



Mid-Wales Tour



Friday August 31st -
Monday September 3rd

PROVISIONAL INFORMATION

The choice for this year's V8 Autumn tour is mid Wales, an area which is unsurpassed for its variety of scenery. Within a distance of 30 or 40 miles you can travel from sand-dunes and beaches and cliffs through wooded valleys into moorland, rocky outcrops, mountains and then into the pasture of the lowland farms. All of this comes with the changes in vegetation type and animal life, especially the birds. V8s, MGCs or indeed any MGs are welcome.

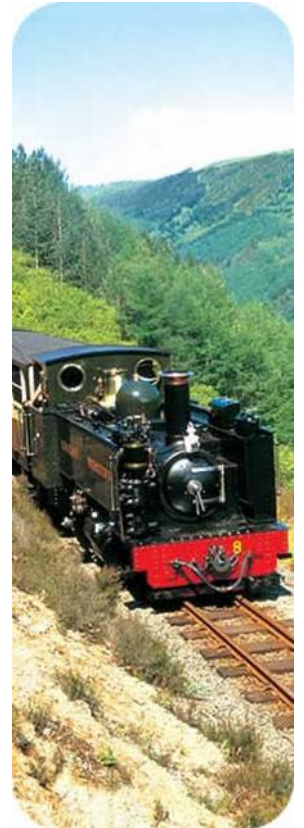
We have planned a week-end day driving to Rhayader along the Elan valley, with its stone dams, to Devil's Bridge. After morning coffee there's a choice: spend a peaceful afternoon in the valley around the bridges and possibly a visit to the kite feeding centre, a trip to Aberystwyth on the Vale of Rheidol steam train, or a visit to the Llywernog silver-lead mine, currently being revamped as the "Silver Mountain Experience" (we plan to visit this in May to see what the new experience is!). The return trip for all is along the local village roads to the hotel.



Left: Devil's Bridge

Below: Elan Valley, Craig Goch dam

Right: Rheidol Steam train



On the other week-end day we shall head further north via Abbeycwmhir and Machynlleth for the coffee stop at the Craft Centre Corris. Some may prefer to spend the day in the Corris area, where there are several attractions including the "Sheep-poo paper" factory. Others may opt for the sea at Tywyn or Barmouth both of which have opportunities for another steam train ride. Those who would like a slightly longer road run can visit Harlech castle.



Harlech Castle



View towards Barmouth

On Monday we shall be travelling East to Presteigne and visit the The Judges' lodgings. This building includes: the living quarters of the Judge and his servants, the courthouse and the cells. This is the end of the V8 tour, but if you have time to spare, the council have produced an interesting walking trail. Presteigne is a border town, cross the The River Lugg and you are in England.



The V8 Mid-Wales Tour will be based at the Metropole Hotel, Temple Street, Llandrindod Wells, Powys

Post Code: LD1 5DY Telephone: 01597 823700 web: www.metropole.co.uk

This is a 4 star hotel, with a swimming pool, spa, gym and free internet access. Dinner each evening will be 3 courses with a choice of 3 dishes for each course. A vegetarian choice is always available. Your choice is made on the night.

Discuss any special requirements with the chef.



To join us for the weekend:

Please fill in the booking form which will be on the V8 website by the end of February. You can complete the form online or print and post it to us at the address below. The online Booking List will show who's booked. Booking for the V8 Mid-Wales Tour is a two part process: booking a place with the tour organisers Bob and Carolyn Owen and booking your accommodation directly with the Metropole Hotel.

Booking a place with Bob and Carolyn Owen

By **14th July** please send us a cheque (made out to: MGCC V8 Register) to cover the cost of rally plaques and route books, the pre-dinner welcome drink on Friday, 2 morning coffee stops, the afternoon cream tea, the entrance to the Judge's Lodgings in Presteigne on Monday morning and the after dinner entertainment. This will be **£70 per couple** and car and **£50 per single** person and car. Payments can also be made via the secure Worldpay online payment system on the V8 website (debit cards preferred).

Booking your accommodation with the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells

We have reserved 30 standard rooms at the Metropole at a **special cost of £70 per person per night** for dinner, bed and breakfast, whether single, double or twin rooms. These rooms will be held until **14th July**. Bookings beyond the 30 rooms or after 14th July will secure a room only if the hotel has any rooms available. **Please telephone the Metropole 01597 823700, option 1 for reservations, to reserve your room**, stating it is for the **MG tour**. The Metropole will ask for a non-returnable deposit of £20 per person when you book. There may be some superior rooms available at additional cost; if you would like one, please ask when you make your initial booking. The balance is due to the hotel when you check out. Please arrange any special dietary needs when booking.

The tour gives excellent value as the total cost for the long weekend, excluding hotel sundries, bar bills and any entrance fees on Saturday and Sunday, is **£260 for a single person plus car** or **£490 for a couple plus car**. ***So the total cost of this tour is less than the Metropole Hotel standard equivalent rate for the three nights.***

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