

# COME HOME TO WALES

## GASTRONOMIC TOUR Of South East Wales



An opportunity to experience some of the best food in Wales with a sample of traditional markets, award winning restaurants and small producers. At the same time, enjoy our heritage and the beautiful scenery of the Black Mountains and the Wye and Monnow valleys - all in 6 days, 5 nights.

No destination is more than an hour's drive from the next - so there is plenty of time to explore off the beaten track. And every night is spent in comfortable accommodation at or near your restaurant.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1

Collect rental car from Heathrow or Cardiff or Newport railway station. Dinner and overnight at the Crown at Whitebrook, Wales only Michelin star restaurant. Whitebrook is 120 miles from Heathrow. Stop over to see the historic town of Chepstow and its castle tucked into a bend of the River Wye and the spectacular ruins of Tintern Abbey en route if time allows

#### Day 2

Visit the historic town of Monmouth, birthplace of Henry V. Tour Monmouth Castle, the Naval Temple and Kymin Round House. Walk Monnow bridge, a unique 13th century gated structure  
Dinner and overnight at the Bell at Skenfrith a former 17th century coaching inn situated on the banks of the River Monnow and Michelin pub winner of the Year 2007.

#### Day 3

Raglan Castle: Remains of impressive fifteenth-century castle built by Sir William ap Thomas and his son William Herbert, remodelled by William Somerset, third earl of Worcester, 1549-89. Despite demolition attempts during the Civil War, much of the hexagonal-shaped Great Tower and lavish suites of state apartments still survive.  
Visit Ben's bakes for home made cakes sold just next door to the Castle. Small family run business.  
Visit Blaenafon Cheddar Company. Their cheeses are flavoured with Penderyn Welsh whisky, Welsh white wine, Reverend James ale and other local ingredients. The four heritage cheddars are coated in different coloured waxes with scenes of Blaenafon's industrial heritage on the labels.

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### Package to Include:

- ALL AIRPORT TRANSFERS
- HOTEL BED AND BREAKFAST FOR 5 NIGHTS
- TABLE d'HOTE DINNER
- ENTRANCE FEES
- SELF DRIVE

### Price (based on 4 people sharing):

£1,099.00 per person

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### Itinerary continued

#### Day 3 continued

Go down the Big Pit: Big Pit is a real coal mine and one of Britain's leading mining museums. With facilities to educate and entertain all ages, Big Pit is an exciting and informative day out

Dinner and overnight at Foxhunter. A Victorian pub that has been transformed with a stunning mix of original features and contemporary comfort. The informal setting combines Welsh flagstone floors and log-burning stoves with handmade furniture and crisp linen napkins. AA Restaurant of the Year for Wales 2003.

#### Day 4

Wander around the historic centre of Abergavenny. Visit the market (best day Tuesday), its castle, its museum and its vibrant theatre.

Visit Sugar Loaf Vineyard: Producers of Award Winning Welsh Wines, supplying a selection of White, Rosé, Red and Sparkling Wines; deliciously light, fresh and fruity and all grown in Wales!

Dinner at Walnut Tree. The Walnut Tree Restaurant has been a famous inn and restaurant since it began in the early 1960's. Stay on site in Ivy Cottage or at Angel Hotel in Abergavenny.

#### Day 5

Visit Skirrid Honey Farm; Producers of honey and beeswax products.

Visit Hay on Wye; home of 30 bookshops and site of the World famous Hay Festival. A traditional market is held every Thursday

Dinner and overnight at the Felin Fach Griffin Inn. The Restaurant won the Best Family Restaurant award for the United Kingdom in the 2008 Good Food Guide.

#### Day 6

Travel on to Cardiff via the historic towns of Brecon and Merthyr Tydfil and via the Rhondda and Taf valleys.

This tour can be tailored to suit individual requirements

All details subject to confirmation or change

Price based on self drive, 4 people sharing - £1.099 per person.