

North Wales

26th - 30th July

Staying in the lovely town of Caernarfon with its famous castle, we take a canal cruise over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, whilst enjoying a Welsh cream tea, a ride on the Ffestiniog Railway and visit the pretty village of Portmeirion.



£490 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £128

What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All rooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer & hospitality tray
- ✓ Time to explore Caernarfon & Betws-y-Coed
- ✓ Ride on the Ffestiniog Railway
- ✓ Entry to Portmeirion
- ✓ Canal cruise with Welsh cream tea

★★★ CELTIC ROYAL HOTEL

Caernarfon

This stylish hotel, located in Caernarfon, has 110 en-suite bedrooms, a fine dining restaurant, a chic Art Deco bar and a leisure club with a high tech gym, indoor heated swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi and steam room.



Friday 26 July

Departing Oxted at 9.00am and making stops for refreshments en route, we travel to Caernarfon, our home for the next 4 nights.

Saturday 27 July

A day at leisure to relax in Caernarfon, a bustling and historic town overlooking the Menai Strait and dominated by its castle.

Sunday 28 July After breakfast we drive to Betws-y-Coed, where we shall have a little time to explore and find an early lunch before continuing on to Froncysyllte. Here we board the Thomas Telford for a 2 hour canal cruise which will carry us through the beautiful Vale of Llangollen and across the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. Built over 200 years ago, Thomas Telford and William Jessop's awe-inspiring aqueduct is the highest and longest aqueduct on the

canal system and is now a World Heritage Site. During our cruise we shall be served a Welsh Cream Tea. We return to the hotel along the coastal road.

Monday 29 July

This morning we take a scenic drive through the Llanberis pass and on to Blaenau Ffestiniog, where we board the Ffestiniog Railway. Originally built to transport slate from the quarries in Blaenau Ffestiniog, it takes you on a 13½-mile journey from Blaenau Ffestiniog to the bustling harbour town of Porthmadog, descending over 700 feet from the mountains through tranquil pastures and magnificent forests, past lakes and waterfalls, round tight bends (even a complete spiral) clinging to the side of the mountain or tunnelling through it. From Porthmadog we make the short journey to the unusual Italianate village of Portmeirion, famous for its pottery. This unique village is set on its own peninsula on the southern shores of Snowdonia. Its dreamlike Italianate quality made it the setting for the famous TV series *The Prisoner*. There are lovely gardens and fascinating vistas at every turn. Surrounding the village is the Gwyllt woodland garden, which extends over seventy acres and features subtropical plants which thrive in the mild coastal climate.

Tuesday 30 July We take our leave of the hotel after breakfast and make our way homewards, arriving in Oxted early evening.

