

English Heritage itinerary based in Newcastle:

Day 1:

Arrival to hotel in Newcastle.

En route to Newcastle:

Tynemouth Priory & Castle [INSERT LINK]

North Shields

Tyne & Wear NE30 4BZ

Tel: 0191 257 1090

Guarding the mouth of the River Tyne, this site has been a Saxon monastery, a Benedictine priory founded in 1090, a medieval castle and a Coastal Artillery Fort! Explore the underground chambers beneath the World War I gun batteries, and enjoy the beautiful coastal views.

Day 2:

Explore Hadrian's Wall:

Suggested visits en route:

Corbridge Roman Town:

Corbridge

Northumberland NE45 5NT

Tel: 01434 632349

A supply base for Hadrian's Wall, Corbridge developed into a prosperous garrison town during the Roman era. The museum houses a fascinating collection of finds and remarkable sculptures. Free audio tour included in the price. Don't forget to visit the historic village with its interesting shops and tea-rooms.

Chesters Roman Fort:

Chollerford

Humshaugh

Hexham, Northumberland NE46 4EP

Tel: 01434 681379

The best-preserved Roman cavalry fort in Britain with a military bath house surviving as one of the best preserved buildings along the line of Hadrian's Wall. The museum holds displays of carved stones, altars and sculptures from all along the wall.

Housesteads Roman Fort:

Haydon Bridge

Northumberland NE47 6NN

Tel: 01434 344363

The jewel in the crown of Hadrian's Wall and the most complete Roman fort in Britain. These superb remains offer a fascinating glimpse into the past glories of one of the world's greatest empires. See granaries, barracks, hospital and ingenious latrines.

Day 3:

Morning visit to Belsay Hall, Castle & Gardens:

Belsay

Near Ponteland, Northumberland NE20 0DX

Tel: 01661 881636

Fax: 01661 881043

Beautiful neo-classical hall, built from its own quarries with a spectacular garden containing an array of rare specimens and deservedly listed Grade I in the Register of Gardens. Allow plenty of time to stroll through the magnificent 30 acres of grounds, which also contain the ruins of a 14th-century castle.

Afternoon visit to Brinkburn Priory:

Long Framlington

Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 8AF

Tel: 01665 570628

Almost perfectly preserved, this idyllic priory church is a marvellous example of early Gothic architecture, dating from the 12th century set in beautiful riverside surroundings. Explore the empty Manor House and find evidence of the Medieval Priory. Watch out for some unusual modern sculptures!

Day 4:

Explore the North:

Visit to Lindisfarne Priory:

Holy Island

Berwick upon Tweed, Northumberland TD15 2RX

Tel: 01289 389200

One of the holiest Anglo-Saxon sites in England, renowned for the original burial place of St Cuthbert whose corpse was discovered 11 years after his burial and found to be mysteriously undecayed. Enjoy a dramatic crossing by causeway to the island and visit the lively museum - visit the lively museum - it explains what life was like more than a millennium ago and illustrates the drama of Lindisfarne.

Note: Holy Island is only accessible by causeway at low tide – call the TIC for details: 01289 330733

En route to Newcastle :

Visit to Warkworth Castle:

Warkworth

Morpeth, Northumberland NE65 0UJ

Tel: 01665 711423

Towering above the River Coquet, Warkworth Castle is home to Harry Hotspur, the famous warrior immortalised in Shakespeare's Henry IV. Explore the chambers and a maze of passageways and staircases.