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IN

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◆ Private Tour of 19th-century Penrhyn Castle
◆ All Excursions Included

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Dear Columbian,

We are pleased to sponsor **Village Life in Wales**, a unique travel opportunity that captures the authentic character of one of Britain’s most fascinating and beautiful regions and an area largely undiscovered by American travelers. This program in the highly successful and innovative **Village Life** series, is ideal for exploring Wales’ long standing cultural traditions and fascinating history and for coming to know the authentic way of life of its people.

At the height of Victorian prosperity, Llandudno was a favored beachside resort for middle and upper-class Britons seeking to enjoy their newfound wealth. Today, with its signature 19th-century pier and lovely stucco buildings, Llandudno still maintains its original charm and character. It is here that you will make your home for seven nights while discovering the breadth of Wales’ artistic heritage and historic treasures, discussing life in the region with local residents and learning how Wales is preserving its unique cultural identity through its language and music. You will explore Wales on specially arranged excursions to quaint villages, stately manors, medieval castles and even a traditional sheep farm, while enjoying Victorian-style accommodations at the Imperial Hotel, located on Llandudno’s seaside promenade and offering stunning views of the Irish Sea.

Among the many included features of this program is the unique **Village Forum**, where local residents share their perspectives about and insights into contemporary life in Wales. To further enhance your understanding of Welsh traditions and history and how the Welsh are working to preserve their cultural identity, this program includes a series of lectures covering topics like the history of the Welsh language, as well as specially arranged performances of traditional Welsh music.

This is an exceptional value including accommodations, meals and excursions, that is complemented by the convenience of unpacking only once. We will be joined on this program by alumni from Emory University and other institutions. This has been a very popular travel program in the past and sold out again in 2005, so we encourage you to join fellow alumni and friends and make your reservation today.

With best wishes from Morningside Heights,

Eric J. Furda  
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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We make it a priority to provide an outstanding Columbia University affiliated guest lecturer who will accompany each program. Education is central to the mission of the Alumni Travel Study Program, and we intend that you will be joined by a guest lecturer. Our lecturers are chosen for the depth of their knowledge as well as their approachability. We trust that their enthusiasm and insight, experienced through formal lectures and informal conversations, will greatly enhance the educational value of the trip. As this brochure goes to press, however, we are unable to guarantee a lecturer. Please feel free to contact our office for an update on the guest lecturer status.

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Cover Photo: Walk through the imposing fortress of Conwy Castle, built by Edward I between 1283 and 1287.

Below: Sheep farming is one of Wales’ most venerable traditions.
Enjoy an exclusive tour of the estate of Plas Newydd, a historic manor featuring a world-class collection of works by Rex Whistler. One of the grandest and most magnificent manors in all of Britain, Plas Newydd was built for the 1st Marquess of Anglesey, who in 1815 commanded the British cavalry at the Battle of Waterloo where Napoleon met his final defeat. Built in three stages during the 18th century, the Marquess’ stately residence offers impressive views of the Menai Strait and the Welsh Mountains, while its grand interiors, designed by James Wyatt and Joseph Potter, combine Neoclassical aesthetics with neo-Gothic grandeur. In the 1930s, the 6th Marquess of Anglesey commissioned a series of elaborate murals by Rex Whistler, which adorn the dining room with romantic Italianate landscapes. Today Whistler’s artistic legacy is showcased throughout the manor.
Village Life in Wales is one in a unique series of Village Life programs designed for inveterate travelers who know the true character of a country is best found in its provinces, on its backroads and around local market squares. It offers you a cultural and educational experience like no other.

A comprehensive program and an exceptional value, Village Life in Wales focuses on Wales’ lush countryside, charming villages, grand historical monuments and unique cultural identity and heritage. Here, for one full week, immerse yourself in everyday life in a land where the past blends seamlessly with the present while making your home in the delightful Victorian seaside town of Llandudno.

