





23-3002 Welsh Heritage 2024 V2 July 11

Trip duration: 16 days | Itinerary ref. #: TC-JABJZYUK | Travelers: 1 Adults



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Got any questions? I'm happy to help.






## Overview

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### Jul 30, 2024 - Tuesday

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-  Nant Gwrtheyrn

### Jul 31, 2024 - Wednesday

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-  Nant Gwrtheyrn





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-  Nant Gwrtheyrn

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-  Swansea - orientation
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-  Cawdor
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-  Hotel Indigo Bath, an IHG Hotel



## Aug 10, 2024 - Day in Bath

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-  Bath - guided tour of Bath from the hotel and ending at the Roman Baths

## Aug 11, 2024 - Return to the US

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-  Depart Bath for LHR for flight to the US
-  Hotel Indigo Bath, an IHG Hotel

# Itinerary

Jul 28, 2024 - Arrive Manchester International Airport



Depart 10:00

## Private Coach transfer from Manchester Airport to Nant Gwrtheyrn

Manchester, England M90 1QX, United Kingdom -

6 hours 1 Adults

### Times to be confirmed:

Coach and meet and greet at Manchester airport

Stop for refreshments at Rhug Farm



Start at 11:00

## Rhug Estate Organic Farm Shop, Cafe

A5, Corwen LL21 0EH, United Kingdom -



2 hours 1 Adults



15:00

## Nant Gwrtheyrn

Llithfaen, Pwllheli LL53 6NL, United Kingdom -





Jul 29, 2024 - Monday



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Aug 02, 2024 - Fun down the Llyn Peninsula with Deian ap Rhisiart




10:00



**Nant Gwrtheyrn**

📍 Llithfaen, Pwllheli LL53 6NL, United Kingdom -

 Start at **10:00**

## Blue Badge Guide Deian ap Rhisiart will be with the group on August 2 & 3


 Criccieth Wales, Criccieth, United Kingdom -

 1 minute  1 Adults

Deian is a fluent Welsh speaker living in Rhosgadfan near Caernarfon with a Masters degree in Welsh history and my field of interest is the contemporary period. Wales or Cymru is my country, and Cymraeg (Welsh) is my mother tongue, and with my passion and authority of history, with an element of fun, I can uncover the finest of Welsh culture. Deian joined the last Welsh Heritage group in 2019.

 **10:00**

## National Trust - Plas yn Rhiw

 Rhiw, Pwllheli LL53 8AB, United Kingdom -



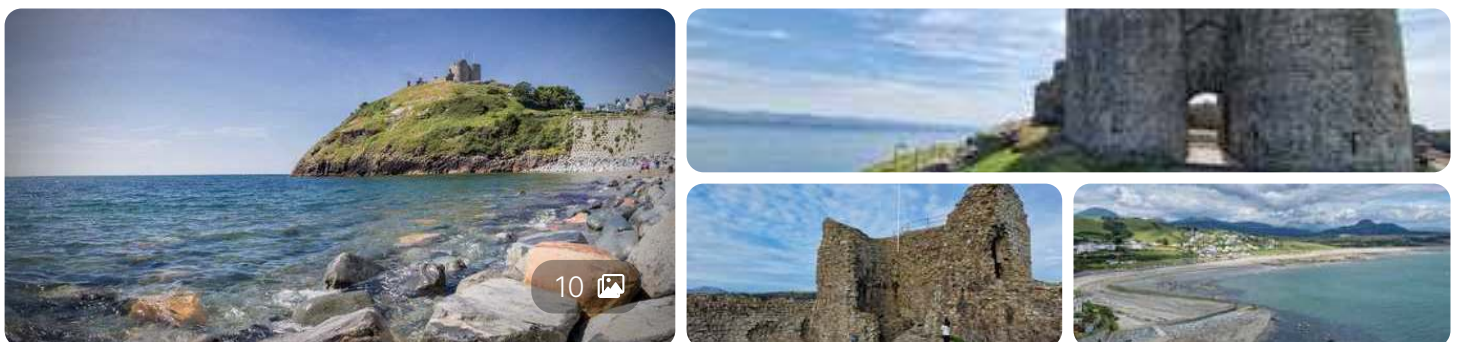
 2 hours  1 Adults



It's a small, perfectly formed Tudor/Georgian manor house in the care of the National Trust, dating from the early 17th century. Plas yn Rhiw stands in a truly spectacular spot on the tip of the Llŷn Peninsula, with far-reaching views from Porth Neigwl across Cardigan Bay (Porth Neigwl's English name, Hell's Mouth, might give you a clue to its savage beauty). Even closer to home, Plas yn Rhiw's delightful ornamental garden contains many flowering trees and shrubs, with beds framed by box hedges and grass paths. A gem!

