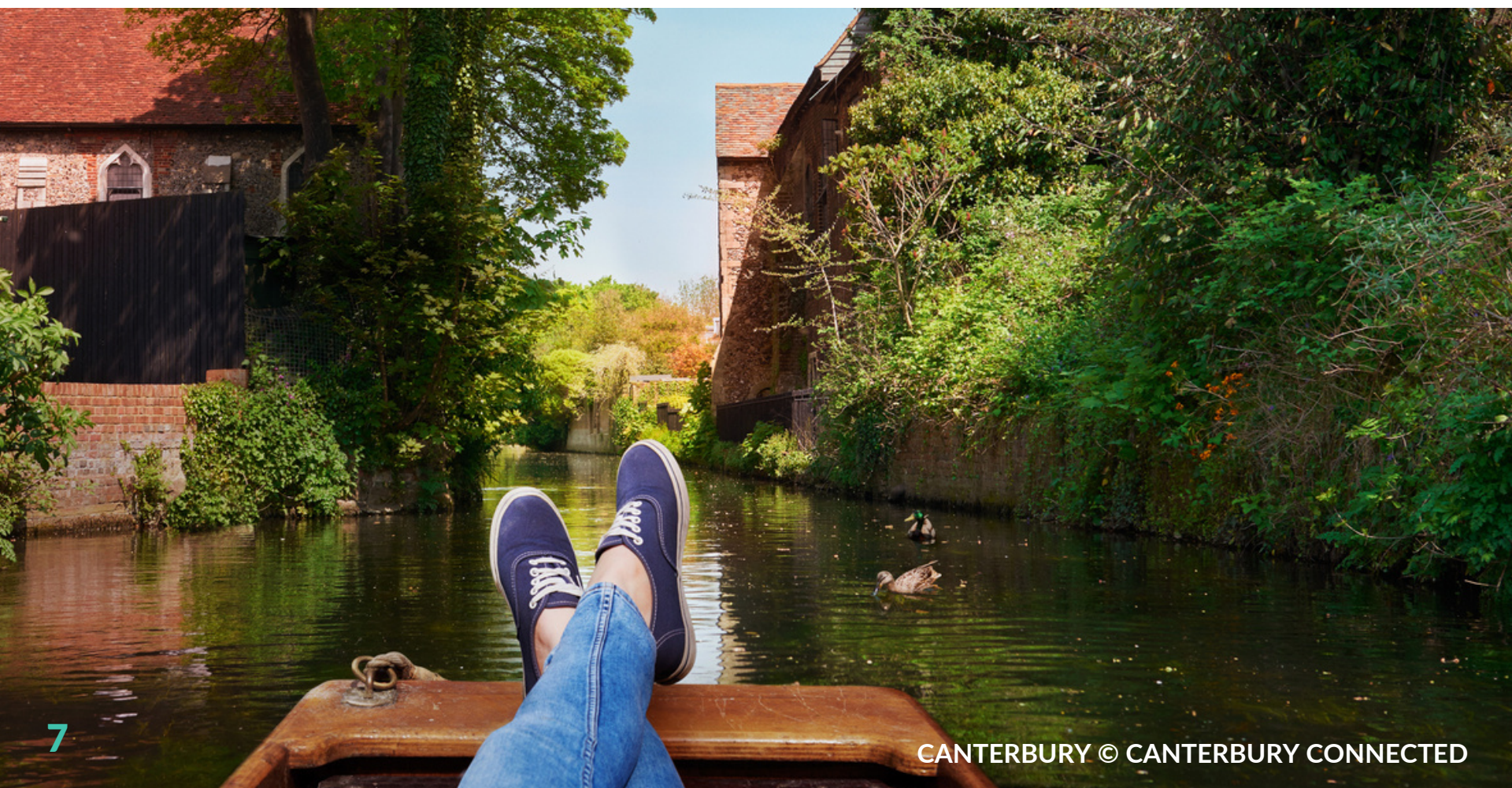


INSPIRATIONAL & BOOKABLE SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

To help you develop new England's Historic Cities programmes, we've created a range of themed multi-city suggested itineraries. The England Originals brand is available, upon request, to support the distribution of your marketing and promotional materials, helping you to create compelling inspiration to encourage your customers to book your fixed programmes or create bespoke tailor-made itineraries.



QUINTESSENTIAL ENGLAND ITINERARY

NEW!

Discover the charm, history, and heritage of England on this four-day Quintessential England itinerary, exploring the historic cities of Carlisle, Lancaster, Chester, and Greenwich travelled by car or train.

Day 1 - Carlisle

Spend the morning exploring **Carlisle Castle** which has dominated the city for nine centuries. It remains a working fortress and visitors can discover its turbulent history, see the medieval rooms and walk some of the castle walls. It is also home to **Cumbria's Museum of Military Life** which chronicles over 300 years of regimental history with its rich collection of artifacts brought to life through engaging audio-visual displays.

