**, is a real gem nestling on the Isle of Anglesey. Learn about its restoration, partake in a private guided tour and finish your day in the café on site.





You can go back in time at the **National Slate Museum**, Llanberis as it brings to life the area's slate industry. Here you'll learn how men (and boys) took slate from the ground and helped put roofs on buildings around the world.

Widely regarded as the outdoor adventure capital of the UK, North Wales has added attractions during the last couple of years that have made headlines around the world and here is just a sample:

**Surf Snowdonia**, a 300-metre surf lagoon roughly the size of six football pitches plus adrenalin thrills & spills, Crash and Splash lagoon to SUP safaris, kayaking and kiddies soft play. We also have zip wires, underground trampolines; **Zip Wire Velocity** the fastest zip wire in the world and the longest in Europe. Who knows, these could well be the legends of the future.

There are great incentives for group visits too from free coach parking, special offers and discounts plus attractions such as the **Ffestiniog Railway** who can arrange memorable one-way journeys with lunches or afternoon teas and drop-off/pick-up points to suit coach drivers. What a great way to add variety to a tour.



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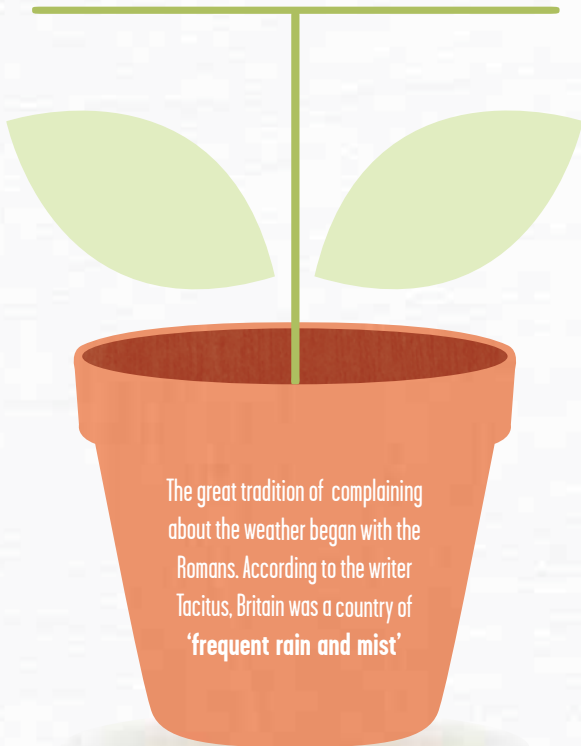
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# POTTED HISTORY

We're a country of farms and forests, hills and mountains, lakes, waterfalls and wildlife – in fact, over a quarter of Wales is protected by National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and nature and wildlife reserves.



The great tradition of complaining about the weather began with the Romans. According to the writer Tacitus, Britain was a country of 'frequent rain and mist'

## SNOWDON PLANT LIFE

Snowdonia is teeming with plant life, so if you're planning a trip to the area then don't forget to bring your binoculars with you. A visit to Snowdonia offers the perfect opportunity to see a range of wildlife and plants you'll struggle to find anywhere else - so it's not surprising that Snowdon's flora and fauna continue to draw so many nature loving groups.

Among the beautiful and unusual plants found on and around Snowdon is the Snowdon Lily (the Pride of Wales) which flowers during June and July, for the rest of the year only its grass-like leaves can be seen. In Welsh, the Snowdon lily is known as brwynddail y mynydd, or 'rush-leaves of the mountain'. And, of course, you can travel right to the summit in style on the Snowdon Mountain Railway. So why not pay us a visit and see what you can find?

## LAYING DOWN ROOTS

Plas Tan y Bwlch can be found nestling within the dramatic mountain scenery of the Snowdonia National Park. Its 13 acres are full of colour from rhododendrons and azalea in spring, sunny south facing borders in summer and golden foliage in the Autumn none of which should be missed. It truly is a garden for all season.



Overlooking the garden is an impressive Victorian-Gothic mansion that was once home to wealthy slate quarry owners the Oakeley family. Now run as the Snowdonia National Park Authority's study centre, groups can pre-book a guided tour of this interesting historic building and stables.

Take time to visit the Dwyryd Tea Room offering a selection of tea, coffee, light lunches and yummy homemade cakes whilst taking in the stunning views of the nearby mountains and river.



**The Daffodil** The origins of the national flower of Wales was introduced during the 19th century as a replacement for the humble leek. David Lloyd George, the only Welshman to serve as Prime Minister, was a public advocate of the Narcissus (its Latin name) and its appearance in early spring as a symbol of nature's optimism neatly coincides with St David's Day on March 1st.



# BODNANT IS BRANCHING OUT

Bodnant Garden is best known for its 180-foot long Laburnum Arch, but it may well have a rival on the way as the new 130 yard long, 'Penjerrick Walk' prepares to open early next year.

This show stopping Penjerrick Walk lies on the west side of the garden overlooking the River Hiraethlyn, Bodnant Hall and the spectacular Italianate terraces. The area includes woodland and a wildflower-rich meadow which will open to the public for the first time in the spring creating an extra 20 acres for groups of all sizes to explore at their leisure.

It is said that this historic avenue of rare hybrid rhododendrons originate from the Himalayas and will, in years to come be a real wonder to behold. With plenty of coach parking, onsite café and events throughout the year Bodnant is great for groups.

# HIDDEN OASIS

You will find Plas Cadnant Hidden Garden tucked away in a small valley beside the Menai Strait. There are formal walled gardens, woodland areas with waterfalls, colourful floral displays and even the remains of a 19th century folly.

Why not treat your group to a private guided tour followed by silver pots of tea, freshly brewed coffee and a selection of homemade cakes and scones, (guided tours must be booked in advance).

## GARDENING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**27TH MAY -  
11TH JUNE  
2017**

During the dates above a variety of gardens will take part in the 2nd Festival of Gardens to be held in North Wales. Events during that time include: behind the scenes guided tours; meet the head gardener (or owner) walks; garden visits by vintage steam train; children's trails; gardeners' question times; themed garden lunches and much, much more visit



[www.gardensnorthwales.co.uk](http://www.gardensnorthwales.co.uk) for more information.



“GARDENING REQUIRES A LOT OF WATER, MOST OF IT IN THE FORM OF PERSPIRATION”





# FOR HERITAGE LOVERS

Exploring the **myths** and **legends** that have shaped the landscape of Wales will take you some time, and to some fascinating parts of this ancient land.



## ABOVE OR BELOW GROUND - THE CHOICE IS YOURS

**Llechwedd Slate Caverns** at Blaenau Ffestiniog is a living celebration of this most Welsh of Welsh industries. Take your group on a deep mine tour - the caverns are like one big time machine. Experience the sights and sounds of late 19th century mining conditions with a combination of leading-edge technology and traditional storytelling to bring the miners' stories to life.

Or if you fancy something a bit different what about a thrilling guided adventure in a 4 x 4 military truck? The new quarry explorer is an off road adventure that will

take you right into the heart of Llechwedd's man-made mountains. Your knowledgeable guide will explain the mine's fascinating history whilst you enjoy a ride over the slate peaks that will thrill and amaze you.

Llechwedd really is a place where man made a mountain out of not very much at all.

With plenty of coach parking, good accessibility and a café on-site, Llechwedd is a great destination for groups with plenty to discover in 2017 and beyond.



## TO STEAL A MOUNTAIN



**Llanberis National Slate Museum** is a great place to take your group as it gives a real insight to quarry life. Every day there are an array of walks, talks and demonstrations on offer showing off the skills of the quarryman. Watch slate-splitting demonstrations and the artistry of generations of quarry workers. As well as deftly splitting slate the craftsmen also create works of art from hearts, picture frames and intricate slate fans. You can even watch the blacksmith create wrought iron dragons as he talks about his craft.

All this is set in the dramatically beautiful landscape on the shores of Llyn Padarn, and at the terminus of the Llanberis Lake Railway, one of the 'Great Little Trains of Wales', which runs along the waters port shoreline.

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## LEARN, DISCOVER AND REMEMBER



A visit to **Bodelwyddan Castle** just off the A55 is a must for groups wishing to discover the fascinating histories and enjoy artworks by some of the greatest artists of the Victorian era and you can even play a game of chess outdoors!

