Hadrian's Wall Challenge
Friday 15 – Sunday 17 July

Hadrian's Challenge grade: Level Two (Starter to moderate)

The challenge

Hadrian's Wall is the most famous frontier of the Roman World, a World Heritage Site that stretches over 80 Roman miles from coast to coast. Our challenge is to follow in the footsteps of the Roman Soldiers and complete the 25 mile walk along the finest, wildest and best preserved sections of the wall. Our route will stay as close to the wall as possible, but we'll also pass Roman forts, mileposts, and bath houses.

Day 1 Saturday: Housesteads and Windsheilds Crags

We start at Housesteads where we will make our way up past one of the best preserved Roman Forts in the country. This military fort is set on the crest of the wall and dominates the surrounding countryside for miles around. Here we join the wall and begin our way westwards along the national trail to Windshields Crags. The wall is in great condition along this section and you really get the sense of what it used to be like. This fantastic section makes for rewarding walking with steep ups and downs and great views across the lawless, barren country. Just after Walltown Crags, we will look to stop for refreshments at the visitor centre. Finally, we will continue to Thirwall Castle on our way back along the river to our accommodation in Gilsland.

Distance: 13miles (21km), 1,800ft (548m) ascent.

Day 2 Sunday: Lanercost Priory and Birdoswald

Alighting at Lanercost Bridge, we walk along the river and past the remains of the impressive Lanercost Priory, one of the most superbly preserved monastic sites in Northern England. After a short climb we will again going Hadrian's Wall national trail. Shortly after Banks we descend to the river again and stroll through the hidden gem of Irthing Valley. Following the curves of the river we emerge at Lanerton Bridge before returning to the course of the Vallum. Finally we make our way to the Birdoswald Roman Fort before returning along the wall to Gilsland.

Distance: 12miles (19km), 1,000ft (305m) ascent.

Accommodation and what's included

Accommodation
Gilsland Spa Hotel
Gilsland
Brampton
Cumbria
CA8 7AR

Room pricing is as below and the whole group will be placed in the same hotel. Please note that this hotel is subject to change under extenuating circumstances.

Friday Night
We will aim to start the event by meeting everyone in the bar on the Friday night at **7pm**. You will have the chance to meet your fellow with dinner being served in the restaurant at **8pm**. After dinner we'll have brief chat about the event and then relax and enjoy the evening.

If you are unable to make the hotel by 7pm please let Walkwise know in advance on 01539 560 911. You will be able to check into the hotel from **4pm** onwards.

Saturday
Breakfast: 8am
Coach to the start: 9.15am
Picnic lunch
Three-course dinner: 7.30pm

Sunday
Breakfast: 8am
Coach to the start: 9am
Picnic lunch

Package Friday - Sunday	Price per person
Full Package With 2 nights' accommodation 2 breakfasts 2 picnic lunches 2 evening meals All transport to walks Professional walking guides	Twin share £159/ person Single £199/ person Please check we have single availability when booking
EXTRA Night **Sunday - Monday** Dinner, Bed & Breakfast	£50 per person shared £70 per person single
Event only 2 picnic lunches 1 evening meal All transport to walks Professional walking guides	£75.00 per person