

Your tour includes:

- 4 nights' accommodation on a half board basis at The Kinmel Hotel, Abergelle (4 star)
- 5 days travel by executive coach
- Porter service and tea, coffee and biscuits on arrival
- Admission to Bodrhyddan Hall with guided tour
- Admission to Plas Cadnant Gardens
- Puffin Island Wildlife Cruise
- Return tickets for Great Orme Tramway, Llandudno
- Visit to Powis Castle (N.T)
- Visit to Bodnant Gardens (N.T)
- Visit to Plas Newydd (N.T)
- Visit to Plas Brondanw Gardens (RHS affiliated garden- free of charge for RHS members- £5.00 charge for non-members)

Your tour excludes:

- Travel Insurance
- Additional entrance fees to places of interest other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Lunches and refreshments, other than those detailed in the itinerary
- Gratuities
- Use of spa facilities at The Kinmel hotel

No admission costs have been incorporated to the National Trust properties featured on this tour. Admission for N.T. Members is free of charge on production of a valid membership card.

The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked from this brochure and for your repatriation from abroad in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security by way of a bond held by ABTA (W9928). Air tours are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3683. Please see our booking conditions for more information.

At any time prior to the tour departure, we reserve the right to make changes (of equal value or difference will be refunded) to attractions, visits and excursions should such suppliers' requirements and/or unforeseeable circumstances make it essential to do so. During the tour, details in the itinerary may be subject to alteration at the discretion of the tour manager and in accordance with the wishes of a clear majority of the passengers. We reserve the right to cancel this tour not later than 8/10 weeks before departure, if insufficient bookings have been received to justify its departure.

You can obtain Booking Forms and Booking Conditions from your Group Organiser. Please send completed booking forms and payments (cheques payable to Norman Allen Group Travel Ltd) to your Group Organiser, name address below:

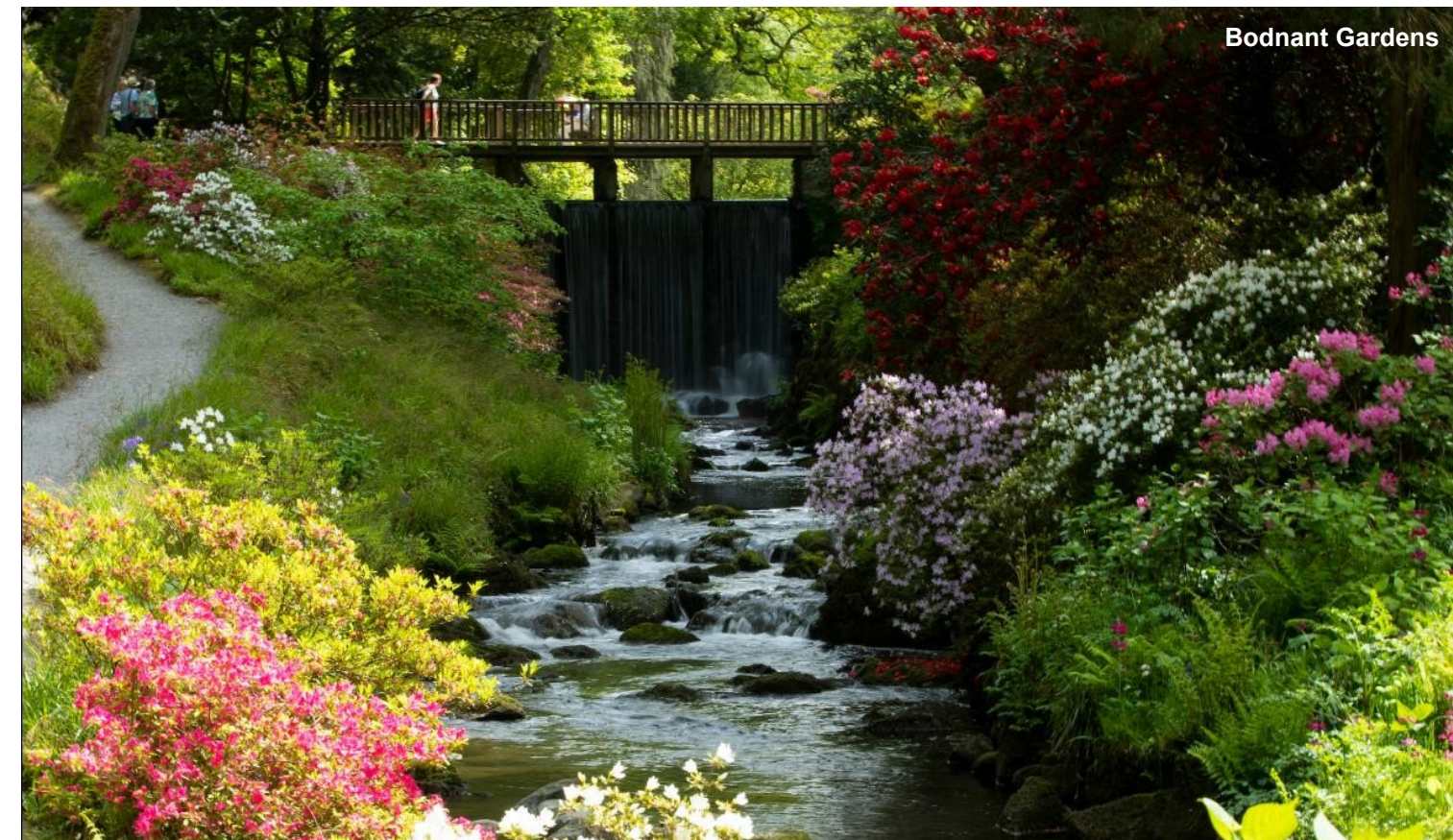
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Gardens of North Wales

With Cheltenham Horticultural Society



13 to 17 May 2024

North Wales is a region of breathtaking natural beauty, from the dramatic mountains of Snowdonia National park, to rugged coastline and outstanding gardens. Our late spring break features historic, modern and exciting gardens, bursting with plants from all around the world, from the famous gardens at Bodnant to hidden gems like Plas Cadnant Hidden Gardens. Also included is a gentle boat cruise along the Menai strait of Anglesey to Puffin island, home to seabirds, puffins and seals and a nostalgic tram ride to the Great Orme summit in Llandudno.



