

Wales

LAND *&* LEGEND



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Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Venture off with us to enchanting Wales for a fantastic, seven-night journey, featuring four nights in the northern coastal resort town of Llandudno and three nights in the southern countryside at a tranquil manor house. Delight in picturesque Snowdonia, Wales' largest national park and home to its tallest mountains, including the highest, which you'll ascend aboard the Snowdon Mountain Railway. Behold the impressive castles of Conwy and Caernarfon that resonate with tumultuous history, and tour a national museum devoted to the Welsh slate industry and housed in a former quarry. Take in gorgeous Bodnant Garden, the untamed coastline of the Isle of Anglesey and the booklover's paradise of Hay-on-Wye. You'll also relish experiences that showcase Welsh culture, from a fun, interactive music session to authentic, farm-fresh cuisine and a whisky tasting.

This well-rounded program has also been balanced with plenty of free time for independent discoveries and relaxation. Enjoy the wonderful comforts of your first-class hotels, the organizational savvy of a Travel Director and educational enrichment from expert guides and lecturers.

Hopkins Journeys is pleased to partner with AHI Travel to operate this program. As our group of Hopkins travelers grows, we plan to include a Hopkins study leader or host to provide a uniquely Hopkins perspective and enrich the experience. Interest in this exciting adventure is sure to be high, so guarantee your place by reserving today!

Sincerely,

Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88
Travel Program Director, Office of Alumni Relations
The Johns Hopkins University

For Johns Hopkins related questions, please call 800-548-5481.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the calendar year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support.

Conwy Castle

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd
2. The Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales





Discovery begins here



Come along on a remarkable journey through Cymru, as the Welsh call their homeland, a majestic country of epic legends and dramatic, unspoiled landscapes that stir the imagination. Encounter the proud Welsh spirit and resilience embodied by the bold red dragon that adorns their flag and a dynamic culture graced with an ancient, lyrical language. Truly a feast for all the senses, it's an unforgettable experience that rewards you with dazzling scenery, absorbing history and grand Welsh traditions!

Top: Conwy Castle | Above: Penderyn Distillery
Cover: Snowdonia National Park | Mail panel: Flag of Wales |
Caernarfon Castle. Photo credits: Crown Copyright, Wales

Inspiring Moments



- Embrace **Wales' Celtic heritage**, melodic language and warm hospitality.
- Witness medieval glory at the mighty **Conwy and Caernarfon castles**.
- Meander the famous **Bodnant Garden**.
- Board the **Snowdon Mountain Railway**, ascend to the peak and be awed by the grandeur of **Snowdonia National Park**.
- Discover the beautiful **Isle of Anglesey**.
- Explore coastal **Aberystwyth**, elegant **Llandudno** and literary **Hay-on-Wye**.
- Visit the **National Slate Museum** and the **Bodnant Welsh Food Centre**.
- Uncover Wales' famed **whisky culture** and cherished **music traditions**.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Bodnant Garden

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Manchester, England. 🌍

Day 2 | Manchester, England | Llandudno, Wales

Upon arrival in Manchester, transfer ➡ to the St George's Hotel in Llandudno, Wales. Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Conwy | Bodnant Garden

Enrichment: Wales, Past & Present. Set the stage for your travels with illuminating insights about Wales' history and its modern identity.

Conwy Castle. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site with other castles built by English King Edward I, this magnificent, 13th-century castle is one of the finest examples of medieval military architecture in Europe. Strategically set on an outcrop that offers commanding views of River Conwy and the Irish Sea, it features eight imposing, crenellated towers and a high curtain wall. Extending from the castle are some of Europe's best preserved town walls. Explore the castle on a tour and gaze out across the sweeping terrain from the battlements.

Bodnant Welsh Food Centre. Discover the ingredients and customs that shape Welsh cuisine, check out the artisanal farm shop and savor a tasty lunch showcasing seasonal fare.

Bodnant Garden. This afternoon, wander through the flower-filled terraces, formal lawns and fairy-tale wooded dells of this stunning, historic garden, known for its outstanding collection of plants from around the world.

Free Time: Spend time at leisure in Llandudno. This beloved, elegant 19th-century resort town nestled by the Great Orme headland retains the nostalgic charms of holidays by the seaside.

Day 4 | Snowdonia National Park | Mount Snowdon

Snowdonia Mountain Railway. Begin the day with a storied ascent up Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon), the highest mountain in Wales at 3,560 feet, aboard vintage carriages that climb through a panorama of shimmering lakes, windswept valleys and craggy peaks. At the summit, linger over the breathtaking expanse of Snowdonia National Park, known as Eryri in Welsh, which spreads more than 800 square miles.

