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Welcome to Penmaenuchaf

In this pack you will find information about your room, our facilities and the surrounding area and, of course, you can ask at reception if you would like any other information. Our staff have great local knowledge and are always willing to help with suggestions of places to go and things to see.

Reception is open from 8am – 10pm. In case of an emergency at night please dial Reception from your mobile and you will be directed to the on-site Night Porter.

We hope you enjoy your stay at Penmaenuchaf.

Penmaenuchaf Hotel
Penmaenpool
Dolgellau
Gwynedd
LL40 1YB



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FOOD AND DRINK

Breakfast

Monday to Sunday, including bank holidays 8am – 10am

Lunch

Afon Restaurant Thursday - Sunday 12 noon - 2pm

Mynydd Bar Monday – Sunday 12 noon – 7pm

Mynydd Bar Light Bites Monday – Sunday 12 noon – 4pm

Picnic lunches can be supplied, please order the night before.

Afternoon Tea

Monday – Sunday 3pm – 5pm

Booking essential.

Dinner

Afon Restaurant Monday - Sunday 6pm - 9pm

Mynydd Bar Monday – Sunday 12 noon – 7pm

We recommend reserving your table for dinner in advance to avoid disappointment.

Our Mynydd Bar Light Bites Menu, which includes a selection of sandwiches is available from 12 noon to 4pm and for Small and Big Plates from 12 noon until 7pm. Dog friendly dining is also available in our Mynydd Bar for all menus and breakfast.

Weddings and Events

Set in our beautiful, romantic country mansion with the stunning scenery of the rolling Snowdonia countryside, Penmaenuchaf creates a truly picturesque backdrop for your special occasion. We have a licence for civil ceremonies and can hold weddings for up to 40 guests with exclusive use of the house and its 14 bedrooms, you can make your special occasion an intimate and unforgettable one. Please ask Reception for more information.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Safety Information

Parents of children at the hotel should be aware that we have ponds and streams on the property and that children should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

In the interests of safety, we kindly request that all guests respect the speed limit of 5mph on the drive and around the hotel.

If you need assistance during the night, please call 01341 212121 from a mobile telephone. Our on-site Night Porter will be more than happy to assist.

Police: Dolgellau Police Station, Barmouth Road, Dolgellau, LL40 2YT 01492 517171

Doctor: Caerffynnon Surgery, Springfield Street, Dolgellau, LL40 1LY 01341 422431

Dentist: Eirlys Dental Practice, Dolgellau County Hall, Bridge Street, Dolgellau, LL40 1AU 01341 421717

Optician: Eleanor Davies Optometrist Ltd, Plas Yn Dre Street, Dolgellau LL40 1AD 01341 423773

Pharmacies: Rowlands Pharmacy, 3 Eldon Square, Dolgellau LL40 1PS 01341 422404
/ Boots Pharmacy, Queen's Square, Dolgellau LL40 1AL 01341 422471

Before retiring to bed:

- Please ensure that you know the nearest means of escape
- Familiarise yourself with the nearest fire alarm call point and how to use it
- All doors to and from corridors are to be closed.

In the Event of a Fire

If you discover a fire during the day

- Leave the room ensuring the door is shut behind you
- Operate the nearest fire alarm. If you hear the Fire Alarm
- Go immediately to the nearest fire assembly point which is in the car park

If you hear the fire alarm during the night

- Do not get fully dressed, put on a dressing gown and shoes.
- Make sure all the others in your room are awake
- Go to the assembly point in the car park
- **DO NOT STOP TO COLLECT PERSONAL BELONGINGS**



SOME USEFUL INFORMATION

Reception

Please dial Reception from the telephone in your room to speak with a member of staff.

Late Return to Hotel

The doors to the hotel will be locked overnight, there is a front door key with your room key, which can be used if you are returning after 11.00pm.

Departure

Check out is between 8am- 11am. If you would like an earlier checkout, please let us know in advance and we can arrange this for you. We are here to help to bring your luggage from your room to your car.

Fire Precautions

Please read the instructions displayed in your room.

There is a fire practice at 11.00am each Tuesday.

Alarm Call

Please ask at reception should you require an alarm call.

Bedding

If you should require extra blankets or pillows, please contact reception.

Dress code

The Afon Restaurant and Mynydd Bar dress code is smart casual.

Fishing

Penmaenuchaf holds a limited number of permits with the Dolgellau Angling Association which our residents may use free of charge. The permits cover twelve miles of fishing for sea trout, trout and salmon on the rivers Mawddach and Wnion and Llyn Cynwch. Sea fishing is also available nearby the hotel. Before fishing, please ensure that you have your NRA license and are familiar with the rules on our permits. Please ask at Reception for an information pack.

