

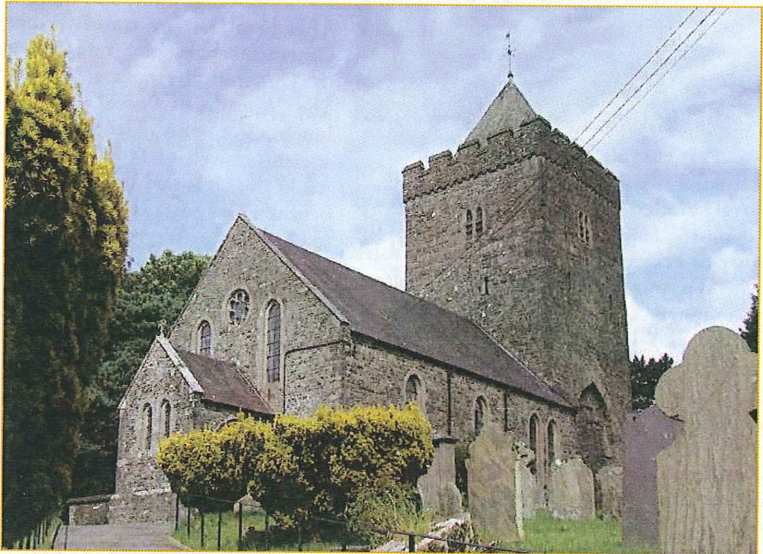


CELTIC WALES

A journey of Faith and an Insight
into the Welsh Celtic tradition

Led by
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Day 1, 20 April

Meet at Manchester International Airport on arrival and travel to Caernarfon via Holywell, the site of St Winifrid's Well and a break for lunch and finally to our hotel in Caernarfon. Time to relax at our hotel before dinner. (D)



Day 2, 21 April

After breakfast we leave for a guided tour of The Royal Walled Town of Caernarfon and Wales' most famous castle, site of the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales in 1969. We travel through The Snowdonia Mountain range to the charming mountain resort of Betws Y Coed (via Swallow Falls) and break for lunch. The village name translates to "Prayer House in The Wood". We visit St Michael and All Angels, the little church that gave the village its name. The churchyard boasts a most wonderful trio of Yew trees. St Michael's is cared for by a trust, and at present celebrates services at Christmas and on the Saint's feast day only. We return, via The c13 walled town of Conwy (To take the famous Wall walk, viewing the town and castle) to Caernarfon to freshen up before dinner. (B,D)

Day 3, 22 April

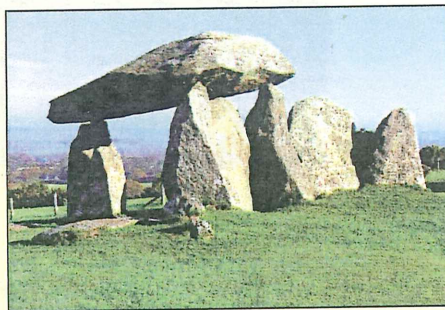
This morning we travel in a South Westerly direction through The Snowdonia Gateway, via Porthmadog and Dolgellau, in the shadow of Cader Idris, to Machynlleth, seat of the 1404 Parliament of Owain Glyndwr, last rebel Prince of Wales, stopping for a lunch break in this one

time contender for the Capital of Wales. Via Aberystwyth, ancient university city of Mid Wales, we travel to Aberaeron, the charming "multi coloured Regency" seaside town for tea, viewing Newquay, across the bay. We travel to Lampeter, an ancient town steeped in history, for a two night stay. * (B,D)



Day 4, 23 April

After breakfast, we travel to the ruins of the Cistercian abbey of Strata Florida, and then to Tregaron, birthplace of Henry Richard, The "Apostle of Peace", to shop and enjoy lunch. We visit Llandewi-Brefi, and the ancient church of St David, Patron Saint of All Wales. It is said that the ground here rose beneath The Saint to make him more visible to the people. We visit Sarn Helen (involving park and walk) and the village of Llanfair Clydogau where we will have the opportunity of breaking for Welsh tea at the Town Hall, before returning to Lampeter and our hotel. (B,D)



Day 5, 24 April

After breakfast we check out and travel along The Cardigan Coast, visiting the Museum of The Welsh Woolen Industry at Newcastle Emlyn, and the contrasting sites of Nevern



Church, and the remote Neolithic place of worship and burial, *Pentre Ifan. *subject to vehicle access, If not possible, we will select an alternative, more easily reached cromlech during the remainder of the tour. After a break for lunch, we travel to St David's (Britain's smallest city!) for an overnight stay. Subject to our arrival time, we spend some time for the most relaxing and peaceful end to the day in St David's Cathedral. (B,D)