 **14:30**

## Criccieth Castle

 Castle St, Criccieth LL52 0DP, United Kingdom -



 1 hour 30 minutes  1 Adults

🕒 10:00

## Barclodiad y Gawres

📍 Ty Croes LL63 5TE, United Kingdom -



🕒 2 hours 🧑 1 Adults

An atmospheric tomb with rare examples of prehistoric art

Barclodiad y Gawres ('The Giantess's Apronful' in English) gives a revealing – and surprising – glimpse into the lives of our ancient ancestors. Perched in a spectacular cliffside location, the 90ft/27m earthen mound is a modern reconstruction, but beneath lies a 23ft/7m passageway leading to a cross-shaped chamber that houses the tomb's most exciting treasures.

Among a series of stones are five etched with intricate patterns of zig-zags and spirals, which hint at the site's significance for Anglesey's early inhabitants. While similar carvings have been found at Neolithic (New Stone Age) sites in Ireland, the only other tomb in the UK with examples of such megalithic art is a few miles away at Bryn Celli Ddu.

🕒 12:00

## Ynys Llanddwyn

📍 Ynys Llanddwyn LL61 6SG, United Kingdom -



🕒 1 minute 🧑 1 Adults

The ruins of Eglwys Santes Dwynwen (St. Dwynwen Church on Ynys Llanddwyn, the Welsh equivalent of St. Valentine's Day, ie Patron Saint of Lovers, St. Dwynwen's Day is on January 25th!!!



Dwynwen lived during the 5th century and legend has it that she was one of the prettiest of Brychan Brycheiniog's 24 daughters. Dwynwen fell in love with a prince called Maelon Dafodrill, but unfortunately her father had already arranged that she should marry someone else.

Dwynwen was so upset that she could not marry Maelon that she begged God to make her forget him. After falling asleep, Dwynwen was visited by an angel, who appeared carrying a sweet potion designed to erase all memory of Maelon and turn him into a block of ice.

God then gave three wishes to Dwynwen. Her first wish was that Maelon be thawed; her second that God meet the hopes and dreams of true lovers; and third, that she should never marry. All three were fulfilled, and as a mark of her thanks, Dwynwen devoted herself to God's service for the rest of her life.

She founded a convent on Llanddwyn, off the west coast of Anglesey, where a well named after her became a place of pilgrimage after her death in 465AD. Visitors to the well believed that the sacred fish or eels that lived in the well could foretell whether or not their relationship would be happy and whether love and happiness would be theirs. Remains of Dwynwen's church can still be seen today.

 14:00

## Anglesey - Puffin Island Boat Trip


 Pier, Beaumaris LL58 8BS, United Kingdom -



 2 hours  1 Adults

Anglesey's beautiful coastline and the iconic bridges. A unique view of some of Anglesey's most magnificent buildings and islands that can't be seen from land.

The best of Anglesey's wildlife and history. See wonderful wildlife, majestic sites

 Start at 20:00

## Welsh Heritage Eisteddfod

 Bangor Street, Caernarfon, Wales LL55 1AY, United Kingdom -

 2 hours  1 Adults

Fun holding your own Eisteddfod at the hotel

Aug 04, 2024 - Sunday

 10:00



## Capel Salem

📍 Pool Street, Caernarfon, Wales LL55, United Kingdom -



🕒 1 hour 🧑 1 Adults

Short walk to Capel Salem



Start at **14:00**

## Free time Caernarfon

📍 Caernarfon Wales, Caernarfon, United Kingdom -

🕒 4 hours 🧑 1 Adults

Some free time in Caernarfon before departing for Llandeilo. Coach will depart from Celti Royal Hotel stopping for some time on route for comfort stop



