

# South Wales – Gower Peninsula

10th to 14th September

*The 19 mile-long Gower Peninsula is famous for its beautiful coastline and beaches as well as its richly varied natural environment of heathland, limestone grassland, marshes, dunes and oak woodlands. Come and discover why Dylan Thomas wrote so passionately about his home town of Swansea, Wales' second city, sitting on a 5-mile sweep of Swansea Bay. The natural beauty of the Pembrokeshire coast and the Gower peninsula are famed all over the world.*

**£495.00 PER PERSON**

Single Room Supp: £64.00



## What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, hospitality tray & WiFi
- ✓ Entry to ss Great Britain
- ✓ Entry to Gower Heritage Centre, with Guided Tour of Gower Peninsula & Cream Tea
- ✓ Time to explore Tenby & Carmarthen
- ✓ Ride on Gwili Railway
- ✓ Entry to Royal Mint Visitor Experience

## BEST WESTERN DIPLOMAT HOTEL

### Llanelli

This independent family run hotel combines excellent service with good food and comfortable rooms. The hotel has an indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room and Hydro Spa.

**Sunday 10 September** Departing Oxted we make our way to Bristol and the ss Great Britain: the ship that changed the world. Here we shall have time to explore this fantastic ship. Go down beneath the glass sea, walk the ss Great Britain's history in the Dockyard



Museum and step onto the ship itself. Alive with sights, sounds and even smells, prepare to set sail on the most extraordinary time machine. We continue on to our hotel arriving in good time to relax before dinner.

**Monday 11 September** This morning we visit the Gower Heritage Centre at Parkmill, where we shall have a guided tour of the water-powered corn mill and saw mill, the Miller's cottage and Blacksmith's shop. During our tour we shall learn about the history of the Mill and descriptions of milling, wood-turning and blacksmithing. Following the tour, we shall have some time to investigate the rest of the site and find lunch, before our afternoon guided tour of the beautiful unspoilt scenery of the Gower Peninsula, designated an 'Area of outstanding natural beauty'. After the tour we return to the Heritage Centre and enjoy a Gower Cream Tea.

**Tuesday 12 September** This morning we travel west to the picturesque resort of Tenby, where we shall be free to explore. Take a walk along the seafront, watch the colourful boats in the picturesque harbour, or maybe take a boat trip to Caldey Island with its Cistercian Monastery where Monks have lived for over 1500 years. We return via Pendine Sands and Laugharne, former home of Dylan Thomas.

**Wednesday 13 September** After breakfast we travel to Carmarthen, a neat little county town encircled by the River Towy and full of pretty shops. Today is market day too, and we shall have plenty of time to sample the local cuisine and maybe pick up a bargain! Early afternoon we make the short journey to Bromwydd to join the Gwili Steam Railway. This standard gauge preserved railway runs from Bronwydd along a short section of the former Carmarthen to Aberystwyth railway. The railway hugs the River Gwili all the while, so keep an eye out for the herons, which frequent this valley, dipping for fish in the river.

**Thursday 14 September** Departing after breakfast, we make our way to the Royal Mint Experience at Llantrisant. Here we shall have time to find morning coffee and a look around the shop and exhibition before being taken through security. During our tour we shall discover how blank pieces of metal become coins and take a look into the striking hall where thousands of coins are produced, 24 hours a day. Following our tour we shall have time to find lunch before continuing our journey home. Arriving back in Oxted approx. 6.00pm.



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