

O HAY-ON-WYE, BRECON BEACONS, CARDIGAN BAY, CONWY

## Nature & Culture Connect in Wales

SMALL-GROUP TOUR: 14 PEOPLE MAX MAY, JUN, SEP 2026





## A Journey Through Wales' Words & Timeless Landscapes

Discover the charm of Wales as you traverse literary towns, coastal havens, and historic landscapes. Begin in Hay-on-Wye, the town of books, before venturing into the breathtaking Brecon Beacons. Experience the seaside tranquility of Cardigan Bay and explore Conwy's medieval splendor. From dolphin spotting to heritage steam journeys, each day offers a blend of culture, nature, and history, making this an unforgettable Welsh adventure.

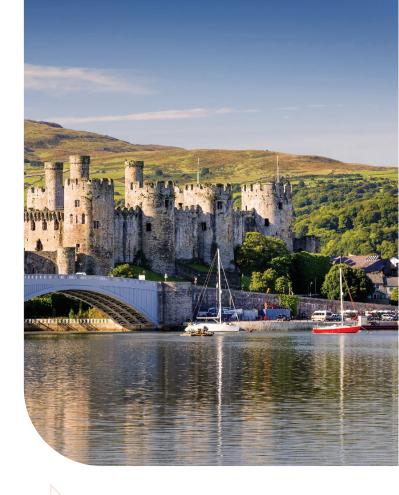


Tour Focus: Scenic Landscapes, Rich Heritage, Coastal Wonders



### Journey Overview

This experience is for travelers seeking a balance of must-see spots, hidden gems, local culture, and culinary delights.







The United Kingdom is a tapestry of rolling hills, historic cities, and dramatic coastlines. Its landscapes range from the rugged Highlands of Scotland to the tranquil countryside of the Cotswolds. Ancient castles, charming villages, and bustling markets offer endless opportunities to explore its layered history and multi-layered traditions. Though our carefully designed adventures, the people of England, Scotland, and Wales invite you to experience their rich culture, whether through hearty meals, captivating folklore, or lively festivals.

### Who is guaranteed to love our tours?

- Curious souls seeking real connections
- Small groups of max 14 people
- Travelers craving authenticity over trends
- Explorers looking for adventures later in life
- Vacationers wanting perfect planning without the work



### Journey Itinerary



### **Day 1: A Literary Welcome to Wales**

The journey begins with eager anticipation as we arrive in the charming town of Hay-on-Wye, renowned for its bookshops and literary heritage. A scenic drive through the countryside, with a delightful lunch stop at a picturesque village, sets the tone. The guided walking tour immerses us in medieval history, from the imposing Hay Castle to the picturesque River Wye. As the evening settles, we gather at The Swan Hotel, savoring a warm welcome dinner while admiring the views of the Black Mountains. The day ends with newfound friendships and excitement for the adventure ahead.

- OVERNIGHT: THE SWAN AT HAY HOTEL
- **MEALS:** DINNER
- **SEXPERIENCES:** HAY-ON-WYE TOUR, WELCOME DINNER

### Day 2: Castles, Gardens, and Whisky

A new day brings the breathtaking landscapes of Brecon Beacons National Park. Strolling through the enchanting grounds of Craig-y-Nos Castle, we are transported to an era of grandeur and music. Adelina Patti's legacy is everywhere, from the historic oak tree to the ornate bridges. We indulge in a whisky tasting at Penderyn Distillery, savoring the flavors of Wales' finest single malts. The adventure continues aboard the vintage Brecon Mountain Railway, where rolling hills and waterfalls create an unforgettable backdrop. Afternoon tea, brimming with delicious treats, offers a perfect conclusion to a day of exploration.

- OVERNIGHT: THE SWAN AT HAY HOTEL
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH (AFTERNOON TEA)
- SEXPERIENCES: CASTLE WALK, DISTILLERY TOUR & TASTING, SCENIC TRAIN RIDE



### Day 3: From Wool to Waves

Heading west, we stop in the delightful Victorian town of Llandrindod Wells, known for its charm and friendly atmosphere. A visit to the National Wool Museum provides insight into Wales' textile heritage, where we admire intricate craftsmanship and learn from local artisans. Arriving at Y Seler Hotel in Aberaeron, we are situated just steps from the town's famous harbor. The blend of luxury, history, and coastal charm invite us to relax and recharge, preparing for the adventures that await along the stunning Welsh coast.

- OVERNIGHT: Y SELER HOTEL
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, DINNER
- SEXPERIENCES: LLANDRINDOD WELLS TOUR, NATIONAL WOOL MUSEUM

### Day 4: Dolphins and Honey

Aboard The Suncatcher, excitement builds as we glide along the coast, scanning the waters for playful dolphins and seals. The knowledgeable guide shares fascinating insights into the marine life that thrives in these protected waters. Back on land, we visit Afon Mêl Honey Farm, discovering the art of beekeeping and tasting delicious mead. Surrounded by the lush Welsh countryside, we enjoy a leisurely lunch and explore the charming farm shop. It's a day filled with sweet moments and incredible wildlife encounters, making it an unforgettable experience.

