



# Honeymoon in Wales

7 night driver-guided tour



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Romantic castles, emerald hillsides, enjoy the sublime landscapes of Wales together.

Wales is off-grid in many ways, much lesser known as a destination, a romantic destination. We adore introducing Wales to people, the landscapes are emerald mountains and deep valleys, vast numbers of ancient castles perch on hilltops, like dramatic film sets.

The language is melodic, and the traditional male voice choirs are spine-tingling to hear. Enjoying a Welsh choir is a must-do experience.

This seven-night suggested tour can be customised to match your interests, pace of travel, and preferred hotel style.



Day 1

## Chepstow Castle and Tintern Abbey

Spend the night before in London, or head out west straight from Heathrow – Tour the borders of England and Wales and discover an impressive fortress and romantic ruin.

**Chepstow** is a wonder to explore, discover and dream of the Medieval world. Erupting out of the jagged limestone cliff, it towers over the river wye, the guardian of the main river crossing from England to Southern Wales. Wales is the land of dragons and castles. The principality has a turbulent past; raids have come from both sides of the border, invasion by the Anglo-Normans and English Kingdoms eventually made Wales part of an Anglo-Welsh dominion; This is a story of rebellion, power, and Royal politics, enjoy the tales.

Cistercian monks founded **Tintern Abbey** in 1131. Now all that remains of this once-thriving monastery is a romantic ruin, lost in time. The ecclesiastical architecture is a skeleton of the Abbey, intricate and fragile. Its ethereal elegance, perhaps, more beautiful ruined than whole, and indeed more poignant.

Overnight: Brecon Beacons.









## Day 2

## Four falls waterfall trail and the Brecon Beacons

Walk through emerald glades, with tumbling water to high rushing waterfalls, the **Four Falls Trail** is sublime. This circular walk will become famous; it is still lesser-known, and now is the time to enjoy the serenity. The pathways are uneven, and there is some mild hiking around rocky shorelines and an opportunity to walk behind a picture-perfect sheet of cascading water. Walk out of the gorge and look carefully for hovering **birds of prey, buzzards**, and **Red Kites**.

The bountiful **Brecon Beacons National Park** covers 520 square miles along the Wales-England border. It feels like you've stepped into Tolkein's middle earth. The folds of giant mountains frame emerald green vistas. This place is every outdoor lover's paradise, you can experience epic mountain bike adventures, hiking in an environment where you will meet more sheep than people. It's glorious isolation with breathtaking scenery.

Watch for shooting stars from the atmospheric ruin of Llanthony Priory, nestled in the Black Mountains. All you need are snugly and warm clothing and a flask of hot tea, and you can lie back watch one of the world's most magnificent displays. On a clear night, you can see the Milky Way and this why the Brecon Beacons is one of eleven International Dark Sky Reserves. **We can make these arrangements on the day depending on the weather.**

Overnight: Brecon Beacons.









## Day 3

### Powis Castle and mountain touring

Situated on a steep rock ridge, **Powis Castle** is a medieval Welsh fortress. The gardens and parkland, include a deer park. Within Powis is the Clive Museum, home to a collection of Indian and Far East artefacts. The pieces ranged from the 17th Century and made up of a variety of material such as gold, ivory, textiles and silver. The 'Cat and Snake' marble sculpture in the museum is perhaps the most eccentric piece dating from Roman times. The coach house and stables are relatively modern were built in the 17th century and contain a grand state coach still used today for family ceremonies.

Powis Garden attracts visitors from around the world and all year; they come to see the Italian and French baroque style garden surrounding a colossal fortification. The yew trees in the terraced gardens flow downhill like an immense wave. The drive north into **Snowdonia National Park** is genuinely stunning, forests, mountain passes, and deep valleys.

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Overnight: Mid-Wales.









Day 4

## Relax at the hotel or explore the Elan Valley

Enjoy the grounds of Pale Hall, your romantic country house retreat. Options include riverside walks, river fishing, or more energetic experiences such as a 4X4 driving experience.

The **Elan Valley** is an area of outstanding natural beauty with a series of five reservoirs with elaborately constructed dams adorned with beautiful industrial buildings. These Victorian masterpieces of engineering are impressive and beautiful in equal measure, constructed when style and aesthetics were of vital importance. The region is quiet and the ideal place for a picnic. We will make all the arrangements if required.

Stop at a farm shop and try local produce before heading back the hotel for relaxation.

Overnight: Mid Wales.





Day 5

## Snowdonia National Park, mountain train and Conwy

Covering over 800 square miles, **Snowdonia National Park** breaks the horizon and clutches the skyline with the Snowdon Massif dominating the view. The most famous mountain and the highest peak is Snowdon, followed closely by Garededd Ugain.

Many hikers train on Snowdon in preparation for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and Everest. For those not in training, we suggest we opt to travel up the mountain by steam locomotive, operated by the **Snowdon Mountain Railway**.

