

Tour
Information



Country Houses of North Wales

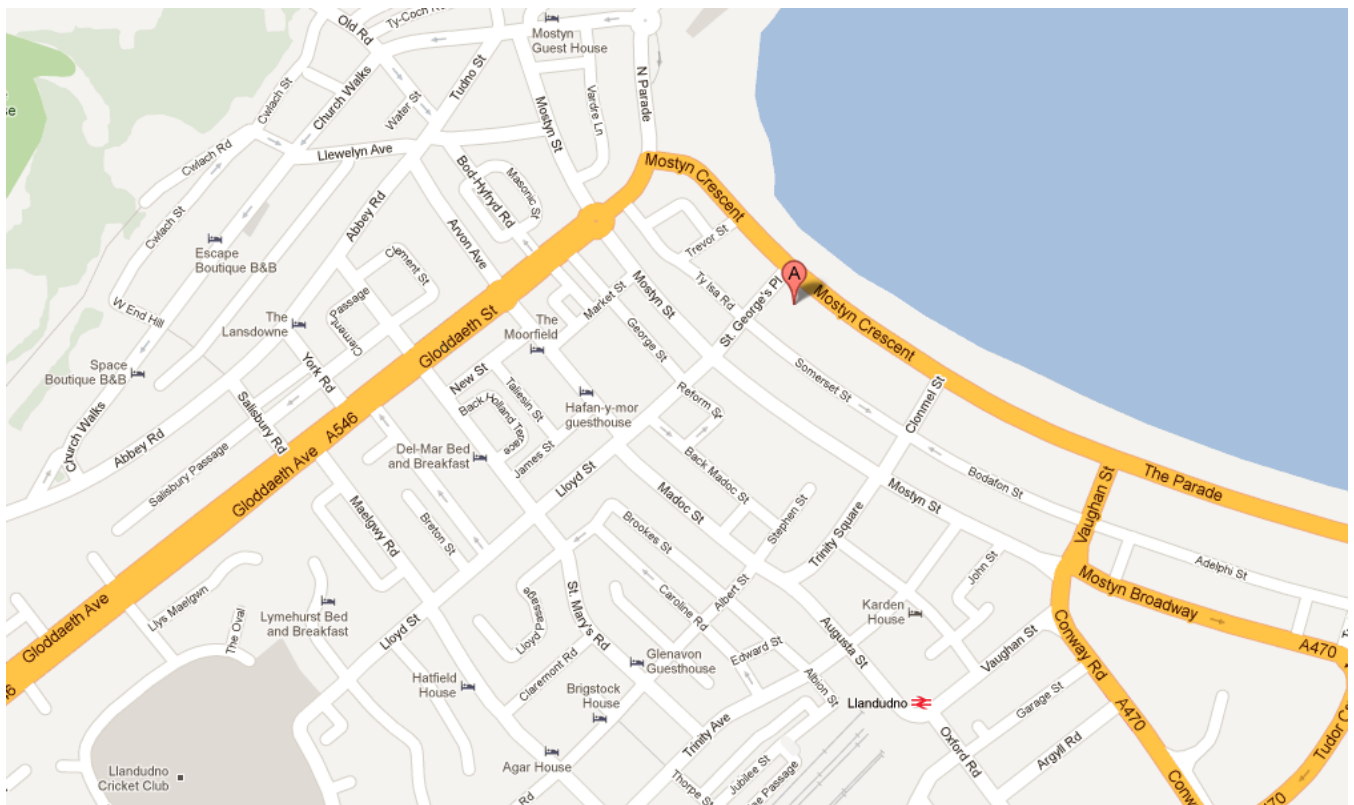




The tour starts and finishes at **St. George's Hotel, Llandudno**

St Georges Hotel,
St George's Pl,
Llandudno,
Conwy
LL30 2LG, UK
Tel: 0808 168 6030

Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car: The hotel is located right on the seafront in the centre of Llandudno so simply follow signs for the seafront and turn right along The Parade/A546. The hotel is on the right. There is free parking at the hotel.

