



# EUROPE 2023



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## Mid Wales

We did not leave here until about 11.30 this morning. A late sleep in and a leisurely breakfast in our secluded location was very satisfying. We are on holiday after all. Our plan today was to drive about 50 minutes north to an area called “The Precipitous Walk”. It is advertised as a less-than-strenuous walk along the very top of a very steep ridge

The drive up and across the remote hills north of here provided fabulous views of the valleys below. The temperature were around 9c degrees but the sun was shining brightly and highlighted the muted colours all around us. Sheep dominate the fields. They are very different looking from our white varieties back home, having black on their faces and legs. They look really cute. The land around here is obviously too cold and the soil probably too poor for cropping. There are still many hedges along the roads and between paddocks. Many have obviously been recently cut to better keep their shape. It could be a lifetime job here as a hedge cutter.

On the way we came upon a wool mill. We stopped and particularly enjoyed looking at the local products they had for sale and also the wonderful ancient arched bridge in Dinas Mawddyd that is totally moss covered. Moss, dominates here - no wonder really.

We found the turn to the precipitous walk and it proved to be a very narrow road up a steep incline. Too narrow for my liking. We continued along for about three kilometres until we realised that we had actually gone the wrong way. We turned back down the track (luckily not meeting anyone trying to come up from the other direction).

The day started to draw in and thus sadly we did not make it to the “precipitous walk” - but we thoroughly enjoyed the slow tour around this beautiful countryside.













