

Wild Wales & the Cornish Riviera

Day 1-September 19th



CONWY IN SNOWDONIA

Lunchtime arrival by ferry into **Holyhead**. Meet with driver/guide and continue journey to Colwyn Bay, **Conwy**. Visit the beautiful **Bodnant Garden** – one of the world's most spectacular gardens, Bodnant is situated around the River Conwy with stunning views across **Snowdonia**.

Overnight Betws- y- Coed

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Day 2- September 20th

POWIS CASTLE TO BATH

Travel via **Snowdonia National Park** to Welshpool. Visit to **Powis Castle** and garden - the world-famous garden, overhung with clipped yews, shelters rare and tender plants. Laid out under the influence of Italian and French styles, it retains its original lead statues and an orangery on the terraces. High on a rock above the terraces, the castle, originally built circa 1200, began life as a medieval fortress.

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Overnight Bath

Day 3- September 21st

STOURHEAD ESTATE & BATH

Morning visit to **Stourhead** - explore the 1,072-hectare (2,650 acre) estate where chalk downs, ancient woods and farmland are managed for wildlife. When Stourhead first opened in the 1740s, a magazine described it as “a living work of art”. The world-famous landscape garden has at its centerpiece a magnificent lake reflecting classical temples, mystical grottoes, and exotic trees. Return to **Bath** and enjoy a **walking tour** of this beautiful city followed by a visit to the Roman Baths. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure. **B**



Overnight Bath

Day 4 – September 22nd

TINTAGEL & BEDRUTHAN STEPS CORNWALL

Depart Bath and travel south into Devon and on into Cornwall. Visit to **Tintagel** - Immerse yourself in history, myths and stunning scenery at Tintagel, a place inextricably linked with the legend of King Arthur. For centuries, this dramatic castle and coastline has fired the imaginations of writers, artists and even the brother of a king. Continue down the coast for a visit to **Carnewas** and **Bedruthan Steps** which is one of the most popular destinations on the Cornish coast. The landscape is synonymous with shipwrecks and smugglers, and the spectacular clifftop views look out over Bedruthan Steps, where a rank of colossal, pointed stacks march out of the Atlantic waves against a dramatic backdrop. **BL**



Overnight Falmouth

Day 5-September 23rd

EDEN PROJECT & LANHYDROCK

Morning visit to the world-famous **Eden Project**. Built in a disused clay mine, this is now home to the world's largest greenhouse and several biomes housing plants from all over the world. Afternoon visit to **Lanhydrock** one of the most fascinating and complete late 19th-century houses in England, full of period atmosphere and extensive servants' quarters. The garden features a stunning collection of magnolias, rhododendrons and camellias, and offers fine colors right through into autumn. **BT**

Overnight Falmouth

Day 6- September 24th

HELIGAN & ST MICHAEL'S MOUNT

Morning visit to the **Lost Gardens of Heligan** seat of the Tremayne family for more than 400 years, is one of the most mysterious and romantic estates in England. A genuine secret garden, it was lost for decades; its history consigned to overgrowth. Continue to **Penzance**- an historic port on the south facing shores of Mount's Bay.

Visit to the stunning **St Michael's Mount** and discover the garden that astonishes visitors it exists here. Despite the gales and salty winds, the Gulf Stream tempers the climate so that frosts are a rarity and the rock acts as a gigantic radiator – absorbing heat by day and releasing it at night, creating a micro climate in which all sorts of unlikely plants flourish. **BD**



Overnight Falmouth

Day 7- September 25th

TREBAH, GLENDURGAN & FOWEY

Morning visit to **Trebah Garden**. Discover the magic of this beautiful Cornish



valley garden with over four miles of footpath. Explore under canopies bursting with exotic blooms. Follow vibrant tunnels of color that cascade down to their very own secluded beach on the Helford River. Trebah offers visitors a year-round experience. In autumn, Hydrangea Valley casts clouds of china blue and soft white across Mallard Pond. Continue to **Falmouth** and enjoy a visit to **Glendurgan Garden** – a beautiful sub-tropical valley

garden with laurel maze. Late afternoon visit to **Fowey**, time to enjoy at your leisure this coastal town.