**Conwy town and Castle** surrounded by the protective outer walls of the Castle, Conwy is a market town dating from the 13th Century. Ancient houses still exist along with the well-preserved Castle, imposing and magnificent. Built by King Edward I in the 13th Century, the primary purpose was protecting the town while managing and governing the local area. The details add to the medieval charm of the Castle's decoration, whereas the arrow-slits on the towers add to the structure's serious roll. Climb the turrets and town walls for the panoramic view of the town and Snowdonia. The chapel, kitchens, and chambers are intact and demonstrate life within the Castle.

Overnight: Conwy.









Day 6

## Bodnant Gardens and Penrhyn Castle

In the foothills of **Snowdonia**, with views of the Conwy valley and mountains beyond lies one of the most beautiful and impressive gardens in the world, **Bodnant Gardens** is a horticultural realm. The roots of this magnificent garden planned in the 19th century by Industrial Chemist, Henry Davis Pochin, who entirely re-landscaped this Georgian estate.

Discover elegant Italianate terraces, ornamental ponds, the longest laburnum arch in the world, that turns bright yellow with flowers in the spring. Behold the vibrant pinks and reds of the rhododendron forests, Himalayan blue poppies, and more. Head down to the dell of cascading waterfalls and pantheon of champion trees; see Asian and American conifer, giant Californian redwoods, holly, pine and maple. The 'dell' is a heavenly space to visit in fall- autumn.

**Penrhyn Castle**, a fantasy Neo Norman fort with industrial and colonial foundations. The unique architecture, opulent interiors and beautiful art collection financed by the sugar and slate industries. North Wales quite literally roofed the world with its abundance of high quality slate. The roofing slate was mined and shipped around the globe generating fortunes for the owners of the mountain. See the intricately carved stone walls and staircases with flora, faces, and elaborate patterns. It is a wonder to behold.

Overnight: Conwy.









Day 7

## Chatsworth House and afternoon tea

**Chatsworth House**, in its golden, neoclassical splendour, is an accurate illustration of the vast power and wealth of the British aristocracy. This stately house and grounds, comprising of 126 rooms is everything you hope to experience from a stately home. It has ornately decorated interiors, the finest art and furniture and a rich tapestry of family history. It is thought that Jane Austen visited Chatsworth in 1811 and when writing *Pride and Prejudice* and used it as her inspiration for Darcy's house, Pemberley. The grounds and gardens are vast enough to truly get lost, walk the labyrinth of paths and marvel at the Emperor fountain.

Stop for afternoon tea before heading to the **Cotswolds**. The Duchess of Bedford invented the culture of having tea in the afternoon. It was a friendly event to be sociable, gossip and fill the gap between lunch and dinner.

Overnight: Cotswolds.





Day 8

## Transfer to London Heathrow

Stay an extra night, or head off to Heathrow. The journey time is around 2 hours from the Cotswolds.



*"I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for all your help in making our trip to London a "once in a lifetime" trip. The itinerary was superb and the accommodations were perfect. I would not change a single thing."*

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Hotels, restaurants and  
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## Guest Houses and historic places



Guesthouses and B&B's have come a long way in the past 20 years. High-end bedding, luxurious surroundings, and refined touches are now much more common.

You get a massive bang for your buck with this category of accommodation. Stay in a private castle, gatehouse, folly, fort, lighthouse or historic country cottage is the way the British enjoy Britain. Be surrounded by glorious countryside, walking distance to a genuine village pub, and be intrigued by living if but for a short time somewhere special.



## Castles & Manor House Hotels



There's nothing quite like arriving at an authentic medieval castle or manor house and knowing you are staying the night. Every portrait, grand staircase and corridor has a tale to tell.

Each chamber will be unique, have quirks and exciting features. This style of hotel will have historic landscaped grounds, gardens, and produce grown onsite. Some have golf courses and other leisure facilities such as spas.





## Town House & Boutique Hotels



Location, location, location, your traditional townhouse hotel will be centrally situated right in town. Walk out the door and be surrounded by shops, cafes, restaurants and historical landmarks.

The boutique versions of these town centre locations will have a contemporary feel with designer bars and lounges. There is a choice of out of town boutique hotels too.



## Contemporary & Designer Hotels



Cutting edge design with elegance, setting new standards of luxury. Contemporary British hotels embody comfort, style and tech. Britain's designer hotels are just that.

Every last detail created for that place to stay and that place only. Door handles, keyholes, wine glasses and spa have seamless themes and motifs, generating the feeling of being inside a work of art.



## Classic & Britain's finest Hotels



Start and end your day in a refined and grand hotel with the best service. Known as Britain's finest Hotels, enjoy the grandeur, history, architecture along with high-end facilities.

The Classic British, five-star hotel, has world-class restaurants, up to date spas, and beautifully designed golf courses. These hotels will have manicured gardens and extensive grounds to explore. Rooms tend to have antiques and valuable works of art.





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