

## **Tour of Wales 2. "Cambrian Safaris Highlights". Up through Wales' wild landscapes.**

Usual start point Cardiff.

Can be reversed if coming from Manchester, Scotland or the Lake District.

Based on 2 nights in Mid Wales and 1 or 2 in North Wales.

This tour features highlights of Cambrian Safaris' traditional tours, and then continues north to see more of Snowdonia and north Wales.

### **Day 1. From Cardiff to the Cambrian Mountains.**

Heading north from Cardiff up the coal mining valleys, through the Brecon Beacons to the Dolaucothi Gold Mine or the remote Llyn Brianne Reservoir. Onwards along ancient drovers' routes to the little-known county of Ceredigion.

Over-night - 2 (or 3) nights, at Y Talbot Tregaron, the Black Lion Pontrhydyfendigaid, Nanteos Mansion, the Hafod Devils bridge or in Aberystwyth.

### **Day 2. The Picturesque Hinterland.**

Discovering the wild and tranquil secret places of mid Wales, based on our regular local tours. A trip on the Vale of Rheidol Railway is an option. Devils Bridge Waterfalls, Strata Florida Abbey, the Silver Mountain Experience, the Elan Valley Reservoirs, some "off Road" exploration in some wild country with tremendous views, and the hidden gem of the magical Hafod Estate, inspiration for "The Secret Garden".

'Hinterland' film locations can be seen!

2<sup>nd</sup> night in...

### **Day 2a Extra time in Aberystwyth**

An extra night could be added here, to give an extra day to explore Ceredigion's coast, take a Dolphin watching boat trip at New Quay and visit Llanerchaeron, visit the National Library of Wales, visit Powis Castle or explore more of the Cambrian Mountains. (3<sup>rd</sup> night...)

### **Day 3 'Bomber Lane'.**

An exploration of the dramatic ruggedness of Southern Snowdonia with secluded valleys and rocky mountains, we will visit the ruins of Castell Y Bere, constructed by Llywelyn the Great in the 1220s and Mary Jones' cottage at Llanfihangel-y-pennant. Passing the dramatic Craig yr Aderyn ('bird rock') where Cormorants and Choughs nest, we set off up 'Bomber lane' which climbs high above the Dysynni Valley and continues over the western flank of Cadair Idris, with views from 1300 feet high above the Mawddach estuary with Barmouth to the north.

Overnight in the heart of the Snowdonia National Park or in the seaside town of Llandudno.

### **Day 4 (and 5). North Wales highlights.**

Snowdonia Highlights, Ancient Anglesey, coast castles and mines.

Tour the Snowdonia national Park around Mount Snowdon, seeing lakes and waterfalls and taking short Walks in dramatic scenery. Llechwedd Slate mine caverns, a narrow-gauge railway trip, Caernarfon and Conwy Castles, Portmerion and a tour of the highlights of Snowdonia are among the mainland options.

Anglesey has a range of ancient sights from Neolithic burial chambers to hut circles, as well as Beaumaris castle, Plas Newydd and a rugged coastline.

At the end of the trip it is possible to fly back to Cardiff from Anglesey, catch a train to London from Bangor, or we can transfer you to anywhere in the UK ourselves.