Also within the grounds is a reminder of the Great War years. Training was an important activity during the First World War (1914-1918). Plans are in place to dig out new trenches alongside the remains of original ones to produce a realistic experience of trenches on the Western Front during the Great War.

A set of interpretive panels is available that provides information on what it was like to be a soldier living, fighting and dying in the trenches.

# THE LEGEND THAT WAS KING ARTHUR

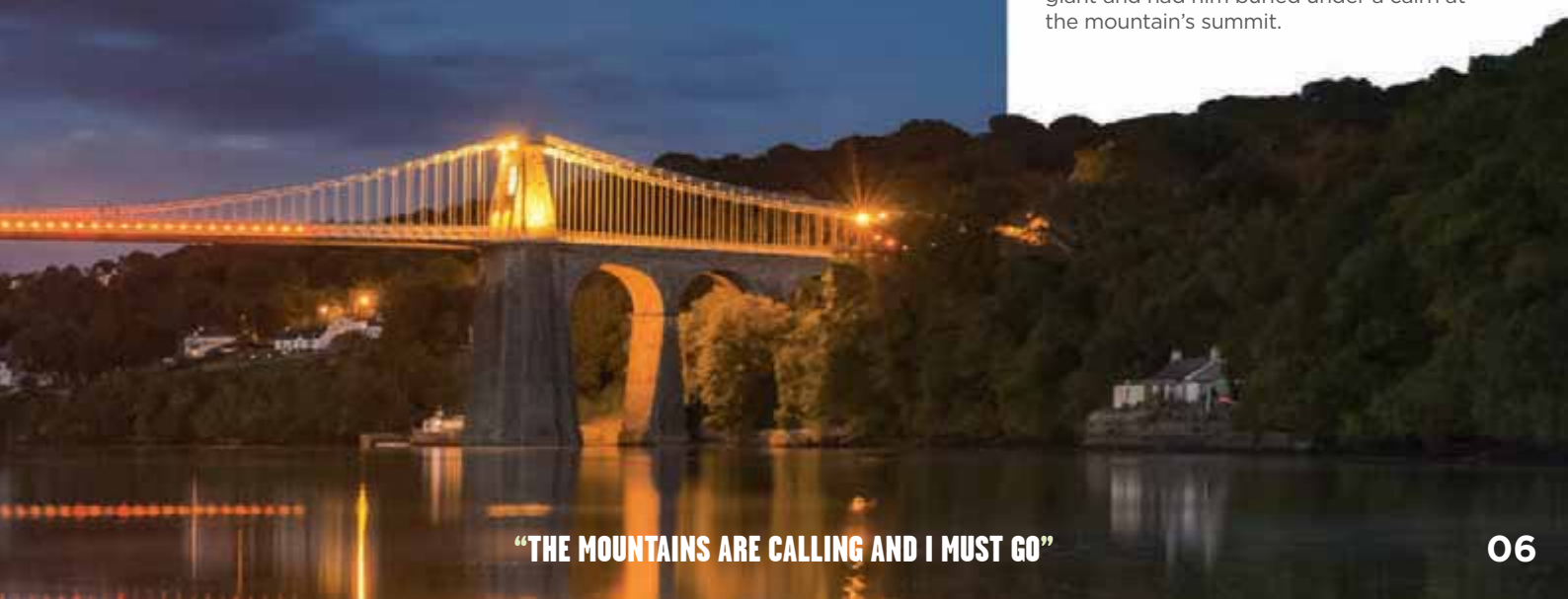
With its fascinating landscape of misty mountains, secret caves and mysterious lakes, Wales has inspired countless generations of poets and storytellers. Here is a land of giants, dragons, wizards and heroes, and the greatest hero of all was Arthur, King of the Britons, who according to legend will arise at Wales' hour of darkest need to save his country.



In literature and folklore, King Arthur is most often associated with Wales; the name Pendragon is Anglo-Welsh, meaning "Dragon's Head". And while his famous court at Camelot has often been linked with Caerleon, just outside Newport in the south east of Wales, there are several legends placing Arthur and his feats in the Snowdonia region of North Wales.

Whether or not Arthur existed is debatable. However, folk memories last a long time, and one has to wonder if there's some shred of truth to the local Arthurian legends that still survive in Snowdonia.

One tale describes how Arthur met a giant, Ritta, on the slopes of Snowdon while out riding with his knights. Arthur remarked upon Ritta's unusual cloak, which the giant explained was made from the beards of kings. Ritta said he would be honoured to include Arthur's beard in his cloak but Arthur, reluctant to part with his facial hair, refused. A fight ensued and Arthur slew the giant and had him buried under a cairn at the mountain's summit.





IT'S ALL ABOUT THE

# Taste

North Wales is a true food heaven and is especially well known for its legendary freshly caught fish off the boat, Welsh Lamb, Welsh Black beef; and even Honey Wine Mead. There are just so many great local flavours waiting to tickle the taste buds.

## TRADITIONAL BARA BRITH



or 'speckled bread' is a rich fruit loaf made with tea produced all over Wales.

### SHOPPING LIST

- > 450g/1lb self-raising flour
- > 1tsp mixed spice
- > 175g/6oz Muscavado sugar
- > 1 medium size free-range egg
- > 1tbsp orange zest
- > 2tbsp orange juice
- > 1tbsp honey
- > 300ml/½pt cold tea
- > 450g/1lb mixed, dried fruit
- > Extra honey for glazing

Put the mixed dried fruit into a mixing bowl, pour over the tea, cover and leave to soak overnight.

The next day mix together the sugar, egg, orange juice, zest and honey, add to the fruit. Sift in the flour and spice, and mix well. Pour the mixture into a 2pt buttered loaf tin.

Bake in a preheated oven at gas3/160c/325f for about 1¾ hours. The loaf should be golden in colour and firm to the touch in the middle. Baste with honey whilst still warm.

Allow to cool thoroughly before storing in a cake tin.

## WREXHAM FOOD FESTIVAL

> May

Set in the heart of the traditional market town of Wrexham, this wonderfully rustic outdoor Food and Drink extravaganza is not to be missed.

☎ 01978 314292

🌐 [wrexhamfoodfest.wordpress.com](http://wrexhamfoodfest.wordpress.com)

## MENAI BRIDGE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

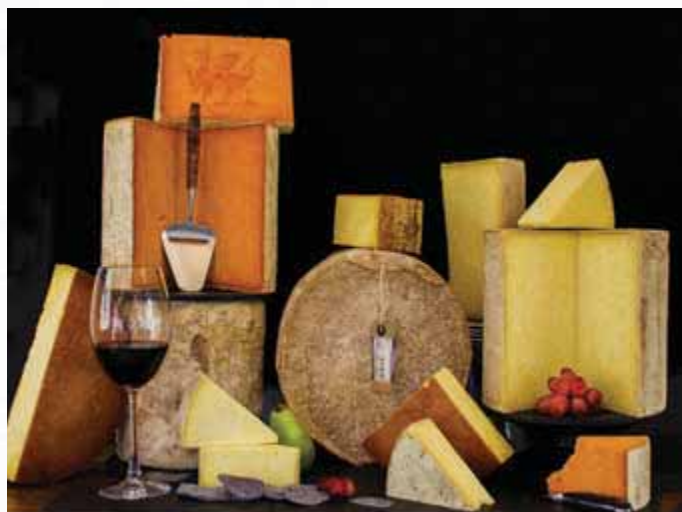
> August

An annual event showcasing the wonderful variety and quality of seafood available from around our shores.

☎ 01248 716714

🌐 [www.menaiseafoodfestival.com](http://www.menaiseafoodfestival.com)

## Mood FOR FOOD



WALES' GROWING REPUTATION AS A NATION OF FANATICAL FOODIES IS NOWHERE MORE APPARENT THAN AT BODNANT WELSH FOOD CENTRE. SET IN THE HEART OF THE CONWY VALLEY SURROUNDED BY THE STUNNING SCENERY OF SNOWDONIA.

The well stocked Farm shop is a must visit. There'll always be tasters flowing at the delicatessen and bakery counter, so you can sample the award-winning produce on offer, whilst you shop, or order online.