Flowers, Chocolates, Champagne

We would be pleased to arrange a surprise for a loved one if you would like a bouquet of flowers, box of chocolates or bottle of wine delivered for a special occasion.

Golf

Aberdyfi and Royal St David's golf courses are both nearby, Abersoch, Nefyn and Porthmadog are all in easy driving distance from the hotel.

Hairdryers

There is a hair dryer in a black bag in your wardrobe.

House Keeping

Our House Keeping team will service your room during the day between 10am - 4pm.

Internet

Complimentary wi-fi is available throughout Penmaenuchaf. To join the "Hotel-Guest" network your password is [salmonfishing](#).

Iron and Ironing Board

These can be found in your wardrobe.

Keys

Please leave your keys with Reception when leaving the hotel for the day, unless you will be returning after 11pm when you will need your front door key.

Late Return

Please ensure you have your front door key with you.

Laundry

Please ask at Reception for a laundry list to fill out and return it with your items for a twenty-four, hour turnaround.

Lost Property

Should you leave anything in the hotel please let us know as soon as possible. Any unclaimed lost property will be held for three months and then donated to charity where appropriate. We are able to return property by post with postage charges to be paid on arrangement with reception.



Menus

Menus are available for lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. Please let us know of any dietary requirements.

Mini Bar

All bedrooms are equipped with a refrigerator, in which you will find mineral water, juice and fresh milk. Please contact Reception if you would like top ups or any additional drinks to be placed in your mini bar. Please note that the tap water in your room is safe to drink also.

Mobile Phones

Please be considerate to other guests when using your mobile phone. For the comfort of all our guests, mobiles are not allowed in the restaurant.

Picnics

If you are going out exploring or hiking, we would be pleased to provide you with a packed lunch. Please ask Reception for an order form and place your order with Reception the night before.

Riding/ Pony Trekking

There is trekking and tuition available for all levels at a stables, just ten minutes from the hotel. Should you wish to progress at nature's pace it's the perfect way to see some beautiful countryside, and a beach ride is not to be missed.

Smoking

We have a strict no smoking policy at Penmaenuchaf, which meets the law against smoking in enclosed places in Wales. It also recognises the wishes of most of our guests and customers as well as our staff. We respectfully request that you do not smoke in the bedrooms, on balconies or terraces. Our smoke detectors are very sensitive and if it is found that the room has been affected by smoke a deep cleaning charge of £75 will be debited from the credit card used to make your booking. If you wish to smoke, a box to dispose of your cigarette is located next to the front door of the hotel.

Taxis

If you'd rather leave your car and go by taxi, we'll be happy to book one for you.

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Tea and Coffee

Tea and coffee making facilities are provided in your room and further supplies are available, if you require top-ups please let us know. Otherwise, we will replenish stocks daily. The tap water in your room is safe to use for this.

Television

There is a remote-controlled colour television in each bedroom. All televisions have been pre-programmed, and the channels can be accessed by selecting with the TV remote control.

Valuables

Please use the safe provided in your room, instructions provided in the safe. Alternatively, arrange with our Reception Staff for them to be stored in the Hotel Safe.

Walking

There is a wealth of walking opportunities in the immediate area as well as further afield in the National Park. Please ask one of our locally based team who will be happy to help you plan your adventures.

Wet Clothing

Drying facilities are available for wet clothes and muddy boots - please ask Reception for assistance. Outdoor wear, fishing tackle and other kit can be left adjacent to the Reception office.

Wildlife

As you may be aware, Penmaenuchaf is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest due to it being home to five different types of bats as well as a breeding roost of the brown long-eared bat and the endangered Lesser Horseshoe bat. In the summer months, during the evening and night, these friendly creatures are leaving their roosts in the lofts and going out in search of food. They may, inadvertently or when being inquisitive, find themselves inside the house. Please don't be alarmed. They will eventually fly out again.

During summer you may well notice the comings and goings of our returning swallows which nest in the front porch to raise their chicks. We are privileged each year to see these fledglings grow and leave the nest. Venture along the estuary towards the coast among wetlands and woodlands to see dippers and flycatchers, warblers and woodcock.



SISTER PROPERTIES

It is our pleasure to introduce you to and tell you a little about our sister properties from the Seren Collection.

Grove of Narberth - Hidden in the rolling Narberth hills, surrounded by meadows, woodland and mature gardens, if you weren't looking for the Grove, you might just miss it. The warmest of Welsh welcomes awaits you here, the kind reserved for the oldest and best of friends, as you wander through the thoughtfully restored house and grounds, your new home from home deep in the Pembrokeshire countryside. Breathe in the magic, soak in the fresh air, and escape to thoughtful luxury.

