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Walking Tour: Wales , 8 days





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## Itinerary

- Day 1 Manchester - Llandudno
- Day 2 Llandudno, Isle of Anglesey
- Day 3 Llandudno, The Great Orme
- Day 4 Llandudno, Llyn Schiereiland
- Day 5 Llandudno
- Day 6 Llandudno, Snowdonia National Park
- Day 7 Llandudno, Conwyvallei
- Day 8 Llandudno - Manchester



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## Day by day

On Djoser's Wales walking tours we will take day hikes from a residence or we will do multi-day treks. On rest days you can take extra walks or fill your time as you wish. The tour leader can offer tips and suggestions. You are never obligated to participate. There is ample freedom for those who want to spend some time independently. By the nature of our trips and local conditions there may be unexpected situations that may result in the adjustment or cancellation of a particular walk or activity. We travel in groups of about 12, up to 16 people.

Manchester, Llandudno  
Day 1 - Manchester - Llandudno

Llandudno (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Llandudno>) in north Wales is our base for walking this week. From Manchester we are brought by private bus in about a half hour to Llandudno. You will need to arrive very early in the morning in Manchester to make sure you are available to meet the group for the transfer. Or you can arrange for a hotel night, the night before. In this elegant Victorian resort in Llandudno we stay all week in a cozy hotel. The modern hotel is housed in an old historic building in the Victorian pier. On an historic train you can see the top of the Great Orme ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great\\_Orme](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Orme)) (the great sea monster) that reaches the nature reserve behind Llandudno on a rock in the sea. But, of course, a walk in this area is also on the program this week.

Day 2 Llandudno, Isle of Anglesey

Along the Welsh coast are a number of islands including Anglesey (Ynys Môn) in the northwest, the largest. A bridge connects the mainland with this beautiful island. After the crossing, you arrive in Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch, the place with the longest name in Britain. In North Wales you will get enough opportunities to learn Welsh. On Anglesey we take a walking tour of spectacular sea cliffs and historical sites. We walk a part of the Isle of Anglesey Coastal Path ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglesey\\_Coastal\\_Path](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglesey_Coastal_Path)), a scenic route along the coast where we can spot seals and dolphins, wild flowers and we encounter old churches and monuments.

Day 3 Llandudno, The Great Orme

Today we leave on foot from our hotel for a hike on the 'The Great Orme. This headland of limestone is a nature reserve on up to 679 feet and during the walk we enjoy spectacular views of the coastline of North Wales. Above the wild thyme plants are beautiful silver butterflies and along the coast you see diving Jan Boobies. Along the way we visit a copper mine. The little sister, 'The Little Orme', lies on the other side of Llandudno at an altitude of 462 feet.



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Llŷn Peninsula

Day 4 Llandudno, Llŷn Peninsula

Day 5 Llandudno

We board the bus for a ride to the Llŷn Peninsula with the Irish sea on one side and Cardigan Bay on the other side. Llŷn Peninsula, lies in the shadow of Snowdonia, a private, pristine nature spot. The rolling landscape of the far west of North Wales is ideal for hiking on heaths, along the coast and through sleepy villages. It really feels like you are walking on the very tip of Wales. The next day, you choose how you would like to spend your day. Visit the old, imposing castle of Conwy ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castle\\_Hotel,\\_Conwy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castle_Hotel,_Conwy)), on the World Heritage List of UNESCO, or check out one of the other castles in north Wales. You can make an extra walk in the area or use the day to rest from hiking to recharge you for tomorrow.

Snowdonia National Park

Day 6 Llandudno, Snowdonia National Park

Snowdonia National Park ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snowdonia#Snowdonia\\_National\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snowdonia#Snowdonia_National_Park)) is on our to do list, with its wild landscape with rugged mountains, beautiful lakes and picturesque villages. The park is one of the oldest national parks in Britain. Also the highest mountain in England is in this area. The varied landscape is a paradise for hikers. We make a hike of about four hours in the southern Snowdon area around the village of Beddgelert.

Conwy Valley

Day 7 Llandudno Conwy Valley

Day 8 Llandudno - Manchester

For the last hike we take the bus to Trefriw, a charming village in the heart of the Conwy Valley. Around the village are eleven lakes. We walk to the twin lakes Geirionydd and Crafnant. Our walk through the woods and along two lakes with beautiful viewpoints offers beautiful places to rest and enjoy the silence around you. Back in Trefriw we have time to walk around the village and visit the local pub, which of course you should not miss. Back in Llandudno you can make a last walk on the boardwalk and you can enjoy the last night in one of the local restaurants. At the beginning of the afternoon we say goodbye to Llandudno and we drive to Manchester for our return flights home.



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## Practical information

### Accommodations & Meals

Accommodations - We spend the whole week in a comfortable hotel at the pier of Llandudno. The modern 30-room hotel is housed in a historic building. All rooms are equipped with shower, toilet, coffee and tea making facilities and flat screen TV. The hotel is right on the pier overlooking the sea. The center of Llandudno is about 5 minutes walk.

