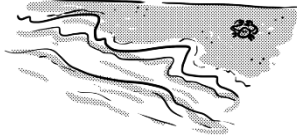


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Dear Ms Wilkinson,

Thank you for your letter of 24<sup>th</sup> April, asking about Northumberland. I am delighted that you would consider taking a holiday in our wonderful county. You won't be disappointed!

I suspect it will be a huge change from what you're used to. Coming from Birmingham you will, I think, be blown away by the open spaces. Northumberland has the fewest people per square mile of any county in the country. If you crave peace, quiet and room to breathe, you will have come to the right place.

Then there's the sea. No doubt you live hours away from the nearest shore. Here in Northumberland, we are blessed with miles and miles of stunning coastline. There are vast, sandy beaches and rugged, rocky cliffs that are home to a wide range of wildlife. Yet we can also boast wild, mountainous uplands offering spectacular views for the serious walker.

Like your neck of the woods, Northumberland has a proud tradition of work, power and invention. But our rich history stretches way beyond the last three centuries. We have the Roman marvel that is the world-famous Hadrian's Wall, the lonely charm of 'Holy Island' and more castles than any other county in the UK.

Living in the Midlands, you might think this is the 'frozen north'. In truth, it does tend to be a little cooler but don't confuse colder with wetter. Northumberland has less rain compared with many other counties. Anyway, most of it falls on high ground in the west.

Whatever the weather, you can be sure of a warm welcome. You'll also be pleasantly surprised by the cost of your holiday. Whether you stay in a top-class hotel or hire a

charming cottage for your stay, you can expect great value. That means more money to spend on the things you want.

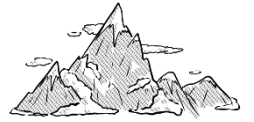
I could go on but I'll let you discover some of the joys of Northumberland yourself. Please find attached a list of places to stay, plus a tourist guide packed with useful information.

We really hope to see you soon.

Yours sincerely

*Darren Champion*

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