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Approximate line of Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site	
Wall Remains	
Major Roman Site	
Tourist Information Centre (year-round)	
Tourist Information Centre (seasonal)	
Hadrian's Wall Path	
National Trail	
Hadrian's Cycleway	
Motorway	
A Roads (Major)	
A Roads (Minor)	
B Roads	
Minor Road	
Parking	
Rail station*	
Tyne & Wear Metro station	
Airport	
Ferry port	

# One epic adventure

Experience Britain's greatest Roman monument: 2,000 years in the making, just minutes in the booking.

Staggering in its planning; masterful in its execution; awe-inspiring in its scale. No, we're not talking about your holiday arrangements, but about the only historic monument in Britain that lives up to all this (dare we say) hype. And that's Hadrian's Wall: our Roman Frontier. The planning for your break in Hadrian's Wall Country will be a lot less stressful with the help of this Hadrian's Wall Country Holiday & Short Breaks Guide.

We've collated a full range of accommodation ideas that will not only inspire, motivate and enthuse, but convince you to follow in the footsteps of Emperor Hadrian to discover what lured him from the comforts of Rome. Additionally, we have divided the Wall Country into three geographical sections to ensure selection of accommodation to suit you is as easy as falling off the proverbial log.

Hadrian's Wall Country is our name for the land that takes in the living, breathing story of the Wall along with its coast, countryside, towns and villages. Best of all, there's a whole lot more to see and do here than just the Wall (well, not everything has to be Roman, does it?). Pick out the highlights (our Essential Map publication will be a great help here): the major forts and museums, numerous trails to follow (from walking to cycling, Roman to Reiver), and plenty of other unmissable places to visit.

Go on – choose where you will stay. And discover amazing stories to tell.



Cuddy's Crag © Roger Clegg

# Roman site symbols

Once you've booked your stay, where should you go? Take your pick from the 14 major Roman forts, sites and museums you'll find in Hadrian's Wall Country.



**Ravenglass Roman Bath House**   
(0.25 mile east of Ravenglass)  
W [english-heritage.org.uk/ravenglass](http://english-heritage.org.uk/ravenglass)



**Rheged**  
Redhills, Penrith CA11 0DQ (2 minutes from J40 on M6)  
T +44 (0)1768 868000 W [rheged.com](http://rheged.com)



**Senhouse Roman Museum**  
The Battery, Sea Brows, Maryport CA15 6JD  
(0.75 mile north of Maryport)  
T +44 (0)1900 816168 W [senhousemuseum.co.uk](http://senhousemuseum.co.uk)



**Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery**  
Castle Street, Carlisle CA3 8TP  
T +44 (0)1228 618718 W [tulliehouse.co.uk](http://tulliehouse.co.uk)



**Birdoswald Roman Fort**   
CA8 7DD (2 miles west of Gilsland)  
T +44 (0)16977 47602 W [english-heritage.org.uk/birdoswald](http://english-heritage.org.uk/birdoswald)



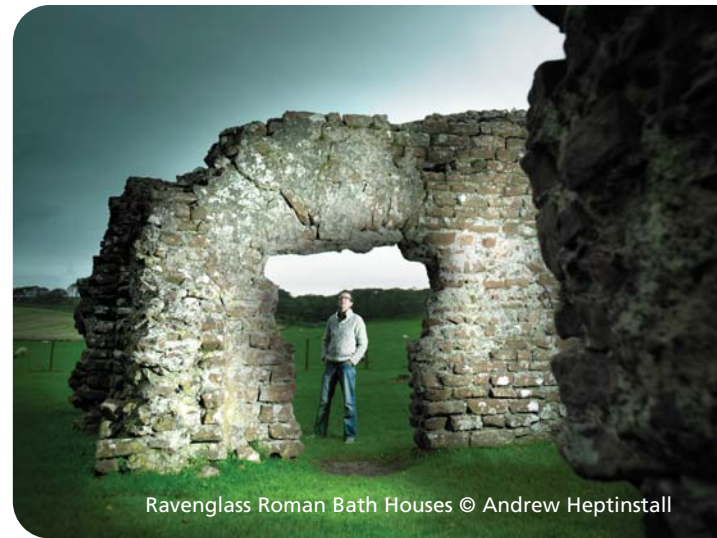
**Roman Army Museum**  
CA8 7JB (0.75 mile north east of Greenhead, near Walltown)  
T +44 (0)16977 47485 W [vindolanda.com](http://vindolanda.com)



