

TENBY

& the Pembrokeshire Coast

4th to 11th September



Tenby, an ancient walled town standing on a rocky peninsula in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is undoubtedly the most impressive resort on the South Wales coast and an ideal place from which to explore Pembrokeshire and South West Wales.

Saturday 4th September Departing from Oxted at 8.00am we make our way to the Glancynon Inn, Hirwun where we shall enjoy a pub lunch before taking the short drive to the Penderyn Distillery in the foothills of the beautiful Brecon Beacons; the only distillery in Wales and one of the smallest in the world, producing whisky, vodka and gin. Here we shall be taken on a guided tour of the still and bottling line, finishing off in the tasting room where we can experience some of the spirits ourselves. We then continue on, arriving late afternoon at our Tenby hotel.

Sunday 5th September Today we visit Scolton Manor, Pembrokeshire's County Museum. The Victorian Manor House, Stable Block and Exhibition Hall feature many displays illustrating the history of the County, with one of the largest displays of agricultural and rural life in Wales. The museum is complemented by the environment-friendly Visitor Centre where the displays focus on green issues and the wildlife of the park. Early afternoon we make our way to Carew Castle which is set in a stunning location overlooking a 23 acre millpond and displays the development from a Norman fortification to an Elizabethan country house. The site incorporates the only restored Tidal Mill in Wales, an impressive 11th-century Celtic Cross and a medieval bridge.

Monday 6th September A day at leisure in the ancient walled town of Tenby which stands on a rocky peninsula in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and is, undoubtedly, the most impressive resort on the South Wales coast.

Tuesday 7th September After breakfast we take a leisurely drive through Pembrokeshire, renowned for its outstanding natural beauty, coastal scenery, sandy bays, impressive cliffs and tiny coves. We shall visit Pembroke, a small town with one of the largest and most impressive Norman castles in Britain and the cathedral city of St David's, which is in reality a modest but charming village. Tradition states that Saint David was born to Saint Non at what is now St Non's, a ten minute walk south of the city, in about AD 500, that he was baptised at Porthclais, and that he founded the city in around AD 550.



Aberglasney Gardens © Crown copyright (2009) Visit Wales

Wednesday 8th September Today we visit a garden of great horticultural and historical importance - Aberglasney - a garden lost in time (seen in the BBC series), where the garden restoration is continuing in the time honoured way, improving, upgrading, restoring and replanting. We return via the historic market town of Carmarthen where we shall have some time to explore.

Thursday 9th September After breakfast we make our way to Dolaucothi Gold Mines, where we shall be taken on a guided tour through the Roman and the more recent underground workings and have the opportunity to visit the gold and mining exhibitions. Early afternoon, passing through the traditional Welsh towns of Newcastle Emlyn and Cenarth, famous for its falls, we make our way to the Welsh Chocolate Farm where we shall see a film on the production of chocolate, be given a tour of the factory, including a demonstration and have the opportunity to visit the shop and coffee shop before making our way back to the hotel.

Friday 10th September A day at leisure for further exploration of Tenby, or you may like to join us on a boat trip to Caldey Island with its Cistercian Monastery (cost not included).

Saturday 11th September After breakfast we make our way homewards, with a stop for lunch at Dyffryn Gardens and Arboretum, a 55 acre garden set in the heart of the Vale of Glamorgan near Cardiff. The gardens also boast an extensive Arboretum featuring trees from all over the world. Here there will be time to explore the gardens and enjoy lunch before continuing our journey home, arriving back early evening.

What's included:

Fourcroft Hotel, Tenby

7 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

All bedrooms have private facilities, TV, telephone & hospitality tray.

The hotel has a heated outdoor swimming pool, sauna & spa pool.

On the cliffs above Tenby's sheltered, sunny North Beach, Fourcroft looks spectacularly over the old fishing harbour and across Carmarthen Bay.

There is a lift from the first half landing.

Pub lunch at Glancynon Inn

Tour of Penderyn Distillery with tastings of 2 of their products

Entry to Scolton Manor

Entry to Carew Castle & Tide Mill

Time to explore Tenby, Pembroke, St David's & Carmarthen

Entry to Aberglasney Gardens

Tour of Dolaucothi Gold Mine

Factory tour & demonstration at the Welsh Chocolate Farm

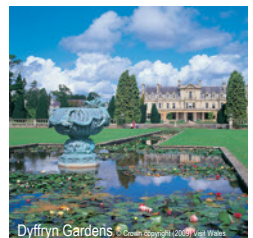
Entry to Dyffryn Gardens & Arboretum

Optional visit to Caldey Island

COST: £775.00 per person

Single Room Supp: £70.00

Less £6.00 for Nat Trust Members, but **must** bring card



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