

## NORTH WALES - SNOWDON BEDDGELEERT

8-days / 7-nights based in one-hotel for GUIDED walking in one of Britain's most spectacular landscapes



Explore the Snowdonia National Park on this guided walking holiday based in a charming country house just outside the historic village of **Beddgelert**. Walk on the spectacular mountains of the Glyders, Moel Siabod, Cnicht and Moel Hebog. Discover the Aberglaslyn Gorge and Nant Gwynant valley. Snowdonia boasts some of the grandest mountain scenery with some challenging mountain walking. Less demanding walks take you along sparkling fresh streams and rivers, to forests and moorlands and past quaint stone-built farms and villages.

**Cost from:** \$1750 per person twin share    Single supplement on request

**Departs:** 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> April; 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May; 28<sup>th</sup> June; 12<sup>th</sup> July; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> August; 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September; 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

**Includes:** 7 nights in comfortable ensuite twin-share accommodation, full board (breakfast, picnic lunch & dinner), experienced walks leaders, 5 guided walks, local transport to/from the walks, evening social activities.

**Not included:** Transport to/from the house, drinks, personal expenses, transport / activities on your free day.

**Accommodation:** **Craflwyn Hall** is now leased from the National Trust. With just 21 bedrooms in the main building and the converted stable block, it offers a cosy and friendly atmosphere that is ideally suited to our sociable style of walking holidays. **Premium rooms** may be available for a supplement – ask when booking.



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## Suggested itinerary:

**Day 1: Arrival day.** Plan to arrive at the Country House around mid-afternoon.

**Days 2 - 4:** Choose from full-day walking options.

**Day 5: Free day** - You are free to explore the area independently or to relax at the Country House. Snowdonia is noted for its concentration of narrow gauge steam railways, all of which offer highly scenic journeys. The Ffestiniog Railway and Snowdon Mountain Railways are both within reach. For a truly unique day out you can take the mountain railway to the summit of Snowdon. Or, you may like to visit the impressive & well-preserved Caernarvon Castle, built by Edward I after his conquest of Wales.

**Days 6 - 7:** Again, choose from full-day walking options.

**Day 8: Departure day.** Tour ends after breakfast

Possible walks that may be available on your holiday – final walking itinerary at the discretion of walk leaders:

**Around Beddgelert & Snowdon:** The easier walk is a gentle exploration of the area around Beddgelert, meandering past lakes and forestry plantations with views of Snowdon, Moel Hebog and Nantlle Ridge. There's time to explore Beddgelert including 'Gelert's Grave' and to have an ice cream in the village. The medium walk ascends to the summit of Moel Hebog, one of the twin peaks above Beddgelert. The harder walk follows the Snowdon Ranger path to the summit, providing a real sense of achievement.

**Lakes & Mountains of the Ogwen Valley:** Look for orchids as we walk through a moorland nature reserve and to the lakes of Llyn Crafnant and Llyn Geirionydd on the easier route. There are wonderful views of the Snowdon Horseshoe. The medium walk ascends steeply to the summit of Pen y Ole Wen then to Carnedd Dafydd, with rugged cliffs of the Black Ladders in view. The harder route ascends through Devils Kitchen and the natural amphitheatre of Cwm Idwal to the summit of Y Garn, then we traverse the ridge to Foel Goch.

**Coast or Mountains:** The easier and medium walks both follow the coast in parts. The easier walk visits the popular holiday beach of Black Rock Sands and the attractive small harbour towns of Borth y Gest and Porthmadog. The medium walk heads inland to the top of Moel y Gest where there are the remains of an Iron Age hillfort and the chance of views over Cardigan Bay and inland to the Snowdonian peaks. The harder walk stays closer to home with a circular route from the country house, ascending Moel Hebog then shading the ridgeline to Moel Lefn.

**The Moelwyns & Slate Town:** Walk alongside the famous Ffestiniog narrow gauge railway, then through forest and past waterfalls to Blaenau Ffestiniog, where the extensive slate works gave the town its nickname 'the village that roofed the world'. The medium walk ascends through the disused slate workings to the summit of Moelwyn Mawr, while the harder route climbs to the summit of Moelwyn Bach before some scrambling to the neighbouring peak of Moelwyn Mawr. The Moelwyns are relatively untouristed compared to Snowdonia's more famous peaks but they provide some outstanding high-level walking.

## Footpath information:



**Easier Walks:** Up to 8 miles (13km), with up to 1550ft (480m) of ascent in a day.



**Medium Walks:** Up to 10 miles (16km) with up to 3200ft (960m) of ascent in a day



**Harder Walks:** Up to 11 miles (18km) with up to 3700 feet (1120m) of ascent in a day

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