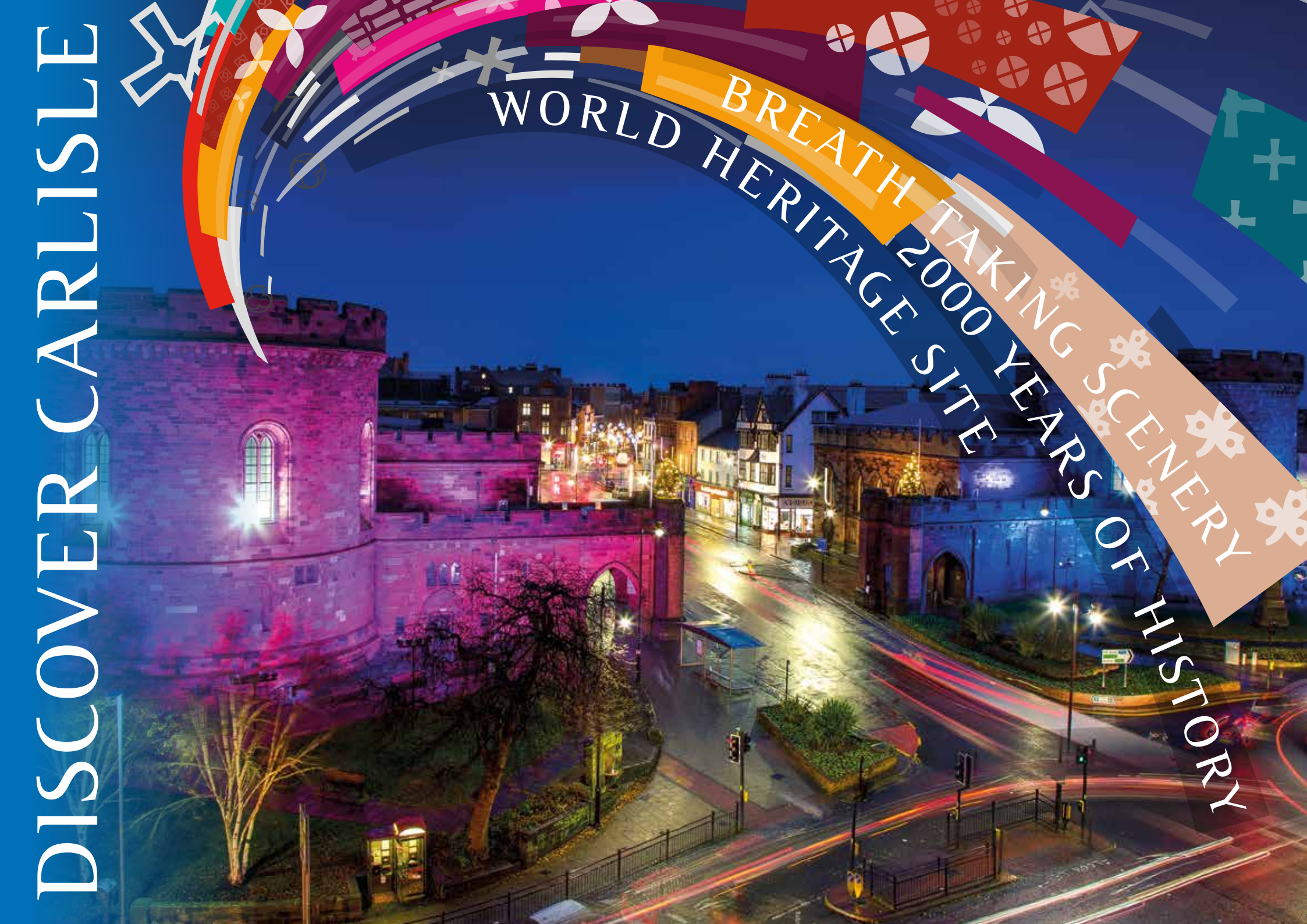


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2000 YEARS
OF HISTORY

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A 2000 year old city

With a holiday or short break in Carlisle, you can relive the history of our 2000 year old city.

