



Any comments, suggestions, queries  
(or tel. 01624 861560)

\*9-13<sup>th</sup> May are preferred dates; they are not  
“carved in stone” and suggestions for options /  
longer stay will be considered.

## YNYS MÔN - ANGLESEY

### IOMNHAS EXCURSION

9<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> \* MAY 2016

Why did the Romans apparently call both Anglesey and the Isle of Man “Mona’s Isle”? Come and find out! From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May we will spend three full days and two half days exploring the possibility of an “alter ego”.

Geologically YNYS MÔN has spectacular rock formations, especially from plate tectonics, leading to the designation of the whole Island as a GeoMon Geopark ; a geology trail starts at Cemaes.



Physically larger than Ellan Vannin it’s lower height, at around 500ft, is more than compensated for by its undulating topography. Dominating views, Holyhead Mountain a little over 800ft on its separate, but linked, Holy Island has the Iron Age Ty Mawr hut group near its foot and fort with a Roman beacon near its summit.

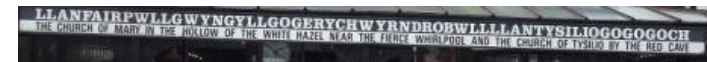
Away from the modern A55 trunk road and Telford’s A5 with its bypassed Mona Inn the varied landscape conceals a wealth of extant archaeology in every pocket; rock art, standing stones, dolmens



like Lligwy, and passage graves at Bryn Celli Ddu which one can enter.



Iron Age and Romano British defended villages as at Dan Lligwy and farmsteads have been excavated; houses in Iron Age style constructed. The hill fort at Din Sylwy has a spectacular location.



Chapels, churches – Patrick, like Machud, left his mark at Llanbadrig after being



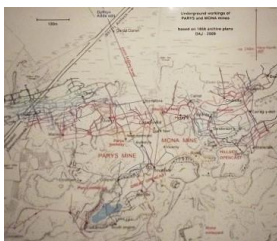
shipwrecked - and associated wells, castles and “palaces” like Llys Rhosyr abound. At Penmon one cross has carving like the Gaut cross, unique to the two islands in the manner of their “ring-chain” linkage.

Natural history of cliff at South Stack, sand dune at Newborough, lagoon coast at Cemlyn, wetland



and lime-rich fens result in colonies of migrant and breeding birds which will be around in May and fauna such as otters .

Amlwch was the port for Parys and Mona mines,



two of the oldest and largest hand-dug copper mining sites in the world, and has its own “Copper Kingdom” museum.

More recent vernacular buildings include the only surviving working windmill in Wales at Llynnon dating from 1775, one of fifty on Anglesey, Porth Swtan thatched cottage and a church at Tyn Llan



constructed using crucks, a building style not found in the Isle of Man.

Oriel Ynys Môn, Anglesey’s Centre of Art and History will introduce the Island to us and Beaumaris, dominated by Edward 1<sup>st</sup>’s last model castle but never fully completed, will be our last “port of call”.



**Join us**  
***in our trip over the Irish Sea & Menai Straits***  
**to YNYS MÔN**

#### ***EXCURSION PRACTICALITIES***

The total cost of the excursion, without extras, is expected to be about £500 per head.

This will cover transport to and from the Isle of Man by boat, coach or minibus hire from Liverpool, dinner, bed and breakfast for 4 nights, lunches, teas and coffee breaks, professional guides, entrance fees and guidebook.

Flying to and from the Isle of Man to Liverpool may readily be arranged but will incur some extra cost.

Accommodation is virtually all in twin or double rooms so if you wish to have single use of a room, there will be an additional cost of £15 per night.

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND COMPLETE THE SLIP BELOW**  
**BY NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2015** and  
**RETURN WITH £50 DEPOSIT PER PERSON**  
**(cheque payable to IOMNHAS)**

To: Patricia Newton,  
Hon Excursion Secretary IOMNHAS,  
2 Glen View, South Cape, Laxey  
Isle of Man IM4 7HY

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**PLEASE CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE**

#### **Accommodation**

***Twin / Double room***

***Single room***  
***(extra £15 per night)***

#### **Travel from Isle of Man to Liverpool**

***Boat***

***Plane***  
***(extra cost)***

***Other – please specify overleaf***

**NAME** (s) (Please print) & **e-mail or postal address**

