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Portmeirion

## Snowdon, Portmeirion & Welsh Mountain Steam

Staying in the spectacular surroundings of North Wales, we treat you to a relaxing holiday combined with the wonders of rail. First we head for the clouds with a steam train trip on the Snowdon Mountain Railway, a little rack and pinion railway which climbs to the very top of Snowdon. Next we chug along the shores of Lake Padarn before gliding through over 40 miles of show-stopping scenery as we join the iconic Welsh Highland Railway and the Ffestiniog Railway. We also spend time in the weird and wonderful Italianate village of Portmeirion and charming Betws-y-Coed, the principal village of the Snowdonia national park. It's a fantastic opportunity to visit this beautiful part of the world and enjoy train travel as it used to be.

### Day 1: North Wales

Make your own way to our hotel, where you meet our Tour Manager and enjoy a relaxing evening.

### Day 2: Snowdon Mountain Railway & Llanberis Lake Railway

This morning we join the Snowdon Mountain Railway for a return journey offering amazing views as it slowly climbs to the summit. You can then enjoy the feeling of being 1,085 metres above sea level and there is a café and gift shop for your benefit. In the afternoon we enjoy a return journey on the lovely little Llanberis Lake Railway, which follows the shore of Lake Padarn with wonderful views of mountains and the lake along the way.

### Day 3: The Welsh Highland Railway & Portmeirion

Today we join the Welsh Highland Railway, the UK's longest heritage railway which runs for 25 miles from Caernarfon through the foothills of Snowdon and the stunning Aberglaslyn Pass to Porthmadog. From here we continue by coach to Portmeirion, a weird and wonderful Italianate village set on its own private peninsula. It is most famous for being the setting for the 1960s TV series *The Prisoner*.

### Day 4: Ffestiniog Railway & Betws-y-Coed

We return to Porthmadog to join the world's oldest narrow gauge railway, the Ffestiniog Railway, for a 13½-mile journey into the mountains, which encompasses pastures, forests, lakes, waterfalls, tunnels and horseshoe bends (even a complete spiral). We then take our coach

to Betws-y-Coed in the heart of the Conwy valley and enjoy some free time before returning to our hotel.

### Day 5: Home

After breakfast you are free to check out of our hotel and depart at leisure; you could even take the opportunity to explore the town of Caernarfon before heading home.

*Please note: The weather on Snowdon is very unpredictable and can change very quickly. Trains cannot proceed all the way to the summit if weather conditions become severe ie high winds or snow and ice on the track. In such cases trains will terminate at Rocky Valley which is 5/8 of the way to the summit. When there are severe winds on the mountain, passengers are not allowed to disembark at Rocky Valley. Low cloud or poor visibility does not stop the train from travelling.*



Ffestiniog Railway

## YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES

- Four nights' half board accommodation in North Wales
- Coach transfers for our excursions
- Services of our Tour Manager

### Plus the following excursions:

- Return journey on the Snowdon Mountain Railway
- Return journey on the Llanberis Lake Railway
- Journey on the Welsh Highland Railway
- Visit to Portmeirion
- Journey on the Ffestiniog Railway
- Visit to Betws-y-Coed

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DAYS

FROM  
£449

### DATES & PRICES

Tour code: REUSN05

22 May 2017 ..... £449

Single room supplement..... £95

### Travel Insurance

5 days..... £19.95

All prices shown are per person

### YOUR HOTEL

#### The Risboro Hotel, Llandudno

This family-run hotel is conveniently located half a mile from Llandudno Pier and less than a mile from the railway station. It also has a car park. All of the bedrooms have an en suite, complimentary refreshments, TV and hairdryer. Breakfast and dinner are served in the Grand Dining Room and there's also a lounge bar and the Ballroom Bar where entertainment is held on selected evenings.



The Risboro Hotel