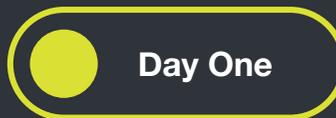




# The **Slate Landscape** of **Northwest Wales World Heritage Site**



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Day One

The Slate Landscape of North West Wales, Gwynedd was designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2021. It is a serial property in six parts: Ogwen Valley; Dinorwig Quarry; Nantlle Valley; Gorseddau and Prince of Wales; Ffestiniog & Porthmadog and Abergynolwyn & Tywyn, with each encompassing relict quarries and mines, archaeological sites related to slate industrial processing, historical settlements, both living and relict, historic gardens and grand country houses, ports, harbours and quays, and railway and road systems illustrating the functional and social linkages of the relict slate industrial landscape. It includes spectacular quarry landscapes such as Penrhyn, Dinorwig, the Nantlle Valley and Ffestiniog. It also includes the National Slate Museum in Llanberis, Penrhyn Castle and the famous Ffestiniog and Talylyn Railways, built to transport the slate from quarry to markets around the world and both later transformed through the dedication of volunteers into heritage railways.

The landscape tells the incredible story of the evolution of an upland agricultural society to one dominated by the slate industry; with towns, quarries and transport links carving their way through the Snowdonia mountains down towards the iconic ports.

To learn more about the slate landscape you can follow our 3-day itinerary to delve into the depths of history or pick and choose individual days to experience a unique and exciting adventure.



**01 The Management Centre**, Bangor offers 56 en-suite hotel style rooms graded as Visit Wales 4 Star. Located in the heart of Eryri (Snowdonia), North Wales, enjoy stunning views of the Menai Strait and Ynys Mon.

**02 Port Penrhyn**, Abercegin which lies at the east end of the Menai Strait that separates Anglesey from mainland Wales was formerly of great importance as the main port for the export of slate from the Penrhyn Quarry, the largest slate quarry in the world at the end of the nineteenth century. It was built, and later expanded, by the Pennant (later Douglas-Pennant) family of the nearby Penrhyn Castle. Port Penrhyn remains in use as a working commercial port and still exports slate.

**03 Penrhyn Castle** This 19th-century neo-Norman castle sits between Eryri and the Menai Strait. The unique architecture, opulent interiors and fine art collection sit alongside a history of sugar and slate fortunes, of social unrest and the longest-running industrial dispute in British history. It's crammed with fascinating items, such as a one-ton slate bed made for Queen Victoria, elaborate carvings, plasterwork and mock-Norman furniture.

The Great Penrhyn slate quarry strike 1900 to 1903, was a culmination of several years of dissatisfaction and unrest in the quarrying industry in the Ogwen Valley. The dispute centred on Union rights, pay and working conditions. It was a bitter battle between Lord Penrhyn and the slate quarry workers, which ripped apart a community and changed this part of North Wales forever.

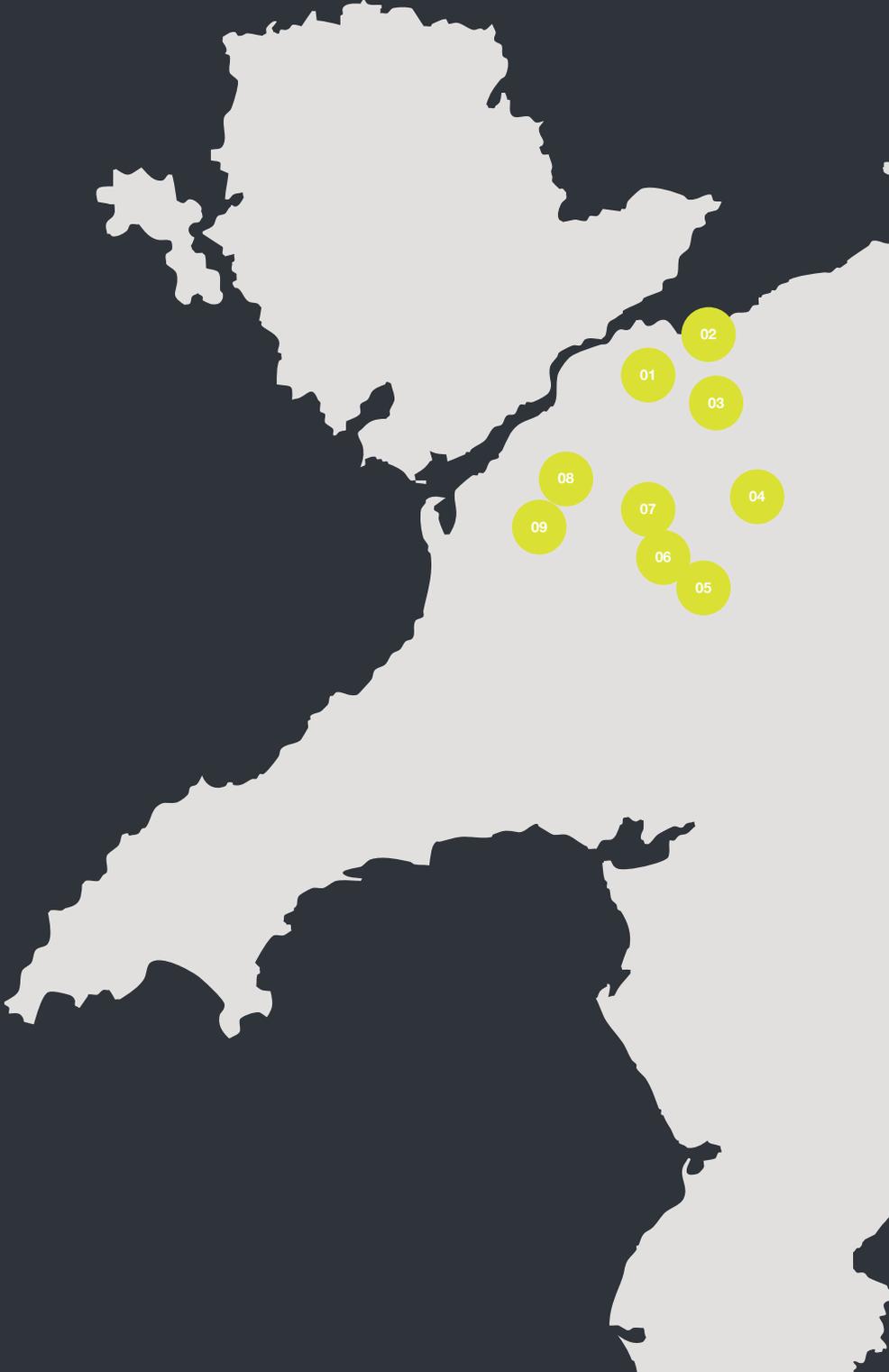
**04 Guided Road Tour from Penrhyn Castle** to Llanberis stopping at Bethesda en-route for a knowledge talk from Tour Guide regarding the area and its connections with the Slate Industry.

