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Welcome to Berwick-upon-Tweed, a beautiful town in the “Secret Kingdom” of North Northumberland and only two miles from the border with Scotland.

A town unique in its mix of English and Scottish culture and layered with a turbulent history of battles and wars between the two nations. Now, however, a wonderful town and area filled with things to do and see, both old and new.

Our port sits almost in the town centre and the walk from our landing pontoon to the centre of town is less than five minutes. Take in the Elizabethan walls and the galleries and boutiques of the lower part of town. Or take an excursion to one of many wonderful places in the area, such as Alnwick Castle with its Harry Potter themed events, or the Farne Islands with seal and puffin colonies. See Lindisfarne Priory, the cradle of Christianity in the UK. Visit Alnwick Garden, twelve acres of magnificent gardens including the world’s largest Treehouse restaurant and a “Poison Garden”.

Visit Floors Castle, the largest inhabited castle in Scotland which also boasts nature trails through its wonderful gardens, or Manderston House, an Edwardian stately home used in many television series, with its famous silver staircase and magnificent lake and gardens. Visit Chain Bridge Honey Farm and watch the busy hives close up, or visit the Union Chain Bridge itself only 100 metres away, the oldest suspension bridge in the world still carrying traffic.

All of this and much more is within half an hour’s travel of the landing pontoon at the Port of Berwick.

Top Five Facts about Berwick-upon-Tweed

- Berwick is THE Border Town as it has changed hands between England and Scotland thirteen times.
- Named as one of the most historic towns in the UK
- Only a 40 minute train journey from Edinburgh or Newcastle
- A true mixture of English and Scottish Cultures like no other town
- North Northumberland, the “Secret Kingdom” – an area of outstanding natural beauty

Experience Berwick-upon-Tweed

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An ancient town with Elizabethan Walls surrounding it. The walls can still be explored and walked around today and guided tours are available. Follow in the footsteps of Manchester artist L.S.Lowry on The Lowry Trail. Lowry, famous for his matchstick-men paintings, used to holiday frequently in Berwick-upon-Tweed and did more than thirty sketches, drawings and paintings while visiting the area. Explore the galleries and boutiques of Bridge Street and West Street or the history of a town that has changed hands between England and Scotland 13 times.
Link: https://www.visitberwick.com/

Salmon fishing on the Tweed

Experience a day net fishing on the River Tweed. There are records of Salmon Fishing on the Tweed dating back to Roman Times. Now the Gardo Fishery on the Tweed is the only Salmon Net Fishing Station left in the UK. You can experience a day as part of the fishing team. You will be asked to take up various positions within the fishing operation. The goal is to allow you to have tried and then completed, under supervision, the entire activity of catching River Tweed wild salmon and sea trout. The opportunity to retain and take home a fish could be yours depending on the day's catch. We can arrange for your wild salmon to be prepared at a local restaurant
Link: http://rivertweedwildsalmon.co.uk

Alnwick Castle

The ‘Windsor of the North,’ is the second largest inhabited castle in the country and has been home to the Duke of Northumberland’s family, the Percys, for over 700 years. Combining magnificent medieval architecture with sumptuous Italianate State Rooms, Alnwick Castle is one of the UK’s most significant heritage destinations and best days out in Northumberland. The Castle’s rich history is brimming with drama, intrigue and extraordinary people; from a gunpowder plotter and visionary collectors, to decadent hosts and medieval England’s most celebrated knight: Harry Hotspur. In recent years it has also taken starring roles in a number of film and television productions, featuring as the magnificent Brancaster Castle in Downton Abbey and previously appearing as Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the Harry Potter films. There are various Harry Potter related events throughout the year.
Link: https://www.alnwickcastle.com/

Alnwick Garden

The 12 acres of meandering and magnificent Gardens are home to the world’s largest Tai Haku Cherry Orchard, a Grand Cascade comprising 120 water jets and the world's largest Treehouse Restaurant. The Garden is a peaceful and tranquil haven including roses, an Ornamental Garden and Cherry Blossom, plus the small but deadly Poison Garden, only open on guided tours.
Link: https://www.alnwickcastle.com/

Holy Island of Lindisfarne

Lying just a few miles off the coast, Holy Island is cut off twice-daily by fast-moving tides. Both an island and a picturesque village, Holy Island carries a wealth of history within its tidal walls. Experience the serenity of 12th century Lindisfarne Priory, the epicentre of Christianity in Anglo Saxon times and once the home of St Oswald. This peaceful setting was the birthplace of the Lindisfarne Gospels, one of the world's most precious books. Ransacked by marauding Vikings in the 8th century, the evocative ruins of Lindisfarne Priory remain. Holy Island remains a place of pilgrimage today. T Rising from the sheer rock face at the tip of the island is Lindisfarne Castle. Built in 1550 as a fort to defend the harbour against attack from Scots and Norsemen. In 1901 Edward Hudson bought Lindisfarne Castle and commissioned celebrated architect Edward Lutyens to give the castle a luxurious makeover.
Link: https://www.lindisfarne.org.uk/