**Northumberland National Park Centre, Once Brewed**  
Military Road, Bardon Mill NE47 7AN  
(2.5 miles north of Bardon Mill)  
T +44 (0)1434 344396 W [northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk](http://northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk)



**Roman Vindolanda**  
Bardon Mill NE47 7JN (1.5 miles north of Bardon Mill)  
T +44 (0)1434 344277 W [vindolanda.com](http://vindolanda.com)



Ravenglass Roman Bath Houses © Andrew Heptinstall



**Housesteads Roman Fort**    
Bardon Mill NE47 6NN (3 miles north east of Bardon Mill)  
T +44 (0)1434 344363 W [english-heritage.org.uk/housesteads](http://english-heritage.org.uk/housesteads),  
[nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)



**Chesters Roman Fort**   
NE46 4EU (0.25 mile west of Chollerford)  
T +44 (0)1434 681379 W [english-heritage.org.uk/chestersromanfort](http://english-heritage.org.uk/chestersromanfort)



**Corbridge Roman Town**   
NE45 5NT (0.5 mile north west of Corbridge)  
T +44 (0)1434 632349 W [english-heritage.org.uk/corbridge](http://english-heritage.org.uk/corbridge)



**The Great North Museum**  
Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4PT  
T +44 (0)191 222 6765 W [greatnorthmuseum.org](http://greatnorthmuseum.org)



**Segedunum Roman Fort, Baths & Museum**  
Buddle Street, Wallsend NE28 6HR  
T +44 (0)191 236 9347 W [twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum](http://twmuseums.org.uk/segedunum)



**Arbeia Roman Fort & Museum**  
Baring Street, South Shields NE33 2BB  
T +44 (0)191 456 1369 W [twmuseums.org.uk/arbeia](http://twmuseums.org.uk/arbeia)

# Planning your own invasion?

## Let others take the strain!

Welcome to Your Wall Country - well why not undertake your own conquest, and show the old Emperor how to do it - the easy way. After all, he's not going to mind sharing it with you.

### Appoint your own foot soldiers

For some, part of the fun of taking a break is the organising, both before and during the break. Other people would just like someone else to do the organising, leaving them free as a bird to enjoy their travels. Accommodation booking companies and tour operators offer excellent service, great value for money and reduce the need for you to sweat over the logistics. If only Emperor Hadrian had the same level of expertise on his adventures!

### From bikes to baggage

Biking, hiking or touring, there's a company to help you get the best out of Hadrian's Wall Country. Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail and its network of shorter walks and circular trails, takes you in the sandal-steps of the Romans from Newcastle to Bowness-on-Solway. It hugs the Wall for much of its route and showcases some of England's most dramatic vistas. Hadrian's Cycleway runs from Ravenglass to Tynemouth, meandering along quiet roads and tracks with no sense of time's winged chariot at your shoulder. Don't want to bring your own bike? Then simply hire one in Newcastle, right on the Cycleway.

### Your guide to the Guides

If you prefer the guided option, then that's no problem; the AD122 Hadrian's Wall Country Bus offers guided commentary on selected services; other coach tours and guided walking are available.

The key to all of this - leave enough time for exploring the attractions along the way (Roman and otherwise), after all they have been almost 2000 years in the making.

Tour operators, booking agencies and guided services

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER

## Holiday Cottages

### Northumbrian Cottages

T 01228 406721 F 01228 599970

E [enquiries@northumbrian-cottages.info](mailto:enquiries@northumbrian-cottages.info)

W [www.northumbrian-cottages.info](http://www.northumbrian-cottages.info)

Open: All Year Cost: £240 - £1,275 per property per week



### Cumbrian Cottages

T 01228 599950 F 01228 599970

E [enquiries@cumbrian-cottages.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@cumbrian-cottages.co.uk)

W [www.cumbrian-cottages.co.uk](http://www.cumbrian-cottages.co.uk)

Open: All Year Cost: £280-£4,000 per property per week

Discover a superb selection of self catering properties situated in beautiful locations throughout the length of Hadrian's Wall and surrounding areas. Perfect for walking holidays and touring the area; choose from 85 properties to suit all tastes and budgets, visit our websites to see property details, check availability and prices or contact us for a brochure.

