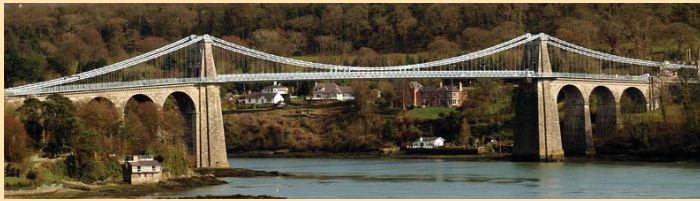




Landscapes of Wales

For a small country Wales has a varied and dramatic landscape, so it's no wonder so many people love to come and visit and on the extensive coastline Gower, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Cardigan Bay all have wonderful, clean beaches. Much of the landscape is mountainous, particularly in North Wales. As you travel south you will notice the landscape becomes much softer, though the hills remain of course. In Mid Wales we have the

Cambrian Mountains and moving further south the Brecon Beacons. South Wales has a very different feel from the rest of the country, which is generally more rural. Here you will find the steep-sided valleys once home to our coal mines, carved up by rivers like the Rhondda and Taff. This new two centre sightseeing tour covers much of the best of Wales as we make our way from north to south along the Cambrian Coastal drive.



THE LION HOTEL, CRICCIETH ★★★ 01766 522460

Situated on the village green in Criccieth, commanding magnificent views of Cardigan Bay, the Lion Hotel has been developed and extended from an Olde Inn into the Hotel it is today. The Hotel offers a unique blend of personal service, friendliness, comfort and hospitality. Facilities include the glorious Pink Restaurant, two comfortable bars, an elegant lounge and dance floor. The Hotel Has a Lift and All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Colour Television, Telephone, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

RAMADA HOTEL, SWANSEA ★★★ 0844 815 9081

The Ramada Swansea is situated on the city outskirts and is set in landscaped grounds with the beaches of the Gower Peninsula just a short drive away. Local produce is served in the Arts Restaurant, whilst the bar is an ideal place to relax after your day out. Hotel facilities include a Leisure Club with indoor swimming pool. The Hotel does not have a Lift, but all rooms are on the Ground and First floors. All Bedrooms have Private Facilities, Satellite Television, Telephone, Hairdryer and Tea/Coffee Making Facilities.

Look What's Included!

- 3 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal at the Lion Hotel Criccieth.
- 3 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal at the Ramada Hotel Swansea.
- Included Excursions with highlights that include Snowdonia National Park, Isle of Anglesey, Cardigan Bay, Tenby and Saundersfoot, Cardiff Bay and Swansea and the Mumbles.

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Friday Depart from your home area in the morning travelling to North Wales and arriving late afternoon at Lion Hotel, Criccieth for the next three nights.

Saturday We travel north this morning first to Caernarfon and along the shores of the Menai Straits and across to the Isle of Anglesey. We take a break in Beaumaris and then visit the James Pringle Woollen Mill at Llanfair P.G. before continuing on our way via Beddgelert to Criccieth.

Sunday Today we have a full day tour of Snowdonia featuring Porthmadog, the Crimea Pass and Betws-y-Coed, where we take a break. We continue along the Vale of Conwy, to Llandudno before we take the coast road and head for Llanberis, past Mount Snowdon over the Llanberis Pass, making our way back to the Hotel.

Monday Leaving the Hotel after breakfast we have a scenic drive along the shores of Cardigan Bay on our way into South Wales. Our route takes us via Harlech and Barmouth, where we take a break. Next we skirt the estuary of the River Mawddach and continue along the coast through Tywyn and Aberdovey to Aberystwyth, the major town and resort on Wales' west coast. Here we take a break for lunch and have time for a stroll along the seafront before we are on our way. We leave the

coast at Aberaeron and ride across country to Carmarthen for a short stay and then on to Swansea and the Ramada Hotel for the next three nights.

Tuesday This morning we make for the capital of Wales, the vibrant city of Cardiff, driving through the pleasant vale of Cowbridge on the way. We have time to explore, maybe visit the Castle, obtain a bite to eat at one of countless hostleries and restaurants, before we take a trip to see the developments happening in Cardiff Bay. The old docks and warehouses have been swept away to be replaced by modern buildings, with bars, cafes, shops. Late afternoon we leave and head off back to Swansea.

Wednesday A contrast today as we head for the seaside with a visit to Tenby, the major holiday resort in South Wales. The jumble of little streets hidden behind the old town walls are a delight to explore and a complete contrast to the harbour and beaches area. We stay here until mid afternoon and pay a brief visit to Tenby's neighbour Saundersfoot before returning via Pendine Sands and Laugharne (Dylan Thomas Country).

Thursday We leave after breakfast and travel along the Vale of Neath then past the Brecon Beacons National Park to Abergavenny and onwards to Shropshire, arriving during the afternoon.

7 DAYS

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