



HADRIAN'S  
CAVALRY

8 APRIL -  
10 SEPT  
2017

# MEET ROME'S ELITE HORSEMEN



Remarkable exhibitions  
and memorable events  
at 10 museums and  
heritage attractions along  
Hadrian's Wall



Don't miss the drama of

**TURMA!**

**Hadrian's Cavalry  
Charge in Carlisle**

1st & 2nd  
July



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# HADRIAN'S CAVALRY EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 8 APRIL –  
SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2017

**Cavalry regiments recruited from across the Roman Empire were the backbone of the frontier garrison. These elite troops protected Rome's north west frontier and projected imperial power.**

This major Wall-wide exhibition, spread across 10 museums over the 150-mile-long World Heritage Site, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the role and daily life of cavalry soldiers. Each site has its own special exhibition and objects including ornate helmets, armour and weapons on loan from national and international museums, shown alongside items from Hadrian's Wall.

From July 2017, visitors to Chesters Roman Fort can also enjoy a specially commissioned piece of contemporary art celebrating Hadrian's Cavalry. 'Cavalry 360°' is a vast site-specific musical instrument which uses the force of the wind to create the sound of the cavalry moving across the landscape beyond.



Ostrov helmet © Musée d'Art Classique de Mougins

# HADRIAN'S CAVALRY EVENTS

**An events programme along Hadrian's Wall complements the exhibition. The highlight is the dramatic *Turma!* Hadrian's Cavalry Charge in Carlisle taking place in Carlisle on 1st and 2nd July 2017 (see listing opposite). Cavalry re-enactment events at other sites are listed on these pages and there's a lot more going on that we couldn't fit in this leaflet!**

**To find out more about all the Hadrian's Cavalry events, including hands-on activities for families, talks and even a museum sleepover(!), visit [hadrianscavalry.co.uk](http://hadrianscavalry.co.uk)**

## Meet Hadrian's Horsemen

*Roman Army Museum*  
Thur 1 – Fri 2 June | *Entry fee applies*

Speak to the men themselves about what it was like for cavalrymen living and working on Hadrian's Wall! The Roman Army Museum has invited two expert re-enactors in full costume to help bring Hadrian's Cavalry to life.

## Chesters' Cavalry

*Chesters Roman Fort*  
Sat 15 – Sun 16 July | *Entry fee applies*

Meet fast-paced cavalry warriors with their unique and ancient weapons and witness awe-inspiring drills. Mini Roman soldiers can even have a go at becoming a mighty horse in the Chesters' Cavalry chariot racing!

## The Romans Ride Again

*Segedunum Roman Fort, Baths and Museum*  
Sat 5 – Sun 6 Aug | *Entry fee applies*

*Arbeia Roman Fort*  
Sun 27 – Mon 28 Aug | *Free entry*

The riders of Hadrian's Cavalry demonstrate their skills, as they set their horses through their paces and demonstrate skill at arms whilst on horseback.

*Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery*  
Sat 29 – Sun 30 July | *Entry fee applies*

*Great North Museum: Hancock*  
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Aug | *Free entry*

Encounter a cavalryman with his battle equipment and horse; discover what training and daily life consisted of within a cavalry unit.

# TURMA!

## Hadrian's Cavalry Charge in Carlisle

*Bits Park, Carlisle*  
Sat 1 & Sun 2 July | *Entry fee applies*

Witness the remarkable sight of 30 horses in authentic Roman cavalry formation. Cheer on the riders as they put their charges through their paces and perform feats on horseback, demonstrating their skill at arms to compete in the Hippika Gymnasia. After entering the Roman encampment you will pass through the recruiting house, where you will join either the red or blue team of supporters – make sure you are on the winning team!

**Tickets on sale now at**  
**[hadrianscavalry.co.uk](http://hadrianscavalry.co.uk)**

Look out for discounts available along Hadrian's Wall for Turma! ticket holders.