## Northumbria

016977 46777

016977 46888

## Byways

[enquiries@northumbria-byways.com](mailto:enquiries@northumbria-byways.com)

[www.northumbria-byways.com](http://www.northumbria-byways.com)

Northumberland and The Borders provide the ideal setting for a relaxing break. To get the best out of your visit, why not stay in one of our quality cottages located throughout the region.



From charming cosy cottages to spacious barn conversions, we have a range of properties to suit your requirements and budget.

Prices from £230 - £1620

*Quality Self Catering Cottages Throughout Northumberland & The Borders*

TOUR OPERATOR

## Saddle Skedaddle Limited

Ouseburn Building, East Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1LL  
**T** 0191 265 1110 **F** 0191 265 1110 **E** info@skedaddle.co.uk  
**W** www.skedaddle.co.uk

Independent North East based cycle tour operator offering full holiday packages on Hadrian's Cycleway, Coast to Coast, Coast & Castles, & Pennine Cycleway.

We offer group guided and supported holidays, self guided holidays, fixed dates and dates to suit. Certain holidays are supported, with at least one local guide accompanying each trip, providing their invaluable local knowledge, guidance and assistance. In addition there's a support vehicle that meets up at certain points providing snacks, lunches, and carries your luggage!

**Group Size:** Minimum 2 people

**Open Times:** All Year - 24hr



TOUR OPERATOR

## Shepherds Walks Holidays

2 The Stone Barn, Kirkharle Courtyard, Kirkwhelpington, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE19 2PE

**T** 01830 540 453 **E** info@skedaddle.co.uk

**W** www.shepherdswalksholidays.co.uk

Walking tour operator, offering self guided, supported and bespoke holidays along Hadrian's Wall, Northumberland and Borders.

Shepherds Walks Holidays are designed to help you relax and recharge, enjoy the walks and take in the beautiful scenery. Our holidays are all graded, with many of our walks offered over a different number of days enabling us to cater for all levels of fitness. Whatever your level of fitness and experience we'll work out something to meet your needs.



TOUR OPERATOR

## Contours Walking Holidays



Contours Walking Holidays provide everything you need for a relaxing, worry-free walk along Hadrian's Wall - comfortable accommodation, luggage transfer, maps, guidebook and emergency support.

Gramyre, Berrier Road, Greystoke, Cumbria, CA11 0UB.

**T** 01768 480 451 **F** 01768 480 452

**E** info@contours.co.uk

**W** www.contours.co.uk

**Prop:** Mr Mark Townsend **Open:** All Year

**Group Size:** 1 - 40



TOUR OPERATOR

## Northern Secrets



We specialise in tailor-made holidays and guided tours to Northern England and Hadrian's Wall.

11 Garden Crescent, Ebchester, County Durham, DH8 0PT

**T** 01207 560455

**E** info@northern-secrets.co.uk

**W** www.northern-secrets.co.uk

**Prop:** Alex Jacobs **Open:** All Year

TOUR OPERATOR

## Celtic Trails Walking Holidays



celtic trails

Celtic Trails tailor makes high quality self guided walking holidays along Hadrian's Wall Path. We take care of all the details leaving you to enjoy the walk.

PO Box 11, Chepstow, NP16 6SE

**T** 01291 689774 **F** 01291 689846

**E** info@celtic-trails.com **W** www.celtic-trails.com

**Prop:** Anne Lloyd **Open:** All Year

TOUR OPERATOR

## Open Book Visitor Guiding



With 30 years interpreting heritage, culture and landscape, we offer guided and self-guided walking tours, coach tours, and guided tours of sites along Hadrian's Wall Path. Accommodation booking and some overseas language guiding available.