There are cookery courses throughout the year plus an impressive wine cellar which houses a diverse range of wines from the vineyards of Wales and beyond. They even stock a premium selection of locally brewed Welsh ciders and beers. There is, as you would expect a tasting counter or you could pre-book a wine tasting evening!

No room on the coach, no worries you can order online at [www.bodnantwelshfood.co.uk](http://www.bodnantwelshfood.co.uk).

The Centre is wheel-chair accessible, with lift access available to all floors. There's free reserved parking for coaches too.

## CONWY HONEY FAIR

> September

Get a buzz about bees! Meet keepers and buy bee products such as delicious honey, beeswax candles and polish.

☎ 01492 650851

🌐 [www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk)



## MOLD FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

> September

This foodie weekend has a mix of celebrity and local chef demonstrations, cookery workshops, children's activities, live music and, of course, plenty of gourmet goodies to tempt the tastebuds!

☎ 07775 037721

🌐 [www.moldfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.moldfoodfestival.co.uk)



# FOOD ON THE MOVE



**LUXURY MEETS STEAM IN SNOWDONIA AS NEW CARRIAGES ARE UNVEILED ON THE WORLD-FAMOUS FFESTINIOG AND WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAYS WITH NEWLY-CRAFTED WIDER SEATS PROVIDING MORE LEG ROOM THAN EVER BEFORE.**

The tables are set in bays allowing conversation to flow whilst enjoying a delicious buffet served at your seat.

And the views? Oh, the views..! They have gone to great lengths to ensure nothing comes between you and your railway adventure – the meandering rivers and lush green mountains spring to life thanks to the crystal clear double-glazing and incorporated central heating.

Follow the train's journey for yourself with their own take on steam age GPS – you will find a map of the line etched into each table top by the team of expert craftsmen who hand built each new carriage right here in Wales.

With events taking place on the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways throughout the year please visit the website for more details [www.festrail.co.uk](http://www.festrail.co.uk)

## LLANGOLLEN FOOD FESTIVAL

> October

The town where Wales meets the World and the indoor festival where the world gets to sample delicious Welsh produce!

☎ 01978 860111  
🌐 [www.llangollenfoodfestival.com](http://www.llangollenfoodfestival.com)

## GWLEDD CONWY FEAST

> October

Now the second-biggest food festival in Wales and a massive celebration of food, drink and arts in the beautiful walled town of Conwy.

☎ 01492 338083  
🌐 [www.conwyfeast.co.uk](http://www.conwyfeast.co.uk)

# REAL ALES



**“IECHYD DA” (PRONOUNCED “YACKI-DAH”) IS ONE OF THE MORE WELL-KNOWN WELSH PHRASES. IT MEANS “CHEERS”, AND YOU’LL WANT TO USE IT SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO EXPLORE THE MICRO-BREWERY SCENE IN NORTH WALES.**

Take Conwy Brewery, for example. They brought brewing back to Conwy after a 100-year break when they launched their Brewery now located in the village of Llysfaen, with sweeping views of the North Wales Coast.

They produce a range of cask and bottle ales suitable for all tastes and occasions. No artificial ingredients are used and bottled beers are suitable for vegetarians!

They even run their own pub – The Albion – in the town of Conwy.

Visitors can tour Conwy Brewery (tour lasts approximately 1 hour) or become a brewer for the day and shadow a master craftsman at work. Smaller groups can even spend the day designing their own beer. If sampling is what you're after, many pubs in North Wales sell local ales. Why not give them a try!

## WELL-SEASONED

Anglesey Sea Salt is an award-winning Saltcote and Visitor Centre and a first for Anglesey, Wales and the UK. It lies on the banks of the Menai Strait in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Why not offer your group a 'behind the scenes' one-of-a-kind tour which is recommended for anyone interested in salt's place in our history, culture, food and in what makes Halen Môn Sea Salt the world's finest seasoning.



# LEGENDS OF OLD

## THE WELSH LOVESPOON



A handcrafted gift made of a solid block of wood. The tradition of a male admirer crafting a lovespoon for a young woman indicated to the woman's family that he was skilled and capable with his hands. The oldest existing lovespoon in Wales dates back to 1667. Each specific carving on the spoon is symbolic, from the eternal love of the Celtic knot, to the twisted stem indicating togetherness.

## ST DWYNWEN'S DAY

This is celebrated in Wales on 25 January each year. But who was St Dwynwen? St Dwynwen is the Welsh patron saint of lovers, which makes her the Welsh equivalent of St Valentine.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Dawn French actress born in Holyhead
- Robbie Savage, Footballer & TV Pundit born in Wrexham
- John Prescott, Politician born in Prestatyn
- Tom Pryce Racing Driver born in Ruthin
- Bryn Terfel Jones born in Caernarfon

## WHATS IN A NAME?

59 letters actually!!

In the 19th century a joker was responsible for naming this town in Anglesey (deep breath)

LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRN  
DROBWL LANTYSILIOGOGOCH

It is the longest name in Europe and the second longest official one word place name in the world.

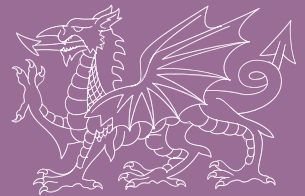
## A CURIOUS ENCOUNTER IN LLANDUDNO!



Explore the history of the town, find out about Alice Liddell, the real Alice in Wonderland, and enjoy an Alice-themed afternoon tea. There'll be plenty of opportunities for silly nonsense, some curious sights and some great places to daydream.

## WELSH NATIONAL FLAG

It took until 1959 for the Welsh national flag to be officially unfurled for the first time. The significance of the dragon in Welsh culture is believed to date back to Arthurian legend when Merlin had a vision of a red dragon (representing native Britons) fighting a white dragon (the Saxon invaders). The use of green and white refer to the colours of the House of Tudor, the 15th century royal family of Welsh origin. The red dragon won the battle just in case you were wondering...



## FACT OR FICTION YOU DECIDE

The Story of Gelert is set in Beddgelert. It is said to be the grave of a brave hound commanded by his owner, Llewelyn, to guard his baby son while he is away. A wolf comes, and Gelert fights it to the death, overturning the cradle in the battle. Llewelyn returns to find the cradle upturned and blood on the floor. He kills Gelert with his sword, before seeing the dead wolf, and hears the baby cry under the cradle. Overcome with guilt and sorrow, he buries Gelert, and has a stone placed on the grave to remember him.

## THE HARP

The harp is the only traditional instrument in Wales with an unbroken history up to the present day. It is also the instrument most often cited in Welsh literature through the ages.





# PLAN IT

MARCH

## CONWY SEED FAIR

Conwy | March

☎ 01492 650851 🌐 [www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.conwybeekeepers.org.uk)

## VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA

Llandudno | April/May

☎ 07401 010122 🌐 [www.victorian-extravaganza.com](http://www.victorian-extravaganza.com)

APRIL

## PRESTATYN CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Prestatyn | May

☎ 07788598991  
🌐 [www.prestatyncarshow.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.prestatyncarshow.blogspot.co.uk)

## ALL WALES BOAT SHOW

Conwy | June

☎ 01248 810594 🌐 [www.allwalesboatshow.com](http://www.allwalesboatshow.com)

JUNE

## NORTH WALES BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Conwy | June/July

☎ 01492 515921 🌐 [www.northwalesbluegrass.co.uk](http://www.northwalesbluegrass.co.uk)

## NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

Anglesey | August

☎ 0845 4090900 🌐 [eisteddfod.wales](http://eisteddfod.wales)

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

## FESTIVAL NO 6

Portmeirion | September

☎ 0844 967 0002 🌐 [www.festivalnumber6.com](http://www.festivalnumber6.com)

## DENBIGH PLUM FESTIVAL

Denbigh | October

☎ 07896 312905

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

## WALES RALLY GB

Various Venues in North Wales | November

☎ 01753 765105 🌐 [www.walesrallygb.com](http://www.walesrallygb.com)

DECEMBER

## FFESTINIOG RAILWAY - SANTA TRAINS

Ffestiniog | Throughout December

☎ 01766 516024 🌐 [www.festrail.co.uk](http://www.festrail.co.uk)



## THEATR CLWYD

Mold

☎ 01352 701521  
🌐 [www.theatrclwyd.com](http://www.theatrclwyd.com)

## VENUE CYMRU

Llandudno

☎ 01492 872000  
🌐 [www.venuecymru.co.uk](http://www.venuecymru.co.uk)

## PAVILION THEATRE

Rhyl

☎ 01745 330000  
🌐 [www.rhylpavilion.co.uk](http://www.rhylpavilion.co.uk)

This list was compiled during December 2016 details may have changed, please check dates and times before you visit.