Lan y Môr, Saundersfoot - Bordering the golden sands of Coppet Hall beach, Coast is a heaven between land and sea, floating against its tree line. The restaurant is a place to stir your senses as you relax and embrace the Coast experience. Here the freshest ingredients are thoughtfully crafted and paired with curated wines and breathtaking coastal views.

Beach House, Oxwich - Perched high on the sand, just a stone's throw from the water, Beach House feels as though it's been washed ashore and weathered over time. Soaking in all of its natural setting, the essence of Beach House is firmly rooted in the Gower, from the rugged stone walls, through to the food on the plate. Nothing is taken for granted and everything is carefully considered. The freshest local produce, whether reared, caught, picked or grown, is served through each season, as Beach House delivers a refined dining experience overlooking the iconic Oxwich Bay.

Perfect days out to enjoy whilst staying at Penmaenuchaf Hotel

Walking

Precipice Walk

A circular walk through the historical Nannau estate and along the shore of Llyn Cynwch.

The Precipice has a fantastic array of qualities, from habitats such as woodlands and meadows to captivating views of Eryri's mountain ranges. The path will take you through part of the Nannau estate which dates back to the 12th century and is steeped in fascinating Welsh history

The route ends on the shores of Llyn Cynwch – a working reservoir that provides nearby Dolgellau with water.

For a moderate walk, the Precipice offers an abundance of viewpoints across some of Eryri's most striking mountain ranges. To the north stands Eryri and the Moelwynion and to the west stand the Rhinogydd. Cader Idris, the Aran and Arenig can be seen towards the south and east.

The path stands at 800ft above sea level, and there is a little climbing and descending along the route.

Cadair Idris

For the people of southern Eryri (Snowdonia), Cader Idris is a constant presence in their lives. The distinctive shape of the mountain's peaks can be seen for miles around, from the coastlines at Tywyn and Barmouth and high over the market town of Dolgellau. The summit of Penygadair is a sharp contrast to the gentler hills below - when the clouds lift from the peak, that is!

There are three recommended routes to conquer Cader. It's not an easy walk by any means, whichever route you take. They are all designated 'hard/strenuous' routes, and you should allow between five to six hours to get there and back. You'll need to take plenty of food and drink as there isn't a café (or toilet) on the summit.

Weekends and bank holidays usually get very busy on the mountain. If you'd prefer a quieter walk, head up on weekdays in spring or autumn. During cold weather the paths can be covered with snow and ice, so please don't attempt it unless you are experienced and properly equipped.

Legend has it that Cader is named after a giant called Idris. 'Cadair Idris' in English means 'Chair of Idris', while 'Cader' could also refer to an ancient fortress. It's locally known as Cader Idris rather than Cadair, but either may be used. The most well-known tale is that if you spend the night on the mountain, you'll end up mad or a poet. Staying overnight on the peak is definitely not a good idea, as the small shelter is exposed and could be dangerous in bad weather. There are many cliff edges to be aware of, especially in low visibility.

The eastern slopes are a regular haunt for fans of the Mach Loop low flying aircraft practice area, and on good days gliders from further up the coast swoop by high above the valleys below.

The routes

Cader Idris / Cadair Idris Pony Path

10km / 6 miles, allow 5 hours there and back

Minffordd Path

10km / 6 miles, allow 5 hours there and back

Llanfihangel y Pennant Path

16km / 10miles, allow 7 hours there and back

Mawddach Trail

Stretching between Dolgellau and Barmouth, the Mawddach Trail is considered one of the most flexible and accessible trails in the National Park.

The 9-mile trail follows the southern shore of the Mawddach estuary – one of the National Park's most abundant areas in terms of wildlife and history.

It's possible to join the trail from several locations, making the Mawddach an incredibly flexible option for those who'd like a shorter, more gentle stroll along the estuary.

Also interesting are Torrent Walk, Precipice Walk, New Precipice Walk, Waterfall and Gold Mine Walks at Ganllwyd, and many other walks, please ask our Penmaenuchaf Receptionists, both keen walkers for more information.

Sightseeing

Castles

We're known for our collection of castles in Wales, and they come in all shapes and sizes, from converted manor houses to weathered stone keeps. But four strongholds stand apart from the crowd as arguably the most famous, and perhaps most beautiful, castles in the country.

Beaumaris, Conwy, Caernarfon and Harlech, all located in what was once the historic county of Gwynedd in North Wales, were all built on the command of the English king, Edward I, during his attempted conquest of Wales in the 13th century.