Holly Nook, The Faugh, Heads Nook, Brampton, Cumbria CA8 9EG

**T** 01228 670578 **M** 07775 603397

**E** carol@greatguidedtours.co.uk

**W** www.greatguidedtours.co.uk

**Prop:** Carol Donnelly



NORTH EAST ENGLAND BLUE BADGE TOURIST GUIDE

## Laura Rhodes



Friendly and welcoming Blue Badge Guide offering short guided walks, site visits and panoramic coach tours in the Hadrian's Wall area and throughout Northern England.

14 Rectory Grove, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1AL

**T** 07758 077818 or 0191 284 7318

**E** info@laurarhodes.co.uk

**W** www.laurarhodes.co.uk

BAGGAGE COURIER SERVICE

## Hadrian's Haul



Baggage courier service along the length of Hadrian's Wall. Advance bookings taken

16 Aldeburgh Av, Lemington Rise, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8TA

**T** 07967 564 823

**E** info@hadrianshaul.co.uk

**W** www.hadrianshaul.com

**Cost:** £5 per bag/transfer

BAGGAGE COURIER SERVICE

## Walkers' Baggage Transfer Co. Ltd.



Your holiday enjoyment is our priority. Established 2003, we take every care with your bags from start to finish. All bags usually delivered by mid-day. Book on-line.

Unit 3A, Townfoot Industrial Estate, Brampton, Cumbria, CA8 1SW

**T** 0871 423 8803 **F** 0871 423 8802

**E** info@walkersbags.co.uk

**W** www.walkersbags.co.uk

**Prop:** Mrs Janet Walker **Open:** All Year

**Cost:** From £5 per bag

CAMPING BARN NETWORK

## Lakeland Camping Barns

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Lakeland Camping Barns offer a wide range of converted farm buildings across Cumbria providing simple, self-catering accommodation from 1 to 18 guests. Online booking available.

Booking Office: Horse & Groom Court, Market Place, Egremont, Cumbria, CA22 2AE

**T** 01946 758 198

**E** info@lakelandcampingbarns.co.uk

**W** www.lakelandcampingbarns.co.uk

**Open:** All Year **Group size:** 1 - 18

**Cost:** £7 (midweek) £8 (weekends & bank holidays) per person



# Accommodation rating schemes:

## what they mean and how to understand them.

As you may imagine, there's a wide range of accommodation available in Hadrian's Wall Country. Location, facilities, type of property and budget will all influence your choices. Faced with so many options, it can be comforting to know that expert help is at hand in terms of assessing accommodation.

### Follow the sign

Looking out for the Quality Rose mark is key. It's proof that the accommodation has been independently assessed for the official national quality assessment scheme by experienced professional inspectors.

### What's assessed and how?

There's an official Quality Rose and AA assessment scheme to cover every type of accommodation from self-catering to farm stays and hotels. Every scheme uses a straightforward 1-5 star rating to give a reliable guide as to what to expect:

- 1 star:** Simple, practical, no frills.
- 2 star:** Well presented and well run.
- 3 star:** Good level of quality and comfort.
- 4 star:** Excellent standard throughout.
- 5 star:** Exceptional with a degree of luxury.

### Hotels

To be assessed under the Hotel scheme, hotels have to be licensed, with all rooms ensuite (or with private bathroom) and offer dinner at least 5 nights a week. It goes without saying, but you will find enhanced services with higher rated properties.

### Guest accommodation

Guest accommodation properties are likely to be smaller than hotels with perhaps more of a family feel and approach. The different categories are: Inns, Restaurants with Rooms, Bed and Breakfasts, Farmhouses, Guest Houses and Guest Accommodation.

### Self catering

For self-catering accommodation, the layout and design of the accommodation and the range and quality of the kitchen equipment are assessed, as well as the quality and comfort of the bedrooms and bathrooms and, most importantly, the cleanliness.

### Hostels

Star rated accommodation often in shared rooms with bunk beds. Family rooms may also be available. Hostels normally welcome individuals, families and groups.

### Bunkhouse

Rural accommodation, which can be booked by groups or individuals. Services and facilities may be limited, but will include a self-catering facility.

### Camping barn

These provide very simple accommodation in a rural setting. Visitors should normally expect to bring their own sleeping bags and cooking equipment.