Explore unspoiled countryside in our two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, indulge in some serious retail therapy and then relax in accommodation of the highest quality.

Close by, you can marvel at the legacy of the once mighty Roman Empire at the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site. Walk or cycle through beautiful countryside or unwind by tranquil lakes and streams.



Alive with history

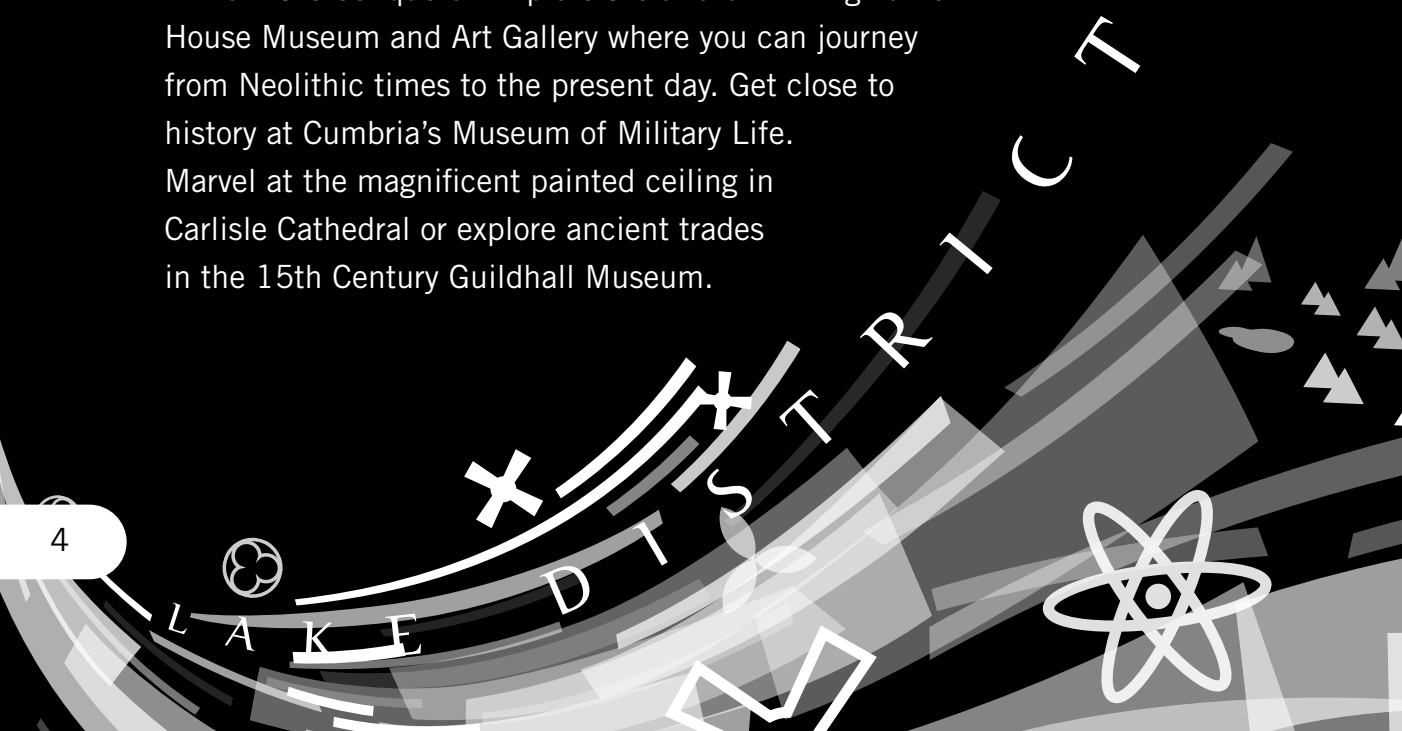
Carlisle has more than 2000 years of history. Celts, Romans, feuding Border Reivers and invading armies have left an amazing legacy for you to explore.