# ACCOMMODATION NORTH WALES

Luxury, traditional, seaside and town-centre hotels are perfect for groups of all sizes.

Some of our smaller hotels or our study centre situated in the Snowdonia National Park could be ideal for that special interest group.



# CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL

Bangor Street, CAERNARFON, Gwynedd, LL55 1AY

Contact Reservations

☎ 01286 674477 ✉ reservations@celtic-royal.co.uk

🌐 www.celtic-royal.co.uk

**Situated on the edge of the Snowdonia National Park, in the historical walled town of Caernarfon.**

This deluxe Hotel offers 110 chic en-suite bedrooms, Fine-Dining, Stylish Conference Facilities hosting 300 delegates, Leisure Club, 16mtr pool. Near Medieval Welsh Castles, Gardens and Golf Clubs.

Superb venue for Group Travel, Special Interest Tours, Team Building Incentives and Dance Groups. Located within easy reach of Manchester and Liverpool airports, Bangor train station and Holyhead ferryport.

- Dance floor - 2100sq feet
- Evening Entertainment on request

## Open

All year

## No. of bedrooms

110 En-suite:

Doubles 22, Twins 13, Family 75

## Net Group Rates

B&B from £34.00 pp, pn

Dinner B&B from £42.00 pp, pn

Full Board from £47.00 pp, pn

## Special Breaks offered

- Winter Warmers
- Christmas & New Year Packages
- Dance Groups
- Easter Packages

## Group Packages

- Commission to Travel Agent
- Driver Incentives
- Conference enquiries welcome



# ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL SNOWDONIA

LLANBERIS, Gwynedd, LL55 4TY

Contact Group Reservations

☎ 01286 870253 ✉ groups@theroyalvictoria.co.uk

🌐 www.theroyalvictoria.co.uk

**Situated in the Snowdonia National Park, at the foot of Snowdon within 30 acres of gardens and woodlands. We are ideally located for groups to explore Llanberis and North Wales.**

All bedrooms en-suite with tea/coffee making facilities, television, hairdryer, telephone.

- We also welcome meal stops and coffee stops
- On-site coach parking for residential groups
- No single supplement - first 4 single rooms
- All inclusive packages - November to March
- Evening Entertainment - Monday to Thursday from May to September

## Open

All year

## No. of bedrooms

106 En-suite:

Doubles 45, Twins 35, Singles 18, Family 8

## Net Group Rates

B&B from £29.00 pp,pn;

Dinner B&B from £39.00 pp,pn

## Special Breaks offered

Winter Specials, All Inclusive Packages, Christmas Breaks, New Year Breaks, Easter Packages, Dance Groups, Walking Groups, Team Building

- Commission to Travel Agents
- Driver Incentives
- Conference Enquiries Welcome



# BEAUFORT PARK HOTEL

New Brighton, MOLD, Flintshire, CH7 6RQ

Contact Reservations

☎ 01352 758646 ✉ info@beaufortparkhotel.co.uk

🌐 www.beaufortparkhotel.co.uk

Beaufort Park Hotel can be found 1½ miles outside the historic town of Mold and is idyllically situated within the North Wales Borderlands with Snowdonia National Park and the fabulous North Wales coastline on our door step.

Only 20 minutes away from the historic city of Chester and 40 minutes from Llangollen, an ideal base for any holiday.

We offer bespoke themed packages for group holidays including Christmas, New Year, Medieval Banquet, Cookery Demonstration and Murder Mystery. Our popular Welsh themed evenings provide a traditional Welsh menu, a visit from a local harpist and Welsh male voice choir which is a real entertainment highlight. Most importantly to ensure that your stay with us is second to none, all of our packages are tailor made to suit your holiday requirements.

**Open**  
All year

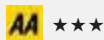
**No. of bedrooms** 104:  
Doubles 30, Twin 56,  
Single 2, Family 8

**Net Group Rates**  
B&B from £23.00 pp,pn  
DB&B from £30.00 pp,pn

**Special Breaks offered**  
Turkey and Tinsel  
Winter Warmers

- Commission paid to Travel Agents
- Driver Incentives
- Commission paid to Group Buyers

Evening Entertainment - Tuesday,  
Thursday, Saturday, Sunday



# RUTHIN CASTLE HOTEL

Castle Street, RUTHIN, Denbighshire, LL15 2NU

Contact Reservations

☎ 01824 702664 ✉ joanne.jones@ruthincastle.co.uk

🌐 www.ruthincastle.co.uk

Stay in an authentic Castle Hotel in an area recognised for its Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Ruthin Castle Hotel is an enchanting Castle set in extensive grounds, in the heart of North Wales. Located within the Clwydian Range with ease of access to Moel Famau and Loggerheads country parks which offer exceptional walks and views of the area for beginners or experienced walkers. The Roman City of Chester is a popular location for visitors and is only 40 minutes away.

The Castle is steeped in history and romance and is the only Castle in Wales where guests can stay within its ancient walls. Entertainment includes our world famous, original, Medieval Banquets, take a step back in time and experience the age old symbols of hospitality and entertainment.

**Open**  
All year

**No. of bedrooms**  
En-suite 60: Mix of Doubles,  
Twins, Singles, Family

**Net Group Rates**  
B&B £60.00 pp,pn  
DB&B £85 (3 course meal) pp,pn

**Special Breaks offered**  
Chilled Sundays  
Midweek Country Escapes  
Pure Bliss Spa Retreats  
Medieval Banquets





# THE QUEENS HOTEL

Promenade, LLANDUDNO, Conwy, LL30 2LE

Contact Reception

t 01492 877218 e info@queenshotelllandudno.co.uk

w www.queenshotelllandudno.co.uk

Traditional Promenade/seafront hotel, boasting a central location. All bedrooms offer en-suite accommodation with TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee facilities.

Excellent cuisine freshly prepared by our team of chefs.

Open daily for morning coffee, lunches, afternoon and high teas.

- Coach parking on site
- Evening entertainment
- Ramp access
- Conference enquiries welcome
- Catering for groups up to 150
- Exclusive use of Ballroom for Dancing Holidays, Meetings etc.
- Two lifts
- Wi-Fi Hot Spot

## Open

All year

## No. of bedrooms

83 En-suite: Doubles 21, Twins 35, Singles 11, Family 16

## Net Group Rates

B&B from: £28.00-£47.00 pp,pn  
DB&B from: £38.00-£55.00 pp, pn  
Full Board on request

## Special Breaks offered

October - December;  
Turkey & Tinsel,  
January - March;  
Various Themes

- Driver Incentives
- Commission paid to Group Buyers



# DUNOON HOTEL

Gloddaeth Street, LLANDUDNO, Conwy, LL30 2DW

Contact Charlotte Williams

t 01492 860787 e reservations@dunoonhotel.co.uk

w www.dunoonhotel.co.uk

Great Rail Journeys, Best Food UK and Ireland 2015, Best Service UK and Ireland 2014 and Gold Award for Food 2012, Saga Holidays, Three Rosettes for Good Food Award 2015.

The Dunoon is a splendidly old-fashioned Victorian gem awash with period character and elegance, slightly formal but nevertheless intimate and friendly.

The hotel is celebrated for personal and attentive service, quietly imaginative and extremely tasty food as well as wonderful attention to detail and appreciation of the understated luxuries that separate the grand from the bland. AA 3 Star Rosette (82% Merit Rating).

