

Risborough U3A – Travel Group

Group Holiday Tour to the Castles, Gardens & Trains of North Wales

Departing Friday 18th May until Monday 21st May 2012(3 nights)

Based in Llandudno at The Evans Hotel

Pick-up & drop-off in Princes Risborough

North Wales is full of castles and gardens, so many in fact it is sometimes difficult to imagine that there is anything else. There is of course a dramatic coastline as well and our base for this tour is Llandudno, the Queen of all Welsh resorts.

The Evans Hotel is a modern hotel with old fashioned service and grace. Centrally situated in a quiet position, the Evans offers fully equipped en-suite bedrooms, a lift to all floors, entertainment most nights and good food. All in all, a top class family run hotel.

This 4-day (3 nights) tour includes:

Return coach travel (same coach & driver throughout)

Dinner, bed & breakfast each night Live entertainment on some evenings

Free daily excursion programme(tbc) as detailed below - All entrance fees as specified

Excursion-1 To Caernarfon with free time to visit the castle (extra cost) or to browse the town before boarding the Welsh Highland Railway for a nostalgic 25-mile steam train journey along the long lost railway link from Caernarfon to Porthmadog. The trains - hauled by the world's most powerful narrow gauge steam locomotives - climb from sea level to over 650ft on the foothills of Snowdon, before zig-zagging dramatically down the steep hillside to reach Beddgelert, nestling in the heart of the National Park, then through the magnificent Aberglaslyn Pass and on to Porthmadog. We will be met by the coach and taken on to visit Portmeirion - Portmeirion was built to show how you could develop a naturally beautiful setting without spoiling it and that with sufficient skill and care architectural good manners can actually enhance the natural environment. Portmeirion is a hotel resort and a popular visitor attraction located on the coast of Snowdonia National Park in Gwynedd, North Wales.

Excursion-2 is a National Trust day. Depending on weather conditions we will visit Bodnant Gardens (fine) or Penrhyn Castle (wet) and over the Menai Strait to Plas Newydd Country House in Anglesey. Free entry to National Trust Members or additional costs for non-members.

Return Journey – an extended coffee stop in Chester (tbc)

Costs: £180 per person + £20 single supplement (only 6 single rooms available)

Insurance: £14.95 per person or your own personal travel insurance(compulsory)

To book, contact Arthur Edwards on Princes Risborough (01844) 342460

A Deposit of £25pp (+ £14.95 insurance if needed) – balance due by 1st April 2012