



Probud Club of Cardiff, Llanishen

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Wednesday October 10 - The Marvels of Merthyr

A ride on the Brecon Mountain Railway along the beautiful Taf Fechan Gorge

followed by lunch at the Morlais Castle Golf Club

and an afternoon at Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and Art Gallery

COST: £26 to include train ticket, lunch and guided tour of Cyfarthfa Castle

ITINERARY

10.00 Assemble at Pant Station café for the Brecon Mountain Railway and collect tickets.

10.30 Depart on the train to Pontsticill, Dolygaer and Torpantau, with the Taf Fechan below.

The train stops on the return journey for 35 minutes at Pontsticill, where there will be a brief talk as part of a visit to the steam museum; there is also a shop and café.

12.10 Arrive back at Pant Station.

12.30 Lunch at Morlais Castle Golf Club: 2 courses + coffee

Menu choices: Homemade Beef Lasagne,

Homemade Chicken Curry & Rice

Mixed Meats, Salad & Coleslaw, Fish & Chips

Served with a choice of chips, jacket potato or new potatoes (please state which when ordering).

A selection of desserts followed by coffee.

14.15 Arrive at Cyfarthfa Castle Museum and Gallery.

14.30 Introductory talk followed by a free flow tour of ground floor of the castle to include historical context, a guide to exhibits, the Crawshay family, the Cyfarthfa Works and the art collection.

16.00 Cyfarthfa Castle closes

DIRECTIONS BY CAR

To Pant railway station for the Brecon Mountain Railway (BMR)

Follow the A470 north from Cardiff through the Abercynon roundabout.

Take the fork off the next roundabout to Abergavenny and climb the hill to meet the A465 Heads of the Valleys road at Dowlais. Join the A465 in the Direction of Hirwaun and Neath and take the first exit after this to Pant; the road to the Brecon Mountain Railway is signposted with brown signs from here.

When exit road meets the road climbing the hill, turn right and proceed to the roundabout.

Turn right at the roundabout (brown railway sign), over the A469 and continue to the village of Pant.

Turn left when you reach the T junction (brown sign); pass the Pant Cad Ifor inn to reach the Brecon Mountain Railway car park on your right.

To Morlais Castle Golf Club Drive entrance is opposite the BMR car park.

To Cyfarthfa Castle

Retrace your steps to the A465, rejoin it and follow it to the next exit (Cefn Coed y Cymer).

Turn left when you meet the main street in Cefn Coed and follow the road down the hill and across the bridge until you reach the railings of Cyfarthfa Castle. Look out for the gates and drive in through them, climb the hill and park in front of the castle; enter by the main door.

Please email meurig@probudllanishen.org.uk to reserve your place by September 30th.

(We need to book in advance to obtain the Group Rate for our journey.)