- OVERNIGHT: Y SELER HOTEL
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH
- S EXPERIENCES: DOLPHIN SPOTTING BOAT TOUR, HONEY FARM VISIT & LUNCH

### Day 5: Nature and History Interwoven

Today, we delve into the serene beauty of Teifi Marshes, where winding trails lead us through wetland habitats teeming with wildlife. Kingfishers dart by, and otters play in the tranquil waters. An optional canoe trip through Teifi Gorge offers an adventurous perspective of the landscape. Later, we explore the atmospheric ruins of St Dogmaels Abbey, rich with history and echoes of monastic life. A visit to the Coach House Museum reveals the abbey's storied past, leaving us with a deep appreciation for Wales' cultural and natural wonders.

- OVERNIGHT: Y SELER HOTEL
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH
- S EXPERIENCES: WILDLIFE WALK, OR TEIFI GORGE CANOE TOUR, ST. DOGMAELS ABBEY



### Day 6: Markets and Medieval Splendor

We journey to the charming town of Machynlleth, a vibrant hub filled with artisan shops and bustling market stalls. The atmosphere is alive with creativity and local culture. In the afternoon, Conwy's imposing medieval castle awaits, with its towering walls and storied past. As we walk through the town's narrow streets, the stories of the past come alive. Arriving at The Quay Hotel & Spa, we unwind with views of the serene estuary, reflecting on the rich tapestry of Welsh heritage we've uncovered throughout the day.

- OVERNIGHT: THE QUAY HOTEL & SPA
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, DINNER
- SEXPERIENCES: MACHYNLLETH TOUR, CONWY CASTLE

### Day 7: Puffin Paradise and Castle Grandeur

The day begins with a scenic boat trip around Puffin Island, a haven for seabirds and marine wildlife. The sight of puffins, razorbills, and grey seals leaves us in awe. After a delightful lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to the grand Penrhyn Castle. Wandering through its lavish halls and immaculate gardens, we get a glimpse of the aristocratic lifestyle that once thrived here. The panoramic views of Snowdonia add to the enchantment, making it a day filled with natural and architectural splendor.

- OVERNIGHT: THE QUAY HOTEL & SPA
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, LUNCH
- SEXPERIENCES: PUFFIN ISLAND BOAT TOUR, PENRHYN CASTLE



### Day 8: Summit and Sheepdogs

Excitement builds as we board the Snowdon Mountain Railway, chugging our way up to the summit with breathtaking views stretching for miles. At Hafod Eryri, the UK's highest visitor center, we marvel at the panoramic landscape. Later, a visit to a coastal hill farm introduces us to the world of sheep farming. Watching skilled sheepdogs at work and learning about the shepherding traditions of Wales is a heartwarming experience, followed by a comforting cup of tea and homemade cake. A farewell dinner marks the perfect end to our journey.

- OVERNIGHT: THE QUAY HOTEL & SPA
- MEALS: BREAKFAST, DINNER
- S EXPERIENCES: SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK TRAIN RIDE, WELSH SHEEP FARM VISIT

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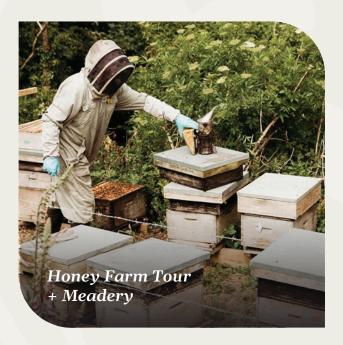
### Day 9: Farewell to Wales

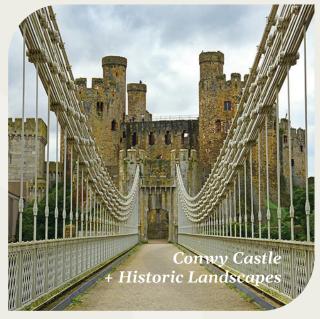
The final morning offers time for reflection as we enjoy breakfast and prepare for our departure. Whether continuing our travels or heading home, the memories of stunning landscapes, rich heritage, and warm hospitality will linger. As we transfer to Manchester Airport, farewells are exchanged, and plans for future adventures take root. Wales has left its mark, and the desire to return is undeniable.

- MEALS: BREAKFAST
- © EXPERIENCES: SCENIC DRIVE TO MANCHESTER

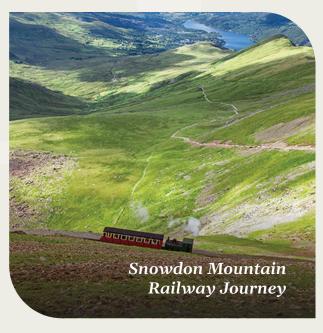
## Discover Our Signature Experiences

Many of our experiences are not found in tours offered by others. We go for *authentic* while others go for *popular*. Those are gems and gems are our signature. And even what you do find elsewhere becomes *unique* when sprinkled with SilverOpus *twists*.









