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INSIGHT 2 WALES DAY TOURS

“Peeling Back the layers”

Heritage and landscape day tours of South Wales

The Domain of King Coal

1 day tour

Rhondda Valley

Departure Pontypridd

Departure Time - 10am



The twin valleys of Rhonda reverberate with the history of coal mining. We will be looking at the human history in the layout of the streets, chapels, workmen's halls, cemeteries and the general landscape. This day trip is your opportunity to learn more about the terms and conditions of life in the coalmining communities in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. We will depart from and return to Pontypridd stopping at intervals throughout the day, often away from the coach for extended periods.

Proud and Prodded Land

1 day tour

The Heads of the Valleys

Departure: Merthyr Tydfil

Departure Time - 10am



This day will be spent exploring the rich and fascinating heritage of this amazing landscape where the history of industrialisation has been so clearly etched. We will be visiting former iron furnaces, old bridges, abandoned tram roads, graveyards, houses and gardens. Time will be spent walking and investigating the places where the events that marked some of the greatest political and social changes in history took place. We will be looking in detail at the remains which will involve walking along muddy and uneven paths.

A Most Romantic Valley

1 day tour

The Vale of Neath

Departure: Neath

Departure Time - 10am



In the late 18th and early 19th centuries the Vale of Neath was one of the favourite areas for the 'romantic' tourists. We will visit waterfalls, canals, see how waterpower has been harnessed and discover traces of great engineering. The valley is full of small delights and places of interest. Here can be discovered associations with Russia and Germany, a municipal park that went off the rails and the influence of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will be exploring places that will involve walking along muddy and uneven paths.

Ancient Town, Ancient land
1 day tour
Laugharne
Departure: Laugharne
Departure Time - 10.30am



Laugharne is probably best known for Dylan Thomas but there is much more besides with its lovely Georgian houses and the castle that was the scene of one of the battles of the Civil War. The area is both lovely and notorious and we will be exploring aspects of its sometimes unsavoury history. This is a walking tour (between 3 and 4 miles) along footpaths and pavements. The places available on this tour are restricted so early booking is advisable.

A Capital City
1 day tour
Cardiff
Departure: City Centre
Departure Time - 10.30am



In 1801 the population of Cardiff was the same as the date. Within one hundred years it had grown to become one of the principal conurbations of Britain. This day will be spent tracing the history of Cardiff through some of its parks, buildings, streets, river and docks and finding out about its rich, diverse population. Be prepared for about 3-5 miles of urban exploration along hard pavements. The places available on this tour are restricted so early booking is advisable.

An Ugly, Lovely town
1 day tour
Swansea
Departure: Swansea Bay
Departure Time - 10.30am



Spend time with us walking around various parts of Swansea including the much praised maritime quarter. We will be taking advantage of the hills to obtain great views of the city as well as seeking out some of its architectural treasures. This will involve walking on hard pavements and climbing VERY steep hills. The places on this tour are restricted so early booking is advisable.