Within the city you can wander through the cobbled streets of Carlisle's Historic Quarter. Here you will find a mighty medieval castle founded in 1092 by William Rufus, son of William the Conqueror. Explore the award-winning Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery where you can journey from Neolithic times to the present day. Get close to history at Cumbria's Museum of Military Life. Marvel at the magnificent painted ceiling in Carlisle Cathedral or explore ancient trades in the 15th Century Guildhall Museum.



CATHEDRAL

SOLWAY COAST



Walk in the footsteps of Roman Legionaries

Agricola, Britain's first Roman Governor wanted to tame the 'wild barbarians' at the northern frontier of the Roman Empire. When Emperor Hadrian arrived in AD122, these barbarians were still at large, so to defend his empire he ordered the building of a mighty barrier stretching from the Solway Firth in the west to Wallsend in the east. Hadrian's Wall is now one of the most important designated World Heritage Sites in Britain.

There are many Roman sites and museums to discover along its route. Explore stunning landscapes either by foot or by bike taking in market towns and villages along the way.

The 84-mile Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail allows visitors to take a fascinating journey across northern England, taking in some of the country's greatest archaeological monuments and relics from the Roman occupation.

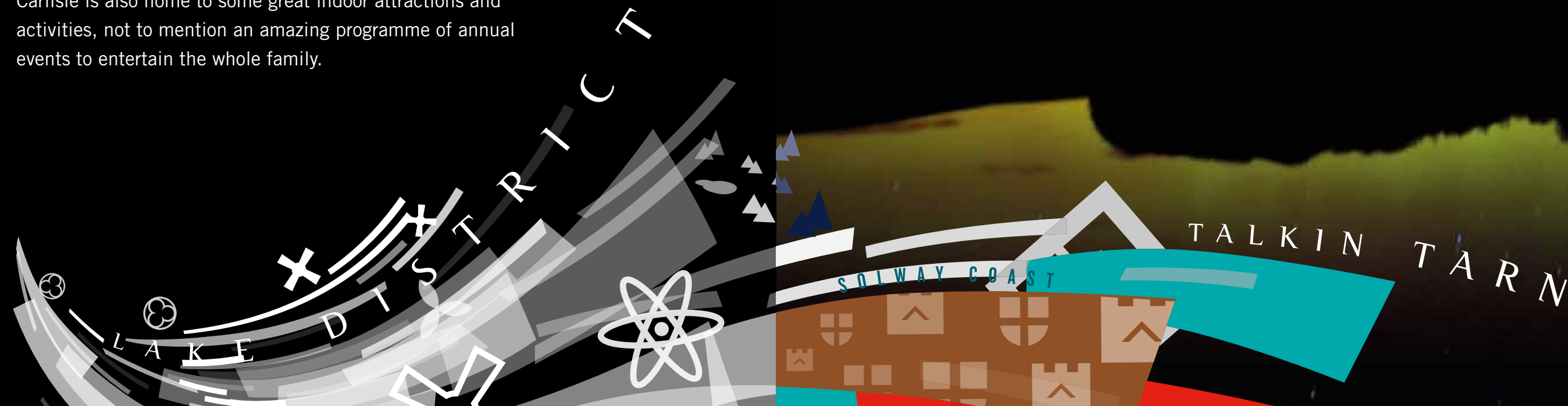


Spirit of adventure

Carlisle and Hadrian's Wall Country offer an unparalleled choice of ways for all the family to get active! Whether it's an outdoor or indoor pursuit, you're sure to find something for everyone to enjoy.

Carlisle is home to a World Heritage Site on Hadrian's Wall and has two areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty; the North Pennines and the Solway Coast. There are miles of unspoiled countryside for you to explore.

Carlisle is also home to some great indoor attractions and activities, not to mention an amazing programme of annual events to entertain the whole family.



