

Roman Britain

Julius Caesar invaded Britain in 55 BC. He fought some tribes and then went home.

A century later, Emperor Claudius conquered Britain. He brought elephants to frighten the Britons. The Romans then ruled Britain for four hundred years.

The Romans never conquered Scotland. Emperor Hadrian built a wall to keep the Scots out, instead. It ran right across the country.

Many Roman buildings still survive in Britain. These include Hadrian's Wall itself.

Lighthouses, amphitheatres, villas and bath houses survive, too. The villas and bath houses had hypocausts to keep them warm.

1. What happened in 55 BC?

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2. What did Claudius bring and what do you think the Britons thought about them?

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3. Who was Hadrian and why do you think he is still famous?

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