**05 The Royal Victoria Hotel**, Llanberis - Enjoy a leisurely lunch at Padarn Restaurant, named in honour of Llanberis's iconic lake. The Padarn Restaurant overlooks the hotel gardens with distant views of its namesake.

**06 National Slate Museum**, Llanberis - The National Slate Museum is located at Gilfach Ddu, the 19th-century workshops of the now disused Dinorwig Quarry, within the Padarn Country Park, Llanberis, Gwynedd. The museum is dedicated to the preservation and display of relics of the Slate industry in Wales which also includes slate splitting demonstration, quarrymen's houses and giant water wheel. From strikes and suffering to craftsmanship and community, this is an unique opportunity to glimpse the lives of the slate workers and their families. There is also a Cafe and large gift shop on site.

**07 Chwael Dinorwig Quarry** - Guided Walk - will be arranged by the tour guide on the day - (suitable footwear required).

**08 Plas Dinas Country House Hotel**, Bontnewydd - Formerly the home of the remarkable Armstrong-Jones family, the hotels has ten individually styled bedrooms with five star comforts, in a historic yet relaxed surroundings.



## Day One - Dyffryn Peris/ Dyffryn Ogwen

Explore the rich history and culture of North Wales through its renowned Welsh Slate Industry. Journey back in time to witness the creation of quarries and vibrant cultural communities, all of which shaped the area's post-industrial landscape. Follow our 3-day itinerary to delve into the depths of history or pick and choose individual days to experience a unique and exciting adventure.

### ITINERARY

Overnight stay at the Management Centre, Bangor

Guest Accommodation  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL57 2DG)

09.30 - 10.30

Guided Tour at Port Penrhyn Tour Guide

10.30 - 10.35

Transfer to Penrhyn Castle  
(Sat Nav LL57 4HN)

10.35 - 12.15

Penrhyn Castle and Grounds

Quality Assured 

Coffee at the Tearoom

12.15 - 13.00

Transfer to Llanberis stopping at Bethesda to learn about the slate heritage in the town with Tour Guide  
(Sat Nav LL57 3AR)

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch at Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis

Hotel  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL55 1TY)

14.00 - 15.30

National Slate Museum, Llanberis

Quality Assured  (Sat Nav LL55 4TY)

Coffee at the Slate Museum cafe

15.30 - 16.30

Chwarel Dinorwig Quarry Walk  
with Tour Guide

Overnight

Plas Dinas Country House Hotel,  
Bontnewydd

Hotel  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL54 7YF)

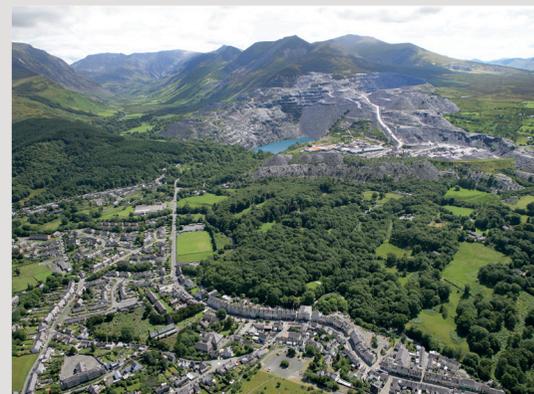
Dinner at The Gun Room  
Or alternative

Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

Hotel  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL55 1AY)

Dinner at the Black Boy Inn, Caernarfon

Inn  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL55 1RW)



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