Turma! presented  
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## ARBEIA ROMAN FORT & MUSEUM

BARING STREET, SOUTH SHIELDS NE33 2BB **FREE ENTRY**



1.5 hours

### Uncovering cavalry – what archaeology tells us about Roman cavalry

New evidence about the equipment and daily lives of the cavalry stationed along Hadrian's Wall is constantly being uncovered by archaeological excavations, including those at Arbeia. The exhibition consists of objects found in the barracks where the soldiers lived, and includes two outstanding items from elsewhere in the Empire that match finds from the fort itself.



## CORBRIDGE ROMAN TOWN

CORCHESTER LANE, CORBRIDGE NE45 5NT **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**



1.5 hours

### Art and the Roman horse – the status and role of the horse in the Roman world

Ancient imagery reveals horses as essential components of the Roman world. They are shown as creatures from mythology, as beasts of burden transporting men and goods, and as the mounts for awesome soldiers. Cavalry at Corbridge explores the importance of the horse through the artistry of its many representations.

At Corbridge Roman Town discover the horse depicted in stone, pottery, metal and glass. See a recreation of a full-size cavalry tombstone and handcrafted horse sculptures by Corbridge First School.



## SEGEDUNUM ROMAN FORT, BATHS & MUSEUM

BUDDLE STREET, WALLSEND NE28 6HR **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**



2.5 hours

### Rome's elite troops – building Hadrian's cavalry

Some Roman cavalrymen were recruited from tribes elsewhere in the Empire famous for their horse skills, but all the new recruits – and their horses – needed to be trained to fight as an effective army unit. The exhibition includes weapons and armour that would have been used on a daily basis and those used for the spectacular public displays the cavalry put on to show off their skills. The cavalry saw themselves as an elite, and they liked to look the part.



## CHESTERS ROMAN FORT

CHOLLERFORD, HEXHAM NE46 4EU **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**



1.5 hours

### Horse and man – day-to-day with the Roman cavalryman and his horse

In the tranquil Chesters landscape, imagine a bustling, noisy, smelly fort filled with 500 horses. Chesters is the best-preserved cavalry fort on the wall, where visitors can see the actual cavalry barracks. Learn about how Roman cavalrymen lived side-by-side with their horses including the management, feed, health and grooming. Inside the Clayton Museum, see a new display of a cavalry sword and hipposandals, worn to protect hooves.

From July 2017, visitors can see an installation of contemporary artwork inspired by the once crowded barracks and the power of the cavalry force.



## GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK

BARRAS BRIDGE, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE NE2 4PT **FREE ENTRY**



2.5 hours

### Shock and awe – the power of the Roman cavalryman's mask

A cavalry trooper projected a powerful image. Their appearance reflected the power of the Roman Empire as well as the man behind the mask.



## HOUSESTEADS ROMAN FORT

HAYDON BRIDGE, HEXHAM NE47 6NN **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**