Stop for lunch at the **Carlisle Cathedral Café** where you can enjoy over 900 years of faith & history. Guided tours run daily – including a Bell Tower Tour – for those brave enough to climb the 137 steps to the top.

In the afternoon take a 2-3 hour guided tour for a unique experience walking along Hadrian's Wall path, Birdoswald Roman Fort and the Scottish borderlands. Guiding companies offer visitors access to less well known areas, local knowledge and a wealth of history. Check out **Discover Lakeland Tours, Great Guided Tours or Solway Connections Tours**.

Overnight at city centre hotel such as **Halston Hotel**.

Travel from Carlisle → Lancaster (94.7 km)

- By Train: 1h 0m (TransPennine Express/Avanti West Coast)
- By Car: 1h 15m



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Day 2 - Lancaster

Explore the historic **Lancaster Castle**, overlooking the city of Lancaster from its hilltop location. Owned by the Duchy of Lancaster (His Majesty King Charles III), the castle has witnessed many scenes of significant importance over its 1,000 year history. Pre-book private guided tours or join a daily public tour.

Whilst at the Castle, don't miss a visit to **Lancashire Police Museum**. Until 2011 Lancaster Castle was a fully functioning HM Prison, visit the museum located in the old prison cells and learn about some of the pivotal moments across Lancashire Constabulary's history and delve into some incredible historical cases and how they solved them. It is free to visit for both individuals or groups.

You are spoilt for choice for museums in Lancaster, visit **Lancaster City Museum**, **Lancaster Maritime Museum** or the **Judges' Lodgings Museum** to witness what life was like in Lancaster throughout history. Enjoy a relaxed experience aboard **Kingfisher Cruises** who offer a lunch/ tea or dinner cruise for groups lasting approximately 3.5 hours. Alternatively, you may prefer to experience Lancaster Canal on a gentle 1 hr 45 mins cruise.

For theatre lovers – check out what's on for your evening's entertainment at **Lancaster Grand Theatre** – they also offer pre-booked 'behind the scenes' group tours. Overnight at city centre hotel such as **The Borough Rooms**.

Travel from Lancaster → Chester (106.5 km)

- By Train: 1h 40m (Avanti West Coast / Northern)
- By Car: 1h 40m



Day 3 - Chester

Take time to experience the archaeological treasure of **Chester Cathedral**, founded as a Benedictine Abbey in 1092 and a cathedral since 1541. It is now a vibrant centre of worship, music, and culture, blending medieval and modern history for a quintessential English cultural experience.

Chester is steeped in Roman history from the **Grosvenor Museum's** immersive galleries on military life and death, to the interactive **Deva Roman Experience**, where live actors bring 2,000 years of history to life across seven engaging shows. The Deva Roman Experience lets you meet the Romans and discover what life was like in the fortress of Deva, pre-booking is recommended for the full actor-led tour.

To complete your day, you'll find a selection of guided walking tours in Chester, from a **Roman Soldier & Medieval Walking Tour**, a **Viking Chester Tour** or a historic **Welcome to Chester Walking Tour**.

For a day at the races (check fixture dates) visit **Chester Racecourse** the world's oldest operating racecourse, which hosts 15 fixtures from May to October, drawing over 300,000 visitors annually. Overnight at city centre hotels including **Abode Chester**, **DoubleTree by Hilton**, **Hotel Indigo**, **Rooftop Social** or **The Queen at Chester Hotel**.

Travel from Chester → Greenwich (271.0 km)

- By Train: 3h 15m (Avanti West Coast / TFL)
- By Car: 4h 30m



Day 4 - Greenwich

Journey to London and travel east to explore Maritime Greenwich - a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to Greenwich Mean Time and the Prime Meridian of the world at the **Royal Observatory Greenwich**.

Spend the day visiting the Greenwich museums – Explore Britain’s momentous naval history at the **National Maritime Museum** and visit **Cutty Sark**, the fastest ship of its time. Or, visit the **Old Royal Naval College**, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, and learn about the fascinating 600-year-old story including the birthplace of Henry VIII. It is home to the magnificent Painted Hall, the neoclassical Chapel of St Peter and St Paul, and the Victorian Skittle Alley.

If time allows, don’t miss the opportunity to travel on **IFS Cable Car**, where you can take to the clouds and soar 90m over the River Thames as you soak up the extraordinary views of London. Pre-book a Glass Floor Experience, Champagne Experience or fast track.

Check out what’s on at **The O2 arena** or pre-book **Up at the O2** where visitors take an exhilarating outdoor climb over the roof to enjoy the incredible views of London. Overnight at the **DoubleTree by Hilton London Greenwich**.

If you’re looking to extend this itinerary further please consider the other 8 England’s Historic Cities as they offer many more quintessential English places to visit and stay.

