



Roman

Surrey

AD 43 – 410

Although contact with Rome had begun under the campaigns of Julius Caesar, it was the invasion under Emperor Claudius in AD 43 that brought Britain under Roman control. Despite often being associated with sophisticated villas, bustling towns and fortified frontiers, much of the countryside – including Roman Surrey – was largely unchanged from the preceding Iron Age. Tile and pottery production were key industries in the area and often tied to the villa estates. Temples were also important features in the rural landscape, and many of the rituals and beliefs developed from religious systems which were in place before the introduction of the Roman gods.