Attend an exclusive Village Forum and meet with local residents who will provide a fascinating and candid look at life in Wales.

Listen. It is night moving in the streets…it is the grass growing on Llareggub Hill, dewfall, starfall, the sleep of birds in Milk Wood.
— Dylan Thomas

The charming Llandudno Imperial Hotel has been specially selected for this program. It features an ideal location on Llandudno’s seaside promenade, delightful Victorian accommodations and fine regional cuisine.

Unpack once! This is an exceptional travel value inclusive of accommodations, all meals and exclusively arranged excursions for an incredibly attractive price. Come experience a special way of life: Village Life in Wales.

Walk under the Laburnam Arch at Bodnant Garden. A profusion of plants and flowers spanning over 80 acres, Bodnant is among the finest gardens in Britain and a beloved National Trust property.
LLANDUDNO, WALES
Alice Liddell—that is, Alice of Alice in Wonderland—dreamt her summers away on the Irish Sea’s wide crescent beach of Llandudno. Today, holiday-makers amble down the same delightful Anglo-Indian Pier, just as they did in 1875, and stroll the seaside promenade, lined with hotels white-stuccoed in a “Pimlico Palladian” style. This Victorian atmosphere contrasts dramatically with the bold headland of the Great Orme, which dramatically rises 679 feet above the town.

CONWY
Few sites convey the essence of the Middle Ages better than Conwy Castle, a magnificent structure built along the River Conwy and set against the backdrop of the great green Snowdonia Mountains. Begun in 1283, it was part of English King Edward I’s great “ring of steel” to secure his conquest of Wales. The entire village of Conwy is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and includes Plas Mawr among its charming residences. This 1577 manor, considered the finest surviving Elizabethan townhouse in Britain, features an interior entirely decorated with original and period furnishings based upon household records dating from 1665.

BODNANT GARDEN
Among the most beautiful of Britain’s gardens, the National Trust property of Bodnant was first landscaped in 1875 and bursts with a lush profusion of plants and flowers from China, North America, Europe and Japan spanning 80 acres of terraced and wild gardens. Step through the dazzling Laburnum Arch and into secluded forested paths, laced with brooks and blooms.

BETWS-Y-COED
Welsh for “Chapel in the Woods,” this picturesque hamlet of 650 people has a reputation for scenic beauty far in excess of its size. Set amid tree-clad slopes at the confluence of the Conwy and Llugwy rivers, the town offers romantic
views over Swallow Falls and a series of ravines. Enjoy a traditional Welsh dinner at a local restaurant, where you can discuss contemporary life in Wales with members of the community at a specially arranged Village Forum. Afterward, listen to a stirring performance of choral music performed by the Conwy Valley Choir, a typical men's vocal ensemble for which Wales is renown.

**Caernarfon Castle**
Constructed in 1283 to resemble the walls of Constantinople, Caernarfon Castle is the crown jewel of Edward I’s Welsh fortresses. More recently, it gained world-wide fame in 1969 when it hosted Prince Charles’ investiture as the Prince of Wales.

**Penrhyn Castle**
With an impregnable Norman prison and a constellation of towers encircled by fortified walls, Penrhyn is the perfect image of a Gothic castle. However, it was actually built during the 1820s by the wealthy Pennant family as their own tribute to medieval castles. On a private visit, explore this extraordinary National Trust property, featuring interiors of unrestrained opulence and an exceptional gallery of Old Masters.

**Snowdonia Mountains and Llanberis**
Travel through the emerald forests and pristine lakes of the Snowdonia Mountains aboard the narrow-gauge Welsh Highland Railway, which dates from 1896. Journey past waterfalls into Wales’ most picturesque landscape en route to Llanberis, a major slate mining town with gray terraces hewn into its hills. Visit the National Slate Museum of Wales and learn more about this historic industry that employed over 17,000 Welshmen during its height in the 1890s.