Single - Single Room Singles will be matched with a roommate of the same sex. You may request a single room for an additional charge, subject to availability. (see Prices/Dates page for cost).

Hotel Extension - It is possible to book an extension in accommodations in Llandudno in a centrally located hotel. Please inquire for rates.

You will need to arrive at Manchester in plenty of time to meet the group at the airport in order to transfer with the group by bus to Llandudno 1 ½ hours away. Unless you can find a very early arrival time, you may want to arrive the night prior so you can meet them early at the airport

Meals - During the trip, the breakfast included in the price. You can choose where you dine in the evenings. In the seaside town of Llandudno there are many different pubs, cafes and restaurants. In many pubs fish and chips served, but there is a wide choice of restaurants where you can dine extensively including fine wines.

Traditional foods from Wales include cheeses, Bara Brith (fruit cake) and Cawl, a rich stew made with bacon bits Welsh lamb and vegetables, including the emblem of Wales, the leek.

The breakfast in Wales is included. You can select a choice of hot and cold dishes. Eggs are cooked in many ways. Fish, white beans and tomatoes, bacon, cereal are also on the table along with tea or coffee. This will give you a good start for hiking.

### Flights & Transportation

Booking your international flight - We provide the land package and transportation within the program as described. We do not arrange international flights from or to the United States or Canada. The land program will begin approximately two hours after the arrival of the Netherlands (NL) participants who will be arriving from Amsterdam. The land program will end about 4 hours prior to their scheduled departure time, which allows for time to get to the airport. The proposed flights for the Dutch participants and the Land Begin and End times are listed below. They are subject to change based on flight delays or changes. We will keep you posted of any flight changes that we are aware of prior to the trip. When scheduling your flights, keep the following times in mind.



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Dutch participants' proposed flights: (subject to change)

Djoser arranges the land program only. You will need to arrange your flights to and from Wales.

Please note the start times listed above. If possible, book the same KLM flight as the group so you can arrive at the same time, as there will be an immediate transfer from the Manchester airport to Llandudno.

The flights for the Dutch participants are operated by KLM. The most common flight schedule is as follows, subject to change:

Amsterdam - Manchester 10:10 - 10:30

Manchester - Amsterdam 17:40 - 19:55

Before you book your flight - To avoid flight change or cancellation costs get email confirmation from our office that the trip has enough participants to be a "GO".

Verify the spelling of your name-within 24 hours - When you book your flights, double check your flight records to confirm that your name is spelled on your ticket exactly as it appears on your passport.

Some companies (for example, ORBITZ) will only allow a 24 hour window to correct any errors without penalty. You may incur heavy fees for changes, forfeiture of your flight ticket, or even worse, you could be denied entry to a border upon arrival.

Send us a copy of your flight itinerary - We will forward to the tour leader so they will know when to expect you at the hotel and when you will be departing.

Keep in mind hotel extensions - If the Dutch travelers arrive early in the morning, we recommend that you arrange to fly in the day or night before so you will be meet the group. Some trips involve an immediate transfer from airport to the next town so make sure you will arrive before the others so you don't miss the first meeting or transfer to the next location. We can arrange an extension hotel night for you. Prices for hotel extensions can be found in the "Dates & Prices" section

If the Dutch participants arrive in the late evening - Should they arrive very late in the evening, the group will have their first meeting in the morning in the hotel lobby. You can check in earlier and relax or explore on your own.

Airport transfer to/from hotel (not Included) - If you will be arriving and or departing on the same flight as the Dutch travelers let us know. Then you can join them on the bus for the group transfer at no additional charge. Notify us in advance so we can alert the tour leader. If you schedule your flight at the same time as theirs, or later, you can join them on the group transfer to the airport at no additional charge. Otherwise, you can take an authorized taxi to the first hotel on the list we have provided for you. Private airport transfers can be very costly . If your flight is delayed, they are difficult to reschedule or cancel. With a taxi, you are not charged for waiting time or cancellations.

Useful Links for booking your flights

Orbitz.com (<http://www.Orbitz.com>)

Expedia.com (<http://www.Expedia.com>)

Kayak.com (<http://www.Kayak.com>)



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### Transport

For transfers to and from Manchester Airport to Llandudno, we use a private bus. You will need to arrive at Manchester in plenty of time to meet the group at the airport in order to transfer to Llandudno 1½ hours away. You may wish to arrive a day prior so you can meet them early.

Also for transfers to and from start and end of a walk, we use a private bus. With the exception of the hike on day 3 from the hotel in Llandudno.

### Money Matters

A summary of all trip costs can be found on our 'Dates & Prices' page. Prices may fluctuate throughout the year depending on currency exchange, gas costs, etc.

