

itinerary 5 - Coastal Tour of Anglesey

company name: **Anglesey Walking Holidays**

name of tour: **Coastal Tour of Anglesey**

dates of tour: **available upon request**

no. of days and nights: **6 days, 5 nights**

published rate: **£660 p.p. (£690 Single Supplement)**

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Price includes 5 nights bed & breakfast, 4 days walking. Personal service including transport, maps, route planners, guide when needed, admission to attractions and lunches.

day 1 - arrival

Pick-up from Liverpool/Manchester airport or local train station, (Bangor/Llanfairpwll) and transfer to Beaumaris on the Isle of Anglesey. Accommodation in Beaumaris.

day 2 - romantic walk - 7 miles

First stop at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch (the village with the longest name) and then on to Llanddwyn Beach on the west coast, with views over to Snowdonia and the Llŷn Peninsula. Walk the beach onto Ynys Llanddwyn (Llanddwyn Island) which is dedicated to the Welsh patron saint of lovers, Dwynwen, making her the Welsh equivalent to St. Valentine's. This island was also the main location for the feature film "Half Light" with Demi Moore. Photocall: lighthouse, pilots' cottages and Dwynwen's well before making your way back through the forest (Nature Reserve).

Cross the Braint Stepping Stones, and follow the path to Tal-y-Foel, with majestic views of the Menai Strait and Caernarfon Castle built by Edward I. (World Heritage Site). Pick up at the Anglesey Sea Zoo near Bryneciencyn and then back to accommodation in Beaumaris. Packed lunches provided today and afternoon tea in the Sea Zoo.

day 3 - the bridges walk - 4 miles

Pick-up from accommodation to Llanfairpwll. Pick up the coastal path taking you past the secluded home of the late Sir Kyffin Williams (renowned Welsh artist who died in 2006). The Isle of Anglesey is linked to the mainland by two bridges (the Menai Suspension Bridge built by Telford, and the Britannia Road and Railway Bridge built by Stephenson).

This walk today allows you to get close to both bridges to view their very different structures, not forgetting a little detour to see the two stone lions hiding below the Britannia Bridge. Take the path along the shoreline to the pretty village of Menai Bridge itself. Lunch at one of the many pubs in the village.

Afternoon visit to Plas Newydd, home of the Marquess of Anglesey, an elegant house on the banks of the Menai Strait. This stately home is now owned and run by the National Trust. On the way back to the accommodation at Beaumaris, a visit to Bryn Celli Ddu, Neolithic Burial Chamber.

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day 4 - historical walk - 6 miles

Start with a historical visit around Beaumaris Castle (a World Heritage Site) the Old Courthouse and Gaol.

Beaumaris castle was the last to be built by King Edward I in Wales. It is possibly the most sophisticated example of medieval military architecture in Britain. Lunch in Beaumaris before heading off along the shoreline, passing Llanfaes, to the eastern tip of Anglesey at Penmon. Visit the remains of Penmon Priory, a monastery dating back to the time of St. Seiriol (6th century). Visit the Dovecote and make a wish at the holy well.

Follow the road from the priory to Trwyn Du (Penmon Point) and its lighthouse.

Pick-up at Penmon Point and then back to Beaumaris.

day 5 - east coast walk - 8 miles

Pick-up from accommodation to Llanddona Beach. Choice of following the shoreline or take the optional path through the forest (now a conservation area for Red Squirrels) around the wide sandy bay and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to Traeth Coch (Red Wharf Bay). Lunch at the quaint Ship Inn pub or Boathouse Restaurant, before continuing along the path to Benllech, a Blue Flag Beach.

From Benllech, the path rises and takes you to Moelfre, a picturesque fishing village steeped in history, with a working lifeboat and tales of piracy and disaster at sea. The famous Royal Charter sank off the coast of Moelfre in 1859 when Charles Dickens was sent to Anglesey to report the disaster.

Visit the the Seawatch Centre and Lifeboat Museum before pick up at Lifeboat car park and to be taken back to accommodation.

day 6 - departure

Return to Liverpool or Manchester airport.