



WALL TO WALL



6 Days / 5 Nights
Rail Itinerary



LOSE YOURSELF

Be amazed at the delights of some of England's finest historical sites, vibrant cities and charming countryside. Explore the 'great border city', on the doorstep of Hadrian's 73 mile Roman wall and home to England's most besieged castle and much more...

SURPRISE YOURSELF

Marvel at the most complete set of Roman Walls and medieval shopping galleries to famous music legends and world-renowned sporting venues.

TOP TIP

Search the App Store or Google Play and download the England Originals app before you travel - bring your trip to life with incredible virtual reality and interactive features



Wall to Wall - Take it all in

Over the course of 6 days, this itinerary invites you to explore the captivating past set amidst the cultured present, by visiting some of Britain's finest walled cities and areas - delving into the fascinating legacy an incredible history has left behind.

- # Spend a full day exploring the iconic [Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site](#)
- # Explore the heritage and beauty of [Carlisle](#), with the opportunity to visit [Carlisle Castle](#)
- # Learn about [Chester's](#) rich history, seeing the [City Wall's](#) and a full day at [Chester Zoo](#)
- # Spend time in the [Lake District](#) area



TOP TIP:

Visit Prior's Kitchen (near the Cathedral) for a charming meal. You will enjoy your meal under medieval vaulted ceilings, in a large room that was once a dining hall for the priory's monks

DAY 1

HIGHLIGHTS

CARLISLE CASTLE

Explore the medieval castle rooms, discover a turbulent history with the exhibition, and walk some of the medieval walls. It remained a working fortress until well within living memory and has withstood many sieges, held a royal prisoner captive, and been home to the King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

CAVENDISH HOUSE

US President Woodrow Wilson's (1913-21) mother was from Carlisle. The Woodrow family home was Cavendish House on Warwick Road, built by his grandfather Reverend Thomas Woodrow in 1831



MANCHESTER - CARLISLE

 2 HRS

Upon arrival at Manchester airport, hop on a direct train to Carlisle. From here, start your day with a visit to [Carlisle Castle](#); situated near the ruins of [Hadrian's Wall](#).

The castle has dominated the city for over 900 years. After withstanding a plethora of sieges and housing a few valuable and famous prisoners such as Mary Queen of Scots, no need to say that this fortress has many stories to tell.

Don't miss the opportunity to also take a look at the second smallest cathedral of England. Its architecture is impressive, and it is considered to be one of the jewels of the north of England



Explore dungeons and labyrinths at [Carlisle's medieval castle](#), 900 -year-old cathedral and Cumbria's Museum of Military Life, all housed within the city's Historic Quarter



Overnight Carlisle:
The Halston

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TOP TIP:

Utilise the England Originals app on your smartphone today to really bring this fascinating area to life!

**HIGHLIGHTS****HADRIANS WALL**

Iconic Hadrian's Wall is a must visit when in Carlisle. Back in 122.A.D. the emperor Hadrian – the builder of the Roman Pantheon – decided to build a wall across the north of Britannia to keep out the tribes of Scotland. Hadrian's Wall remains one of Europe's greatest ever engineering projects, a masonry barrier stretching 73 miles coast-to-coast built by 15,000 men within seven years

BIRDOSWALD VISITOR CENTRE

Iconic Hadrian's Wall is a must visit when in Carlisle and the area from Gilsland to Birdoswald remains one of the best and most complete sections of the wall

**HADRIANS WALL**

This morning, you will join a shared guided tour and your guide will introduce you to the history of [Carlisle Lugvalium](#), the [Stane Gate](#) and the [Wall Fort Uxellodunum](#) as you leave the city.

Your guide will then show you many of the best views along the route of [Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site](#). There will be a stop at [Lanercost Priory](#). The tour then follows the route via [Banks Turret](#) to view the Wall remains at [Birdoswald Fort](#) where you will have the option to walk a stretch of Hadrian's Wall Path to [Gilsland](#).

The guided tour then follows the Wall route into [Northumberland National Park](#) showing you remains of the [Vallum](#) at [Cawfields](#) and finally an option to visit the [Fort and Museum at Vindolanda](#) or to climb up to explore [Housesteads Fort](#) where you can enjoy some really fantastic views from the [Whin Sill](#).



TOP TIP:

As this is England, do not forget to bring a rain coat and wear sensible walking shoes for this tour!

HIGHLIGHTS**THE LAKE DISTRICT**

A mountainous region in North West England, and a very popular holiday destination, it is famous for its lakes, forests and mountains, and its associations with William Wordsworth and other Lake Poets and also with Beatrix Potter and John Ruskin.

WINDERMERE LAKE

At 10.5 miles long, one mile wide and 220 feet deep, this is the largest natural lake in both the Lake District and in England, and is fed by numerous rivers.

The long thin lake itself forms the central spine of the Windermere lake area of the Lake District. This area is also known as the South Lakes.

**LAKE DISTRICT - LANCASTER**

40 MINS

Wake up early and take an early train to [Windermere](#), where upon arrival you will join a small local shared tour to explore the area.

