



Snowdonia Walking Short Break

UNITED KINGDOM - TRIP CODE WSW

WALKING AND TREKKING

Why book this trip?

Explore stunning mountain landscapes on guided hikes from our comfortable 3-star hotel in Llanberis, located in the heart of Snowdonia National Park. Discover dramatic peaks, glaciated valleys, lakes and slate villages. Along the way we learn about Welsh culture and history, geology and Alpine flora with the help of our expert mountain Leader.

- **Snowdon** - Ascent via the quietest and most scenic route
- **Glyders** - Hike to the amazing rock formations of Glyder Fach and Glyder Fawr
- **Cnicht** - Ridge walk with great views over Snowdonia



INCLUDED MEALS
Breakfast: 4



TRIP STAFF
Explore Tour
Leader(s)
Driver(s)



TRANSPORT
Bus
On Foot



ACCOMMODATION
4 nights
comfortable hotel



WALKING GRADE:
Moderate To
Challenging



GROUP SIZE:
10 - 16

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip in Llanberis, North Wales

Arrive in the small town of Llanberis, ideally located for hiking in Snowdonia National Park. Check in is possible from 2pm. There is a car park for hotel guests. If arriving by train, Bangor Station is 25 minutes away by taxi. The hotel will be able to provide picnic lunches or you can buy supplies from the shops in town. Please note that during Covid there will not be a mini-bar fridge in your room.

The Tour Leader plans to meet you in reception at 6pm for the introductory briefing, followed by the option to enjoy a group meal (not included) to get acquainted with your fellow guests.



ACCOMMODATION:
The Royal Victoria Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

DAY 2 - Snowdon via the quieter and stunning Rhyd-Dhu route

After breakfast, we drive around west side of Snowdon, to the trailhead beside the hamlet of Rhyd-Dhu. We start our first walk of the holiday following this well-maintained path through beautiful sheep-grazing meadows and rocky outcrops that essentially follows a wide ridge. This route up Snowdon is especially attractive thanks to the combination of beauty and relatively low number of walkers. The scenery opens up as we ascend with views of lakes, the surrounding mountains and the Irish Sea. Closer to the summit the scenery becomes more barren and rocky with increasingly panoramic views. The hike up should take us around 3-4 hours and the 360-degree views from the summit are stunning. On a very clear day it is possible to see England, Scotland and Ireland. The top of Snowdon can be justifiably busy as it includes those who have arrived by train as well as popular routes such as the Pyg Track. For our descent we follow the Llanberis Path, the longest and most gradual of the six main paths to the summit. The path mainly follows the Snowdon Mountain Railway track, opened in 1896, and leads directly to Llanberis and our hotel. This is a classic mountain walk with a great sense of achievement.

Today's challenging-graded walk will take approximately 6-7 hours and will cover a distance of 14 kilometres with a total ascent of 895m and 980m descent.



ACCOMMODATION:

The Royal Victoria Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Hike Glyder Fach and Glyder Fawr

We take a short bus ride this morning and begin our walk on the Miners' Track that winds its way through some lovely surroundings with views to the east. Eventually the ascent leads to a wide plateau covered in grasses and heather and you can see the mountains and valleys to the north beautifully carved by glaciers in the last Ice Age. We arrive at Glyder Fach with the jagged rocky outcrops of Castell y Gwynt - Castle of the Wind - and the famous Cantilever stone. We continue to Glyder Fawr with spectacular views all-around of the Carneddau, Snowdon and the Irish Sea. We descend to our hotel for a well-earned rest.

Today's challenging-graded walk will take approximately 6-7 hours and will cover a distance of 12 kilometres with a total ascent of 825m and 1050m descent.



ACCOMMODATION:

The Royal Victoria Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Ridge walk along Cnicht

Starting the day with a 20-minute bus ride to Llwynyrhwch on the south side of Snowdonia we commence our final walk in the Moelwyn hills, a quiet contrast to Snowdon. The scenery is less rocky with sheep-grazing meadows, ancient settlements and broken-down dry-stone walls. We hike past hidden lakes, over small mountain passes and up to the summit of Cnicht. Our route back to the village is along a different path and we return to the hotel after another great day in the Welsh hills.

