

Gardens of Wales and Merseyside

With Marty Wingate

June 4th to 15th, 2019

Wednesday, June 5th

Arrive in Manchester. Gather group and depart from the airport to Chester at 1:00 PM

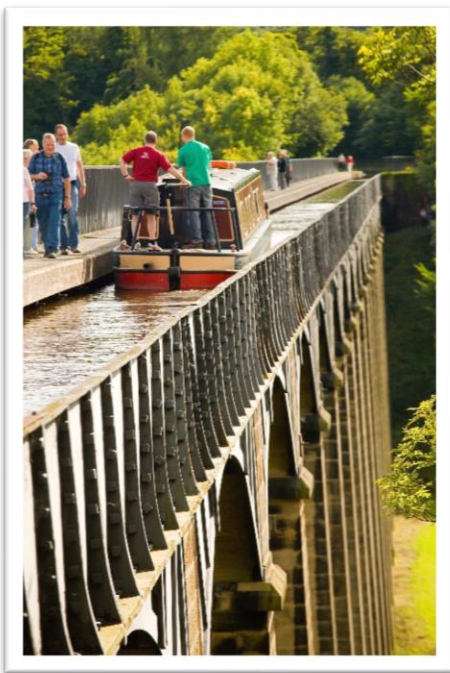
Stop at Bluebell Cottage Nursery. (19 miles, 25 minutes). We'll have tea and a tour of the garden for about 90 minutes. At 3:30 we depart for the hotel in Chester with an expected arrival at 4:00. You're free to explore Chester this afternoon. We'll meet for a welcome pint at 6:30, followed by dinner nearby at 7:00. Overnight Chester (TD)



Chester's Historic Center

Thursday, June 6th

We've two gardens on the calendar today. We'll start the day at Stonyford Cottage Gardens with a tour and free time, followed by lunch in the café. We'll stop next at Abbeywood Gardens for an early afternoon tour that will allow time to return to Chester for a walking tour of the Roman and Medieval town. Overnight Chester (BL)



Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

Friday, June 7th

We cross the border to Wales today, on our way to our base for the next two nights, Welshpool. En-route, we'll stop to tour the National Trust site of Erddig Hall. Sitting on a dramatic escarpment above the winding Clywedog river, Erddig tells the 250-year story of a gentry family's relationship with its servants. In the afternoon, we visit the private garden Edge Villa in Shropshire before arriving in Welshpool in the late afternoon. Dinner will be close to the hotel at 7:00 this evening. Overnight Welshpool (BD)

Saturday, June 8th

We'll visit the Castle and Garden at Powis Castle this morning. After our visit, we'll have a break for lunch before traveling to our afternoon visit, the gardens at Glansevern Hall. Overnight Welshpool (B)



Portmeirion

Sunday, June 9th

We're traveling to the Northwest part of Wales this morning. We'll stop for lunch in the Italianate village of Portmeirion. After lunch, we will have a tour at Plas Brondanw Gardens. From there, we'll enjoy a scenic ride through Snowdonia National Park by steam train from Porthmadog to our hotel in Conwy. Dinner near the hotel this evening. Overnight Conwy (BLD)

Monday, June 10th

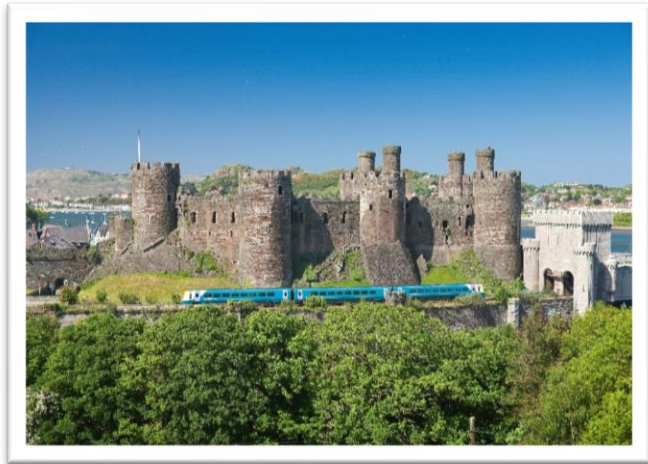


Steam Railway

We'll leave just after breakfast with a short drive to Llanberis, the terminus for the narrow-gauge rack-in-pinion railway that takes you on a 2.5 hour round trip journey to the highest point in Wales (and the British Isles outside Scotland). We'll have time for photos on the summit before returning to Llanberis. We next visit the gardens at Overnight Conwy (B)

Tuesday, June 11th

Visit to Anglesey Island today with two garden visits. The first visit is and NGS Garden called Llanidan Hall. (two choices for an afternoon visit. You decide. Our afternoon visit is the National Trust Garden of Plas Newydd. Overnight Conwy (B)



Conwy Castle

Wednesday, June 12th

Traveling to Liverpool this morning. We make a morning stop at the garden and Arts and Crafts house at Pensychnant, with a later visit to the gardens at Trafford Hall just before arriving at our hotel in Liverpool. Overnight Liverpool (BD)

Thursday, June 13th

We've dedicated today to Liverpool and the Fab Four. We'll have a guide join us for a complete Beatles Tour. In the afternoon, after we take the ferry cross the Mersey, you'll have time to see the waterfront with options for the Beatles or Titanic Museum. Overnight Liverpool (B)



Canal Boats-Liverpool Waterfront

Friday, June 14th

We're visiting the Tudor House at the National Trust site of Rufford Old Hall. It makes sense to enjoy lunch at the Hall's Victoria Tea Room before we continue on to The Ridges, a private garden about an hour from the center of Liverpool. Overnight Liverpool (B)

Saturday, June 15th

We're departing our Liverpool hotel early this morning for a short driver to Manchester Airport in time to make mid-morning flights home. (B)

Bluebell Cottage and Nursery
Chester, England
Stonyford Gardens
Abbeywood

<https://www.bluebellcottage.co.uk/>

<https://www.visitcheshire.com/whats-on/whats-on-in-chester>

<http://www.stonyfordcottageandnursery.co.uk/>

<http://www.abbeywoodestate.co.uk/>

Erddig Hall	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/erddig
Powis Castle	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/powis-castle-and-garden
Welshpool, Wales	http://visitwelshpool.org.uk/
Edge Villa Garden	https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/19665/
Glansevern Hall	http://www.glansevern.co.uk/
Mount Snowdon	https://snowdonrailway.co.uk
Trafford Hall Garden	https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/35835/
Pensychnant	http://www.pensychnant.co.uk/home.html
Rufford Old Hall	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/rufford-old-hall
The Ridges	https://www.bedbreakfast-gardenvisits.com/our-garden/
Llanidan Hall	https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/14903/
Ffestiniog Railway	http://www.festrail.co.uk/
Plas Newydd	https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/plas-newydd-country-house-and-gardens
Fab Four Tours	http://www.fab4tours.co.uk/

Price is \$4200 per person, based on double occupancy.
Single supplement is \$800 and is limited to 4 single rooms

Group is limited to 16 participants and includes:

- Ten-night accommodations
 - Chester 2 nights
 - Welshpool 2 nights
 - Conwy 3 nights
 - Liverpool 3 nights
- Breakfast each morning
- 4 Dinners
- 3 Lunches or Teas
- Motorcoach transportation throughout the tour
- Garden, cultural, historic sites as noted
- Local guides where applicable
- Train fare as indicated



It all started here...

Initial deposit due is \$1500 per person. Balance is due January 31st, 2019. Airfare is not included, but assistance will be provided to book flights to meet the group in Manchester. Estimated airfare is under \$1200 per person.