Travelling by rail: The nearest station is Llandudno less than half a mile away – approx. 10-15 minutes' walk



Accommodation

St. George's Hotel, Llandudno

The four-star St. George's hotel is in the heart of Llandudno, situated right next to the sea and promenade with wonderful views across Llandudno Bay. The hotel has a terrace bar and lounge, as well as a restaurant which offers spectacular coastal views over the bay. Bedroom facilities include TV, tea and coffee making facilities, private bathroom with bath/shower, telegraph and hairdryer.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

<http://www.stgeorgeswales.co.uk/>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 14.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the afternoon during the cream tea.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.30 – 17.45 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis check out from the hotel is at 11:00.a.m.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private dinner with wine is provided. During the next two evenings of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. Two lunches and a cream tea are also included Breakfast on each day of your stay is included in the price.



Places Visited

Plas Newydd, Anglesey

The stately home of the Marquess of Anglesey, enjoys spectacular views over the Menai Straits to the Snowdon range beyond. This panorama is vividly evoked in the dining room where Rex Whistler's romanticised landscape is an example of his rich and nostalgic style. The grounds, thanks to the benign climate, are rich in colours throughout the year. Also to be seen is the Military Museum recalling the exploits of the first marquess who lost his leg at the Battle of Waterloo.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/plas-newydd-country-house-and-gardens>

Penrhyn Castle

Penrhyn Castle is an enormous house built in Neo-Norman style by the Douglas-Pennant family who were enormously rich thanks to the quantities of slate which they quarried from the Penrhyn Quarry. To a fine collection of paintings is added bizarre furniture designed to fill the gargantuan rooms; there is even a bed made of slate.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/penrhyn-castle>

Caernarfon Castle

Caernarvon is architecturally one of the most impressive of all of the castles in Wales. Its defensive capabilities were not as overt or as powerful as those of Edward I's other castles such as Harlech and Beaumaris (which indicate the pinnacle of castle building and defenses in Britain), but Caernarvon was instead intended as a seat of power - and as a symbol of English dominance over the subdued Welsh.

<http://www.caernarfon-castle.co.uk/>

Portmeirion

The last visit of this superb tour is to the 70-acre architectural folly that is Portmeirion, the eccentric creation of the Welsh architect Clough Williams-Ellis incorporating fragments of architecture rescued by its creator.

<http://www.portmeirion-village.com/>

Plas Mawr

Plas Mawr is a unique Elizabethan town house built from 1576 by the Wynn family. Now immaculately restored by the Welsh heritage agency, it is "the finest surviving town house of the Elizabethan era.

<https://www.conwy.com/plasmawr.html>

Bodnant Gardens

Founded in 1874 and developed by five generations of one family, it was gifted to the care of the National Trust in 1949. The garden spans 80 acres of hillside and includes formal Italianate Terraces, informal shrub borders stocked with plants from around the world, and The Dell, a gorge garden, a number of notable trees and a waterfall. Since 2012 new areas to open have included the Winter Garden, Old Park Meadow, Yew Dell and The Far End, a riverside garden. Furnace Wood and Meadow was recently opened in April 2017. There are plans to open more new areas, including Heather Hill and Cae Poeth Meadow in the future. Bodnant Garden is visited by around 190,000 people every year and is famous for its Laburnum arch, the longest in the UK, which flowers in May and June. The garden is also celebrated for its link to the plant hunters of the early 1900s whose expeditions formed the base of the garden's four National Collections of plants – Magnolia, Embodrium, Eucryphia and Rhododendron forrestii.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodnant-garden>

Your Guide

Your host, **Nicholas Merchant**, Chairman of the Art Fund West Yorkshire Fundraising Committee, is an antique expert who has worked for some of London's major auctions houses during his career.



Practical Information






Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 4 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	

Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.

Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or

020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.

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