Today's moderate-graded walk will take approximately 5-6 hours and will cover a distance of 12 kilometres with a total ascent and descent of 530m.



ACCOMMODATION:
The Royal Victoria Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 5 - Trip ends in Llanberis

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Llanberis.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

Trip information

Climate and country information

United Kingdom

Climate

The UK has a temperate but very variable climate. In general the summers are warm with July and August being the warmest. The winters are cool and the lowest temperatures are recorded during January and February. Whatever the season it is advisable to be prepared for rain!

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
0	3 Pin Flat	Christian	English

Budgeting and packing

Clothing

A warm sweater or fleece and long trousers are advisable, especially in early and late season when the weather tends to be cooler. Come prepared for all weather especially on the mountain tops - waterproof jacket and trousers, fleece, warm layers, hat, gloves as well T-shirts, sunhat, good sun cream and sunglasses.

Footwear

We recommend you bring walking boots - leather or fabric are both fine. Some of the paths are rocky underfoot and you could twist an ankle if not wearing boots. Trainers are not recommended. Make sure that your boots are worn-in and comfortable before the start of the trip. Comfortable footwear to change into after the walk.

Luggage

20Kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece of baggage and a waterproof rucksack large enough to carry what you need for the day - waterproofs, warm layer, water, picnic, sun-cream, phone etc. On hot days you will carry more drinking water.

Equipment

Bring a rucksack for the walks and a water bottle. You may like to bring trekking poles. If your rucksack doesn't have a waterproof cover then consider plastic bags to keep things dry should it rain. It is

important to stay well hydrated during the walks. Tap water is fine to drink but there won't be places to refill on the walks. We encourage our clients not to buy mineral water because of the negative environmental impact with plastic bottles.

Tipping

Explore leader

At your discretion you might consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

United Kingdom

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£10	£18	£4	£0.8

Foreign Exchange

Local currency	Recommended Currency For Exchange
Pounds Sterling.	Carry a combination of UK Sterling cash, ATM and credit cards.

Where To Exchange	ATM Availability
Your tour leader will advise you on arrival.	ATM's are widely available in main towns.

Credit Card Acceptance	Travellers Cheques
Widely accepted.	Can be exchanged at most banks and post offices.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, On Foot

Accommodation notes

We stay at the comfortable 3-star Royal Victoria Hotel located on the edge of Llanberis in the shadow of Snowdon. It has ample parking, a restaurant and a bar that serves food. Breakfast is large with full Welsh breakfast, continental options and plenty of fruit, yoghurts and cereals.

Arrival and departure information

Transfers to and from our accommodation are not provided for this trip. If you are planning to arrive or

depart by train, this information may be useful to you. Whilst we are unable to make a reservation for you, we have provided contact numbers to enable you to make a direct booking.

Arrival from Bangor railway station: There are a number of taxi companies that can be hailed from the train station. Alternatively, you can use:

Snowdonia Taxi: 01286 872447

The journey should take about 25 minutes

Essential Information

Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK citizens, check the latest Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice.

Please refer to our COVID-19 entry requirements page for any country-specific conditions of entry. Whilst we strive to update this on a regular basis we recommend you also check the FCDO website for the latest advice on entry requirements in this fast-evolving situation. Information can change at any time.

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

UK: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

United Kingdom

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against tetanus, diphtheria, polio and hepatitis A. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.

Walking and Trekking information

DAILY DISTANCES		
Day 2	14km	6 -7hrs
Day 3	12km	6 -7hrs
Day 4	12km	5 -6hrs

Walking grade

Moderate to challenging

Trek details

We walk for 5 to 7 hours each day. Using expert local knowledge we have chosen rewarding and quieter routes in this popular mountain range: on Snowdon we hike up the quietest and most scenic route. We follow well-maintained paths though some of the terrain can be rough and stony underfoot at higher elevations. We have graded this trek as Moderate to Challenging.

We may need to change the order of the hikes according to the weather.

Additional Information



Reviews



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