Roman rule, the linoleum King and disputed borders – discover Chester, Lancaster and Carlisle

Roman baths and amphitheaters lie under London streets, but the biggest are in beautiful Chester, circled by a wall you can hop on and off to visit museums, Elizabethan shopping streets and pubs. Up the tracks you will find famous witch hunters, a castle with Britain’s oldest courtroom and a Hanging Corner. And for a view to die for, check out the linoleum king’s jelly mold monument, before taking the train to the ‘great border city’, on the doorstep of Hadrian’s 73-mile Roman wall, home to England’s most besieged castle and Woodrow Wilson’s mom.