**Llangwm**
Near this magical village, whose Welsh name literally means “Church in the Valley,” visit a traditional Welsh sheep farm for a private demonstration by a world-class border collie, who responds instantly to his master’s every whistle and call and demonstrates the collie’s traditional role in herding sheep. The sheep farm also features a ram parade, where over 10 breeds of sheep are identified, from Suffolk Welsh Mountain to Bluefaced Leicester.

**Llangollen**
A charming Welsh town, it is distinguished by a 14th-century bridge over the River Dee and the ruins of a 13th-century castle high above. In the 18th century, two eccentric Irishwomen known as the “Ladies of Llangollen” ran a literary society that attracted many celebrities of the day including the Duke of Wellington and William Wordsworth. Lunch is served in the renowned restaurant of the Bryn Howell Hotel, located in a 19th-century country house.

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Names are not always what they seem. The common Welsh name BZJXCLLWCP is pronounced Jackson.

— Mark Twain
During your Village Life in Wales experience, enjoy seven nights at Llandudno’s charming Victorian-era Imperial Hotel, ideally located on the town’s promenade with beautiful views of Llandudno Bay and the popular 19th-century Anglo-Indian Pier. The Imperial Hotel’s elegantly styled foyer is enhanced with Doric columns, marble fireplaces and comfortable lounge areas. Each of the Imperial Hotel’s guest rooms features twin or double beds, private bathroom facilities, direct-dial telephone, satellite television, radio and hairdryer. The hotel’s fine restaurant features seasonal menus with fresh local produce. Public areas include a lounge, bar, beauty salon and swimming pool.

Village Life Day by Day…

Day 1
Depart for Manchester, England.

Day 2
Arrive in Manchester. Transfer to Llandudno, Wales. Check into the Imperial Hotel. This evening attend a welcome reception featuring wine and Welsh cheeses.

Day 3
Excursion
Tour King Edward I’s majestic Conwy Castle and the fine Elizabethan townhouse of Plas Mawr. Lunch will be served at Conwy Castle Hotel and followed by free time to explore Conwy on your own.
Exclusive Enrichment
A special presentation by a local scholar, about the Welsh language.

Day 4
Excursion
Tour Bodnant Garden, one of Britain’s finest gardens. The afternoon is at leisure in Llandudno.

Exclusive Enrichment
“Welsh Heritage in America” Commentary by a local expert. A specially arranged dinner and Village Forum where local residents in Betws-y-Coed will offer their insights into the cultural, political and social issues facing Wales. Traditional Welsh choral performance by the Conwy Valley Choir.

Day 5
The day is at leisure in Llandudno.

Day 6
Excursion
Visit the monumental medieval Caernarfon Castle. Lunch is served in a local pub en route.
Exclusive Enrichment
Early opening and private tour of Plas Newydd, one of the most beautiful manors in Britain and home to an extensive collection of works by British artist, Rex Whistler.

Day 7
Excursion
Travel aboard the Welsh Highland Railway through the majestic Snowdonia Mountains. Visit the National Slate Museum of Wales in Llanberis.
Exclusive Enrichment
Enjoy a private early opening and tour of Penrhyn Castle, a 19th-century neo-Gothic fortress.

Day 8
Excursion
Exclusive visit to a traditional sheep farm for a demonstration by a world-class trained sheep dog. Continue to Llangollen and enjoy a typical Welsh lunch in the Bryn Howell Hotel.
Exclusive Enrichment
Presentation about traditional Welsh music and a private performance on a Welsh harp.

Day 9
Transfer to Manchester, England and board your return flight to the U.S.
THIS VILLAGE LIFE

TRAVEL PROGRAM FEATURES:

♦ Seven nights at the Victorian-style Imperial Hotel, Llandudno, Wales.
♦ Private welcome reception in the hotel.
♦ Buffet breakfast each morning, four lunches and fine three-course dinners at the hotel; additional meals in local restaurants during selected excursions.

