

Mid & West Wales

June 14 - 7 nights

YOUR HOLIDAY AT A GLANCE

Guest House :

Lloyds - truly unique dining, accommodation and atmosphere offered in an unusual and inviting Victorian setting

Based :

In the heart of the small town of Llanidloes



Prices :

£1250 per person occupying double or twin room; £1175 for a single room. All rooms are en-suite.



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Itinerary

We are delighted to return for a second year to Lloyds in Llanidloes. An exciting chance to explore a wonderful part of Wales that Byway had not had the opportunity to spend time in for several years. The powerful pairing of mountains and water are the themes of your week in Mid and West Wales as we travel over and around The Cambrians - the spine of the country - seeking out the lakes, reservoirs and coastal scenery of the region. We shall also hope to reach the mighty Cader Idris to the north of our region and journey across Plynlimon, 'five peaks' in Welsh, that marks the high point of The Cambrians. We shall follow the coast road along Barmouth Bay and enjoy the sands of Ynyslas on the Dovey Estuary. Inland waterways abound and our holiday will take us to see Llynau Cregennen high on Cadair Idris and Tal-y-Llyn that lies in the valley beneath it, Nant-y-Moch on Plynlimon, to Llyn Clywedog and through the peerless Elan Valley to the remote and beautiful Llyn Brianne at the southern end of The Cambrians. Scenic highlights will include the stunning Abergwesyn Common and the River Irfon, Cors Caron near Tregaron, one of the

finest raised bog systems in Britain, now featuring a splendid boardwalk we can enjoy, the spectacular mountain road from Staylitttle through Dylife to Machynlleth and the gorgeous valley road following the River Elan to Cwmystwyth past the haunting remains of the lead mining industry and the deserted homes of the miners. A visit to the Victorian



Llynau Cregennen on Cadair Idris

splendour of Abbeycwmhir Hall, the home of Paul and Victoria Humpherston, takes us to a prime example of Gothic Revival architecture augmented by a fabulous haul of items from a lifetime of collecting. The same day will also see us on a scenic meander through the empty and beautiful lanes of the Radnor and Clun Forests. Enjoy an unforgettable journey through the spectacular Rheidol Valley by the

narrow gauge steam train that runs from Devil's Bridge to Aberystwyth - one of the Great Little Trains of Wales and prior to privatization in 1989, the last steam railway owned by British Rail.

Food will also play a major part in our holiday! Lloyds have a tremendous reputation for their cuisine and eating there is a real experience. We intend to have two gourmet evenings with them and two of their three course dinners, eating out a further two times at good local establishments, also to enjoy a picnic prepared by Roy Hayter, chef and co-owner of Lloyds to be consumed in spectacular surroundings, on the other evening! Roy's partner, Tom Lines ably assisted by their small staff, creates a convivial and unique atmosphere every inch the perfect accompaniment to the sumptuous food. Lloyds - a 3 storey Victorian building of considerable charm lies just within the conservation area at the centre of Llanidloes. The modern guest accommodation has been skillfully teased from this most unusual building but be warned the stairs are steep! A wonderful experience awaits you!