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Overnight Falmouth

Day 8- September 26th

SCULPTURE GARDENS & ST. IVES

Morning visit to **Barbara Hepworth Sculpture Gardens**, near St Ives. Offering a remarkable insight into the work and outlook of one of Britain's most important twentieth century artists. Sculptures in bronze, stone and wood are on display in the museum and garden, along with paintings, drawings and archive material. Continue for a visit to **St Ives** - the dazzling jewel in Cornwall's crown-a picturesque fishing harbor and seaside.

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Overnight Falmouth

Day 9- September 27th**SALISBURY TO WINDSOR**

En route to Windsor, we'll visit **Salisbury Cathedral** - built in just 38 years in a single architectural style, early English Gothic using 70,000 tons of stone, 28,000 tons of oak and 420 tons of lead – the spire is Britain's tallest and weighs 6,500 tons! It is home to the best preserved of only four surviving original Magna Carta (AD1215) which is listed on the UNESCO 'Memory of the World' register. **B**



Overnight Windsor

Day 10- September 28th**WINDSOR TO HOME**

Morning visit to **Windsor Castle** – the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and the official residence of Her Majesty the Queen. It's rich history spans almost 1000 years. There will be time to explore this charming town before transferring to the London airport for our flight home. **BD**

B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, T=tea

Please note that gardens and visits included in this itinerary are subject to availability. If a visit is not available, a suitable alternative will be found and will be finalized closer to departure. At each visit, the group will be hosted as specified.

Inclusions:

- ferry from Dublin to Holyhead, Wales
- 9 nights' accommodations in 3-4 star hotels
(1 night Betws-y-Coed, 2 nights Bath, 4 nights Falmouth, 1 night Windsor)
- breakfast daily and lunches and dinners per itinerary
- 4-star air-conditioned coach with professional driver
- all sightseeing and garden visits entry fees per itinerary
- tour manager, Dee Montpetit traveling with group at all times and local guides as specified
- all taxes

Costs:

Tour is priced in British Pounds and final payment determines true cost.

Land based on double occupancy and a minimum of 15 participants:

GBP 2,332 based on today's rate of exchange: \$2,875

If 20 or more participants, deduct GBP 150 or approximately \$185

Single supplement: GBP 350, based on today's roe \$435

Airfare: TBD

Payment schedule and cancellation policy:

A \$500 per person deposit is due at time of reservation. The deposit is non-refundable.

Final payment is due July 1st and is non-refundable.

A check is the required method of payment for the deposit. For final payment, a 4% surcharge will be added for credit card use.

Please make **checks payable to Travel Leaders** and along with your reservation form, mail to the address below:

Travel Leaders

Attn: Dee Montpetit

5611 196th ST SW

Lynnwood, WA. 98036

Insurance:

Insurance is highly recommended and is an additional TBD per person. This covers cancellation penalties for medical reasons. To insure any pre-existing illness, it must be purchased at time of deposit.

Documentation:

You will need a valid US Passport with at least 6 months' validity to enter Great Britain. If you are not a US citizen, please let me know and I will advise you on the required documentation.

For more information, contact:

Dee Montpetit at **425-208-6515** or email: **dee@mapetitegardens.com**

Hotel List:

19 September -20 September Betws-y-Coed

Royal Oak Hotel

20 September-22 September Bath

Bailbrook House Hotel

22 September – 26 September Falmouth

St. Michael Hotel & Spa

27 September- 28 September Windsor

Castle Hotel

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Email: _____

Emergency contact person and phone: _____

Passport Information:

Passenger One: _____

Legal name as it appears: _____

Passport number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Passenger Two: _____

Legal name as it appears: _____

Passport number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Special requests:

Single requesting share: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical: _____

Seat requests: _____

Frequent flyer number: _____

Either Alaska Airlines, Iceland Air or Finnair