

Capture the *spirit* of Berwick

*'The kind of history-drenched town
you'd expect to find in Brittany or
the Dordogne'*

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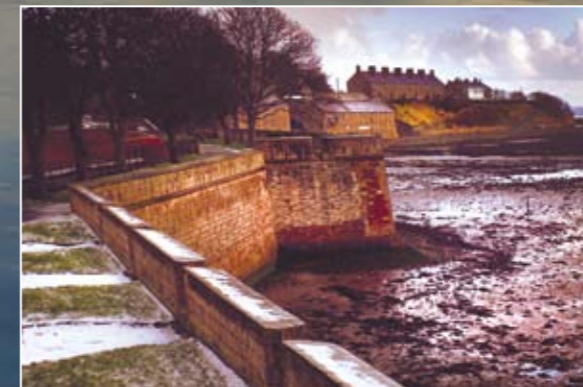


Berwick is in England now, but some would say her heart's still in Scotland. Once Scotland's wealthiest port, she was a prize worth fighting for, pulled between kingdoms for two blood-soaked medieval centuries.

Today, Berwick offers a unique glimpse into the past. It's the gateway to England from the north, but whichever way you're coming, you'll find us amidst the glorious landscapes and historic castles for which Northumberland and the Scottish Borders are famous.

There are surprises, too – the Cittaslow welcome, an international film festival, one of the best bed and breakfasts in the country, living history events – and above it all the clear air, the cries of the gulls and the astonishing wide skies.

If you're in Edinburgh or Newcastle, it's easy to step into a different world. If you're coming from farther afield, linger a while and let the spirit of Berwick work its magic.



CITTASLOW

The mark of a town with a difference



Berwick was the sixth town in the UK to achieve Cittaslow status, and the first in the north east. Assessed against sixty criteria, it has now joined a growing international network of small towns whose people focus specifically on care for the environment, community wellbeing, local produce and quality hospitality.

There is a thriving 'slow food' culture, from Lindisfarne oysters and Tweed salmon to pork selected by Heston Blumenthal for his world-famous restaurant. Farmers and fishermen are committed to producing food of outstanding quality to satisfy the growing demand for local and organic produce.



A PLACE OF UNRIVALLED HISTORY

The one-mile circuit around Berwick's intact Elizabethan fortifications is one of the unmissable walks in the country, taking in river, coast and fine architecture in an exhilarating hour.

Discover clues to Berwick's turbulent past at the Barracks, the powder Magazine, the rare Commonwealth church and the Town Hall jail. The Georgian streets reflect the prosperity and new-found stability which followed the union of England and Scotland.

SHOPPING and LEISURE

The Old Town hosts a wealth of shops, pubs, restaurants and cafes within its higgledy-piggledy maze of Georgian streets. On Wednesdays and Saturdays one of the oldest street markets in the country bustles at the foot of the 18th Century Guildhall, complemented by an indoor farmers' market on the last Sunday of the month.

In the heart of the Old Town lies The Maltings Theatre, which offers visitors over 200 nights of theatre, music and film annually – from eclectic cinema to world-class touring productions, as well as regular art exhibitions. Within a few minutes walk you can find the Swan Leisure Centre, a challenging coastal golf course, the Gymnasium contemporary art gallery, and the beautiful Georgian barracks, which house two museums.

Berwick offers an unparalleled base for walking and cycling, and the fishing is some of the best in the world. Golden sands stretch south to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne and Bamburgh Castle, while northwards lies a paradise for divers, ramblers, geologists and birdwatchers. The mouth of the Tweed itself is rich with wildlife – just follow the river's edge to meet the famous Berwick swans, seals, and even otters.



GETTING TO BERWICK



Berwick has superb rail links with London, Edinburgh and Glasgow. It is 60 miles from both Newcastle and Edinburgh on the A1, and 27 miles north of Alnwick.

For more information and an accommodation guide contact Berwick Tourist Information Centre
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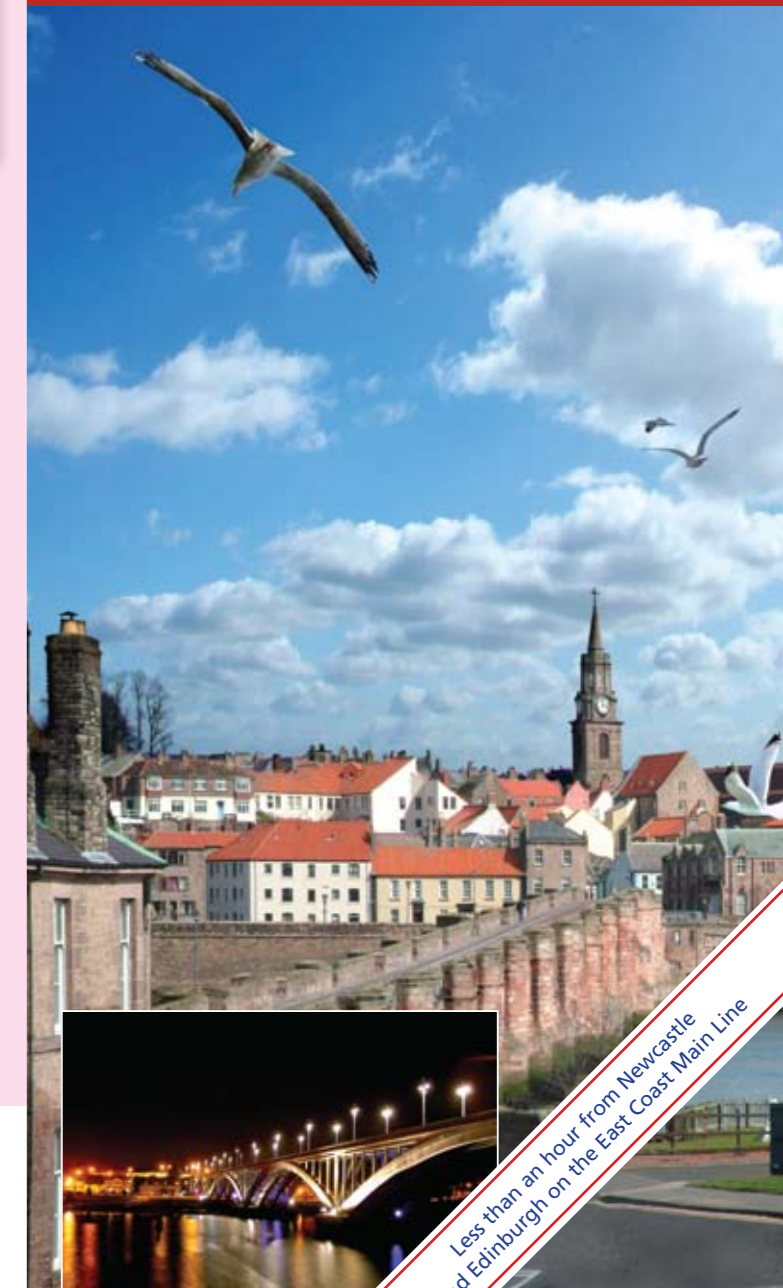


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