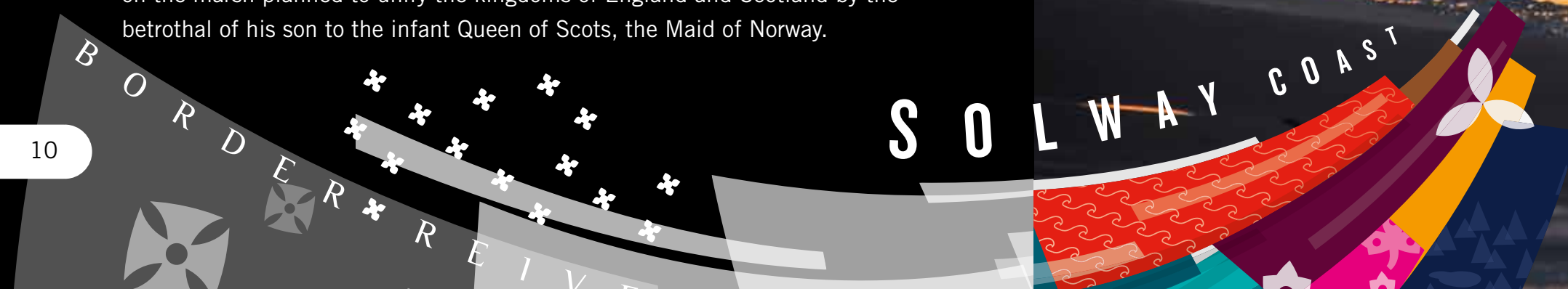
Hidden treasures

The beautiful countryside around Carlisle contains many hidden treasures that are a delight to everyone looking for a unique experience.

Talkin Tarn Country Park nestles amidst 120 acres of stunning scenery on the edge of the North Pennines area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is ideal for a peaceful stroll or an active day of water sports or cycling. You can also enjoy outdoor theatre productions in this beautiful setting.

Travel north into Carlisle's debatable lands and you will find the imposing Hermitage Castle in Newcastleton or explore the atmospheric Bewcastle famous for its Anglo-Saxon Cross, which has stood in the churchyard for more than 1000 years.

Explore the Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and you'll find standing alone on the marsh, the King Edward I monument. Edward who died on the marsh planned to unify the kingdoms of England and Scotland by the betrothal of his son to the infant Queen of Scots, the Maid of Norway.



Shopping heaven

Carlisle has a unique mix of independent retailers' shoulder to shoulder with some great high street brands. Whether you're on a spending spree or simply want to explore its many local food and craft outlets, you'll find everything you need in the heart of the city.

The Lanes Shopping Centre has more than 70 stores including all of the big names you would expect in a first-class shopping centre, as well as several independent retailers. Undercover, The Lanes Shopping Centre is an ideal all-weather destination.

The award-winning Victorian Market Hall has an unhurried traditional atmosphere. Inside you will find an amazing mix of stalls selling everything from fresh local produce, haberdashery, clothing, flowers and amazing street food.

Carlisle city centre hosts a range of high profile events throughout the year. To find out what's happening during your stay visit discovercarlisle.co.uk





Carlisle has a huge range of restaurants and eateries to cater to every gastronomic taste and pocket too!

There is also an excellent selection of live music venues throughout the city catering for every genre. The Sands Centre is Cumbria's premier live arts venue, hosting classical, pop and rock music plus superb theatre, drama and ballet productions. Carlisle Cathedral provides a stunning venue for performing arts in the heart of the city's historic quarter. The intimate West Walls Theatre provides a popular programme of drama productions all year round. The Old Fire Station hosts a wide variety of entertainment including live music and comedy, as well as providing exhibition space for artists. Carlisle welcomes some of the biggest stars with outdoor concerts in Bitts Park and Carlisle Racecourse.

