



This two centre holiday in beautiful Wales includes visits to St Fagans National History Museum, Llancaiach Fawr Manor, a ride on the Vale of Rheidol Railway, a guided tour of the Hall at Abbey Cwm Hir and the opportunity to see Red Kites feeding at Gigrin Farm.

TUESDAY 17 APRIL Departing from Oxted 8.30am we make our way to the historic spa town of Bath, where we shall have time to find lunch and browse before continuing on to our Cardiff Hotel.

WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL Departing after breakfast we make our way to St Fagans National History Museum, where we find 500 years of Welsh history gathered together in 100 acres of beautiful countryside.

THURSDAY 19 APRIL A day at leisure to explore the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Cardiff. Traditional attractions like the fairy tale castle are complemented by the iconic Millennium Stadium. Alongside the high street shops and department

stores there is a selection of lovely Victorian arcades containing a wide array of specialist shops and designer boutiques.

FRIDAY 20 APRIL This morning we take our leave of Cardiff and make our way to Llancaiach Fawr Manor, a stately home restored and furnished as it was in 1645. Here servants in period dress will guide us around the house, giving an insight into the lives and customs of the ordinary working people of the day. The formal gardens surrounding the house are typical of the 17th century, with a Knot Garden, vegetable and herb beds and an orchard. Whilst here we shall be served a light lunch. Early afternoon we take a scenic drive through the Brecon Beacons



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National Park to the historic cathedral town of Brecon where we shall make our tea stop before continuing on to our Llandrindod Wells hotel.

SATURDAY 21 APRIL Today we take a scenic drive through the Cambrian Mountains to Devils Bridge where we join the Vale of Rheidol Railway, built to serve the lead mines in the Rheidol Valley. On our journey, we shall pass through some of the most rugged terrain of any railway in the United Kingdom, enjoying spectacular views of the wooded Rheidol Valley. Arriving in Aberystwyth, a seaside town with a fine promenade, harbour and Victorian cliff railway, there will be time to explore and find refreshment before wending our way back to the hotel.

SUNDAY 22 APRIL After breakfast we drive to Abbey Cwm Hir, one of Wales' finest examples of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture. Built in 1834 by Thomas Wilson, the great Victorian improver, the house was doubled in size by the Philips family in 1869, who then added the billiards room in 1894. Here we shall have a guided tour of the 52 roomed Hall followed by a finger buffet lunch and time to explore the 12 acres of gardens overlooking the church and the ruins of the 12th century "Abbey of

The Long Valley" containing the monk's pond, and the grave of Llewellyn The Last. Early afternoon we make our way to the Gigrin Red Kite Centre, Wales' first official Red Kite Feeding Centre, in time for the 3.00pm feeding. Since 1994, daily feeding sessions have been held on the farm and the number of kites dropping in for a late lunch has steadily increased. As soon as the meat has been put out the crow family start emerging from the surrounding trees. As the first crows land amongst the meat the kites go on the offensive. Kites watch and wait their chance to furl their wings and dive in, skimming the ground to snatch a scrap before rising suddenly to escape the beaks of the angry crows. Many kites appear to miss their target by a wide margin but are actually intent on flushing meat laden crows into the air from where they can be mugged by the very best in the business!

MONDAY 23 APRIL A full day scenic tour taking in Ludlow, Leominster, Hereford and Hay-on-Wye.

TUESDAY 24 APRIL Departing after breakfast we make our way homewards, making a lunch stop in Cheltenham and arriving back in Oxted early evening.

What's included

THE BARCELÓ ANGEL HOTEL

Cardiff

THE METROPOLE

Llandrindod Wells

All bedrooms are en suite with TV, telephone & hospitality tray.

A total of 7 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

Time to explore Bath, Cardiff, Brecon, Aberystwyth & Cheltenham

Visit to St Fagans National History Museum

Entry to Llancaiach Fawr Manor with lunch

Scenic drive through Cambrian Mountains

Ride on Vale of Rheidol Railway

Entry to Abbey Cwm Hir

Buffet lunch

Entry to Gigrin Red Kite Centre

Full day scenic tour

£705.00 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £100.00