Check-in **18:00**

## Cawdor

📍 Cawdor Arms Hotel, 72 Rhosmaen St, Llandeilo SA19 6EN, United Kingdom -



🕒 5 nights 🛏️ 1 🧑 1 Adults

Aug 05, 2024 - Rhondda Cynon Taf National Eisteddfod - Crowning Ceremony



09:00

## Yr Eisteddfod

📍 Ffordd Yr Eisteddfod, Porth CF39, United Kingdom -



🕒 8 hours 🧑 1 Adults

Aug 06, 2024 - **Blue Badge Guide Griff Harris Castle and China**

🕒 11:00

## Caerphilly Castle

📍 Castle St, Caerphilly CF83 1JD, United Kingdom -



🕒 2 hours 🧑 1 Adults

Caerphilly Castle is one of the great medieval castles of western Europe. Several factors give it this pre-eminence - its immense size (1.2h), making it the largest in Britain after Windsor, its large-scale use of water for defence and the fact that it is the first truly concentric castle in Britain. Of the time of its building in the late 13th century, it was a revolutionary masterpiece of military planning

One of Henry III's most powerful and ambitious barons, Gilbert de Clare, lord of Glamorgan, built this castle. His purpose was to secure the area and prevent lowland south Wales from falling into the hands of the Welsh leader Llywelyn the Last, who controlled most of mid and north Wales. De Clare built other castles on the northern fringes of his territory for the same purpose, such as Castell Coch. He had seized the upland district of Senghenydd, in which Caerphilly lies, from the Welsh in 1266 to act as a buffer against Llywelyn's southward ambitions. Llywelyn realised the threat and tried but failed to prevent the castle from being built; it was begun on 11 April 1268, was attacked by Llywelyn in 1270, and was begun again in 1271. This time it was completed without hindrance. Its message was not lost on Llywelyn, who retreated northwards. Apart from the remodelling of the great hall and other domestic works in 1322-6 for Hugh le Despenser, no more alterations were carried out, making it a very pure example of late 13th-century military architecture.

Caerphilly is unusual in being a late castle built on a virgin site. This allowed a unity of conception rare in medieval castles. It is a double-skinned parallelogram surrounded by large-scale water defences. The concentric arrangement was more flexible than earlier plans. It gave rapid access to any part of the castle by mural passages and wall-walks, towers and gatehouses could be independently held, attackers could be well

covered and there was no possibility of mounting siege engines against the inner walls. The castle's cellular structure and strength is indicated by the presence of numerous portcullises.

The outer skin or ward is formed by a low battlemented curtain wall with large semi-circular projections in the corners and gatehouses in the middle of the east and west sides. Only a narrow strip separates this from the much stronger inner ward which has high curtain walls, circular corner towers and two large strong gatehouses corresponding with the outer ones. The great east gatehouse is the highest part of the castle and was its nucleus. As will be seen, it could be separately defended if necessary.

The south and north lakes around the castle formed an almost insuperable barrier to attackers. The dams themselves are a major achievement of medieval engineering. The southern, earliest one is a massive earth platform revetted in stone and strengthened on its lower side by eight great buttresses (below left). To the right of the entrance to the castle is the northern dam, a narrower platform with a high outer wall with three great towers (below right) which are now unfortunately suffering from subsidence on the marshy ground. At its end is a strong postern gate and drawbridge. Outside the dam is a moat fed by sluices in the southern dam.

The outer defences were completed by making a 1.2h artificial island to the west of the castle, known as the hornwork. A trench had already been dug in the early stages of construction outside the west side of the castle; now another was dug further west and the area between was raised, levelled and revetted in stone to form the hornwork. The north-west side has two semi-circular projections covering the drawbridge, the ruins of which can be seen between them.

 14:00

## Nantgarw China Works & Museum


 Tyla Gwyn, Nantgarw, Cardiff CF15 7TB, United Kingdom -



 2 hours  1 Adults

Home to the famous Nantgarw porcelain, Nantgarw China Works is the last remaining 19th century porcelain factory in the UK. And now operates both as a museum, and a world class centre for ceramics.

Aug 07, 2024 - **Blue Badge Guide Griff Harris Cardigan - Cardigan Castle**

 Start at 09:00

## Blue Badge Guide Griff Harries will join the group on August 7.8 & 9


 Swansea Wales, Swansea, United Kingdom -

 1 minute  1 Adults



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Griff is a fluent Welsh speaker and a member of the National Eisteddfod of Wales' "Gorsedd".