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Time to relax

Stay a while in Carlisle! Choose from a fantastic range of first class accommodation and enjoy a great night's rest as a very welcome guest.

Whatever your budget, there is no shortage of accommodation to choose from. Pamper yourself with a luxury hotel or appreciate the home comforts of one of our many guest houses, in and around the city.

Enjoy the ultimate flexibility of a self-catering country cottage or even try glamping on the fringes of the North Pennines. For those who like adventures in the great outdoors, there is a good selection of well-equipped camping and caravan sites surrounding the city.

To find your perfect accommodation visit discovercarlisle.co.uk



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Help us plan your visit

The Discover Carlisle team is on hand to help you plan and make the most of your visit. The Tourist Information Centre is based in the splendid 17th Century Old Town Hall, right in the heart of the city.

To discuss your requirements, call 01228 598596 or email info@discovercarlisle.co.uk

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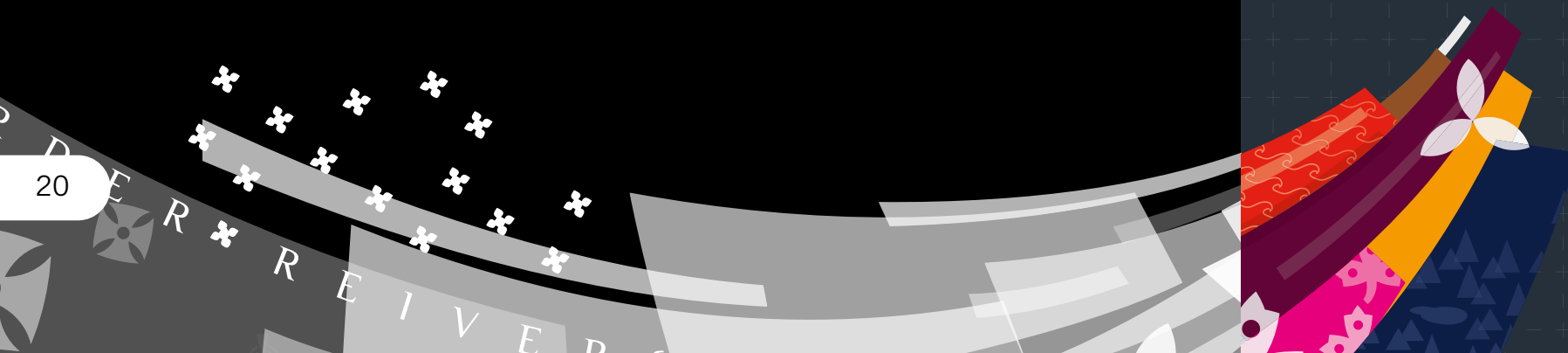
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Getting here

By road - Carlisle is linked directly with the North West, Yorkshire and Humberside by the M6, M61, M62 and the adjoining motorway network.

By rail - Carlisle is the crossroads for the West Coast Mainline from London Euston to Glasgow and Edinburgh, and has direct services from West Cumbria, Newcastle Upon Tyne and the North East.

Trains journey times from London Euston are just over three hours, and from Glasgow and Edinburgh just over one hour.

The world-famous Settle-Carlisle railway terminates in Carlisle bringing visitors from Leeds and Yorkshire through breath-taking countryside into the heart of the city.

By air - Carlisle's new Lake District Airport has direct flights from London Southend, Belfast and Dublin with connections from the USA.

