

### Visit to Cyfarthfa Castle

Tuesday, 9 August 2022

The Grade I listed Cyfarthfa Castle was designed in 1824 by the architect Robert Lugar for William Crawshay II (1788 - 1867) and built at a cost of approximately £30,000 using locally quarried stone. The castle has 15 towers and 72 rooms and is recognised as being the best example of a 19th-century Ironmaster's residence to have survived in South Wales.

Our visit to the Castle will begin with the story of the Cyfarthfa Ironworks, Cyfarthfa Castle and the Crawshay family. The story will be further discovered with a guided tour around the galleries at Cyfarthfa Castle and a walking tour of the remains of the Cyfarthfa Ironworks. Before viewing the ironworks, we will look at the period cottage where the famous composer Joseph Parry was born. We will then head back to Cyfarthfa Castle to meet the amazing engineer and inventor, Richard Trevithick. The day will be finished with a talk about how a Merthyr Tydfil miner changed the life of Arthur Conan Doyle.

**WARNING: THIS VISIT INVOLVES QUITE A LOT OF WALKING AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY.**

#### The programme for the day:

**Depart National Museum: 9.00am Depart Wild Gardens, Roath Park: 9.15am Arrive Cyfarthfa Castle:10.15am**

Tea/Coffee on arrival (Self Service) in the Wedding Room

10.45am: Talk on Cyfarthfa Castle and the Crawshay Family (in the Wedding Room)

11.30am: Split into two Groups: -

| GROUP 1  | GROUP 2   |
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| 11.30 - 1.00: Visit Joseph Parry's cottage and the Iron Furnaces with Christopher Parry          | 11.30 - 12.15: Guided tour of the Museum with Charlotte Barry                         |
| 1.00pm - 1.45pm: Picnic Box Lunch in the Wedding Room  | 12.15 - 1.00: Picnic Box Lunch in the Wedding Room                                    |
| 1.45 - 2.30: Guided tour of the Museum with Charlotte Barry                                      | 1.00 - 2.30 Visit Joseph Parry's cottage and the Iron Furnaces with Christopher Parry |
| 2.30 - 3.00: Meet Richard Trevithick (Yellow Room)   | 2.30 - 3.00: Explore Basement Galleries / Cafe  |
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| 3.30 - 4. 15: Talk in the Wedding Room: 'Arthur Conan Doyle and the Merthyr Séance'(Both Groups) |   |

**Depart Cyfarthfa 4.30pm Arrive in Cardiff at 5.30pm approximately**

The cost of the visit, which includes coach, admission charges, tea/coffee on arrival, Picnic Box Lunch with tea/coffee, inclusive of all gratuities is £42. **Please advise if you have any dietary requirements.** If you wish to join this visit, please send a cheque payable to 'Friends of NMW', together with the completed form to:

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**Please include a stamped addressed envelope if you have not provided an email address.**

**Deadline – Please book by Friday, 29 July. at the very latest and note that the visit is limited to a maximum of 40 people.**

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Name(s): .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code ..... Tel. No. ....

Mobile No. .... Email: .....

**Please reserve ..... places(s) for the above visit. I enclose a cheque for the sum of £ ..... (£42 per person) and a SAE (if you do not have an email address)**

**I / We will board the coach at: The Museum, Cathays Park / Wild Gardens Road, Roath Park.**  
(Please DELETE as appropriate)

**I/We confirm membership of the Friends of the National Museum of Wales .....**