



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

 **Day Two**

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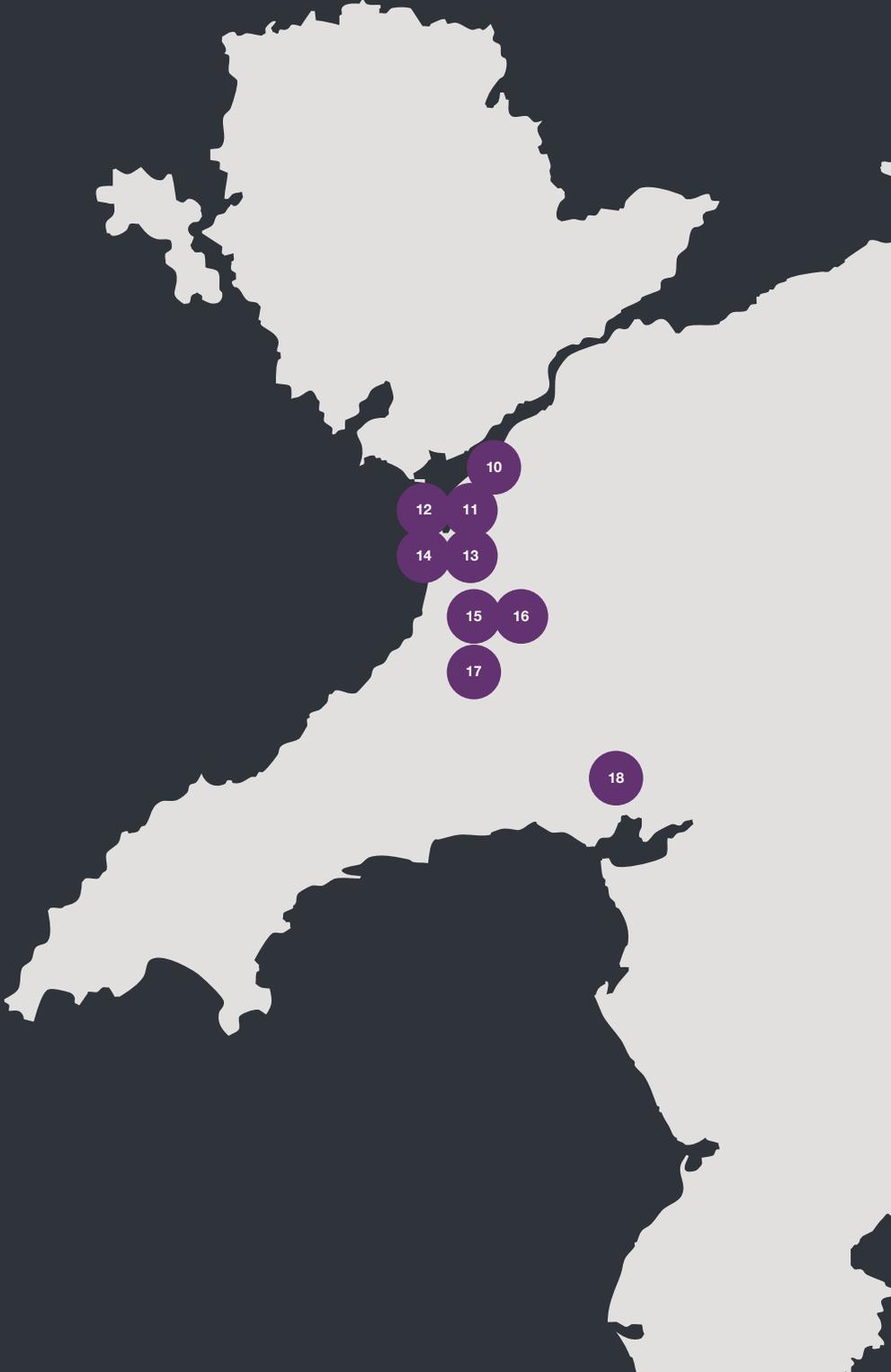


The Slate Landscape of North West Wales, Gwynedd was designated World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2021. It is a serial property in six parts: Ogwen Valley; Dinorwig Quarry; Nantlle Valley; Gorseddau and Prince of Wales; Ffestiniog & Porthmadog and Abergynolwyn & Tywyn, with each encompassing relict quarries 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.

