

Kathy & Mac's Travel *presents* **Wales – Castles, Coast & Culture**

A Private Group Journey – 8 Days

September 18 – 26, 2026

\$5,907.00 per person

Including round trip Economy air from Newark, and all departure taxes and surcharges.

Single supplement: \$890.00

Itinerary:

SEPTEMBER 18 - USA / LONDON: Fly transatlantic overnight from the USA to London, England. Dinner is served, and in-flight entertainment is provided.

SEPTEMBER 19 - ARRIVE LONDON / CARDRIFF, WALES: Arrival in London, meet with your local guide and shortly afterwards depart and make your way towards Cardiff, the capital of Wales. Along the way, stop for breakfast. On arrival, check in to your hotel and take some time to rest and relax before meeting your fellow travelers and tour leader for a welcome briefing. Get acquainted with the group over a delicious dinner at your hotel, sharing your excitement for the adventures ahead. (B/D)

SEPTEMBER 20 - CARDIFF: Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today's journey offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and modern Cardiff. Begin with a guided walking tour of Cardiff, exploring the city's historic landmarks, vibrant streets, and hidden gems. From the city center market to the bustling arcades, this walk will give you a true feeling for the Welsh capital. Next, you visit Cardiff Castle, one of the city's most iconic landmarks. You'll have the chance to explore this medieval fortress at your own pace, discovering its Roman origins, lavish Victorian interiors, and stunning castle grounds. From here, head to Cardiff Bay, the vibrant waterfront district. Take in the striking architecture, including the Wales Millennium Centre and the Senedd (Welsh Parliament), before enjoying a relaxing lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, journey to The Royal Mint Experience, where you'll step into the fascinating world of coin-making. Learn about the history of British currency, see how coins are produced, and even strike your own souvenir coin. Afterwards, return to Cardiff, where you'll have some free time to explore the city at your own pace—whether it's shopping, visiting museums, or simply enjoying a coffee in one of Cardiff's charming cafés. The evening is yours to enjoy Cardiff at leisure, whether you choose to dine at one of its excellent restaurants, explore the nightlife, or relax after a full day of discovery. (B/L)

SEPTEMBER 21 - TENBY / ST DAVIDS: After breakfast, depart Cardiff for Pembrokeshire, where you will visit a traditional Lovespoon workshop, where skilled artisans will share the secrets of this cherished Welsh craft. After a morning steeped in heritage, make your way to the charming seaside town of Tenby, where you will indulge in a leisurely lunch amidst its colorful streets and scenic coastal views. Conclude your day with a visit to the historic city of St Davids, home to its iconic cathedral and Bishop's Palace, a testament to centuries of spiritual significance and architectural grandeur. This evening enjoy dinner in the hotel. (B/L/D)

SEPTEMBER 22 - COASTAL ROAD & STEAM TRAIN ADVENTURE: Enjoy breakfast. Today promises a day of picturesque coastal vistas and nostalgic journeys through Wales's stunning landscapes. Begin by travelling along the scenic coastal route to Aberaeron, a charming seaside town known for its colorful Georgian architecture and vibrant harbor. Enjoy some free time to explore at your own pace—perhaps browsing the independent shops, strolling along the waterfront, or relaxing with a coffee at one of the town's cozy cafés. From here, continue to Aberystwyth, where you will take a leisurely

walk along the promenade, enjoying the sea air and the sweeping views of Constitution Hill and the historic pier. You will also visit the ruins of Aberystwyth Castle, a 13th-century fortress overlooking Cardigan Bay, offering a fascinating glimpse into Wales's medieval past and spectacular coastal views. After some free time for lunch and exploring the town's lively yet relaxed streets, independent shops, and cultural attractions, make your way to the National Library of Wales. One of Wales's most important cultural institutions, the library houses an extensive collection of manuscripts, rare books, and historical archives, along with fascinating exhibitions and panoramic views over Aberystwyth. To end the day on a high note, you embark on a nostalgic journey aboard the Vale of Rheidol Steam Train. This historic railway winds through breathtaking Welsh countryside, climbing into the Cambrian Mountains before reaching the spectacular Devil's Bridge, a place steeped in legend and natural beauty. Tonight, enjoy dinner in your hotel. (B/D)

SEPTEMBER 23 - PORTMEIRION & SNOWDONIA: Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today, journey to the enchanting village of Portmeirion, a whimsical masterpiece of Italianate architecture set against a stunning coastal backdrop. Stroll through its vibrant piazzas, peaceful gardens, and charming boutiques, soaking in the serene ambiance of this truly unique destination. You'll have plenty of free time to explore at your leisure before continuing your adventure. Dependent on timings you will have time to enjoy lunch at the village or during your stop in Beddgelert after a short drive. Your journey then takes you through the breathtaking landscapes of Eryri (Snowdonia) National Park, where rugged mountain peaks, lush valleys, and sparkling lakes create an unforgettable panorama. As we wind through this dramatic scenery, take a moment to absorb the raw beauty of one of Wales's most treasured landscapes. In the afternoon, stop in Betws-y-Coed, the "Gateway to Eryri (Snowdonia)", a picturesque alpine-style village surrounded by ancient woodlands and flowing rivers. Enjoy some free time to wander its charming streets, browse local artisan shops, or relax in a cozy café with a warm drink and a Welsh cake. From here, continue to Llandudno for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