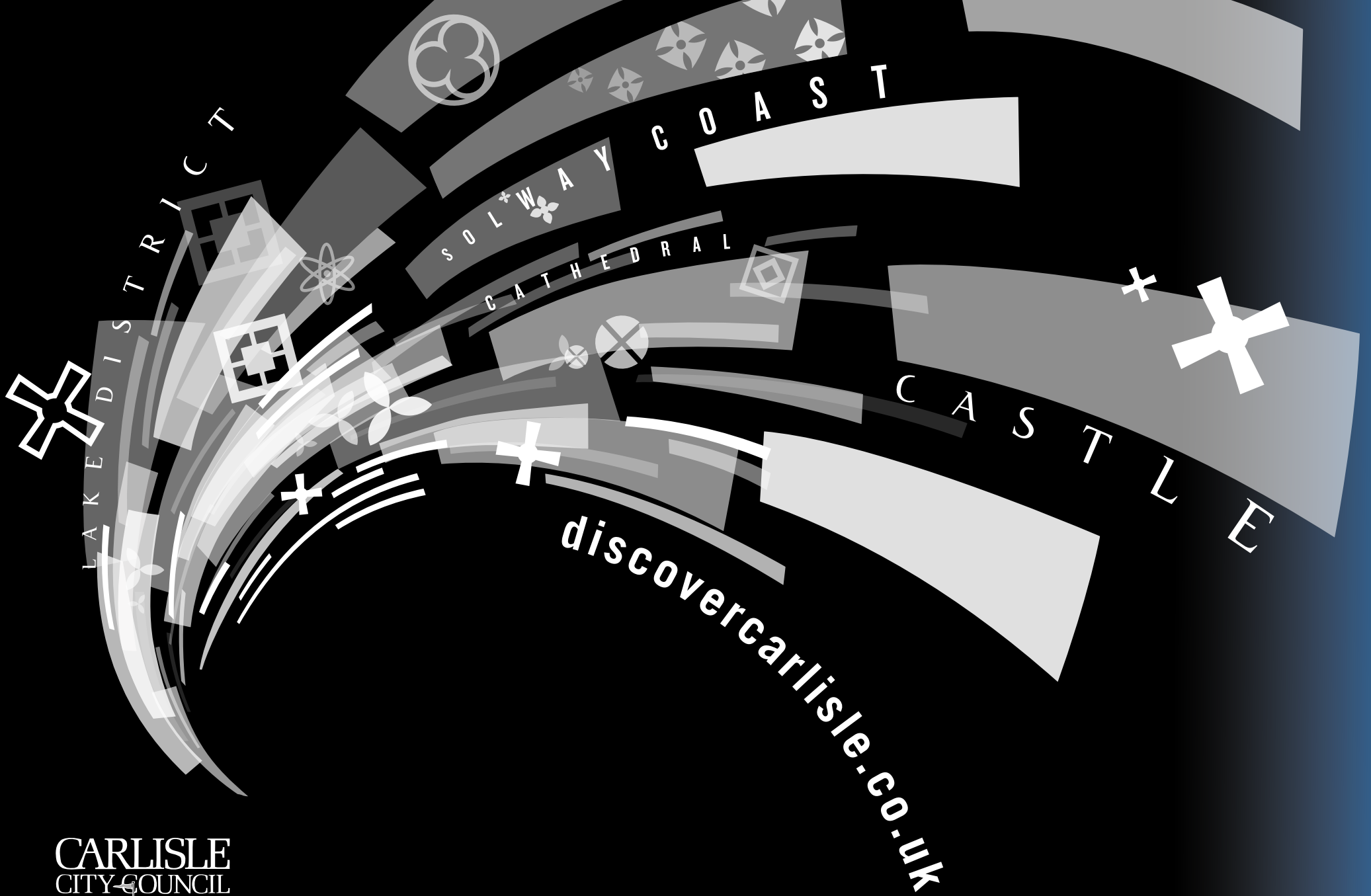




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- Brampton Tourist Information Centre 016977 3433
- Carlisle City Council 01228 817200
- Cumbria County Council 01228 606060
- Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery 01228 618718
- Carlisle Cathedral 01228 548151
- Carlisle Castle 01228 591922
- Cumbria's Museum of Military Life 01228 532774
- University of Cumbria 01228 616234
- Old Fire Station 01228 817358
- The Brickyard 01228 512220
- The Sands Centre 01228 633766
- The Greenroom Theatre 01228 533233





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