### Included in price

- Land program
- Bus transport
- Hotel accommodations with breakfasts
- Guide assistance (Dutch guide speaks Dutch & English)
- Transfers to and from Manchester Airport
- Transportation to and from start and end point hike
- Hiking on day 2 to 4 and day 6 and 7 including guidance
- Hotel Accommodation with breakfast Dutch tour guide (speaks Dutch & English)

### When you book a trip

- 20% of minimum land package price (or minimum of \$500) due upon booking to hold your place (See "Prices & Dates" section for deposit amount for your trip)
- Balance is due 60 days prior to departure date
- Payments by charge card or check are accepted

### While you are traveling

Local Currency:	British Pound (GBP)
ATMS:	In Llandudno
Other Currency Accepted:	Euro
Credit cards:	Accepted in many different restaurants



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Estimated out of pocket expenses weekly \$275. Please use this as a guideline for costs not included in the fare such as other meals not listed, entrance fees, optional excursions and personal expenses.

Tipping - It is customary to tip for services rendered. The tour leader will organize a tip jar at the beginning of the trip, from which tips to drivers, guides, hotel staff are paid. Depending on the size of the group, each participant will be asked to contribute \$40 to \$50. This does not include a tip for your tour leader. Tipping the tour leader is appreciated and the amount up to your discretion.

\*\* You will find a list of all trip costs in the "Dates & Prices" section, including your estimated out of pocket costs.

### Excursions

On Djoser's Wales walking tours you decide which sights you worth to visit, besides the hikes made during the trip. One participant may wish to visit a museum, while others prefer to visit a market. In route there are sights that should not be missed. Such excursions are in the program but entrance fees are exclusive.

During the walking tour in Wales are the following excursions are included:

- Hiking on day 2 to 4 and on day 6 and 7 with tour guide
- Visit to a copper mine during hike in Great Orme

On site other excursions are possible. The tour leader can advise you on this. For example it is possible to visit the imposing castle of Conwy, an UNESCO HERITAGE site.

### Travel Documents

When you book a trip we will provide you with more details about necessary documents. Passports should be current and valid for at least 6 months beyond your departure date. If a visa is required, you may need extra pages in your passport for your stamps. Check all visa requirements carefully and leave yourself plenty of time to send and receive documents before your trip.

### VISA NEEDED FOR WALES? NO

Visa & Passport Expeditor – For an extra fee, you can hire an expediting service to process your visa application. They will look over your paperwork and they can offer a faster return of your visa or passport. We recommend TRAVISA. (<http://www.travisa.com>)



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## Health Issues & Insurance

Health - Vaccinations recommended for Wales: NONE

We also recommend that you bring a small medical kit include painkillers and anti-intestinal disorders. Please note that travel and walking can be tiring. It is wise to be in good condition and equipped to travel. During the trip make sure you eat well, stay hydrated, and get plenty of rest.

Gravity of the Journey - We have provided the specifics of the hikes taking into account the duration of the tours, the level changes, the heights on which we walk, and the ratio of resting and walking days. This of course remains an estimate. Plus, your personal experience will also depend on factors such as weather conditions and your physical condition.

Lowest point hike:	33 feet
Highest point hike:	679 feet
Average walking time:	4 hours

For more information about the distance, walking time and altitude per day, we refer you to the day-to-day description of this route.

Go well prepared! - Make sure you are well-prepared. Spend the months leading up to your trip working out to be fit and well equipped for your so you can fully enjoy your holiday. Good equipment is also important. Always have good walking shoes, broken in, and take the appropriate clothing. Nothing is more annoying than defective equipment.

## Group Composition

On our Wales walking tour our groups consist of a good blend of people of all ages, who travel together or as singles. If you are traveling along, you can connect quickly in our small groups. On average, groups consist of 12 participants. The minimum number of participants is usually 8 to 16 maximum. If you would like to know the specific composition of a group, just give us a call and we can tell you the number of males and females and age range of the participants.

## Tour Leaders & Support Staff

On the hiking tour in Wales, the group is accompanied by a Dutch guide who will meet in Manchester. Our guide speaks Dutch and English. The tour guide provides practical information



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about the walk, the route and the different activities during rest days. In addition, the supervisor tells something about daily life and the different habits of the country. However, the tour guide is not a lecturer. For any questions, comments or concerns you can always contact the tour leader. The tour guides are keen walkers and do everything possible to make a success your walking tour enjoyable.

#### Climate & Geography

Wales has a temperate climate with relatively mild winters, relatively cool summers and precipitation throughout the year, however, with most precipitation in the winter months. Summers are generally cool. The rugged landscape with mountains and rolling hills provide a wonderful combination of nature and weather elements. Wales is quite rainy providing a characteristic landscape with green hills, which are partly forested, interspersed with rugged brown and gray slopes.

Our trips are organized with weather conditions in mind. On our website, we will provide you with a weather summary of the region: Check temperature and rainfall for specific cities on your trip, during your month of travel at worldweather.org (<http://www.worldweather.org>)