- Evening Entertainment

## Open

March - December

## No. of bedrooms

48 En-suite:  
Doubles 16, Twins 17,  
Singles 11, Family 4

## Net Group Rates

B&B from £52.00 pp,pn;  
Dinner B&B from £58.00 pp,pn

## Special Breaks offered

Theatre breaks  
Winter warmers

- Driver Incentives
- Commission to Group Organisers
- Commission paid to Travel Agents



# THE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

College Road, BANGOR, Gwynedd, LL57 2DG

Contact Reservations

☎ 01248 365900 ✉ [events@themanagementcentre.co.uk](mailto:events@themanagementcentre.co.uk)

🌐 [www.themanagementcentre.co.uk](http://www.themanagementcentre.co.uk)

The Management Centre is graded as Visit Wales 4 Star Guest Accommodation and offers 56 en-suite guest bedrooms that have achieved the Visit Wales Business Class Gold Standard.

Many of the rooms have stunning views of the Menai Strait and Anglesey. Facilities are fully accessible for wheelchair users, please note that due to The Management Centre being a listed building, there is no lift access to the third floor bedrooms.

Our range of guest bedrooms include single, twin, double and king executive and all come equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi and a dedicated workspace for all your business or study needs. All guest bedrooms are en-suite with complimentary tea and coffee making facilities and digital flat screen televisions.

## Open

All year

## No. of bedrooms

56 En-suite:

Doubles 39, Twins 4,

Singles 7, Family 1,

Executive 3, Disabled 2

## Net Group Rates

B&B from £38.33 pp,pn

Dinner B&B from £59.17 pp,pn

- Commission to Travel Agents
- Driver Incentives
- Commission offered to Group Buyers



# SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK CENTRE

Plas Tan y Bwlch, MAENTWROG, Gwynedd, LL41 3YU

Contact Reservations

☎ 01766 772600 ✉ [plas@eryri-npa.gov.uk](mailto:plas@eryri-npa.gov.uk)

🌐 [www.plastanybwlch.com](http://www.plastanybwlch.com)

The Snowdonia National Park Centre at Plas Tan y Bwlch, occupying a superb position overlooking the valley of the river Dwyryd in the heart of the National Park.

The Centre's aim is to provide activities & courses which are of interest to all lovers of the countryside who would like to know about this fascinating area of Wales.

The Stablau Conference and Education Centre is the state of the art 90 seater theatre and two seminar rooms provide ideal facilities for conferences, seminars and group meetings.

Accommodation is provided in the well-appointed country house which was the home of the Oakeley family, an important land and quarry owner in the area.

## Open

All year (excluding Xmas & New Year)

## No. of bedrooms:

25 En-suite: Doubles 6, Family 4,

Twins 6, Singles 9

## Net Group Rates:

B&B from £42.95 pp, pn

Dinner B&B from £61.50 pp, pn

Full Board from £78.20 pp, pn

## Activities & Courses offered

Wildlife, Painting, Archaeology, Walking, History, Photography & various Special Interest Courses,

## Themed Breaks

- Commission to Travel Agents
- Driver Incentives
- Conference enquiries welcome





# NANT GWRTHEYRN

Llithfaen, PWLLHELI, Gwynedd, LL53 6NL

Contact Reservations

☎ 01758 750334 ✉ post@nantgwrtheyrn.org  
 🌐 www.nantgwrtheyrn.org

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Three lounges are provided suitable for small groups who are staying in the en-suite bedrooms. Other communal spaces for groups are available in the Plas or in Caffi Meinir.

The accommodation has underfloor heating powered by air source heat pumps with solid oak floors and furniture, leather sofas and easy chairs and very comfortable beds made by the Welsh Bed Company who supply 5\* hotels across Europe. See Quarryman's Cottage, Heritage Centre and Café.

**Open**  
All year

**Special Breaks offered**  
New Year's Eve Package

**No. of bedrooms**  
31 En-suite: Doubles 11,  
Twins 13, Singles 3, Family 4

- Commission to Travel Agents
- Commission to Group Buyers
- Driver Incentives
- Conference enquiries welcome

**Net Group Rates**  
B&B from £52.00 pp,pn  
Dinner B&B from £64.00 pp,pn  
Full Board from £74.00 pp,pn



# THE MULBERRY

Conwy Marina, Ellis Way, CONWY, LL32 8GU

Contact Reception

☎ 01492 583350 ✉ info@mulberryconwy.pub  
 🌐 www.robinsonsbrewery.com

**Nestled within the walking distance of the historic town of Conwy lies The Mulberry, the perfect place to drink, dine and relax after a long day of exploring.**

With sweeping views across Conwy Marina and the picturesque Welsh countryside, we are the ideal choice of venue for unique occasions, business meetings, conferences and groups.

At The Mulberry, we are proud of our Welsh heritage and we have created a wide ranging menu that champions the very best in fresh, seasonal Welsh produce. The food menu combines a range of pub classics with colonial influences. Award winning real ales, live bands and entertainment throughout the year, please see website for details.

**Opening times**

Monday-Thursday: 8.30am-11pm.  
Friday-Saturday: 8.30am-Midnight  
Sunday: 8.30am-1pm.

To avoid disappointment, we would recommend that you book in advance.

**Food Service Times:**

Breakfast: 8.30am-1.30am  
(Monday-Saturday)  
8.30am-11am (Sunday)  
Main Menu: 12 noon - 9pm.





# ATTRACTIONS NORTH WALES

North Wales has a great range of activities and attractions to suit all types of groups; whether it's visiting elegant historic houses and gardens, seeking out the best adrenalin activities on offer, visiting industrial sites or simply walking, relaxing and enjoying the flora and fauna in the areas of outstanding natural beauty. There really is something for everyone here in North Wales







# Llangollen Horsedrawn Boat Centre

Boat trips along the Dee Valley World Heritage site

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Group Rates Available



01978 860702

[www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk](http://www.horsedrawnboats.co.uk)



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## LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY

The Station, Abbey Road, LLANGOLLEN, Denbighshire LL20 8SN  
Contact Group Department  
☎ 01978 860979  
✉ [info@llangollen-railway.co.uk](mailto:info@llangollen-railway.co.uk)  
🌐 [www.llangollen-railway.co.uk](http://www.llangollen-railway.co.uk)

Travel on our newly extended line through the picturesque Dee Valley to the town of Corwen. The 10 mile length of track travels through some of the most stunning scenery North Wales has to offer.

There are great discounts offered to groups who pre-book, prices start from £6.50 for a single journey, there is also the option to add on a Cream Tea to enjoy while you pass along the picturesque line.

- **Open**  
Every day May to September
- **Opening Times**  
10am - 5pm
- **Group Rates**  
Adults from £6.50  
Children from £4.00  
OAP from £6.50  
Prices apply to groups 10+ & 35+
- **Special Events**  
Please see website for details
- **Driver Incentive**



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 Contact Rob Dingle (National Trail Officer)

**Open:** All Year  
**Opening Times:** Any time, free of charge - enjoy!  
**Special Events:** See website for details

Take a walk on one of Wales' national treasures. This iconic route runs for 177 miles (285km) through the breathtaking borderlands of Wales & England. For over half of its length it follows the spectacular Dyke (Britain's longest ancient monument) constructed in the 8th century for King Offa.

Experience the fresh air and freedom.

Be inspired by the stunning views of Snowdonia, the Clwydian Range and the Dee Valley. Soak up the history of ancient hillforts, castles and abbeys.

Walk for an hour, a day, a week ... the choice is yours.







## GARDENS NORTH WALES

North Wales Tourism, 9 Wynnstay Road  
COLWYN BAY, Conwy LL29 8NB

☎ 01492 531731  
✉ croeso@nwt.co.uk  
🌐 www.gardensnorthwales.co.uk

### Natural and Dramatic

North Wales is famous for its gardens. Visit during spring, summer and autumn. There is always something on show whilst some gardens contain plants rarely seen elsewhere in the British Isles. The majority of gardens are open to visitor's right through until autumn (some into winter).

Please see website for a comprehensive list of gardens and their individual opening times.

### Festival of Gardens 27th May – 11th June 2017

- Behind the scenes guided tours
- Meet the Head Gardener walks
- Gardening workshops
- Garden visits by vintage steam train
- Gardening inspired lectures
- Photographic workshops
- Children's trails
- 'What's that plant' walks
- From garden to kitchen. How to grow and use your own plants
- Gardeners' Question Times
- Competitions with prizes
- Plant sales



## BODELWYDDAN CASTLE AND PARK

Bodelwyddan Castle Trust,  
BODELWYDDAN, Denbighshire LL18 5YA  
Contact Michelle Oatway

☎ 01745 584060  
✉ enquiries@bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk  
🌐 www.bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk

Bodelwyddan Castle is a unique and prestigious heritage venue. With over 600 years of history, the historic house today is a museum and Welsh home of the National Portrait Gallery.

