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MARCH THROUGH ROMAN BRITAIN WITH QUINTUS!

July 8 - 19, 2015



Wednesday, July 8

Depart Washington Dulles International Airport at 20:35 for the overnight flight to Reykjavik, Iceland and onward flight to London Gatwick.



Thursday, July 9

On arrival to Gatwick Airport, board our private coach and drive to our hotel in Portsmouth, a busy sea port and home of the Royal Navy. En route we stop briefly in Chichester to see the famous Cogidubnus Inscription, embedded in the wall of the Council House. After dinner we will have a brief orientation meeting.

Overnight: Hotel IBIS Portsmouth Centre; Meals: Dinner

Friday, July 10

Our first excursion takes us on a guided tour of the 1st c AD Fishbourne Roman Palace, the largest and most lavish Roman residence so far discovered in Britain. The impressive garden has been replanted according to the original plan. A museum building protects the beautifully vivid floor mosaics *in situ*. Although the original owner is unknown, the palace's immense scale and luxurious building materials must have impressed Romans and Britons alike. In the afternoon we will stop briefly in Salisbury to visit Salisbury Cathedral, the only English medieval cathedral with a uniform design. Then it's on to Stonehenge where audio guides will enhance our visit of this fascinating prehistoric circle of huge monolithic standing stones. In the early evening we will check into our accommodation in Bath.

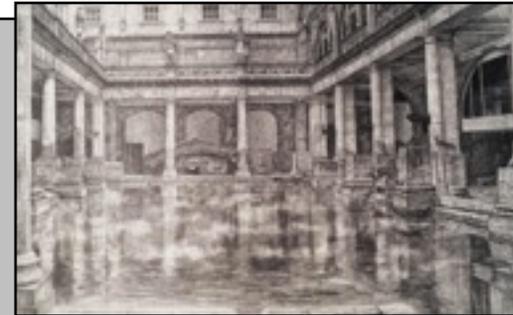
Overnight: University of Bath - Brendon Court; Meals: Breakfast



Saturday, July 11

Bath is a celebrated English spa town, notable for its Roman bath, its abbey-church, and its memories of the 18th c. It is a beautiful town built (in the Neoclassical style of the Georgian Era) entirely of a warm limestone called "Bath Stone." This morning we will go to the heart of Bath / *Aquae Sulis* where the Romans erected a set of large public baths around the hot spring which the Celts had worshiped as the home of their goddess Sulis. We will have a guided tour of the Roman baths / *thermae* where, surrounding the ancient bath complex, a fine museum displays archaeological treasures such as the bronze head of the goddess Sulis Minerva.

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Sunday, July 12

Today's excursion takes us into Wales. En route to Caerleon, we will make a brief stop at Caerwent Roman Town / *Venta Silurum*. Founded by the Romans as the market town and tribal capital of the Silures, interesting remains have been brought to light, including some 4th c town walls standing up to 17' high. Caerleon Roman Fortress and Baths was the site of *Isca Augusta*, an important Roman legionary fortress and headquarters for *Legio II Augusta*. The substantial excavations include military *amphitheatrum*, *thermae*, and barracks. We will have a special guide for the Wales National Roman Legion Museum and then visit the Roman Baths Museum. An evening workshop on Roman Baths will round out our day.

Overnight: University of Bath - Brendon Court; Meals: Breakfast



Monday, July 13

Departing Bath this morning we will travel to the famous Chedworth Roman Villa built between 2nd - 4th c. This is one of the most extensive and complete Roman villas in England. We will have a guided tour of its mosaics, *nymphaeum* and Romano-British temple, etc. In the afternoon we will book into our hotel in Stratford-on-Avon, pleasantly situated on the bank of the Avon. Originally a market town, it is renowned as the birthplace of Shakespeare. In your leisure time you will want to stroll around picturesque Stratford-on-Avon. An optional theatre performance will be offered.

Overnight: The Arden Hotel; Meals: Breakfast



Tuesday, July 14

This morning we check out of our Stratford hotel and drive to Chester / *Deva*. Situated on the River Dee the old city center of Chester, with its well-preserved walls, its Rows or arcades along the first floor of the houses, and its fine cathedral, is one of the most medieval-looking towns in England. It was founded as the fortress headquarters of the famous *Legio XX Valeria Victrix*, during the reign of Vespasian. Chester's four main roads, Eastgate, Northgate, Watergate, and Bridge follow the main roads of the *castra*. We will have some leisure time to explore this city, walk on the walls, explore its shops. After lunch, will visit the Grosvenor Museum, built in the 19th c to house the collections of the Chester Archaeological Society and the Chester Society of Natural Science, Literature and Art. It has a fine collection of Roman inscriptions. A workshop on Roman Inscriptions will enhance our visit.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Express Chester Racecourse; Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

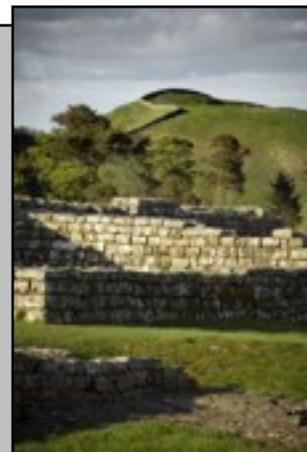


Wednesday, July 15

This morning we depart for the Roman frontier. Hexham will be our base for two nights while we explore some world-class archaeology amid the dramatic landscapes along Hadrian's Wall. Consisting of parallel *muris* and *vallum*, strengthened by mile castles and turrets, this UNESCO World Heritage Site stretches 73 miles across the north of England. There will be some leisure time for walkers among us to walk part of the wall, weather permitting. We will visit Housesteads / *Vercovicium*, a Roman fort set where Hadrian's Wall climbs an escarpment with breathtaking views of the Tyne Valley.