Monday 13 May 2024 - Powis Castle

We depart our local pick up points and begin our journey to North Wales with an en route to Powis Castle. The castle, originally built by a Welsh Prince in the 13th century includes fabrics, paintings, furniture and the Clive Collection of South Asian artefacts. The remarkable Gardens retain many original features including the distinctive 17th century Italianate terraces with vibrant herbaceous borders, an Edwardian formal garden and rose bed. We then continue our journey to North Wales to The Kinnel hotel in Abergele, our base for the next 4 nights and enjoy our first evening meal together.

Tuesday 14 May - Bodryddan Hall & Puffin Wildlife cruise

This morning, we visit magnificent Bodrhyddan Hall, home to Lord Langford and his family for the last 500 years. The 17th century hall is set in several acres of stunning formal gardens and woodland. We have a guided tour which includes the opulent Dean’s dining room, elegant white drawing room and extensive collection of art and antique furniture. The gardens include a formal parterre, lawns and a Japanese walk of life. In the afternoon, we travel to Anglesey for a fascinating wildlife cruise to Puffin island to view the hundreds of seabirds that nest off the North Wales coast every year. We very much hope this will include an opportunity to see nesting puffins.

Wednesday 15 May - Plas Cadnant Hidden Gardens & Plas Newydd

After breakfast we depart for Bodnant Foods, an extensive farm shop, bakery and dairy where you can find the best of Welsh produce. We continue to Plas Cadnant Hidden Garden on the Isle of Anglesey. The restoration of this historic garden began in 1996 when three gardens were uncovered, including a walled garden, a secret valley garden with 3 waterfalls and a river and an upper woodland garden. The gardens are being lovingly restored and are now considered among the most exciting gardens in Wales. Our afternoon visit is to Plas Newydd, an elegant 18th century mansion and garden with spectacular views of Snowdonia and the Menai strait. Historic residents including the 1st Marquess of Anglesey who lost his leg at Waterloo and the flamboyant 5th Marquess who bankrupted the family. A wide range of plants thrive in the grade 1 listed gardens from magnificent rhododendrons and magnolias to rare Southern hemisphere specimens in the arboretum.

Thursday 16 May - Bodnant Gardens & Llandudno

This morning we visit Bodnant Gardens (National Trust- admission not included). With intimate corners, sweeping lawns, grand terraces and verdant woodland, there are many gardens in one. Created over 150 years, with plants collected and brought to Britain from far afield, this haven of rarity and beauty with a stunning backdrop of the Carneddau mountains of Snowdonia is a delight for the senses. After lunch, we travel to the largest seaside resort in Wales, Llandudno. This Victorian gem is home to The Great Orme Tramway - Britain’s only funicular, or cable-hauled, tramway that travels on public roads which has delighted visitors since it opened in 1902. We board the Tramway and climb a mile through the Great Orme Country Park and Nature Reserve to the Great Orme’s spectacular summit. Re-live the experience of travel more than 100 years ago in the lovingly restored original tramcars, each named after a Saint.



Friday 17 May - Brondanw Garden

This morning we check out of our hotel and depart for Plas Brondanw in the heart of Snowdonia. Plas Brondanw and the Brondanw Estate were home to Clough Williams-Ellis, who became famous for building the village of Portmeirion, but the more intimate gardens at Brondanw are considered by many to be his greatest creation. Inspired by the gardens of renaissance Italy, the gardens have clear architectural influences with avenues of trees which lead the eye to the mountain scenery, stone walls and topiary. The house at Plas Brondanw is now a contemporary art gallery which can be visited free of charge and there is also a café on site. Following our visit we depart for the homeward journey, returning to our pick up points and concluding the tour.



Accommodation - The Kinnel, Abergele (4 star rating)

The Kinnel is a family owned hotel with a good reputation for food and service. Ideally located among rolling hills about a mile from the seaside town of Abergele with excellent road connections, it is an ideal touring base for the attractions of North Wales. There is lift access to all but 5 bedrooms. Rooms are well appointed and include en suite bathroom with bath or shower, hairdryer, kettle, television, telephone, trouser press and iron. Other hotel facilities include a cosy bar and restaurant. Our stay includes a 3 course dinner with 3 choices per course and full Welsh breakfast each day.

NB. The hotel has an award winning spa which includes a swimming Pool, Hydrotherapy Pool, Sauna, and Aromatherapy Steam Room. An optional one off charge of £10.00 is payable on arrival for the spa facilities, should you wish to use them during your stay.



Tour Price per person	£ 784.00
Deposit per person	£ 80.00
Single Room Supplement	£ 107.00
(The final balance is due not later than 18 March 2024)	
Travel insurance	
If you have not already arranged cover, please visit https://normanallen.b2ctravel.co.uk who offer travel insurance.	
For any travel insurance purchase, you should check the individual policy wording provided to you carefully to ensure this meets the specific needs for your chosen holiday.	