



2nd Cup
& of Tea
Travel

ALL of the CREATURES: GREAT & SMALL

AUGUST 2ND - 13TH 2023

The recently released second season of the wonderful TV series, *All Creatures Great and Small*, was a co-production between Channel 5 in the UK and America's PBS and has been a huge success on both sides of the Atlantic. James Alfred Wight, writing under the pen name of James Herriott, actually only wrote 2 novels (*If Only They Could Talk*, published in 1970, and *It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet*, in 1972) based on his experiences as a vet in the Yorkshire Dales in the 1930s. The format of the novels, with each chapter, almost being a separate story, lent itself perfectly to the structure of a television series. The title, of course, comes from the hymn by Mrs. Cecil Alexander, which begins "All things bright and beautiful, . . ." Here is your opportunity to visit some of the locations at which the series was filmed.

But there is so much more . . . We begin our adventure in Edinburgh in time to attend the opening of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, which, in turn, heralds the beginning of the annual Edinburgh Festival of Arts.

Heading south we cross the current border with England and then continue to the ancient Roman border - Hadrian's Wall. This remarkable engineering feat was built on Emperor Hadrian's orders following his visit to Britain in 122 CE. It marked the northern frontier of the Roman Empire for the next 300 years.

Further south, we stop at the city of Durham, the ancient seat of the Prince Bishops and home to the remains of St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. When the Holy Island of Lindisfarne became unsafe due to frequent Viking raids, they carried the body of the saint to the site of the current Norman Cathedral. Amazingly when the coffin was opened upon his elevation to sainthood, expecting to find his bones inside, the body was found to be completely intact. True proof of sainthood.

This summer, join tour guide Thomas Randall and explore the north of England from Edinburgh, through the "border country" to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales, immortalized in James Herriott's novels.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL



GRASSINGTON, ENGLAND

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$ 5490**
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$ 1290**

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 10 nights' accommodation at first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 1 tea, and 7 dinners
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour leader throughout

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be e-mailed to each registrant upon receipt of deposit.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD - Upon arrival at Edinburgh Airport, you will be met for your transfer to our centrally located hotel. There will be time to unpack, relax, rest from the flight, and begin exploring this beautiful city. This evening we will come together for a welcome dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: EDINBURGH**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH - We begin our day with a tour of Edinburgh Castle. As the backdrop to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo during the annual Edinburgh Festival, the castle has become a recognizable symbol of Edinburgh and of Scotland as a whole. After lunch together at a local eatery, you will have a free afternoon before we reconvene in the evening for a transfer to the opening of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Festival.

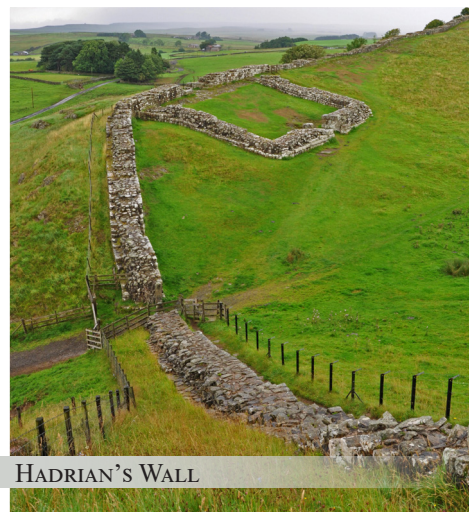
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH - South across the border, we drive through Northumberland - wild and untamed nature, to reach the very limits of the Roman Empire - the amazing Hadrian's Wall at Housesteads Roman Fort and learn why the Romans said 'this far, but no further'. After a quick pub lunch we head to onto Beamish Open Air Museum, this is a truly splendid museum and like stepping back in time (my uncle is a consultant for them for everything that concerns old farming machinery and techniques). Then we drive to Durham - where I went to University. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: DURHAM**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH - Durham is the most beautiful city in the North of England, bar none. My favourite cathedral of the whole country is here too. We can also visit the Castle - my college. There are some lovely shops to take in over a free afternoon. **(B) OVERNIGHT: DURHAM**

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH - Now we truly head into All Creatures Country... After morning tea and elevenses in the wonderful market town of Barnard Castle we head across the moors and onto my uncle's farm - one of the highest in England and home to the largest herd of Belted Galloways in the country. After a tour of the farm - a true James Herriot traditional stone farm, we head past the past the famous Red Lion Pub (featured in the series) and onto Reeth in Upper Swaledale. **(B, T, L, D) OVERNIGHT: REETH**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH - Beatrix Potter Day - we set off to the Lakes - across Windermere, on which we can sail. We also take in the cottage near Ambleside. The drives today are truly beautiful, the best of the English countryside. On the way home we call in at Tan Hill, England's famous, highest pub for a traditional dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: REETH**



HADRIAN'S WALL



SHEEP DOG TRIALS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH - Off over the moors - so photogenic - past country homes and traditional stone farm cottages to Masham where we visit the famous Black Sheep brewery and learn its history, as well as sample the goods. Today we will also watch another iconic Yorkshire event: sheep dog trials - these must be seen to be believed. We continue to Askrigg and checking into The Skeldale House - now a wonderful B&B. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: ASKRIGG**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH - Continuing our All Creatures adventure, we head to Thirsk, where they were vets - and to the wonderful World of James Herriot Museum, a great place to visit. After lunch, we board the Wensleydale steam train at Finghall station, famous from the series, before driving home to Askrigg. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: ASKRIGG**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH - We head to beautiful Grassington in The Dales, where the new series is filmed. This is a quintessential Yorkshire village in beautiful scenery, a lovely place from which to say goodbye to James Herriot country and head for the cities. After lunch we drive south to York it self, the splendid medieval market town famed for its Tudor streets, fabulous tea and wonderful Minster. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: YORK**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH - This morning we will board our train to London where you will have the afternoon to explore and enjoy lunch on your own before gathering together for a farewell dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: LONDON**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH - Morning transfers to London Airports for returning flights to the U. S. **(B)**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **T** - tea, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner