

## HADRIAN'S WALL - ACROSS ENGLAND ALONG THE ROMAN WALL

7-days / 6-nights one-hotel based GUIDED walk from Brampton to Corbridge near Newcastle



Immerse yourself in history along Hadrian's Wall, the best-known frontier in the Roman Empire, stretching from coast to coast of ancient Britain. We cross dramatic countryside with windswept plains and pastures, rugged rock cliffs, crags, woods, spinneys and ancient villages. Walk through the centuries to forts, ruins and museums detailing the story of brave marauding Scots, the Badlands and the mighty Roman Empire.

We walk the best-preserved sections of Hadrian's Wall, beginning in the market town of Brampton and ending in historic Corbridge, once the Roman town of Corstopitum. We cross green fields, past the rugged crags of Northumberland National Park. There is time to visit museums, archaeological sites and the ruins of Roman forts at Vindolanda, Birdoswald, Housesteads and Chesters, and to learn more about the Anglo-Scottish border wars at Thirlwall Castle, Lanercost Priory and Aydon Castle. Combining scenic walking with archaeology and history, this is an unforgettable holiday.

**Departs:** 19<sup>th</sup> April; 10<sup>th</sup> May; 7<sup>th</sup> June; 12<sup>th</sup> July; 16<sup>th</sup> August; 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> September; 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Cost from:** \$1995 per person twin share \* Single room supplement on request (limited availability)

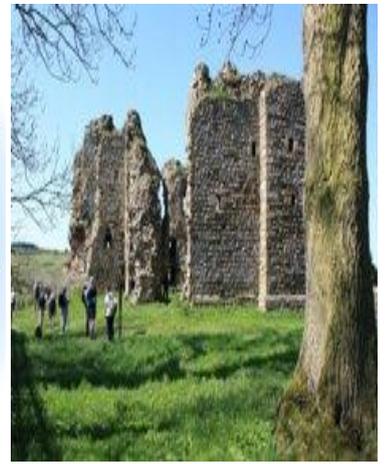
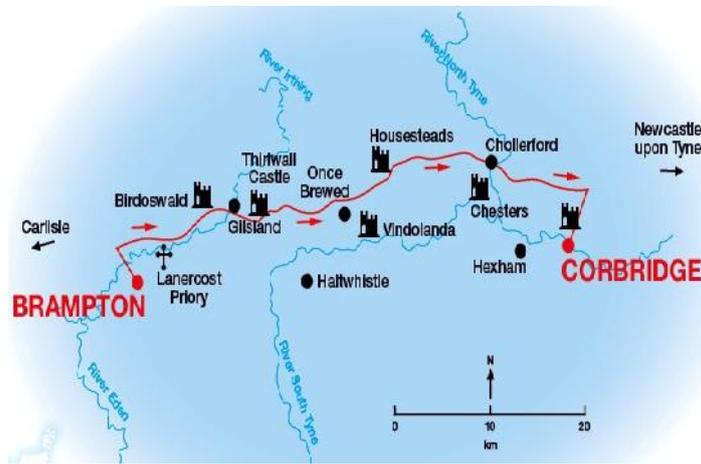
**Includes:** 6 nights' accommodation with en-suite bathrooms, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner), the services of an experienced walking guide, transport to and from the walks.

\* Admission and entrance fees are NOT included in the cost of this holiday, allow approximately £45 each.

**Accommodation:** Centre-based at the *Centre of Britain Hotel* in the market town of Haltwhistle, the oldest part of the hotel was a Border Reivers' Pele Tower, dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. Later it became a Manor House, excise office and coaching inn and has been lovingly restored to create a welcoming environment that is both modern and traditional. The hotel has 12 en-suite bedrooms and a well-regarded restaurant.



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## Suggested guided walking itinerary:



Walking: 46 miles (74km) with 8 -10 miles (12 - 16km) per day & up to 1500ft (450m) ascent.

### Day 1: Arrival day

Plan to arrive mid-afternoon. Haltwhistle is on the Newcastle-Carlisle rail line and the hotel will collect you from Haltwhistle station by prior arrangement. Over dinner meet your fellow walkers and your walks leader and after dinner your leader will give an introductory talk about the walk and what to expect over the coming days.

### Day 2: Brampton to Gilsland

**walking @ 9 miles (15km), ascent 1,300ft (400m)**

Walk from the historic market town of Brampton, following footpaths through open fields and the course of the wall, passing turrets and signal towers, to the spa village of Gilsland. En route we have time to explore the remains of Lanercost Priory, once raided by Robert the Bruce himself, the 2000-year old Roman fort at Birdoswald, and the photogenic Roman remains at Willowford.

### Day 3: Gilsland to Once Brewed

**walking @ 10 miles (16km), ascent 1,300ft (400m)**

Leaving Gilsland the route becomes more dramatic. After the ruins of Thirlwall Castle, the stunning scenery of Cawfield Crag greets us. We cross the moors and just past Windshields Crag we reach the trig point marking the highest spot on the wall (345m). We descend to the tiny village of Once Brewed.

### Day 4: Once Brewed Circuit

**walking @ 5 miles (8km), ascent 570ft (175m)**

Walk a stunning section of the route, with free time to visit the Roman fort sites of Housesteads and Vindolanda. We ascend to Steel Rigg and walk over undulating terrain, gaining views of Crag Lough and behind us the Wall twisting and turning to keep to the natural defense of higher ground. A little further on we reach Sycamore Gap with its iconic sycamore tree, a location in the film *Robin Hood Prince of Thieves*.

### Day 5: Housesteads to Chollerford

**walking @ 10 miles (16km), ascent 500ft (150m)**

Over Sewingshields Crag for great views of Hadrian's Wall zig-zagging fore and aft. Our walk continues past the remains of the fort of Brocolitia, the Temple of Mithras, and Chester's Roman fort en route to Chollerford.

### Day 6: Chollerford to Corbridge, via Aydon Castle

**walking @ 10 miles (15km), ascent 800ft (240m)**

A pleasant walk through farmland and forest. At the Onnum Roman fort we bid farewell to the wall. Impressive Aydon Castle, setting for the film 'Ivanhoe', is a fitting finale before we complete our trail at historic Corbridge.

### Day 7: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast at our hotel in Haltwhistle.

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