### Stay





The charming Georgian hotel *Swan at Hay*, offers elegant rooms, delightful dining, and serene gardens. Set in Hay-on-Wye, it provides easy access to literary gems and scenic countryside, making it an ideal retreat for travelers seeking comfort and exploration.

# Enjoy Dreamy & Luxurious Stays



Nestled in the charming coastal town of Aberaeron, *Y Seler Hotel* offers stylish, modern rooms with serene harbor views. Enjoy locally inspired cuisine at the on-site restaurant, just steps from the scenic waterfront and vibrant, pastel-hued Georgian architecture.





### Eat









# Experience a Taste of the UK

Savor authentic, high-quality meals featuring hyper-local, seasonal menus.



## The SilverOpus Group Experience: Reimagined for Excellence & Authenticity



### **Tribal Travel**

First and foremost, we build experiences for sophisticated, curious and adventurous travelers ages 50 plus. That is our tribe. We have a solid understanding of what our tribe wants, how they expect to discover the world, so we build adventures around that knowledge.

### **Group Size & Tour Directors**

Each of our departures is restricted to a maximum of 14 travelers, which guarantees a meaningful and intimate experience for all. Why such small groups? Because they are perfect for camaraderie to flourish. Laugh, exchange ideas, discover, talk, learn. Together. You are among friends. Old and new.

Leading each departure you will always find someone who does two things very well: 1) they are masters at sharing their knowledge and passion for the destination. Great story tellers. 2) They have the gift of taking care of people, ensuring that they feel comfortable, happy and safe. Caring leaders.

We are fully aware that at the heart of every outstanding travel experience is a great Tour Director, so we invest heavily in the people we hire to lead our programs. Our tribe deserves them!





### **Local Tour Guides**

In every village, town and city visited in our programs live a few unique guys and gals who really, really, really love that town. They love it so much that they could talk about it all day long. They are entertaining, warm and immensely proud of the culture, history, food and people they represent.

Those are the guys and gals we pick for our local tours and excursions. Excellent people. Beautiful people whose words and passion become souvenirs that our travelers carry with them for the rest of their lives.

### **Itinerary Design**

There are a few cornerstones present in every program we design. Nothing is by accident.

Balance is paramount. A strong itinerary covers some of the destinations famous attractions, but, most importantly, it must give you the opportunity to be with the locals. Walk the streets and see the houses, understand how people live there. Reflect. The final touch in the recipe is some open time, so you can roam around a bit and find your own favorite corners. Favorite memories, after all, are personal.



### Hotels, Activities, Transportation & Meals

Hotels are more than just places to stay—they're key to your journey. Each property is chosen to ensure you feel like a guest of honor through ambiance, comfort, and exceptional service.

Authenticity matters. All our group programs include daily breakfast and several meals, letting you savor fresh, local dishes prepared with traditional care.

We balance luxury vehicles with local transport—trains, boats, and flights—to optimize comfort and sightseeing time. You'll spend your days exploring, not stuck in transit. Sustainability is at the heart of our choices, respecting each destination we visit.

To fully immerse yourself, every experience engages your senses. Each day unfolds differently, tailored to your fitness level, ensuring participation and personalization throughout your journey.



### Absolute, 24/7 Support

Airplanes are the safest way to travel because of their redundant safety systems. We shamelessly copied that idea in what we do (why not?). If you need anything while traveling, your Tour Director is right there to assist you. Moreover, we have a network of suppliers at each destination, ready to work for you. And over here, in the USA, we have a team of highly-qualified professionals at your disposal before, during and after your travels. No question goes unanswered and no request is ignored. We do what it takes to give you absolute support.



### The Final Quality Test

Before any new program is made available to our tribe, it must be approved by the founder and owner of SilverOpus: a tough-to-please engineer with sky-high expectations. Our tour designers, all of the highest caliber, know that they will be faced with one question: "would you take your spouse / family / friends on this adventure?" If the answer is not a ground-shaking "yes!!", then the program returns to the drawing board, immediately.

## **Program Essentials**

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

### **TOUR DETAILS:**

Tour starts: London, England - Heathrow Airport Terminal 5 Train Station - 10:00 AM

Tour ends: Manchester, England - Manchester Airport - after breakfast

Trip length: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Trip overview: Hay-on-Wye (2 nights), Aberaeron (3 nights), Conwy (3 nights)

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 16 authentic dining experiences (8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners)
- Guidance of an expert Tour Director throughout the entire journey
- S signature experiences and locally guided activities as noted in the daily itinerary
- Top-of-the-line transportation connecting your locations in Wales
- 24/7 support while traveling
- Personalized, comprehensive services before, during and after your journey

### **CALL OR EMAIL TO BOOK:**

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## Departures & Prices

For departure dates and pricing, please scan the QR code or visit this link: silveropus.com/wales-pricing

Tour prices are per person based on double occupancy. Inquire for single rates and special rates for parties of 10 to 14 people. \*See our complete terms and conditions: silveropus.com/cancellation-policy



