



Hadrian's Cycleway

Summary

Take between three and five days to experience Roman Britain along the entire length of Hadrian's Wall, and take part in a coast to coast biking adventure with a difference. From the Roman Baths at Ravenglass on the Solway Coast to the historical headland at Tynemouth, this cycling trip explores the stunning Cumbrian coast, picturesque bustling market towns and rolling Northumberland countryside.

Highlights

Visiting forts, turrets and watch towers along the Solway Firth coast
Exploring museums and defensive forts dotted along the length of Hadrian's Wall

The incredible sense of achievement having completed a journey from coast to coast

Detailed 4-day itinerary

Day 1. Arrive in Newcastle and meet with our support team who'll transport you and your bikes and bags over to Ravenglass and the starting point of your historical biking adventure.

Day 2. Your journey begins at Glannoventa Roman fort and baths just outside the tiny fishing village of Ravenglass on the Irish Sea coast. Equipped with a set of comprehensive maps, detailed directions and some top tips from our expert guides, you're ready to set off on your cycling journey. Your first day of biking is a gentle introduction to the trip, with the cycle paths sticking to the picturesque Solway Firth coast, passing numerous museums, forts and fortlets. Day one ends with a warm welcome at the pretty fishing village of Silloth.

Day 3. Following the coast, the cycle route skirts around marshland reserves and mud flats as it winds its way north. You'll get your first glimpse of Hadrian's Wall at Bowness on Solway and pass many fascinating Roman historical sites on your way to Carlisle and your bed for the night.

Day 4. Turrets, priories and Roman forts and camps litter your path east as you leave the Irish Sea far behind and head into the rolling Cumbrian countryside. You'll pass through historical towns and villages as you follow the path of Hadrian's Wall to Hexham, a lovely market town on the River Tyne.

Day 5. Corbridge Roman Site is your final glimpse of Roman history until you reach the historical castle and priory at the mouth of the River Tyne and your journey's end.

You now have the chance to celebrate your awesome achievement or just collapse in a heap - well done, you made it all the way from coast to coast along Hadrian's Cycleway!

Duration:

3 days' cycling
3 nights' accommodation

Please contact us if you'd like to make your Hadrian's Cycleway adventure last longer than 3 days.

Average Daily Distance:

90 km or 58 miles

Includes

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Baggage transfers
- Comprehensive maps and directions
- Vehicle back up
- Transfers and transport

Available on request:

- Pick up and drop off from public transport links
- Bike and kit hire

Grade:

Fitness Grading: **3**

Price:

From £280 per person

Please contact us with your trip specifications for an accurate price.

Dates:

Self-guided cycling trips are available all year round for groups of 2 or more. Contact us with the dates you have in mind.

If you are travelling individually please contact us to find out about available dates.



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Accommodation and food

We have researched the best bike friendly accommodation providers who we know give a good quality service. They provide everything you need after a long day in the saddle including secure bike storage, drying facilities, hot showers, and hearty food. On this trip the accommodation provides a fantastic chance to relax and reflect on the amazing countryside you are travelling through. **Luxury** accommodation is in a hotel of your choice from one of the many top class hotels available throughout the trip. **B & B** accommodation in biker friendly B&B's or small inns is on a bed and breakfast basis. Wherever you stay there will be access to shops, restaurants, pubs and hotels.

Climate and weather

Northern England is generally mild in the summer months but can sometimes be wet. Conditions also can and do change quickly, especially on higher and more exposed areas, so light waterproofs are advisable.

The terrain

This is a well-used National Cycle Network route, along quiet country roads, purpose built cycle paths and disused railways. The terrain is suitable for any type of bike, however a hybrid or touring bike is ideal for the terrain that you'll encounter. Many people also choose a mountain bike with more smooth tyres. Ask us if you need further advice.

Self guided trips

We'll do all of the organising for you and you'll be provided with comprehensive maps, advice, transport, baggage transfers and a full itinerary. There will always be someone on the end of the phone in case of emergencies too.

Vehicle support

There will always be a back-up vehicle, full of tools and spares available to carry your baggage. Plus if you have any mechanical problems you can get assistance or if you just need to take it easy for a section, the vehicle will be there to help.

Bike hire

If you need to hire a bike, please let us know at the time of booking and we can make sure to get the right bike for you. If bringing your own bike, it is a good idea to check how you will get it to the start point, especially if travelling by public transport.

Transport and baggage transfers

We transport your bags between each night's accommodation leaving you free to carry a small day-pack with some spare clothes, food and drink. We can also help as much as possible with transfers to and from the airport/train/bus station at the start and the end of the journey. Again, just give us as much notice as possible.

Clothing and kit

Dress for the weather in northern England! You can check out the kit list on the website or contact us for more detailed advice if you are not sure what to bring. There can literally be 4 seasons in a day so come prepared for all conditions.