Manderston House

A sumptuous Edwardian mansion, the home of Lord and Lady Palmer. One of the unique features of Manderston is a marvellous cantilevered marble staircase with silver-plated balustrade. There is plenty to discover, whether you choose to explore both the house and gardens, or simply the gardens on their own, including a privately owned Biscuit Tin museum, the first of its kind in Britain! The garden has plenty to see whenever you visit including formal gardens, lake and Chinese boathouse and Woodland garden.
Link: https://www.manderston.co.uk/

Bamburgh Castle

No visit to Northumberland is complete without setting foot inside one of the British Isles' best-loved fortresses which has stood guard above the spectacular coastline for over 1,400 years. One of the largest inhabited castles in the country, the site has been continuously occupied for thousands of years, Bamburgh enjoys more than its fair share of ghost stories, legends and myths. It is also believed to be the site of Sir Lancelot's fictitious castle, Joyous Garde.See the scenes of films such as Transformers The Last Knight and best selling Bernard Cornwell's Last Kingdom series brought to life. Experience regular live entertainment and share the amazing sea views.
Link: https://www.bamburghcastle.com/

Farne Islands

Scattered a couple of miles off the coast near Seahouses, this cluster of islands was declared by broadcaster Sir David Attenborough as his favourite place in the UK to see nature at its best. Take a boat ride to the islands from Seahouses. Look out for the island's colony of grey or Atlantic seals hauled up on the rocks or bobbing inquisitively in the sea. The islands have the largest breeding colony in England with some 1,000 pups born here each autumn. During summertime around 150,000 breeding pairs of seabirds cram onto the islands. Around 23 different varieties of birds can be spotted here, including razorbills, guillemots, eider ducks and colourful puffins - just some of the varieties that flock here.
Link: https://www.farne-islands.com/

Floors Castle

Scotland's largest inhabited castle is one of the leading visitor attractions in the Scottish Borders. Visit and explore the collection of fine art, porcelain, newly restored tapestries, grand rooms and superb views over the River Tweed and the Cheviot Hills to the south. Built by leading architect William Adam between 1721-1726 for the 1st Duke of Roxburghe, it has undergone periodic changes to create the dramatic building there today, notably during the Victorian period through the work of Scottish architect William Playfair. Enjoy a wander through atmospheric woodland or a trail by the riverside or a stroll around the stunning Victorian walled garden.
Link: https://www.floorscastle.com/

Chain Bridge Honey Farm

Discover first hand the extraordinary tale of bees and honey. Explore bee behaviour, products and different types of bee. See the living colony of the observation hive. See the bees visibly bring in pollen on their hind legs and perform captivating dances as they 'speak' to each other. Plus, there's a vast display of vintage vehicles and a fabulous Beekeeper's Garden which has been planted to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Walk to the Union Chain Bridge, a suspension bridge completed in 1820 that links England to Scotland.
Link: https://www.chainbridgehoney.com/

Port Information

Time zone : GMT
Operational hours : 0800 – 1700 but further working hours are available
Berth enquiries/reservations : scott.ferguson@bhcshipping.com
Lat & long : 55 45′ 9N 002 00′ 5W
Prevailing weather : Westerly winds in summer, easterly in winter
Anchorage position if applicable : 55 45′ 62N 001 57′ 91W
Berth information : 3 berths: 125m, 97m, 115m
Vessel length : 90m
Vessel width : 16m
Air draft restrictions : None
Vessel draft : 4.4m
Depth on berth : Ranges from 5m to 1.5m
VTS Channel : 12
Max ship dimensions : 90m LOA x 16m Beam x 4.40m Draft
Pilotage : Available 24/7
Tugboat : None
Security facilties : Port fenced with secure access
Gangway : Pontoon for landing
Fresh water : Available on demand
Power supply : Available on pontoon
Fuel supply : None
Hot works/painting/lifeboats : 3rd party contractor
Waste handling : Available on site

Passenger Facilities

Terminal Building : Harbour Office
Currency exchange : Available at nearby banks
Internet access : Available at Harbour Office
Telephones : N/A
Mailbox : Available just outside port
Distance to railway station : 1.2 miles / 1.93km
Distance to airport : 65 miles / 107km
Banks/ATMs : 5min walk from berth
Restuarant/cafe : Various just outside port

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