On board the 16-seater coach, your guide will show you why [The Lake District](#) is known for being the 'most beautiful corner of England' with its magnificent scenery of mountains, valleys and lakes from the south to the north.

Your tour will include a lake cruise, a visit to the 4,000-year-old [Castlerigg Stone Circle](#) and time in [Keswick](#) for lunch. This afternoon, board a train to Lancaster



[Castlerigg Stone Circle](#) - there are few stone circles in Britain in such a dramatic setting as that of Castlerigg, which overlooks the Thirlmere Valley with the mountains of High Seat and Helvellyn as a backdrop



[Overnight Lancaster:](#)
The Kings Arms

TOP TIP:

As you are in England, it is a necessity to try some traditional Fish & Chips! While in Chester, you should go to Blackstones for a sumptuous feast

HIGHLIGHTS**LANCASTER CASTLE**

The tour of this Queen's castle brings together a 1,000 years of history, justice, felony and incarceration. Dating back 1,000 years, this hilltop grade 1-listed fortress was a prison for centuries. Outside London, more people were hanged here than anywhere else in England, earning Lancaster the sobriquet of 'the hanging town'.

LANCASTER

History runs through the quaint cobbled streets, where you'll find a coffee shop dating back to 1837, a restaurant housed in a 300 year old former wine merchant's cellar and Lancaster's oldest pub which dates back to the 15th century

**LANCASTER - CHESTER**

1 HR 30 MINS

Lancaster is a small city with a big story, small enough to explore on foot. Start your day with a visit to **Lancaster Castle**, founded (it is thought) in the 11th Century and used as a prison, amongst other things, from the end of the 12th Century until recently.

Lancaster offers more than 100 speciality and independent shops. If you love to shop, Lancaster is the perfect place to pick yourself up some treats. The historic market is one of the best in the northwest, a place where local producers sell their goodies and homemade produce.

In the afternoon, make your way to **Chester** via train

Lancaster City Museum in the heart of the city and housed in an elegant Georgian building; here you will discover Lancaster's rich past from Roman times to the present day



Overnight Chester

Macdonald New Blossoms



TOP TIP:

Be sure to meet the new six-foot-tall adorable baby giraffe at the Zoo

HIGHLIGHTS**DAILY TALKS AT THE ZOO**

Go along to one of the daily talks to get to know the animals a little better and find out some amazing facts about some of the most brilliant species. Animal talks usually last around 7 minutes and generally involve a microphone, with the chance to ask questions afterwards.

DROP IN ACTIVITIES

How much do you know about elephants and chillies? And have you ever heard of a Jungle Nymph? The drop-in 'Discover' sessions are the perfect chance for all ages to get up-close to some amazing animals and objects and to chat to the Zoo Rangers about the latest conservation updates from the field

**CHESTER ZOO**

Today you will enjoy a day out at the [Chester Zoo](#), the UK's most visited zoo.

There's so much to see and do at [Chester Zoo](#), with over 21,000 of the world's most exotic and endangered animals to discover in 125 acres of award-winning gardens.

Start exploring today to find out more about the wonderful wildlife and immersive habitats. A day at [Chester Zoo](#) is not just an amazing day out. You'll see that as a wildlife charity, conservation is at the heart of everything they do at the zoo and around the world.



Bird Feeds: The chance to get close to some of the zoo's most beautiful feathered inhabitants whilst they have their lunch. The Zoo Rangers will be on-hand to chat and answer all your questions



Overnight Chester
Macdonald New Blossoms

TOP TIP:

Don't forget to go try your hand at making your own drink with a fun cocktail masterclass at Oddefellows

HIGHLIGHTS**CHESTER'S ROMAN HEART**

Boasting the largest Roman amphitheatre in Britain, the most complete city walls at almost 2 miles long, and a 1000 year old Cathedral, Chester is packed full of 'must see' history and heritage

THE ROWS OF CHESTER

The Rows are unique to Chester, and one of the most treasured attractions in the city. Experience shopping like never before, in two- tiered galleries, with 13th century foundations and Victorian facades. Originally built with stone undercrofts and timber buildings, around 20 of the undercrofts are still visible today

**CHESTER**

Today, you will explore **Chester**, one of the most popular destinations for city trips in the UK.

Wander around the city, following the nearly two-mile walk on the **City Walls** taking in the four main gates, enjoy a bit of shopping time in the **Rows**, and discover **Chester Roman Amphitheatre**, the largest such attraction in Britain

Don't forget a visit to the **Cathedral** and its finest part, the Choir. There has been a church on this site for over 1,000 years, containing nearly 5,000 pipes ranging from just 2 feet in length to one that is a mighty 32 feet long.

Founded as a Benedictine abbey in 1092, **Chester Cathedral** sits proudly in the heart of the city centre. Climb the central tower on a guided Tower Tour, and see one city, two countries and five counties from the top



Overnight Manchester
or departure flight home