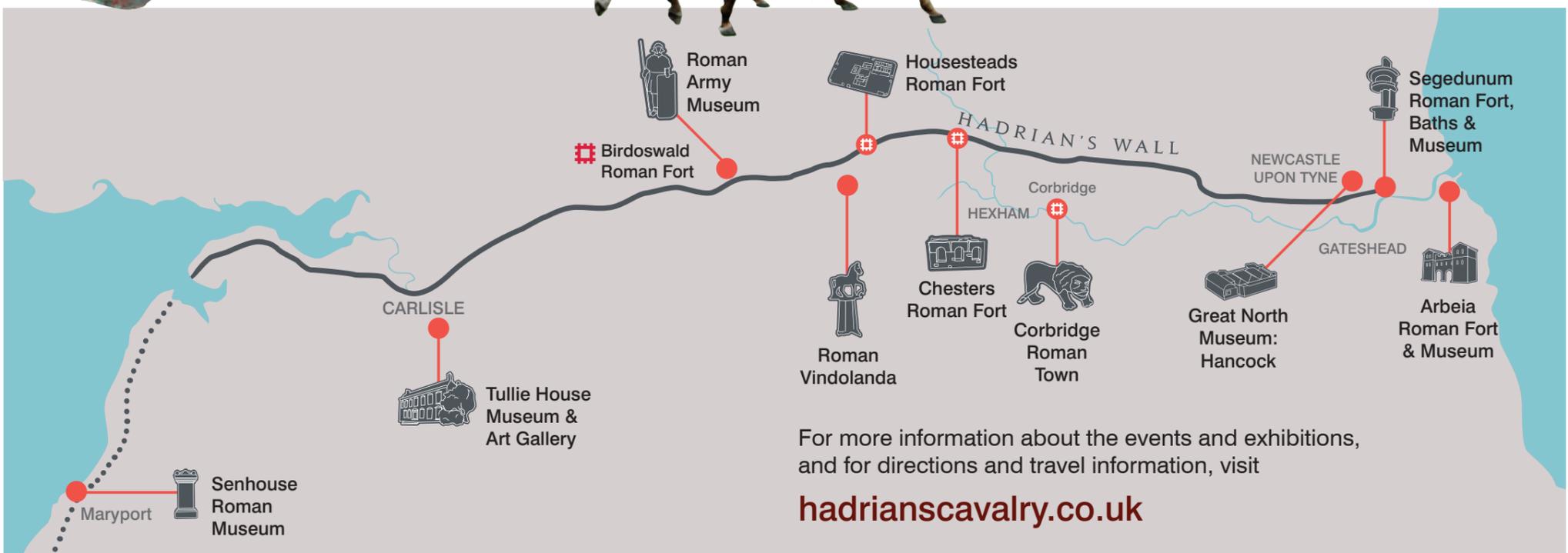


2 hours

### Cavalry charge! – the power and force of a Roman cavalry attack

Thirty horsemen thunder towards you brandishing spears, their extraordinary helmets glittering in the sun. Will you stand your ground?

This small installation evokes the strength and speed of cavalry and is accompanied by a short film about the Hadrian's Cavalry 2017 project. The Roman cavalry was a formidable force, armed with equipment to protect the Roman Frontiers and project the power of Imperial Rome.



For more information about the events and exhibitions, and for directions and travel information, visit

[hadrianscavalry.co.uk](http://hadrianscavalry.co.uk)



## ROMAN VINDOLANDA

BARDON MILL, HEXHAM NE47 7JN **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**



2.5 hours

### A cavalry community – cavalrymen who lived and worked at Vindolanda

We know a lot about the Roman cavalry at Vindolanda from the uniquely well-preserved objects found here. Vindolanda has produced a wealth of archaeological material that is unusually well-preserved. Material that does not normally survive shines a rare light onto the cavalrymen and their daily lives, and the lives of the people around them.



## TULLIE HOUSE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

CASTLE ST, CARLISLE CA3 8TP **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**



2.5 hours

### Guardians on the edge of empire – cavalry bases and Roman power

A stunning collection of richly decorated helmets, including the rare Roman cavalry helmet – the Crosby Garrett Helmet (shown on page 2), and other equipment illustrates the role and power of cavalry forces along the Roman frontiers.

Cavalry were ideal troops for the Roman Empire's land frontiers, projecting imperial power beyond the frontier and policing imperial territory inside the frontier. Auxiliary cavalry regiments occupied key locations along Hadrian's Wall. Stanwix near Carlisle was home to the largest and most prestigious auxiliary unit in Britain.



## ROMAN ARMY MUSEUM

GREENHEAD CA8 7JB **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**



2 hours

### Super charger – arming the Roman horse for battle

Roman cavalry were an essential component of the Roman army. They were famously fast and deadly on the battlefield. Horse-mounted troops allowed the Roman army to carry out long-range reconnaissance, to quickly deliver messages across great distances, and to deal with military threats head-on. Both cavalryman and his horse had very high status.



## SENHOUSE ROMAN MUSEUM

THE BATTERY, SEA BROWS, MARYPORT CA15 6JD **ENTRY FEE APPLIES**



1.5 hours

### Protecting forces – belief in the horse goddess Epona

The goddess Epona was a protector of cavalry whose cult was amongst the many legacies brought to the frontier zone by Roman army cavalrymen.



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LARGE CAVALRY EXHIBITION



ROMAN FORT / SITE



MUSEUM

2.5 hours SUGGESTED VISIT TIME FOR THE WHOLE SITE

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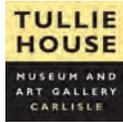
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