



AUTUMN COLOUR IN THE LAKES & MOUNTAINS OF WALES

Llangoed Hall, Builth Wells and Bodysgallen, Llandudno
4 nights: 9th to 12th October 2016
optional extra night (13th) at Allbright Hussey, Shrewsbury



Snowdon



Crickhowell Bridge

The theme of this tour is driving, on unspoilt country roads up through Wales from the Brecon Beacons to Snowdonia. Subsidiary themes are the architecture of Sir Clough Williams Ellis and the paintings of Rex Whistler. We will stay two nights in each of two of the loveliest country houses in Wales and have a day to make side visits from each.



Llanggoed Hall Builth Wells LD3 OYP

The tour starts on **Sunday 9th October** and as most people are expected to be coming into Wales over the Severn Bridge, the route will start there and will travel the 55 miles through Usk & Abergavenny up the Clydach Gorge into the Brecon Beacons and then over the hills to Llanggoed Hall where those who come from the Midlands can join for dinner. Llanggoed Hall was restored by Sir Clough William - Ellis in the early 20th century and now houses the extensive art collection of Sir Bernard and Laura Ashley.

On **Monday the 10th** we will drive 60 or 82 mile loop tours from Builth Wells round the Elan Valley Lakes and into the hills of the Mynydd Eppynt before lunch near Brecon. The afternoon will be free for exploration of Hay on Wye or the Gospel Pass, the highest in Wales (1807 feet), six miles to the south.

Tuesday the 11th is the main drive of 130 miles North to Snowdonia and Bodysgallen near Llandudno. The route goes through Staylittle to Dinas Mawddy, then over Bwlch y Groes (Pass of the Cross) (1784 feet) to Lake Bala. This road was known by test drivers in the 20's and 30's as Hellfire Pass but it is now fully paved. There is then the option of visiting Port Meirion (Clough Williams – Ellis), before heading up the A470 to Bodysgallen near Llandudno.

On Wednesday 12th we will cross the Conwy suspension bridge and avoid the A55 by going south to Capel Curig. We will then head up through the Pass of Nant Ffrancon and cross the Menai Straits to Plas Newydd, where Rex Whistler painted his romantic mural over two years when he fell in love with the daughter of the house. We go back over the other Menai Straits Bridge and drive up to Llanberis to visit Dinorwic, the Electric Mountain pumped storage power station. In 1974 it was the largest civil engineering project in Europe with six 300MW vertical pump/turbines in a man-made cavern 170 feet high and 590 feet long. Entrance is by bus. Later we drive back to Bodysgallen via Blaenau Festiniog and the Victorian slate quarries and Betwys Coed through truly dramatic terrain.



Bodysgallen, Llandudno LL30 1RS

The main tour ends on **Wednesday 12th** night with Dinner at Bodysgallen. For the route home it is suggested that people follow the A5 towards Shrewsbury and visit Erddigg and Chirk both National Trust, on the way. It is 60 miles from Bodysgallen to Erddigg.

For those who wish to have an extra night, with an 80 mile start on the **Thursday 13th**, and have the whole day to drive south, rooms have been reserved with the hotel Albright Hussey just north of Shrewsbury. Dinner, bed and breakfast there will be an extra £200. **Members should book accommodation themselves directly with Albright Hussey**, mentioning that they are part of the 20-Ghost Club for which a block reservation has been made. However, **members will need to pay the hotel directly for this, as it is not part of the tour price. Please let Anthony Armitage know** so that he can keep a record of those members who have booked to stay there.



Llanberis



Bwlch y Groes



Plas Newydd Anglesey NT



Rex Whistler's Mural



Port Meirion Clough William - Ellis



Telford's Menai Suspension Bridge 1819



Conwy Castle



Erddigg Wrexham NT



Chirk Castle Wrexham NT



Albright Hussey Shrewsbury



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SUNDAY 9th to WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER (4 nights)

To Anthony Armitage, The 20-Ghost Club Ltd, Ynys Hafod, New Market St, Usk Gwent NP15 1AT

I/We would like to attend the **9th to 12th October 2016** Welsh tour (4 nights' accommodation), which for two people sharing a room amounts to £1,250

I enclose my non-refundable deposit cheque of £300 made payable to the 20-Ghost Club Ltd.

Name/s

Address

.....Post Code

Telephone Email (in capitals please).....

Dietary requirements
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Car: Model..... Chassis No..... Reg No..... Year.....

Body style.....Colour..... Coach builder.....

For those who wish to spend an extra night on **Thursday 13th** at Albright Hussey SY4 3AF, please book directly with the hotel, mentioning that they are part of the 20-Ghost Club – and please pay the hotel directly and inform Anthony Armitage of your booking.

The tour is limited by available accommodation to 15 cars - 30 people
Please book as early as possible and definitely by May 1st.

As a participant in this event and tour and in consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in this event and tour and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release The 20-Ghost Club Ltd and all committee members and its representatives from any and all liability and injuries, damages or loss or consequential loss arising from my entry and participation in the event and tour. I also agree that information about the participating car, the names of the driver and passengers, including photographs taken during the event and tour, may be published in the Club's journal, News & Record, unless I inform the Editor by e-mail that I do not wish such information and/or photographs to appear.

Signed.....

Dated.....