 Start at **10:00**

## National Wool Museum


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 2 hours  1 Adults

 Start at **12:00**

## Henllan Bridge Prisoner Of War Camp

 Henllan Bridge Prisoner Of War Camp 1 Henllan Industrial Estate, Henllan, Llandysul SA44 5TE, United Kingdom -



 1 minute  1 Adults

 **13:00**

## Cardigan Castle

 Green Street, Cardigan SA43 1JA, United Kingdom -





🕒 2 hours 🧑 1 Adults

Visit the castle and some free time in Cardigan

Aug 08, 2024 - **Blue Badge Guide Griff Harris The Gower**

📍 10:00

### Swansea - orientation

📍 Swansea, United Kingdom -



🕒 1 hour 🧑 1 Adults

Orientation around the City of Swansea seeing The Royal Institution (The Museum Dylan Thomas once famously described as “The Museum that should be in a Museum”!!), The National Waterfront Museum, Swansea Castle, The Brangwyn Hall, The Patti Pavilion etc.

📍 11:30

### Bracelet Bay

📍 Bracelet Bay, 12 Mumbles Rd, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4EN, United Kingdom -



🕒 30 minutes 🧑 1 Adults

Tea and Welshcake at "The Lighthouse" in Bracelet Bay. Wonderful views to enjoy.

📅 Start at **14:00**

## The Lovespoon Gallery

📍 492 Mumbles Rd, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4BX, United Kingdom -



🕒 1 hour 🧑 1 Adults

📅 Start at **15:30**


## Selwyn's Seafoods

📍 Lynch Factory, Marsh Rd, Wernffrwd, Swansea SA4 3TN, United Kingdom -



🕒 1 hour 🧑 1 Adults



 Check out **09:00**



### Cawdor


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 **09:00**

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### Hotel Indigo Bath, an IHG Hotel

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 2 nights  1  1 Adults  Bed and breakfast

Aug 10, 2024 - **Day in Bath**

 **10:00**

### Bath - guided tour of Bath from the hotel and ending at the Roman Baths

 Bath, United Kingdom -



 1 minute  1 Adults

## Visit the Roman Baths

Immerse yourself in history and see how Bath's former residents relaxed all those centuries ago. Interactive exhibits and CGI reconstructions bring this [unique ancient site](#) back to life, showing how important the baths were to our Roman ancestors.

## Be a Culture Vulture

Bath is a deep treasure chest of museums and galleries (far too many to list here). Dive in to Bath's culture at [The Holburne Museum](#), relive the Georgian era at [No.1 Royal Crescent](#), soak up style at the [Fashion Museum](#) and visit [Victoria Art Gallery](#) for classic and contemporary art in a splendid Victorian setting.

## Climb Bath Abbey's Tower

Take the [Bath Abbey Tower Tour](#) to see the different, working side of this iconic landmark. Ascend 212 steps to the top, and you will climb past the ringing chamber to the bell chamber, to have the chance to stand above Bath Abbey's vaulted ceiling and sit behind the clock face. Once you reach the roof, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views over the city and surrounding countryside.

## Get Lost in Austen

Visit [The Jane Austen Centre](#) to delve into the life of Britain's favourite author. Exhibits and costumed characters tell the story of Austen's time spent living here in Bath between 1801 and 1806 and the impact it had on her work.

## Take the Waters

Our hot springs aren't just for bathing. Drinking the mineral-rich waters is said to be a healthy remedy for numerous ailments. Try some for yourself in the elegant Georgian [Pump Room Restaurant](#), where a glass of water from the spa fountain makes a unique accompaniment to a meal or extravagant afternoon tea.

## Referee the Battle of the Buns

In one corner, the [Bath Bun](#), a sweet roll sprinkled with fruit and crushed sugar. In the other, the Sally Lunn bun, a light brioche-like creation only made at [Sally Lunn's](#) house here in Bath. These two rivals have battled it out for centuries, but which one is best? You'll have to taste them both and decide for yourself.

## Aug 11, 2024 - Return to the US



Depart 09:00

## Depart Bath for LHR for flight to the US

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1 minute 1 Adults

Departure time will be arranged when flight details are know.





Check out **09:00**

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## Hotel Indigo Bath, an IHG Hotel

📍 8 S Parade, Bath BA2 4AB, United Kingdom -

## Stays

Aug 04 - Aug 09, 2024

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