

# ENGLAND ORIGINALS



FROM ENGLAND'S HISTORIC CITIES

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There are 6 Heritage Cities in the north of England that can easily be explored as a self-drive itinerary or can be travelled by train with a Brit Rail Pass.

## Day 1 - Chester

Chester is a classic contemporary city, which boasts the largest Roman amphitheatre in Britain, the most complete city walls at almost 2 miles long, and the 1,000-year-old **Chester Cathedral** which impresses with its stunning architecture and rich history.

Take a relaxing trip on **Chester Boats** a great way to view the city from its scenic waterways. For a taste of excitement, **Chester Racecourse**, the oldest in the world, hosts thrilling horse racing events. Or **Chester Zoo** is a must-visit attraction for animal lovers.

Step back in time at the **Deva Roman Experience** and **Grosvenor Museum**, where Chester's ancient Roman heritage comes alive. Discover the cosmos at **Jodrell Bank**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, or explore medical history in a quirky way at **Sick to Death**.

Shopaholics will love **Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet** for its high-end brands at discounted prices. For a unique historical experience, join a **Chester Viking Tour** or a **Roman Soldier Walking Tour** to truly immerse yourself in Chester's storied past.

Overnight: Central hotels include **Hotel Indigo**, **Moxy Hotel** or the **Queen Hotel** or on the outskirts of the city is **DoubleTree by Hilton Chester**



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## Day 2 - Lancaster

Lancaster is a captivating city brimming with history, culture, and entertainment. **The Judges' Lodgings Museum** is the city's oldest town house, where visitors can learn about Victorian legal history. Nestled below is **Lancaster Castle**, a stunning medieval fortress offering panoramic views and immersive historical tours. Visit **Lancaster Priory**, a beautiful historical church or **Leighton Hall**, with its exquisite architecture and gardens, provides a glimpse into local aristocratic life.

The **Lancaster City Museum** provides a deep dive into the area's past, while the **Lancaster Maritime Museum** celebrates its maritime legacy. Or the **Cottage Museum** which offers a cozy look at Lancaster's domestic past.

For a touch of theatrical charm, the **Lancaster Grand Theatre** offers a diverse array of performances and adventurers can test their wits at the **Lancaster Escape Room**.

Overnight: **Royal Kings Arms Hotel**

## Day 3 - Carlisle

The largest city in England by area, Carlisle lies in the far northern corner of England, near the Scottish border, and is the urban capital of Cumbria. It links two world heritage sites - **Hadrian's Wall** and the **Lake District National Park**.

Visitors to Carlisle will find a wealth of history and culture awaiting them. Begin your adventure at **Carlisle Castle**, a formidable fortress offering a glimpse into England's medieval past. Nearby, **Carlisle Cathedral** stands as a stunning example of Gothic architecture, while the **Cumbria's Museum of Military Life** provides fascinating insights into the region's regimental history. Or appreciate the diverse exhibits at **Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery**.

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Consider joining guided tours with **Discover Lakeland Guided Tours**, **Great Guided Tours**, or **Solway Connections Guided Tours**, each offering unique perspectives on Carlisle's rich heritage and scenic surroundings.

Overnight: **Halston Hotel** or a short drive from the city is **Farlam Hall Hotel**.

### Day 4 - Durham

Continue your journey to Durham, with a visit to the historic Durham Cathedral, a masterpiece of Norman architecture, that stands as a testament to the city's medieval grandeur. Take a Durham Castle Tour which offer a glimpse into the region's storied past. Explore the Oriental Garden, devoted to the art and archaeology of the cultures of Northern Africa and Asia. Or visit the Historic Libraries at Palace Green Library which showcase rare manuscripts and offer insights into academic history.

Visit **The Beamish Museum**, known as the Living Museum of the North, which brings history to life with their immersive exhibits. For a serene escape, **Crook Hall Gardens** provide a beautiful retreat with their enchanting landscapes. Or **The Durham University Botanic Garden** offers a diverse range of plant species and tranquil walking paths.

Overnight: **Delta Hotels by Marriott Durham Royal County**, **Durham University accommodation** or **Radisson Blue Hotel Durham**

### Day 5 - York

York has an array of remarkable attractions and to make the most of the city's many offerings, visitors can use the **Visit York Pass**, which grants access to 30+ attractions in and around the city with one, two or three-day options.



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A must visit is the majestic **York Minster** stands as a stunning centerpiece, its gothic architecture and intricate stained-glass windows captivate all who enter. Nearby, is the **Jorvik Viking Centre** which provides an immersive experience into Viking life, while **Clifford's Tower** offers panoramic views and insights into York's medieval past. Or for those with a keen interest in the past, **Whitby Abbey's** dramatic ruins on the coast evoke a sense of historical grandeur.

A short drive away, is **Castle Howard** which showcases grand baroque architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens, providing a taste of aristocratic elegance.

Overnight: **The Grand Hotel**

### Day 6 - Lincoln

Journey on to Lincoln to visit the awe-inspiring **Lincoln Cathedral**, with its stunning Gothic architecture, as it stands as a centerpiece of the city's historical grandeur. Nearby, **Lincoln Castle** offers a fascinating glimpse into medieval life and provides panoramic views from its walls.

**The International Bomber Command Centre** honours the legacy of World War II with its insightful exhibitions and memorials. Or visit **Doddington Hall & Gardens** which showcases elegant Tudor architecture and beautifully landscaped gardens, offering a serene retreat.

The **Medieval Bishops' Palace** and the **Museum of Lincolnshire Life** delve into local heritage, while the **Stonebow & Guildhall** adds a touch of civic history. Alternatively, **The Lincoln Museum** provides engaging exhibits on the city's past.

Overnight: City centre hotels include **Castle Hotel**, **The Lincoln Hotel** or **White Hart Hotel**.



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Cities	Miles / Km	Train Operators / Travel Duration by Rail
Chester - Lancaster	77 miles / 124km	Northern/Transport for Wales/Avanti West Coast (1hr 30 mins)
Lancaster - Carlisle	66 miles / 106km	Avanti West Coast / TransPennine Express (50 mins)
Carlisle - Durham	70 miles / 113km	Northern/ Cross Country / LNER / TransPennine Express (2hrs)
Durham - York	77 miles / 124 km	LNER / Cross Country/ TransPennine Express (50 mins)
York - Lincoln	75 miles / 121km	LNER / EMR (1hr 34 mins)

