

# Backpacking Hadrian's Wall

May 23 – 31 2019

*Three nights hotel, meals in Newcastle and Carlisle; exploring ; ground transportation; all trail meals, group equipment, and permits.*

*\$1,600.00*



## Trip Overview

Originally used as a military line of defense to prevent incursions by people north of the wall, Hadrian's wall rambles through 96 miles of England. The hills and valleys we will traverse were historically ruled by the Roman Empire. The road still exists for portions of the wall and we will explore the towns and forts that were built and have grown along this defensive structure. This trip will explore the country's social, economic, and cultural history, while backpacking for seven days.

After meeting and preparing for our trek in Carlisle, we will bus to the beginning of the trail in Segedunum and explore the 73 miles westerly to Newcastle. Over our period of seven days, we will learn about the culture and history of Hadrian's wall and discuss the purpose of borders, walls, and the movements of peoples across history. At the end of the wall we will spend a night in Newcastle Upon Tyne and enjoy the city and its history before departing.

## General Schedule of Trip

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Arrive in Carlisle and meet Andy and Alex at the hotel.

**May 24:** Leave by bus for Segedunum and begin our excursion!

**May 24 – May 31:** Hiking and exploring Hadrian's Wall.

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:** Finish our trek and spend the night in Newcastle.

**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Depart for your next adventure!

## Facilitators

This program will be facilitated by history major Andy Knight ('19), last year's Scotland expedition leader and Ascent coordinator; and religious studies major Alex Paris ('19), who has run programs all along the east coast including Pisgah National Forest, Shenandoah National Park, and Cumberland Island.

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**Registration and Payment:** Registration is at [www.gettysburg.edu/grab](http://www.gettysburg.edu/grab). A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration to secure a place on the trip of your choice. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, e-checks or cash. The final payment will be required at least 60 days prior the trip departure date. To register, please fill out the online form or call the Office of Experiential Education at 717.337.6319.

**Not Included in the Price:** Hospitalization, individual evacuation costs, insurance, meals in destination cities prior to and at the conclusion of the trip, souvenirs, alcohol, excess baggage charges, or other personal expenses incurred outside the scope of the trip. We DO NOT include airfare in the pricing of our trips. We want to give participants the opportunity to have flexibility in their travel arrangements. Some people will have frequent flyer miles, many people will be traveling from various destinations, while others may already be at the site location or decide to extend their trip once our expedition has concluded.

**The Trek:** Trekking distances range from 8-15 miles a day. Average trekking time ranges from 3-7 hours per day, which includes stops for lunch & breaks, appreciating the sites, general conversation, and sometimes just figuring out the route. The trekking series expeditions are designed to accommodate those who enjoy trekking at a moderate pace but also enjoy taking numerous stops to enjoy the location.

**Group Size:** The trip consists of two to three GRAB staff members and up to ten participants from the Gettysburg College community; students, employees and their families, and alumni of the college are all welcome.

**Transportation:** You are responsible for your own flights to and from Carlisle, England and for your transportation from the airport to the hotel, and back to the airport at the end of the program. All other ground transportation in country will be arranged and provided. If you plan on traveling further following the trip, you are responsible for those logistics as well.

**Accommodations:** The program's accommodations will include two nights in a hotel in Carlisle, one night in a hotel in Newcastle, and a mix of camping and hostels along Hadrian's Wall.

**Meals:** From the beginning to the end of the program, the price covers all breakfasts, lunches and dinners, excluding alcohol: this includes time in Carlisle and Newcastle as well as breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the trail each day. Participants will be responsible for any additional snacks or meals off the trail while traveling to and from England.

**Weather:** Be prepared for warm, sunny days, typical British mist, rain, and the possible "cloud" of midges. Average temperatures at this time of year range from 45 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Physical Preparation:** You do not need to be a top notch athlete to participate on this program, but proper preparation will make the trip much more enjoyable. Exercising 3-5 days a week and walking with a 30 pound pack to get used to the weight are great ways to prepare. No prior experience hiking is required, and all backcountry skills and expectations will be covered during the trip.

**Health and Medical & Release of Liability:** We require each participant to fill out medical/liability forms for Gettysburg College and for any contracted services who request similar documentation. We can provide information on short term insurance that covers baggage, accident/life, and trip cancellation which is required for our international programs. Please contact us if you have any questions.

**Cancellation of Trips:** We reserve the right to cancel trips due to lack of participants, State Department warnings, or natural occurrences that may be potentially hazardous. If you cancel the trip more than 60 days before the departure date, you will receive a full refund minus the \$150 deposit. If cancellation occurs 45 -60 days prior to the departure date a 50% refund is available. If cancellation occurs 21 - 44 days prior to the trip a 25% refund will be available. There will be no refunds for cancellations made within 21 days of the expedition.