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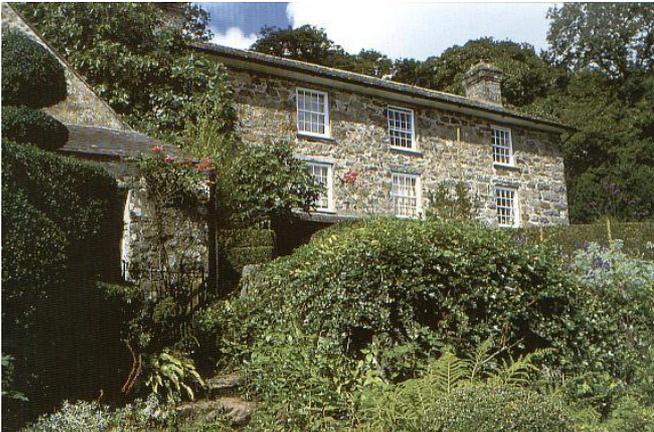
Mynyddoedd a Môr
Mountains and Coast

3. Website Day Itinerary – Hidden Treasures

Location: Rhiw

Morning: Start your day near the tip of the Llyn Peninsula with a trip to Rhiw near Aberdaron. **Plas yn Rhiw** is a delightful manor house, now in the care of the National Trust. It has an ornamental garden which contains many interesting flowering trees and shrubs, with beds framed by box hedges and grass paths, offering wonderful views over Cardigan Bay. There's a pretty woodland walk to enjoy. **Plas yn Rhiw** was originally built in the 16th century and has been restored to its former glory by the three Keating sisters who bought it in 1938.

Hidden Treasure Tip: If you are visiting the area out of season in January and February (when the house is officially closed) it may still be worth giving them a call to see if you can enjoy the snowdrop wood or there's daffodils and bluebells in spring!



Contact: Plas yn Rhiw, Rhiw, Pwllheli, LL53 8AB Tel: 01758 780219

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Location: Porthdinllaen
(Travel Time from Rhiw – 37 mins, 11 miles)

Lunch: On the north-facing coast of the Llyn Peninsula, the remote 18th-century fishing village of **Porthdinllaen** nestles on the edge of a beautiful beach that is perfect for picnics, walks and bathing (except at the tip of the headland where there are strong currents). This is one of the most picturesque parts of the Welsh coastline and has been in the care of the National Trust since 1994. You can't drive here and to reach it, you have to walk beside Nefyn Golf Club or park at the neighbouring village and stroll along a mile or so of sand.

Enjoy a pint and a bar meal here at the **Ty Coch Inn**, the pub on the beach in this pretty hamlet. There could not be a better way to round off the day. The bay stretches out before you and the peaks of Yr Eifl make the perfect backdrop across the water. Enjoy the cosy atmosphere inside or dip your toes in the water and enjoy the view.

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Tel: 01758 720 498
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Location: Llanystumdwy (Travel Time from Porthdinllaen – 14.6 miles, 31 mins)

Afternoon: At the **Lloyd George Museum**, or in Welsh, **Amgueddfa Lloyd George**, discover the life and times of David Lloyd George, the cottage-bred boy who became prime minister during World War I. Unique collections, film, talking head, Victorian boyhood home, shoemaker's workshop and cottage garden.

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Location: Garreg (Travel Time from Llanystumdwy – 11.4 miles, 20 mins)
Explore the Italianate garden of **Plas Brondanw**, created by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis, architect of the much more well known Portmeirion village. The garden has many aspects, formed with yew hedging and topiary, and is ornamented with terraces, urns and statuary. There's a wonderful show of rhododendrons, as well as an ancient holly oak tree. Also to discover are hydrangeas, ferns, the stables, yew garden and fountain lawn.

Plas Brondanw was the family home of Clough Williams-Ellis and elements of similar architectural styles can be seen at both locations. It is tucked away on the road to the tiny village of Croesor and the distinctive Snowdonia mountain named Cnicht. Williams-Ellis inherited the run-down house from his father in 1908, when he was aged 25, and set about restoring both the house and the gardens. The house itself had by this time been split into apartments, and the garden had been turned into allotments. In 1951 the property was badly damaged by fire, and this event, together with the subsequent restoration of the property, is

commemorated by a flaming urn statue, mounted at the top of a waterfall. Today, it is a delight to visit for all who take the time to uncover its charms.

Contact: Plas Brondanw Gardens Llanfrothen, Nr Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6ET Tel: 01743 241181

www.brondanw.org

Evening: If this voyage of exploration has left you feeling peckish then do find time to call in at the **Brondanw Arms**, called **Y Ring** locally. It has a terrific reputation locally for the warmth of the hospitality and the quality of the food. On a nice evening you can sit in the garden and enjoy the splendid views.

Contact: Brondanw Arms, Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth, LL48 6SW Tel: 01766 770555

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