Housesteads Roman Fort is one of Britain's most complete forts with barracks for 800 soldiers, headquarters, commandant's house, latrines, etc. Next we have a guided visit of Hadrian's Wall Chesters Roman Fort and Museum, attractively set in a beautiful valley. Chesters / *Cilurnum*, the best-preserved Roman cavalry fort in Britain, was built to guard the bridge across the River Tyne.

Overnight: Hexham Best Western Beaumont Hotel; Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Thursday, July 16

This morning we will visit the Roman Army Museum which offers an interactive view into the role of the army in the Roman Empire, complete with a recruiting officer, a lesson on Roman citizenship, etc. In Vindolanda we will explore Roman life on the edge of the empire: marvel at the world famous Vindolanda Writing Tablets, the ongoing archaeological discoveries, and the full-sized reconstructions of a Roman temple, Roman shop, and Roman house, etc. We will have a guide for the active dig site.

Vindolanda, with its garrison of auxiliary infantry and cavalry units, was an important frontier fort and village even before the construction of Hadrian's Wall. This evening we will have a workshop on Military Life. *Overnight: Hexham Best Western Beaumont Hotel; Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*



Friday, July 17

This morning we embark on our long trip south to London / *Londinium*. En route we will visit the Verulamium Museum in St. Albans. Verulamium was an important Romano-British town, the second largest in Roman Britain. London has an overwhelming number of sights, all linked by a great transit system. Once we have checked into our University College London accommodations, there may be some leisure time to explore this city. *Overnight: University College London; Meals: Breakfast*



Saturday, July 18

Today we will have a guided visit of the famous British Museum, one of the greatest repositories of civilization in the world. The stunning artifacts from Roman Britain will wonderfully review everything we have seen on our tour. We will also visit the Museum of London, which explores the history of the city and its peoples. In the evening we will have our final group meeting.

Overnight: University College London; Meals: Breakfast



Sunday, July 19

This morning we reluctantly bid *vale* to Roman Britain. There will be an optional extension at the end of the trip to either Reykjavik, Iceland or extending the stay in London. More details on the extension & itinerary will follow. *Meals: Breakfast*

LAND TOUR PRICE:

US\$2,850.00* per person

Price is based on 20 paying participants
(Double/Twin occupancy unless otherwise specified)

OPTIONAL AIR PRICE:

US\$850.00** per person

Plus airline departure taxes as of August 25, 2014: US\$617.67
(Tax is subject to change at time of ticketing)

LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- 4 Dinners
- Private coach for all transfers
- Guides and transportation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Visits and entrance fees to all sights mentioned in the itinerary
- One day metro pass in London on July 18th
- Services of trip leader - Melody Hannegan
- GHT tour manager - Patrica Bell

LAND TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Personal expenses , lunches & beverages during dinner
- (Optional) All Inclusive Insurance Premium: please call Georgia Hardy Tours for rates
- Single supplement: \$400.00
- Gratuities: \$60.00
- Optional theatre performance in Stratford
- Portage

AIR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare on Iceland Air departing from Washington Dulles International Airport to London Gatwick, via Reykjavik, Iceland.

*Based on land tariffs and currency exchange rates as of August 25, 2014 and a minimum of 20 participants. Please note the possibility of increases in airfares and land costs prior to departure. Any increase must be borne by the individual participant.

**Based on quoted Iceland Air airfare as of August 25, 2014. Subject to flight schedule. Departure taxes are subject to change.

Note:The price quoted may increase or decrease due to currency fluctuations prior to the November 1, 2014 application date. Once the deposit has been processed, no price increase is permitted.

American and Canadian citizens must have a passport that is valid for at least three months beyond the period of intended stay in Britain. It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that no additional travel documents are necessary. Georgia Hardy Tours Inc. is not responsible for inadequate or expired travel documents.

Please be aware that living standards and practices in other countries, and the standards and conditions with respect to the provision of utilities, services, and accommodation may differ from those found in the United States and Canada.

Georgia Hardy Tours reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary when necessary for the convenience and safety of tour participants. Any extra cost in the unlikely event of itinerary changes must be borne by the individual participant.

APPLICATION, PAYMENT & BOOKING CONDITIONS:

1. Please visit www.ghardytraveltours.com and then click the 'Apply Now' page for the full application and terms and conditions.
2. Click on "ADULT SMALL GROUP LUXURY TOURS" and enter code: **NACCP-JUL2015**
3. Have passport and credit card ready. **Please note, you must enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport. If you do not enter it exactly, any additional costs levied by the airline will be charged back to you.**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit: \$850.00 November 1, 2014 (non-refundable)

Second Payment: \$1,000.00 due February 17, 2015

Final Payment: \$1,000 due April 12, 2015



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