The extensive Country Park features fascinating First World War trenches, gardens and beautiful woodland. Our hands-on galleries, year-round events and activities for children make us a favourite family friendly attraction too.

### Driver Incentives

Complimentary ticket, meal voucher, free familiarisation pass, free parking, easy access from A55.

### Access

Guided tours; trained VIP guides and tactile resources; BSL multimedia guide; induction loop; free WiFi; disabled coach drop-off zone.

Visit [Bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk](http://Bodelwyddan-castle.co.uk) for opening times, prices and events. Out-of-hours visits welcome by arrangement.



## WELSH MOUNTAIN ZOO

Old Highway, COLWYN BAY,  
Conwy, LL28 5UY  
Contact Group Visit Department

☎ 01492 532938  
✉ info@welshmountainzoo.org  
🌐 www.welshmountainzoo.org

Go Wild in Wales for a great day out in a friendly caring conservation zoo in lovely garden surroundings.

Spend a perfect day at the National Zoo of Wales in the company of rare and endangered animals from around the world including tigers, monkeys and sealions.

**Special Events:**  
See website for details

**Open**  
All year except Christmas Day

**Opening Times**  
April - October: 9.30am - 6pm,  
last admission before 5pm.  
November - March: 9.30am -  
5pm, last admission before 4pm

**Net Group Rates**  
Adults £10.00  
Children £7.15  
OAP £7.15  
Prices apply for groups over 15+

**Nearest Railway Station:**  
Colwyn Bay (1 mile)

- Free minibus service (seasonal)
- Driver Incentive

Open late March to late October,  
7 days a week, 10am - 6pm  
(closes 5pm March and October)

Special discounts for families and groups



Delighting visitors since 1902, the tramway is a unique attraction for all ages. Climb aboard one of our beautifully restored tramcars and begin your ascent through the winding roads of the Great Orme to the summit.

At the Halfway Station you can observe the powerful funicular railway system in action.

Jump onto another beautifully restored tramcar to complete your journey to the summit, where you can sit and relax while taking in the splendid views of North Wales and beyond!

Victoria Station, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2NB  
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[www.greatormetramway.co.uk](http://www.greatormetramway.co.uk)







## BODNANT GARDEN

TAL-Y-CAFN, Nr Colwyn Bay,  
Conwy, LL28 5RE  
Contact Ann Smith

☎ 01492 650460  
✉ ann.smith@nationaltrust.org.uk  
🌐 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodnant-garden

80 acres of magnificent Garden with expansive lawns and intimate corners, delightful terraces and awe-inspiring plant collections giving continually changing displays of colour.

Impressive Italianate Terraces with Victorian brick paths, curved steps, ponds and Pergola contrast with the informal Dell where plants grow beneath towering 200-year-old trees alongside the river.

**Open**  
January to December (closed  
24th, 25th and 26th December)

**Net Group Rates**  
Prices apply for groups  
over 15+ pax.

Please see website for times  
and prices throughout the year.

**Special Events**  
Check website for details

**Nearest Railway Station:**  
Tal-y-Cafn (unmanned) 2 miles;  
Llandudno Junction 5 miles



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www.bodnant-welshfood.co.uk



## LLECHWEDD SLATE CAVERNS

BLAENAU FFESTINIOG, Gwynedd, LL41 3NB  
Contact Sharon O'Donovan

☎ 01766 830306  
✉ bookings@llechwedd.co.uk  
🌐 www.llechwedd-slate-caverns.co.uk

High above and deep below the mountains of Snowdonia we want to share our amazing story - the new **DEEP MINE** tour and the spectacular **QUARRY EXPLORER** tell the story of the brave men who mined the precious slate.

Take your group 500ft underground on Britain's steepest cable railway where our friendly local guides, dressed in Victorian miners' costume take you on an unforgettable journey through chambers which were literally dug out by hand! The **QUARRY EXPLORER** takes you high into the mountains on a 4x4 truck right into the heart of our amazing landscape.

We have reinvented the **DEEP MINE** tour using spectacular lighting, projection and the very latest in augmented reality technology using iPads as windows into the past. You get to have a go at drilling Victorian style and even set off an explosion!

**Open**  
All year except Christmas Day

Special ticket for both  
tours £25.00 pp

**Opening times**  
9.00am-5.30pm, last tours at 4.30pm

**Groups**  
10+ £12.50pp or for both tours £22.00

**Deep Mine Tour/Quarry Explorer**  
£20.00 pp/tour  
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# attractions OF SNOWDONIA

Play. Explore. Discover.



## Planning a group visit to Snowdonia?

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# FFESTINIOG RAILWAY

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# WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

St Helens Road, CAERNARFON, Gwynedd, LL55 2YD  
Harbour Station, PORTHMADOG, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF

Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF • Contact Samantha Hughes • 01766 516024 01766 516005 groups@ffwhr.com www.festrail.co.uk



**Ffestiniog Railway:**  
**Nearest Mainline Railway Station:**  
Porthmadog 0.5 miles  
Blaenau Ffestiniog 0 miles

**Special Events:**  
May Bank Holiday - 28th April-1st May  
Vintage Weekend - 6th-8th October  
Santa Trains - December

**Net Group Rates**  
Prices shown apply to groups of 20+ passengers completing a single journey from one end of the railway to the other...

**Ffestiniog Railway Adults & OAP:** £9.75 Child: £4.90  
**Welsh Highland Railway Adults & OAP:** £17.00 Child: £8.50 (Shorter journey options may be available)  
**Opening Times** Daily April to October plus selected days during the winter period. See timetable for full details of train times and services.

**Welsh Highland Railway:**  
**Nearest Mainline Railway Station:**  
Bangor 9 miles  
Porthmadog 0.5 miles

**Special Events:**  
Rail Ale Festival - 19th-21st May  
Enthusiast Event - 8th-10th September  
Santa Trains - December

Our narrow-gauge steam trains have climbed through the beautiful Vale of Ffestiniog between Porthmadog and Blaenau Ffestiniog for 150 years - yet have modern, comfortable carriages with light refreshments and on-train toilets for convenience. This scenic railway is ideal as part of a circular coach tour of Snowdonia with one-way trips (taking around 75 minutes) available from either end of the railway.

Both railways have on-train catering which may be pre-booked for groups. There are small gift shops at Caernarfon and Blaenau Ffestiniog, with the main shop and Spooner's award-winning café & bar being situated at Harbour Station - the joint terminus - in Porthmadog.

This spectacular railway runs for 25 miles from coast to coast across the foothills of Snowdon - between Caernarfon on the banks of the Menai Strait and Porthmadog in Cardigan Bay. On-train refreshments enable (pre-booked) morning coffee, a light lunch or afternoon tea to be included in your itinerary. A one-way trip takes two and a half hours, with shorter journeys available.



## NATIONAL SLATE MUSEUM

LLANBERIS, Gwynedd, LL55 4TY  
**Contact** Group Department

02920 573700  
slate@museumwales.ac.uk  
www.museumwales.ac.uk

Situated under towering slate mountains in the Victorian engineering workshops of Dinorwig Slate Quarry, this living, working museum tells the story of North Wales' slate industry. Enjoy a stunning introductory film show, daily slate-splitting demonstrations, giant waterwheel - the largest in mainland Britain, exhibitions and events throughout the year. The Workshops and Buildings are designed as though quarrymen and engineers have just put down their tools and left the courtyard for home giving you a real insight into quarry life.

**Open**  
All year

**Opening times**  
Easter - October: daily  
10am-5pm  
November - Mar:  
Sunday - Friday 10am - 4pm

**Last admission**  
1 hour before closing  
Gift shop and café on site.

**FREE ADMISSION**



## PLAS CADNANT HIDDEN GARDENS

Cadnant Road, MENAI BRIDGE,  
Isle of Anglesey, LL59 5NH  
**Contact** Anthony Tavernor

01248 717174 or 01248 717007  
plascadnantgardens@gmail.com  
www.plascadnantgardens.co.uk

Plas Cadnant Hidden Gardens - rapidly becoming the 'must see' garden in North Wales. Newly restored areas for 2017. The gardens were derelict but are now spectacular right through to October. Spring displays; Bluebells; summer and autumn colour. Tea Room serves light lunches from 12 noon. Some areas not accessible for those with mobility constraints. Pre-book for coaches, please allow 2 hours/half day for visit. Coach access with drop off and parking. Meet and greet all groups. Private groups welcome.