SEPTEMBER 24 - ANGLESEY, CASTLES & COASTAL CHARMS: Enjoy breakfast. Embark on a captivating journey along the stunning North Wales coast to Anglesey—known in Welsh as Ynys Môn, Mam Cymru (*Anglesey, Mother of Wales*), a name that reflects its rich agricultural heritage and deep cultural roots. Your first stop is the charming village of Llanfair PG (*Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch*), famous for boasting one of the longest place names in the world. Take a moment to snap a photo at the iconic railway station sign and explore the village. Next, visit Halen Môn Sea Salt, where you will enjoy a tour, learning about the unique harvesting process behind this world-renowned salt. From there, head to Caernarfon, a historic town crowned by its magnificent medieval castle. Enjoy a traditional pub lunch, included in your tour, while soaking in the town's lively atmosphere. In the afternoon, return to Llandudno, where you'll visit the Penderyn Whisky Distillery for a tour, discovering the craft behind Wales's finest whisky. After a day filled with exploration, the evening is yours to enjoy at leisure. Overnight in Llandudno. (B/L)

SEPTEMBER 25 - STUNNING GARDENS & CONWY CASTLE: Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Spend a morning immersed in the natural beauty and history of North Wales. Begin with a visit to the stunning Bodnant Garden, one of the most celebrated gardens in Wales. Wander through its lush landscapes, serene ponds, and breathtaking views of Snowdonia. The garden is a true oasis, offering a chance to unwind and take in the beauty of the surrounding countryside. Next, head to the charming town of Conwy, where you'll have free time to explore at your own pace. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the town's cozy cafes or restaurants and make sure to take in the picturesque harbor views or browse the quaint shops lining the streets. After lunch, visit Conwy Castle, another of Edward I UNESCO World Heritage castles (*Officially: Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd*). This magnificent 13th-century fortress offers impressive views of the town and surrounding countryside, and its rich history will transport you back in time. In the afternoon, you'll have more free time to explore Llandudno at your leisure. Stroll along the Victorian pier, wander through the elegant streets or take in the views from the Great Orme. Tonight, gather in the evening for a final farewell meal in your hotel where you can reflect on the memories made during our time together in this beautiful Wales. (B/D)

SEPTEMBER 26 - MANCHESTER / USA: After breakfast in the hotel, early morning departure and transfer to Manchester airport for your return flight to the USA. (B)

Program Includes

- Round-trip Economy air from Newark on British Airways
- Services of professional Tour Manager

- 7 nights' accommodation in 3-Star and 4-Star hotels: 2 nights in Cardiff, 1 night in St Davids, 1 night in Aberystwyth area, and 3 nights in Llandudno
- Luxury coach as per itinerary
- 5, three-course dinners
- 3 lunches
- Visit Cardiff Castle
- Visit the Royal Mint
- Princess Katherine River Cruise, Cardiff
- Visit St Davids Cathedral
- Visit a Lovespoon workshop
- Visit Bishop's Palace, St Davids
- Visit the ruins of Aberystwyth Castle
- Vale of Rheidol Steam Train Adventure
- Visit Halen Môn Sea Salt
- Visit Penderyn Whisky Distillery for a tour
- Visit Bodnant Gardens
- Visit Conwy Castle,
- Hotel portorage of one suitcase per person (please note: not all hotels in the countryside offer portorage)
- Portfolio of **electronic** travel documents
- 24-hour emergency customer service while in Wales

Group Air Seating:

IMPORTANT: Seat assignments cannot be done in advance for groups and will be assigned by the airline. Any change in an assigned seat could result in an auto cancellation of the booking. Kathy & Mac's Travel and Journeys Connect have no control over group seat assignments. Special seat assignment requests may be sent to the air carrier, however, cannot be guaranteed. Please note that seat assignment requests may have an additional supplement charged by the air carrier.

For more information contact:
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Terms and Conditions: This is a Private Group Journey based on a minimum of 12 participants to operate. Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Departure taxes and fuel surcharges are included. Single supplement is additional \$890.00. Air inclusive rates are subject to availability and are based on departure from Newark on British Airways. Not eligible for accrual of frequent flyer points/mileage. Child/infant discounts not available. Above mentioned hotels and itinerary are subject to change. Cancellations /Changes: Fares are non-refundable.

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Depart Newark September 18, 2026

Reservation Form:

Air & Land: \$5,907.00 per person Single Supplement: \$890.00 Yes No

Room: Double Room (1 Bed) Twin Room (2 Beds) Single Room

Enclosed is my \$250.00 per person deposit. Paying by: Check Credit Card

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
(*As they appear, or will appear on your passport)

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Special Needs/Dietary: Guest 1: _____ Guest 2: _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Email: _____

Deposit of \$250.00 per person is required to secure space. **Full and final payment due June 10, 2026**

I authorize Journeys Connect to charge initial deposit of \$ _____ to my credit card as follows:

Credit Card Number: _____ Expires: _____ Security Code: _____

Name of card holder: _____

Address: _____

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***Passport:** If you do not yet have a passport, please be sure to enter your name in this reservation form exactly as you will enter your name in your passport application. When you receive your passport, please double check that your name matches your name above. If not, you must advise us prior to our issuing your air ticket, a minimum of 100 days prior to departure. Once air ticket is issued, there will be a fee for any name changes or adjustments.

IMPORTANT: This tour includes walking tours. To enjoy this tour, you should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances, often over unpaved and uneven surface.

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I have read and understand the terms and conditions: _____

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