Day 6, 25 April

After a leisure breakfast we return to St David's Cathedral, dating from the 12th to the 21st century, and The Bishop's Palace of Henry De Gower, who perfected the residence of The Archbishopric in the 13th century. We visit St Non's Chapel, reputed birthplace of St David. After a break for lunch, we depart for the ever popular seaside town of Tenby, on The Pembrokeshire Coast, arriving at our hotel in time for dinner, and a walk around the old town for those who wish to do so. (B)

Day 7, 26 April

Leaving our hotel we take the boat across Carmarthen Bay to Caldey Island, home to the Cistercian order of Monks (Known originally as The White Friars, coming to Wales from Northern France during the 12th century and being acceptable to The Celtic Church as a "splinter group" from The Benedictine order. The Cistercians felt that the mother order had betrayed its' purist ideals. The Cistercian order are practical, and landmen. Sheep farming in Wales benefited and prospered largely by the influence of The Monks, who also bred war horses for The Princes of Gwynedd at their abbey at Cymer in the North of the

country). We enjoy a full day, visiting The Priory, St Illtud's and St David's churches, and return by the last sailing to our accommodation in Tenby. (B,D)

Day 8, 27 April

We check out after breakfast, and travel through Carmarthenshire, visiting Llandeilo, the magnificently located castle of Carreg Cennen, and the abbey of The White Canons at Talley, lunching in the area of the old collegiate town of Llandovery. At the end of the days touring, we arrive at Welshpool, a charming town, for a two night stay. (B)



Day 9, 28 April

After a leisure breakfast we spend the day touring in and around Welshpool. In this historic area stands one of Wales' "Red" (sandstone) castles, Powys. Uniquely, this castle, founded in the 12th century, has survived intact as a functioning residence for most of its history, enduring beyond Cromwell's virtual "death sentence" imposed on Britain's mediaeval castles at the end of the English Civil War in the mid 1600s. We then return to our hotel. (B,D)

Day 10, 29 April (optional)

This morning we travel North, into England, via Chester for a visit to this old Roman town and break for lunch, before travelling onto your optional hotel close to Manchester International Airport, for our final nights stay. (B)

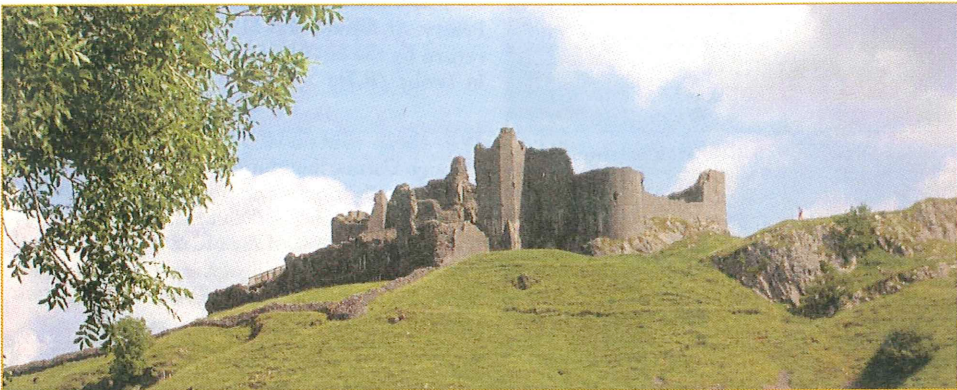
Day 11, 30 April

We check-in for our return flight to the US

B =breakfast

D= Dinner

Please note this complex touring programme may be subject to minor local amendments



INCLUSIVE COST - £1190

The Tour price includes:-

- **9 nights accommodation at selected hotels of a 3-star standard**
- **Board basis - Breakfast (B) daily & dinner (D) on 7 nights**
two days are on a breakfast only basis (days 6 & 10)
- **All touring in modern air-conditioned coaches**
- **All entrance fees and local government taxes**
- **The services of LTG offices and staff**

The only items Not Included:

International flights, the final optional night (29 April), lunches, two dinners, Travel Insurance, Gratuities and gifts to churches, approximately £8 a day, drinks and any items of a personal nature.

Single Rooms are available at the additional cost of - £387

Accommodation

Accommodation is based on selected clean and comfortable hotels of a 3-star standard and ideally situated for our planned touring program.

Coach Travel

LTG employ reliable and established coach companies with courteous and experienced drivers.

Booking your place

*If you are interested in this Pilgrimage All you need to do to book is to send a **non-refundable** deposit of £200 to LTG*

Full details of how to do this along with the booking form are on the LTG website.

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