

THE BEST OF HADRIAN'S WALL

7-days / 6-nights guided one-hotel based Coast-to-Coast walk



Travel from coast to coast along Hadrian's Wall, the best-known frontier in the Roman Empire. Follow this magnificent structure, as it wends its way across some of the most spectacular countryside in Britain with pastures, rugged crags, woods and spinneys and ancient villages. Travel through the centuries to forts, ruins and museums to explain the history of brave marauding Scots, the Badlands and the mighty Roman Empire.

Departs: 13th May, 17th June, 22nd July, 2nd & 16th September 2012

Cost: \$1210 per person twin share. Single room supplement \$285

Includes: 6-nights' accommodation with en-suite bathrooms, full-board meals (ie breakfast, lunch & dinner) the services of an experienced walking guide, all transport and luggage transfers on walking days, transfers to and from Haltwhistle station on request.

Highlights:

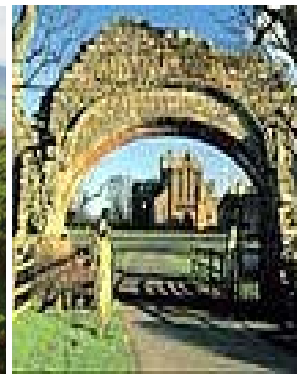
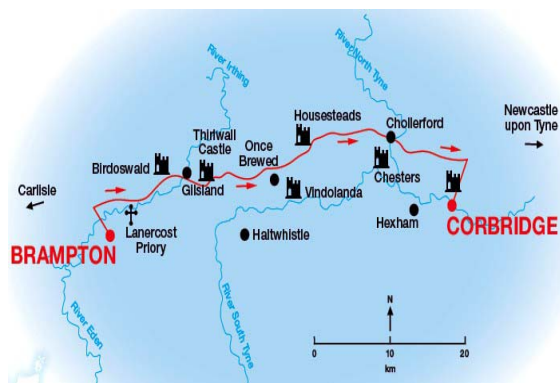
- Walk the best preserved sections of Hadrian's wall, beginning in the market town of Brampton, and continuing to historic Corbridge
- Cross rich green fields and rugged crags through Northumberland National Park
- Visit world famous Roman forts and museums; Vindolanda, Birdoswald, Housesteads and Chesters
- The architectural splendor of Aydon castle, Thirlwall castle and Lanercost Priory
- The famous Robin Hood's Tree at Sycamore Gap

Accommodation: This is a centre-based holiday located in the town of Haltwhistle at The Centre of Britain Hotel and is Haltwhistle's most historic building. The oldest part of the hotel was a Border Reivers' Pele Tower, dating from the 15th century. Later it became a Manor House, excise office and a coaching inn. The proprietors have lovingly restored the building to create a welcoming environment that is both modern and traditional.



Self-guided inn-to-inn walks available departing daily on demand all year round – ask for inclusions & costs.

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44 miles. 7½ -10 miles per day with a maximum daily ascent of 1,500ft.

Suggested Guided Walking Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival day

Day 2: Brampton to Gilsland

14½km (9 miles), 390m (1,300ft) of ascent

Walk from the historic market town of Brampton, to the spa village of Gilsland, exploring the ruins of Lanercost priory, and the Roman fort at Birdoswald en route.

Day 3: Gilsland to Once Brewed

16km (10 miles), 400m (1,500ft) of ascent

Leaving Gilsland the route becomes more dramatic. After the ruins of Thirlwall Castle, the stunning scenery of Walltown and Cawfield Crags greet walkers en-route across the moors to Once Brewed.

Day 4: Once Brewed Circuit

12km (7½ miles), 295m (1,000ft) of ascent

The most stunning section of the route. The walk crosses the rugged outcrop of Whin Sill, traversing above the beautiful lake of Crag Lough, and passing the famous Robin Hood's tree, before reaching the Roman forts of Housesteads and Vindolanda.

Day 5: Housesteads to Chollerford

16km (10 miles), 155m (500ft) of ascent

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

Day 6: Chollerford to Corbridge, via Aydon Castle

15km (9½ miles), 180m (600ft) of ascent

The final day is a pleasant walk through farmland and forest. Impressive Aydon Castle, setting for the film 'Ivanhoe', is a fitting finale before we complete our trail at medieval Corbridge.

Day 7: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast

These walks may offer a social activity each evening - your leaders will brief you about the walk for the next day and answer any questions you may have. After a sociable evening meal you could join in an organised activity such as a quiz or a talk about the local area. Other famous trail walks available in the UK include Wainwright's **Coast to Coast**, the **West Highland Way**, **Cornish Coastal Path** or the **South Downs Way**.

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