



From

Prices valid until  
30th December 2025

days

Duration

Tasmania

Destination

Level 1 - Introductory to  
Moderate

Activity

## Romans settling Britain & Gaul | Summer School course

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This Odyssey Traveller Australia summer school course about the Romans settling Britain and Gaul (France) runs for five days with three or four sessions per day. The day will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm and late afternoons will be reserved for free time and further text exploration.

This programme will offer you a deep and intimate understanding of a unique period in history, when one of the greatest empires in history

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settled the regions we know today as Britain and France, as well as other parts of Western Europe. We will learn about the battles fought, the Roman army, the technology introduced, the political process and the way this period has shaped our lives and the world as we know it today.

We begin with a general introduction to the Roman Empire where participating students can get a better sense of this period of history and the dynamics of Ancient Rome. We will then look at the bloody invasions of Britain and Gaul led by Caesar and the kind of environment that Britons lived in during Roman occupation. Over our week together we will get sense of the importance of religion, and the issues it caused, what life was like for women, the complex politics of the time and the challenges different emperors faced in running these areas.

## Questions we consider in the classroom

How did the Romans have such power? This classroom program considers and discusses the Roman occupation between the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC and the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD. To both Britain and Gaul, the Romans brought roads, bridges, education, and cities. Perhaps above all, they brought Pax Romana or Peace of Rome. It was the resulting freedom from pirates, roving bandits, and other invaders which allowed these areas to grow prosperous. During their occupation they built magnificent villas, aqueducts, amphitheatres, theatres, temples, and whole cities. The remains of these structures are visible today, 2,000 years later. We engage with this period and ask what impact the Romans have left on these areas and how things might be different if this period of history had been different.

## Summer School classes for mature and senior travellers

Odyssey offers a collection of week-long learning programs offered each January in Hobart, Tasmania. Courses are refreshed for each





year's programs. Classes are limited to 15 people.

Over the last twenty-five years, Odyssey's small group Summer School Program has given countless travellers an unforgettable educational and travel experience. Each summer, we prepare and offer fun and challenging special interest courses and programs designed to give travellers the options and opportunity to learn about history, religion, Australian culture, and the arts, among many other topics. These courses are designed in such a way that enthusiasts can deepen their knowledge of a particular topic or be initiated into new understandings on a subject.

These programs offered are tailor-made for mature-aged and senior travellers who are eager to explore in-depth a particular topic. Summer school learning programs for mature and senior travellers who are and remain curious about the world. Read more about our [philosophy of the Odyssey Summer Schools](#).

## Highlights

1. Consider the Romans and the desire to invade Britain and Europe
2. Discuss the impact the Romans had these different cultures.
3. Discover the role of finance and labour in their quests to dominate
4. Learn about how success for Roman peace was achieved.
5. Consider the eventual collapse of Rome and the legacy beyond the aqueducts.

## Itinerary



## Day 1

**Locations:** Hobart

**Overview:**

The Summer school program begins with a welcome reception and dinner.

**Accommodation:**

Mövenpick Hotel Hobart or similar

## Day 2

**Locations:** Hobart

**Overview:**

We begin our study with a general introduction to the Roman Empire and its early period. We look at just why the Romans feared their northern neighbours and at the early stages of the conquest before moving on to a look at Gaul before Caesar.

**Accommodation:**

Mövenpick Hotel Hobart or similar

## Day 3

**Locations:** Hobart

**Overview:**

Today we concentrate on Caesar's bloody conquest of Gaul in which, it has been estimated, over a million Gauls lost their lives and an unknown number were sold into slavery.

In the afternoon we explore what it was like to live in Gaul after the conquest.

**Accommodation:**

Mövenpick Hotel Hobart or similar

## Day 4

**Locations:** Hobart

### Overview:

For the Romans, Britain was a mysterious and distant land before Julius Caesar landed there for the first time in 55 BC. This morning, we look at Britain before the Romans and at the invasions led by Caesar in 55 and 54 BC.

This afternoon, we move on almost 100 years to the next Roman invasion, under the Emperor Claudius. We'll look at the British response and particularly the resistance of Caratacus and the rebellion of Boudicca.

What can we learn from the writings of Roman Historian Tacitus?

### Accommodation:

Mövenpick Hotel Hobart or similar

## Day 5

**Locations:** Hobart

### Overview:

What was life like for the majority of Britons during 400 years of Roman occupation? Today, we look at a number of Roman towns, particularly Silchester, Colchester and Bath, before moving north to Hadrian's Wall and the extraordinary findings at Vindolanda.

### Accommodation:

Mövenpick Hotel Hobart or similar

## Day 6

**Locations:** Hobart

### Overview:

Today, we focus again on life in the provinces for both the soldiers and the civilians. We look particularly at the role of religion, the role of women and at life in the villas of the 4<sup>th</sup>

century.

Finally, we look at the last stages of life in Roman Britain and at the withdrawal of the legions.

Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner...unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately) not Roman style. No pheasant's tongues or dormice pies for us.

**Accommodation:**

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**Day 7**

**Locations:** Hobart

**Overview:**

The tour will end after breakfast.

## Inclusions / Exclusions

**What's included in our Tour**

- Services of a study leader and lecturers.
- Complimentary wifi.
- Six breakfasts and two dinners.
- Six nights in full en suite accommodation
- Lectures and handouts as indicated

**What's not included in our Tour**

- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Costs of a personal nature.

**Level 1 - Introductory to Moderate**

Participants must be able to carry their own luggage, climb and descend stairs, moderate walking on uneven surfaces for 3 - 5 kilometres per day. Suitable for most fitness levels.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any requests for further information about this tour or any others offered by Odyssey Travel.