



## THE CATHEDRAL OF ST DAVIDS

Monday 27 APRIL - Thursday 30 APRIL 2020

Home and burial place of the beloved patron saint of Wales; intentionally hidden in a hollow and behind high walls to evade detection ; beautifully set on the far western tip of picturesque Pembrokeshire; primary Anglo-Saxon and medieval centre of Christianity and literature, source of the of the 'Annales Cambriae' and the revitalisation of the cultural and intellectual life of King Alfred's Kingdom of Wessex; one of the most important pilgrimage sites in western civilisation after William the Conqueror prayed there and a magnificent new Cathedral built; mighty Bishops palace built by Bishop Gower 14c; St Mary's Chantry built by John of Gaunt; fan-vaulted ceiling of Trinity Chapel inspired that of Kings College Chapel in Cambridge; birthplace of the great Welsh leader, Rhys ap Gryffudd, the Welsh historian Gerald of Wales, and Edmund Tudor, father of Henry VII and founder of the Tudor dynasty; private visit to nearby medieval Picton Castle; visits to medieval Pembroke, Monkton Priory the oldest domestic building in Wales, and the retreat of the Bishops of St Davids at the Palace of Lamphey; optional boat trip out to see puffins, manx shearwaters and seals of Skomer island.



## **Twr y Felin**

St David's, Pembrokeshire SA62 6QT  
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Built in 1806 as a working windmill, Twr y Felin is Wales' first contemporary art hotel, located in Britain's smallest city, St Davids. Meticulously restored and extended, featuring contemporary design throughout which contrasts beautifully with the unique characteristics of the historic building, the hotel is now home to 21 ensuite bedrooms, including two unique suites – the feature room 'Tyddewi' – a distinctive space occupying the site's original windmill tower, which boasts spectacular 360 degree views of the St Davids Peninsula from its own observatory. As an art hotel, Twr y Felin features the works of 20 Welsh, British and International artists, with over 100 pieces of specially commissioned art, inspired by the St Davids peninsula and Pembrokeshire, on display throughout the hotel. Set in its own private grounds, just a few hundred metres from the centre of St Davids and the 6th century St Davids Cathedral, Twr y Felin is perfectly situated for our Inscape Retreat.

Twr y Felin Hotel's two Rosette Restaurant Blas – meaning 'Taste' in Welsh – offers a menu influenced directly by the season with dishes designed to accent Wales' culinary traditions. Caught between the sea Pembrokeshire Wales.

£1395 members, £1445 non-members, £225 single room supplement, deposit £250, includes three nights accommodation and all tuition: full breakfast, coffees, all lunches in the Hotel, and all dinners including wine; all lectures and private visit arrangements, and all taxi travel during the tour (please note that this cost excludes train tickets to and from St Davids)

MONDAY 27 April

09.45 LONDON PADDINGTON: suggested **direct** train

12.42 Arrival Swansea

1.00 Opening Lunch in Swansea Grand Hotel

2.15 Leave for St Davids via private view of Picton Castle

3.45 Picton Castle private visit

5.15 Leave for St Davids

6.00 Arrive St Davids for hotel Twr y Felin

7.00 Dinner

TUESDAY 28 April

10.30 Coffee

11.00 Lecture: 'St Davids and the Early Literature of Wales'

12.30 Lunch in hotel

2.00 St Davids Cathedral and Bishops Palace

3.30 Tea in the Sampler Tea Room 17 Nun Street

4.00 Return to hotel

7.00 Dinner in hotel

WEDNESDAY 29 April

10.30 Coffee

11.00 Lecture: 'Graham Sutherland and the Painting of Pembrokeshire'

12.00 Lunch in hotel

1.00 Leave for boat trip to Skomer Island

2.00 Visit St Nons chapel, Whitesands Bay and St Davids Head

3.30 Tea and visit to Oriol Y Parc art gallery for Graham Sutherland

THURSDAY 30 April Checkout please

09.30 Leave for Pembroke

10.30 Arrive Pembroke for coffee and short architectural walk

12.00 Closing Lunch in Food at Williams

1.00 Leave for Lamphey Bishops Palace.

1.10 Short visit to Lamphey Bishops Palace

1.30 Leave for Swansea Station

3.29 Train leaves Swansea for London Paddington

6.30 Train arrives London Paddington