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# Flavours of Wales (7 nights/8 days) Self-drive itinerary

Itinerary showcasing the beautiful and picturesque destinations of Wales.

# **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Embark on a journey that unveils the magic of Wales, where rolling hills meet historic towns, and coastal vistas blend seamlessly with vibrant cultural experiences. From the quaint charm of Crickhowell to the medieval allure of Conwy, the coastal elegance of Aberystwyth, and the bustling energy of Cardiff, each destination tells its own story. Along the way, experience the best of Welsh craftsmanship with exclusive distillery tours, vineyard experiences, and culinary delights. This thoughtfully curated journey blends relaxation, discovery, and indulgence into an unforgettable Welsh adventure.



#### **ITINERARY**

# Day 1 - A Gateway to Serenity

Your adventure begins in Crickhowell, a picturesque market town nestled within the breathtaking Bannau Brycheiniog National Park. Known for its quaint charm and vibrant local culture, Crickhowell is the perfect introduction to Wales. Take a stroll along the historic High Street, dotted with independent shops and cafes, and soak in the tranquil surroundings. For those seeking more adventure, nearby hiking trails offer stunning views of the Welsh countryside. This evening, settle into your cozy accommodations and enjoy a warm Welsh welcome.

Overnight: Brecon Beacons Area

# Day 2 - A Taste of Welsh Spirit

Set off for a scenic drive to the renowned Penderyn Distillery. Nestled at the foothills of the Brecon Beacons, this distillery produces award-winning single malt whiskies and spirits. During your guided tour, learn about the meticulous distilling process and enjoy a tasting session of their finest creations. In the afternoon, explore the historic town of Brecon. Visit the Brecon Cathedral, take a leisurely canal-side walk, or discover local boutiques and art galleries. Head back to your hotel for your second night.

Overnight: Brecon Beacons Area





#### Day 3 - Arrival in North Wales

Journey north through lush Welsh landscapes to the medieval town of Conwy. Upon arrival, explore Conwy's iconic castle walls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its charming town. Meander through cobbled streets and enjoy the vibrant harbour atmosphere. Later, venture to Anglesey for an exclusive Halen Môn Saltcote Tour. Discover the fascinating process of harvesting sea salt and sample their gourmet products, celebrated for their quality and flavour. This evening, unwind at your elegant accommodation in Conwy.

#### Day 4 - Wine and Elegance

Begin your day with a visit to Pant Du Vineyard, set against the stunning backdrop of Yr Eryri (Snowdonia). Enjoy a guided tour of the vineyard and orchard, learning about their unique approach to Welsh wine production. Sample their wines and ciders, crafted with care and precision. In the afternoon, delight in a traditional afternoon tea at Chateau Rhianfa, a Victorian Gothic mansion overlooking the Menai Strait. Savour delectable treats in this enchanting setting, surrounded by lush gardens and spectacular views. Return to your hotel for a relaxing evening. **Overnight:** North Wales





#### Day 5 - A World of Whimsy

Depart North Wales and make your way to Portmeirion, a unique Italianate village nestled on the coast of Gwynedd. Designed by architect Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, this whimsical village is a masterpiece of colourful buildings, ornate gardens, and scenic coastal views. Spend the day wandering through its charming streets, discovering hidden corners, and enjoying the artistic ambiance. After a full day of exploration, continue to the coastal town of Aberystwyth, where the Irish Sea meets Victorian elegance.

Overnight: Aberystwyth

# Day 6 - Arrival in Cardiff

Travel south to Wales' vibrant capital city, Cardiff, with a stop at the Da Mhile Distillery en route. Located on a picturesque organic farm, this distillery specializes in artisanal spirits, including unique botanical gins and organic whisky. Enjoy a tour and tasting, then browse their delightful farm shop. Arriving in Cardiff, delve into the city's rich cultural scene. Explore Cardiff Bay, marvel at the architecture of the Senedd (Welsh Parliament) or take a leisurely walk around Bute Park. Tonight, experience the capital's lively dining scene, where traditional and modern flavours combine. **Overnight:** Cardiff





#### Day 7 - A Culinary Finale

Conclude your Welsh adventure with a private food tour through Cardiff, guided by a local expert. Visit the city's best-loved markets and eateries, sampling traditional Welsh cakes, cheeses, and other culinary delights. Learn about Cardiff's evolving food culture and meet passionate producers and chefs. Spend your afternoon exploring the historic Cardiff Castle, shopping in the Victorian arcades, or taking in the city's vibrant arts scene. This final evening in Cardiff is the perfect time to toast to your unforgettable Welsh journey.

Overnight: Cardiff

# Day 8 - Departure from Cardiff: Farewell to Wales

As your adventure draws to a close, bid farewell to Wales and its breathtaking landscapes, rich heritage, and warm hospitality. Depart Cardiff with cherished memories and a deep appreciation for the magic of this remarkable country. Until your next adventure, safe travels!