All tours and excursions listed in the itinerary, led by expert local guides:

♦ Half-day tour of the town of Conwy, featuring Conwy Castle and Plas Mawr.
♦ Visit to Bodnant Garden, one of Britain’s finest gardens.
♦ Private early opening and tour of the magnificent estate Plas Newydd.
♦ Excursion to Edward I’s 13th-century Caernarfon Castle, with lunch in a local pub en route.
♦ Specially arranged, private visit to Penrhyn Castle and Gardens.
♦ Travel aboard the Welsh Highland Railway through the Snowdonia Mountains to Waunfawr and tour the National Slate Museum of Wales in Llanberis. A box lunch is included on the train.
♦ Visit to a traditional sheep farm, including a private demonstration of drill with a world-class trained sheep dog.
♦ Excursion to Llangollen, with a traditional Welsh lunch in the Bryn Howell Hotel’s renowned restaurant.

Plus a full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:

♦ An engaging series of presentations by local experts, covering: Welsh language, Welsh heritage in America, and Welsh music.
♦ Exclusive Village Forum and dinner with local residents of Bews-y-Coed.
♦ Commentary about Snowdonia and the history of mining in Wales while riding aboard the Welsh Highland Railway.
♦ An introduction to the architecture of medieval castles during tours of Caernarfon and Conwy castles, widely considered to be two of the finest in Britain.
♦ Private choir performance of traditional Welsh music.
♦ Specially arranged performance of the traditional Welsh harp.
♦ Opportunities to sample authentic Welsh cuisine at local pubs and restaurants.

And to enhance your travel experience, we will also provide:

♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ A hospitality desk in the hotel.
♦ The services of an experienced Program Director throughout the program.
♦ Gratuities for local drivers and guides.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Travel through the magnificent Caernarfon Castle, the crown jewel of Edward I.

**Contract: Terms & Conditions**

**Not Included:** Airfare not listed in the “Included Features” section and associated local taxes; airport facility taxes and local departure air taxes; land taxes; federal inspection fees; passport fees; visas and for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, meals, and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; optional sightseeing excursions; services other than those specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to and from airport/ship on day of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; and excess baggage charges on aircraft.

**Airfare:** Approximate airfare is based on rates as of August 2005, is subject to change and availability and is non-refundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company. If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant of these trips at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for such changes. Gohagan may cancel a trip for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to it. It is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. All fares, as well as ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change without prior notice. Gohagan shall not be required to refund any portion of the fare or make any other compensation under these circumstances. Gohagan is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels or hotels of a similar category for those listed in this brochure. Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases.

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**Rates:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure.

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**Discounted Reservations:** Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by January 7, 2006. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be canceled, no “reimbursement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the “replacement” reservation and the cancelled reservation.

**Cancellation and Refunds:** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective unless they are received in writing in the offices of Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $100 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure. Later cancellations will be subject to the following charges: from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $500 per person; from 45 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 75% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, $500 per person; from 45 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 75% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, $500 per person.

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**Personal Expenses:** Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, meals, and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to and from airport/ship on day of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; and excess baggage charges on aircraft.

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Enjoy a private tour of Penrhyn Castle, a fantastical 19th-century vision of the medieval world.

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**Village Life in Wales Reservation Form**

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Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_________ as deposit ($500 per person). Make check(s) payable to 2006 Village Life in Wales.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by April 5, 2006.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to: ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard

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Signature as it appears on credit card.

†Plus taxes of $195 per person.
I/we want to make reservations:
❑ Double occupancy (1 queen bed).
❑ Double occupancy (2 twin beds).
❑ Single accommodations for an additional $600.
❑ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please contact me/us regarding:
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❑ Flights from ______________(fill in departure city) round trip Manchester, England.
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❑ I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.

*Note: Airfare is approximate, subject to change and availability, and non-refundable. Thomas P. Gogahan & Company endeavors to obtain the lowest airfares available at the time air is purchased.

By forwarding the deposit for this travel program, I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and accept the Terms & Conditions in this brochure.