### Camping and caravanning

Enjoy England awards star ratings reflecting the overall quality of the park from one to five stars – five stars being reserved for parks of exceptional quality.

### Welcome to excellence symbol



Businesses with this award aim to exceed visitor needs and expectations and provide an environment where courtesy, helpfulness and a warm welcome are standard.

### Walkers Welcome and Cyclists Welcome official symbols



Accommodation that meets the particular needs of walkers participate in the Walkers Welcome Scheme. If exploring by bike is your thing, then look for properties that are part of the Cyclists Welcome Scheme. Details of both these schemes can be found on [www.hadrians-wall.org](http://www.hadrians-wall.org)

### Families welcome symbol



This scheme gives families the confidence that they are booking accommodation that meets their particular needs. Simple criteria have been developed to indicate the extra facilities and services that can make a family holiday even more enjoyable.

### Pets welcome



Properties in the Welcome Pets! scheme have taken extra effort to make ensure a pleasurable stay for both pet and owner.

### National Accessible Scheme

To help visitors enjoy their break with confidence, this scheme provides detail on provision for mobility, visual or hearing needs. A small number of properties within this guide have been allocated awards, but other establishments may be accessible and will be happy to discuss your requirements if you contact them in advance.

For further details on the official national Quality Assessment scheme visit [enjoyengland.com](http://enjoyengland.com)

Wherever you choose you can be sure of a welcome that convinced many of our Roman visitors to stay on.

# Accommodation entries:

how to use them and what they tell you.

Accommodation and other tourism businesses in this guide are laid out in a clear fashion:



Banks East Turret © Andrew Heptinstall

**HOTEL** National Trail: 6.9 miles  
**Langley Castle Hotel** NY834 624 **GOLD AWARD** ★★★★★

Award winning 14th century hotel and restaurant is the ideal place to explore Northumberland. Many Castle rooms boast four-poster beds, window seats and feature bathrooms.

Langley-on-Tyne, Northumberland, NE47 5LU  
**T** 01434 688 888 **F** 01434 684 019  
**E** [manager@langleycastle.com](mailto:manager@langleycastle.com)  
**W** [www.langleycastle.com](http://www.langleycastle.com)  
**Prop:** DR. S.E. Madnick **Open:** All Year  
**Cost:** £72.50 - £137.50 pppn

Type of accommodation offered by this property, eg. hotel, self-catering, caravan park, bed and breakfast

Distance from Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail

Quality rating awarded (see page 10)

Ordnance Survey national grid reference

Property name

Description of property and supplementary image or special offer

Contact details

Opening season and price guide (correct at time of going to press)

Symbols detailing the on-site and nearby facilities



Hardknott © Andrew Hepinstall

# Know Your Hadrian's Wall Country

## Your network of personal holiday planners

We know that holiday planning can be something of a challenge - which fantastic attraction to visit? How to get to the heart of the remote, yet inspiring landscape? Where do I get the best cup of tea?

### **YOUR Hadrian's Wall Country**

Our value is in our people. Hardly a selection of suits in towers, but a modern day army of tourism professionals and experts at b&b's, attractions, coffee shops – in fact everywhere along the Wall – with a passion for their product, and a willingness to share their secrets with you. Along the length of the Wall, the collective expertise of the variety of business owners enables you to get a personal insight or recommendation based on YOUR desires and THEIR insight.

### **Networks of Knowledge**

Just south of the Wall, over 45 business owners in the Allen Valley can give an insight into the North Pennine AONB, and will heartily recommend their local brew at tap in Catton.

From Chollerford to Haltwhistle, where 90% of the visible Wall remains, the Hadrian's Wall Northumberland and Hadrian's Wall Villages members will give you a personal introduction into 'their' Wall that will leave you in awe of their personal perspectives. Treat yourself to some inspirational photography that brings the views from outdoors inside to adorn the interiors of many of their members.

Finally, in Haltwhistle, the centre of Britain and Heart of Hadrian's Wall, if you want walking, cycling, eating, sleeping or just exploring the Wall, you know that with the support of the Hadrian's Wall Country information centre, you are assured of a warm and sunny welcome, whatever the weather.