Pause for a delicious lunch of freshly prepared local dishes at a rustic countryside inn.

National Slate Museum. Delve into the once dominant slate industry that profoundly shaped the social and cultural life of Welsh communities during the Industrial Revolution. At a fascinating museum inside the Victorian workshops of the former Dinorwic Quarry, learn about working conditions and the quarrying process, see the huge, functioning waterwheel and watch a skilled craftsperson split slate by hand.

Return to the hotel in Llandudno.

🌍 **AHI Connects | Welsh Music Traditions.** Take part in an entertaining, interactive session with a local musician who shares songs and stories drawn from Wales' vibrant folk heritage.

Free Time: Make dinner plans of your own.



River Conwy, Snowdonia

Day 5 | Isle of Anglesey | Caernarfon

Anglesey Panoramic Tour & Halen Môn Sea Salt Company.

Admire the coastal beauty of the island of Anglesey on a scenic drive past charming villages and rugged shorelines, then visit the Halen Môn Sea Salt Company, which sustainably harvests salt from the Menai Strait, and sample their pure, mineral-rich salt.

Cross the historic Menai Suspension Bridge built in 1826, which connects the island to the mainland, on your way to Caernarfon, where you and your group will stop for lunch.

Caernarfon Castle. Another of Edward I's castles named a UNESCO World Heritage site, this formidable fortress-palace was erected in the late 13th century as a result of the king's bitter wars with the Welsh princes. With your guide, explore its atmospheric passageways and marvel at the enormous scale of its massive stone walls and defensive towers designed to project imperial power.

Dine at a restaurant in Llandudno tonight.

Below: Extracting salt from sea water, Halen Môn Sea Salt Company, Menai Strait | Right: Used bookstore, Hay-on-Wye



Day 6 | Snowdonia National Park | Aberystwyth | Llyswen

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and travel south by motor coach toward Llyswen.

Snowdonia National Park. This sublime, mountainous region boasts awe-inspiring vistas of deep valleys, woodlands, rushing rivers and serene lakes. More than 26,000 people reside in the towns and villages inside Snowdonia's boundaries, where the Welsh language thrives in everyday life. On your panoramic journey, pause for photos to appreciate the incredible natural splendor.

Aberystwyth. Enjoy lunch with your fellow travelers in this lively seaside town and stroll along the waterfront by Cardigan Bay.

Continue to Llyswen and check in to Llangoed Hall, a historic country house hotel. A light dinner will be served at the hotel tonight.





Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Llandudno, Wales, at the first-class St George's Hotel.
- **3 nights** in Llyswen at the first-class Llangoed Hall Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Welsh tradition



Day 7 | Llyswen

Free Time: On your full day at leisure, relax amid Llangoed Hall's lovely grounds on the River Wye, or craft your own plans in the area.



Day 8 | Hay-on-Wye | Brecon | Penderyn

Hay-on-Wye. Relish the open moorland, gentle peaks and pastoral valleys of the Brecon Beacons region in South Wales on your way to Hay-on-Wye, an internationally renowned book town and literary haven. Spend free time exploring its delightfully eclectic and extraordinary concentration of secondhand and antiquarian bookshops.



Free Time: Select a nice spot for lunch on your own in the market town of Brecon.

Penderyn Distillery. During a tour at this acclaimed distillery, hear about the revival of Welsh whisky-making and sip select whiskies that reflect the character and craftsmanship of modern Welsh distilling. This evening at Llangoed Hall, celebrate your marvelous journey together through Wales during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer  to London Heathrow airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- walking up and down inclines and steps
- getting on/off motor coaches and trains



Isle of Anglesey, Menai Strait



Above: Snowdonia Mountain Railway | Below: Llandudno



2027 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates † **May 26 – June 3, 2027**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **May 27 – June 3, 2027**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price **\$5,245**

Special Savings **\$750**

Special Savings Price* **\$4,495**

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$1,000 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$995 (limited availability).

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://jhu.ahitravel.com/destinations/2050A?schoolid=72>.

AHI FlexAir

Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Accommodations

From the splendid Victorian promenade on Llandudno Bay to the bucolic beauty of the Welsh countryside, these ideally located, first-class historic properties have been chosen by our travel experts for their timeless style and quiet refinement. Appreciate the thoughtful modern touches paired with the pleasures of attentive service that ensure an exceptionally comfortable stay.



St George's Hotel | Llandudno



Llangoed Hall Hotel | Llyswen



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