Portmeirion

Nestled between the Dwyryd estuary and the majestic Snowdonia mountains, Portmeirion Village is a private village resort and gardens, set on its own peninsula with vistas in every direction and endless pathways to explore, you'll be transported into a dreamlike world, full of surprises designed by Welsh architect Sir Clough Williams Ellis. Wander through 70 acres of wild woodland and stumble upon hidden gems such as the Dog Cemetery and the Chinese lake or find your own special place amongst the exotic plants, ancient trees and secret coves. Whatever you choose to do whilst visiting Portmeirion, you're guaranteed an unforgettably unique experience.

Llechwedd Slate Caverns Blaenau Ffestiniog

Learn about the history of the Welsh Slate mining industry with a trip down into Llechwedd Slate Mine. For the more adventurous among you, there are zip wires and underground trampolines and golf.

Other Places to visit include:

Corris Craft Centre

Devils Bridge near Aberystwyth

Railways

Ffestiniog Railway, Tallyllyn and Llangollen Railways are all within easy reach of the hotel. Please see their websites for timetable information.

Beaches

We are blessed with many amazing beaches in this area with Barmouth, Fairbourne, Harlech, Black Rock Sands to name but a few with many others we can tell you about once you arrive at the hotel.

Gardens

If you love gardens, then why not try Bodnant Gardens near Llandudno or Cadnant Hidden Gardens, Anglesey. Many National Trust properties in the area also have beautiful gardens such as Plas yn Rhiw near Pwllheli, Powys Castle, Bodnant, Erddig, near Wrexham. Our Receptionists are both keen gardeners and will be happy chat to you about gardens.

Activities

Zip World near Blaenau Ffestiniog or Bethesda for zip wires, bounce below, underground zip wires. Horse riding, paddleboarding and many more activities, all available locally.

Golf

Local golf courses include Aberdovey, Royal St David's, Harlech, Conway, Nefyn, Llandudno, Porthmadog,

Fishing

We have permits at the hotel for local lakes that you can borrow, but you will need your Rivers Licence with you.

Cycling

Coed y Brenin

Coed y Brenin was Britain's first purpose-built mountain biking centre, and it is still one of the sport's top destinations. The mountain bike trails start from the car park and range from easy trails for families and beginners to technical routes for expert riders.

Mawddach Trail

Cycling is a popular activity on the Mawddach trail and can be a fantastic option for families looking for an adventurous day out.

You can hire bikes if you haven't brought yours with you from Dolgellau Cycles in Dolgellau.

Saunas

Saunas, pop up saunas in local beauty spots for example Llanfair Slate Cavern, Barmouth Bath House, Rhaedr Nantcol Water Falls

Other activities including wild swimming locations and driving routes, please ask our local based staff.



Penmaenuchaf Hotel – History

Today, Penmaenuchaf stands within twenty-one acres of woodland and landscaped gardens, a fraction of its former size when the estate covered thousands of acres and included landmarks such as the Cregennan Lakes, the George III Inn and the wooden toll bridge in Penmaenpool.

A dwelling has stood on this site since the 16th century, although records show it to be a small farmhouse, which was, known as Cliffe House. Bolton cotton magnate, James Leigh Taylor, around 1860, incorporated the original dwelling, now known as the West Wing, into the building design we see today.

The Leigh Taylor family crest can be seen above the main entrance and the initials JLT within the stained glass above the reception desk in the main hall.

The mansion was originally used as a summer and sporting residence and the land included parts of Penmaenpool, at that time an area of considerable importance. The George III, part of the estate, was a combination of a farm and hostelry with a ferry belonging to the Hall for the purpose of conveying wayfarers across the river Mawddach to the market town of Dolgellau.

Penmaenpool was noted at that time for shipbuilding and there were two flourishing yards employing skilled carpenters and draughtsmen. These yards built a number of what were then considered large vessels – barges, brigs and schooners. Once the railway was built, running through Penmaenpool, all was changed and not a trace of the busy yards or the clean little cottages of the workers can now be seen. For a greater insight into this part of history, you might like to read the book 'Sails on the Mawddach'.

During all these events the only things that changed at Penmaenuchaf Hall were the views down to the estuary. The Hall remained in the same family, being passed down through the line of daughters, until 1975 when Major and



Mrs Wynne Jones died within a short time of each other. The Hall stood empty and decaying until 1978 when Mr and Mrs Miller purchased the house as their private home.

Mark Watson and Lorraine Fielding bought the Hall in August 1989 and, after almost 2 years of planning and major refurbishment, Penmaenuchaf Hall opened as an Hotel in December 1991.

The hotel was welcomed into the Seren Collection family of hotels and restaurants owned by Neil and Zoe Kedward in June of 2022, where a new chapter in its evolution begins.