- 10 **The Celtic Royal Hotel**, originally named the Uxbridge Arms – was built around 1794 by the 2nd Earl of Uxbridge, famous for his successful charge of his light cavalry at the Battle of Waterloo.
- 11 **Caernarfon Town Guided Tour** A walking tour explaining the history of the town, from medieval times, Victorian times to present day. The tour includes information about Caernarfon Castle from 1090 to the 21st century, the town walls and Caernarfon's slate and maritime history. You can also learn about the Roman history of Caernarfon.
- 12 **Caernarfon Castle** A Royal fortress-palace built on legends and bitter medieval conflict. Caernarfon Castle is recognised around the world as one of the greatest buildings of the Middle Ages.
- 13 **The Old Courthouse, Caernarfon** is a newly renovated Grade 1 listed building with stunning views of Caernarfon Castle, offering Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Evening Menus in their elegant bistro - The Bench.
- 14 **Black Boy Inn, Caernarfon** has won Bronze awards for best food in Wales and has had many fantastic write ups in The Telegraph and Daily Post. The pub champions a "field to fork" ethos serving the very best food sourced locally from suppliers around Gwynedd and Anglesey.
- 15 **Inigo Jones Slate Works** was founded in 1861 to produce school writing slates. Today the company prefabricates architectural, memorial, craft and landscape items from Welsh slate. There is a self-guided tour of the works which includes a video and audio guide presentation. There is a craft showroom, gift shop and cafe on site, also open all year.
- 16 **Cilgwyn Slate Quarry Tip** In the Nantlle Valley the development of the slate industry was hampered initially by poor transport links. With the opening of a horse drawn railway to the quay at Caernarfon in 1828, the Dorothea, Cilgwyn, Pen y Bryn, Tal y Sarn and Pen yr Orsedd quarries grew quickly. In the 1860s much of the earlier railway was incorporated into the new Caernarfon to Afonwen main line.
- 17 **Pant Du Vineyard** and Orchard is located on the slopes of the Nantlle Valley, Eryri and includes a café and a small on-site shop. With breath taking views of Yr Wyddfa and the surrounding mountains, as well as spectacular views of the sea across Caernarfon Bay, Pant Du is an idyllic location to enjoy the spectacular natural beauty Eryri has to offer.
- 18 **Plas Tan Yr Allt Hotel, Porthmadog** - The estate of Tan yr Allt was the first Regency Villa in North Wales purchased by entrepreneur and philanthropist William Alexander Madocks in 1798. He was best known for reclaiming a vast amount of land from the sea by means of constructing a huge embankment known as the Cob. The hotel is less than a 10 minute drive to the harbour town of Porthmadog situated on the Glaslyn Estuary and is rich in maritime history. In times gone by, it was a vital, busy shipping port for the international slate trade, brought down from Blaenau Ffestiniog.



## Day Two - Dyffryn Nantlle

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 Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon

Hotel  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL55 1AY)

09.30 - 10.30

Guided walk of Caernarfon Town including medieval and Victorian historic points of interest  
(Sat Nav LL55 2YD)

10.30 - 11.45

Caernarfon Castle World Heritage Site and Royal Welsh Fusiliers Museum

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11.45 - 13.00

Lunch at The Old Courthouse, Caernarfon  
(Sat Nav LL55 2AY)  
or Black Boy Inn, Caernarfon  
(Sat Nav LL55 1RW)

13.10 - 13.45

Inigo Jones Slate Works - The Slate Workshop

Quality Assured  (Sat Nav LL55 7SY)

13.45 - 14.10

Cilgwyn Slate Quarry Tip and Guided Talk  
(Sat Nav LL54 7SF)

14.10 - 14.20

Transfer to Pant Du Vineyard (tours only avail Jun - Sept)  
(Sat Nav LL54 6HE)

14.20 - 16.00

Pant Du Vineyard Tour and Afternoon tea  
(Sat Nav LL54 6HE)

Overnight

Plas Tan yr Allt Hotel, Porthmadog  
Listed  (Sat Nav LL49 9RG)

Or alternative accommodation available at

The Golden Fleece Inn, Tremadog

Inn  ★★★★★ (Sat Nav LL49 9RB)



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