

CULTURE AND HERITAGE

# YVERDON-LES-BAINS CASTRUM

In 325, the Romans of Eburodunum/Yverdon built a castrum to protect the port from Alemanni attacks. On the shores of Lake Neuchâtel, Eburodunum was the main river/lake base north of the Alps and occupied a strategic position on the main communication routes. Research suggests that the Romans became integrated into the local population, adopted many local customs and developed their own.

A major Roman fortress covering an area of 2 ha was built in Eburodunum, surrounded by a wall with 15 stonework towers.

In 405, the Romans withdrew, abandoning the castrum. The last vestiges were destroyed in 1860, so the city could be extended.



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