**Open**  
4 days/week for most of the season. See website for more details.

**Net Group Rates**  
Adults £6  
Children £2  
Prices apply for groups over 30  
Short distance from Beaumaris and Llanfair PG - 5 mins from A55/bridges

**Railway Station**  
Bangor 3 miles  
Llanfair PG 2 miles



# Discover the attractions of Southern Snowdonia

In the southern foothills of Snowdonia, between the mountains and the sea, lies the spectacular landscape of mid-west Wales. Rich in myth and legend and boasting a fascinating industrial heritage, the area is celebrated for its stunning scenery and incredible wildlife – look out for ospreys and red kites circling overhead as you explore the hills, valleys and coast of this great new group destination.



## The Centre for Alternative Technology

Explore a world of green living in CAT's 7-acre visitor centre. Arrive in style on one of the world's steepest cliff railways then spend time exploring displays on renewable energy, sustainable building and more. Relax in the beautiful organic gardens and enjoy delicious vegetarian food in the CAT Café.  
[www.cat.org.uk](http://www.cat.org.uk) 01654 704973



## King Arthur's Labyrinth

Sail deep underground into the mountains of Southern Snowdonia. Passing through a magical waterfall you enter the Labyrinth's winding tunnels and immense caverns, alive with ancient myths and legends. Back above ground browse the Corris Craft Centre and enjoy a delicious meal in Y Crochan café.  
[www.kingarthurslabyrinth.co.uk](http://www.kingarthurslabyrinth.co.uk) 01654 761584



## The Talylllyn Railway

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## Group accommodation and one-stop booking

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Visiting all three attractions?  
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Meal stops ● Coach driver incentives ● Free all day parking



# REFRESHMENT STOPS

We have highlighted a small selection of venues with great facilities and coach parking for groups of all sizes - so why not stretch your legs and have a break.

For more information on other places to stop please contact the group travel line on: 01492 539065

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## ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL

### LLANBERIS

☎ 01286 870253  
🌐 [www.theroyalvictoria.co.uk](http://www.theroyalvictoria.co.uk)

Free coach parking  
Pre-booking preferred

The Padarn and Victoria restaurants offer a variety of menus which are accompanied by carefully selected wines. During spring and summer, why not enjoy afternoon tea or a light snack in the Conservatory or the Dolbadarn Lounge with views of Snowdonia.



## LLECHWEDD SLATE CAVERNS

### BLAENAU FFESTINIOG

☎ 01766 830306  
🌐 [www.llechwedd-slate-caverns.co.uk](http://www.llechwedd-slate-caverns.co.uk)

Free coach parking  
Pre-booking preferred

With free parking why not stop off at Llechwedd for a fresh cup of tea, coffee and delicious cakes in the Emporium. Or have a hot meal in the Caverns Café with options including soup and traditional Lobsnows - a Welsh stew the miners would have eaten underground.



## CELTIC ROYAL

### CAERNARFON

☎ 01286 674477  
🌐 [www.celtic-royal.co.uk](http://www.celtic-royal.co.uk)

Free coach parking  
Pre-booking preferred

The Celtic Royal hotel offers a fine dining restaurant providing Mediterranean inspired menus as well as a modern, stylish bar offering a wide range of delicious locally sourced food plus a well stocked bar.



## SURF SNOWDONIA CAFÉ BAR

### DOLGARROG

☎ 01492 353123  
🌐 [www.surfsnowdonia.co.uk](http://www.surfsnowdonia.co.uk)

Free coach parking  
Pre-booking preferred

Entirely glass fronted café bar sits right on the edge of the Wavegarden Lagoon, with a great choice of hot or cold meals. Surf Club sandwiches are a speciality, and the homemade puddings, cakes and cheeseboards could well be the stuff of legends.



## THE MULBERRY — ROBINSONS BREWERY

### CONWY

☎ 01492 583350  
🌐 [www.robinsonsbrewery.com](http://www.robinsonsbrewery.com)

Pre-booking essential

With sweeping views across Conwy Marina and the picturesque Welsh countryside, the Mulberry is the ideal choice for groups of all sizes to stop off for a light lunch or evening meal.



## BODNANT WELSH FOOD

### TAL-Y-CAFN

☎ 01492 651100  
🌐 [www.bodnant-welshfood.co.uk](http://www.bodnant-welshfood.co.uk)

Free coach parking  
Pre-booking preferred

The Hayloft Restaurant combines dining with authentic flavour, bringing you traditional Welsh cuisine at its finest. Or visit the Furnace tea room to taste an appetising selection of traditional homemade cakes and breads, baked daily onsite.



## PLAS TAN Y BWLCH

### MAENTWROG

☎ 01766 772600  
🌐 [www.plastanybwlch.com](http://www.plastanybwlch.com)

Pre-booking preferred

The Dwyryd tea room is located in the terrace conservatory with stunning views of the Vale of Ffestiniog to the mountains beyond. The Tea Room is a great addition to a visit to the gardens.

# OUT AND ABOUT

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Travel through the village of Betws y Coed in the Conwy Valley and head to Capel Curig which lies in the heart of Snowdonia on the river Llugwy taking in the stunning views along the picturesque pass to Llanberis. Visit the National Slate Museum situated under towering slate mountains. The Victorian engineering workshops of Dinorwig Slate Quarry is a living, working museum that tells the story of the North Wales' slate industry. Enjoy a stunning introductory film show, slate-splitting demonstrations, explore the furnished quarryman's houses and marvel at the giant waterwheel on-site.

Just beyond the Museum there are a variety of independent shops/workshops selling hand-made Padarn pottery as well as slate gifts and souvenirs. Take a short coach journey to the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis for lunch, set in 30 acres of garden and woodland that include Dolbadarn Castle.

A visit to Llechwedd Slate Caverns at Blaenau Ffestiniog is a must. It's here that your group can experience the story of the men who built this incredible industry which literally helped to 'roof the world'. This new tour uses cutting-edge enhanced reality technology to tell the story of the miner's determination and resilience as they worked. It's a real insight as to how our mining forefathers lived, the importance to them of family, friendship and community, and how their lives have shaped our own - and still do.

Evening meal at the hotel will be a real 'Taste of Wales' as the main ingredients are locally sourced followed by an evening with a local choir rehearsal - a unique and moving experience.

## THE GATEWAY TO WALES

**Day 1** - Discover the hidden delights of Llangollen renowned for its hills situated on the river Dee, this small town has something for everyone from independent shops, a motor museum, tourist information centre, historic buildings and much more. Or why not climb aboard the train at Llangollen Railway located beside the historic Dee Bridge (built in 1345) and journey through the picturesque Dee Valley to the town of Corwen. This small section of line, offers a sample of the sights and sounds of yesteryear passing through some of the finest natural beauty North Wales has to offer. From lambs in Spring to the multicolored falling leaves of Autumn, the views from the carriages are picturesque and ever changing. As well as steam hauled trains there are Diesel locomotives and Heritage Railcar services on selected days throughout the season, this journey will take you back to how travel used to be.

**Day 2** - Enjoy a two hour leisurely trip on a motorised boat across the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal World Heritage Site built by Thomas Telford between 1795 and 1805. Fondly known as the 'stream in the sky'. Enjoy light refreshments on board plus a running commentary along the way.

Depart the boat and head for Chirk Castle in the ownership of the National Trust the only one of Edward I's Marcher fortresses still inhabited today. Explore the Adam Tower, complete with its two-level dungeons, and murder holes. There are guided tours available for groups or self-guided facilities. For those who are interested in the outdoors there are many walking trails around the fascinating 480 acre parkland to enjoy.

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# CHOIRS

To listen to the singing of a genuine Welsh choir is a unique and moving experience. Most choirs welcome groups to drop-in on rehearsals. We recommend that you contact the choir before your visit.



## BETWS YN RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Thursday from 7.30pm  
Venue Village Hall  
Telephone 01492 516694

## COR MEIBION LLANDDULAS

Rehearsals Tuesday (during tourist season) from 8pm  
Venue The Gloddaeth United Church  
Telephone 01745 823791

## LLANDUDNO MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Tuesday & Thursday from May - October  
Venue St John's Methodist Church from 8.00pm - 10pm  
Telephone 01492 860439

## RHOS MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Monday from 7.15pm  
Venue Hafod Club near Wrexham  
Telephone 07811 379291

## BRO ALED MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Thursday (except Aug) from 7pm  
Venue Canolfan Addysg Bro Aled Llanannan  
Telephone 01745 710287

## DENBIGH MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Tuesday 7.30pm  
Venue Eirianfa, Denbigh  
Telephone 01745 812944

## LLANGOLLEN MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Friday from 7.30pm  
Venue Hand Hotel  
Telephone 01978 861482

## RUTHIN CHOIR

Rehearsals Thursday (except August) from 8.00pm  
Venue The Tabernacle Vestry, Well Street  
Telephone 07870 996236

## CAERNARFON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Tuesday from 7.45pm  
Venue Galeri  
Telephone 01286 677404

## DYFFRYN CONWY MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Tuesday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Venue Peniel Chapel, Deganwy  
Telephone 01492 640703

## LLANRWST MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Sundays (except August) from 7.30pm - 9pm  
Venue The Church House Llanrwst  
Telephone 01492 640976

## THE FOEL MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Tuesday from 7.30pm  
Venue Capel Ifan  
Telephone 01407 830815

## CAERWYS MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Wednesday from 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
Venue St Michaels Church  
Telephone 01352 720637

## FLINT MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Wednesday & Sunday from 7.15pm to 9.15pm  
Venue Emaus Methodist Church Flint  
Telephone 01352 780695

## MAELGWYN MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Monday from 7.30pm - 9pm  
Venue Ysgol Maelgwyn, Llandudno Junction  
Telephone 01492 534115

## TRELAWNYD MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Tuesdays 7.00pm-9.00pm  
Venue Memorial Hall, Trelawnyd  
Telephone 01745 730059

## COLWYN MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Wednesday & Sunday 7.30pm - 9.15pm  
Venue Community Centre, Green Hill, Old Colwyn  
Telephone 01492 548670

## HOGIA'R DDWYLAN MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Thursday from 7.30-9.30pm  
Venue Vestry Fawr, Chapel Street, Menai Bridge  
Telephone 01248 724459

## PENRHYN MALE VOICE CHOIR

Rehearsals Monday from 7.15-9.15pm  
Venue Bethesda Cricket Club  
Telephone 01248 680471

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# COACH PARKING

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**Bangor** - Setting down and picking up at The Clock, parking in Dean Street and Garth Road opposite swimming pool. Free parking.

**Beddgelert** - Close to the Royal Goat Hotel parking on the left hand side. Parking fees throughout the year.

**Betws-y-Coed** - At the side of the railway near the Motor Museum and behind visitor centre. Dropping off and picking up at bay near shopping arcade. Free parking.

**Caernarfon** - Free Parking at Victoria Dock. Chargeable parking at Slate Quay Car Park. Drop-off Points: Ffordd Balaclava Road and Castle Square

**Conwy** - Setting down/picking up at Vicarage Gardens in Rosehill Street. Long Stay coach park at Morfa Bach. Turn left at side of Castle (B5106) follow Llanrwst Road for car park entrance. Parking fees apply.

**Criccieth** - At the Esplanade on sea front.

**Denbigh** - Setting down and picking up in Lenton Pool.

**Holyhead** - Parking facilities on Newry Beach for coaches.

**Llandudno** - Builder Street West. £6.50 for up to 4hrs, £12.00 up to 24hrs. Set down & picking up Mostyn Broadway.

**Llanfairpwll** - James Pringle Weavers - Free parking.

**Llangollen** - Smithfield Market in Market Street - Free Parking.

**Mold** - Somerfield car park, New Street. Drop off and pick up in Chester Street opposite Victoria House.

**Porthmadog** - Glaslyn Leisure Centre (restricted hours).

**Prestatyn** - Drop off & pick-up at the bus station. Long stay - Nova Car Park.

**Pwllheli** - Near the harbour at North Quay drop off- pick up points.

**Rhyl** - East parade £8 all day

**Wrexham** - Telephone 01978 266166 for information.

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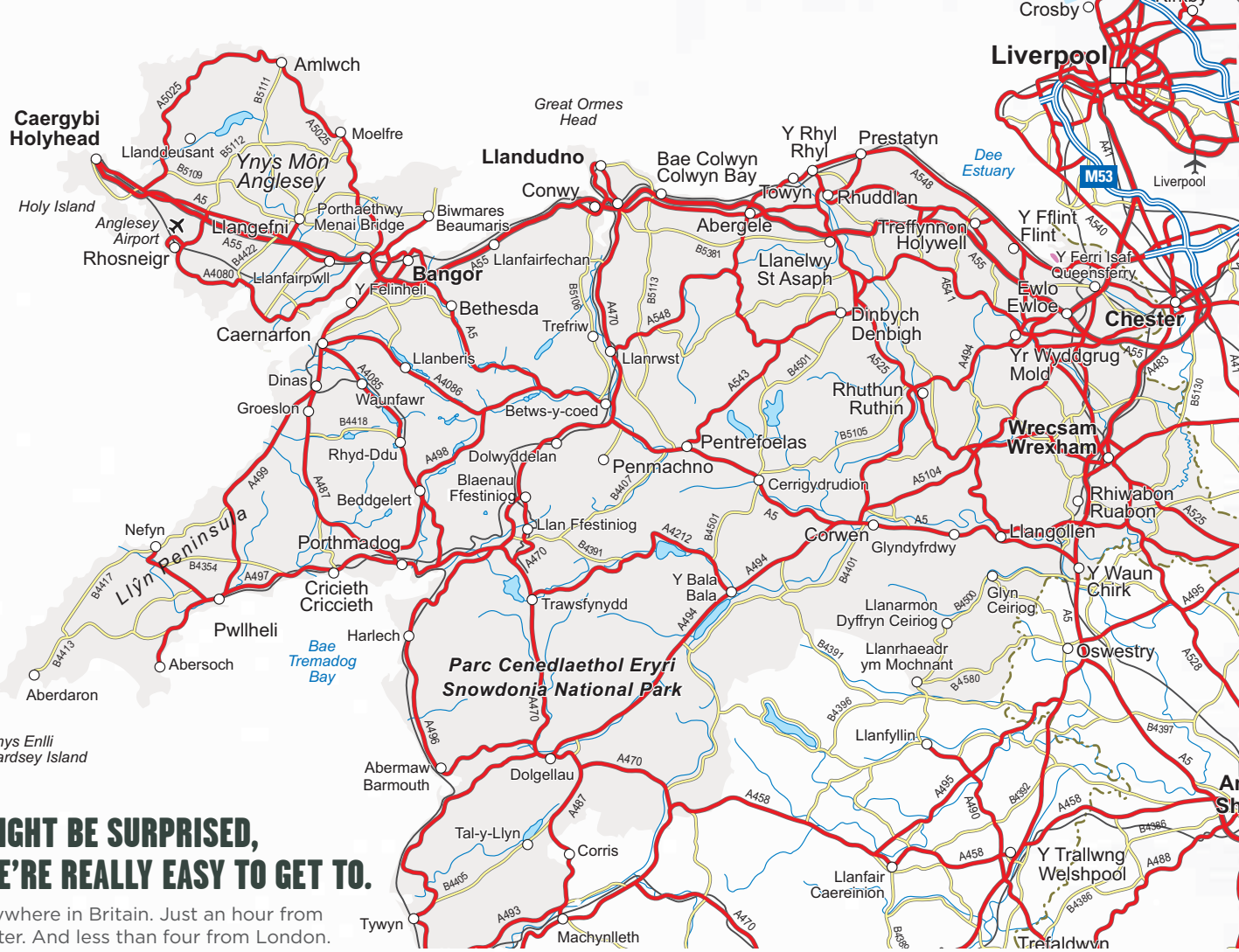
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