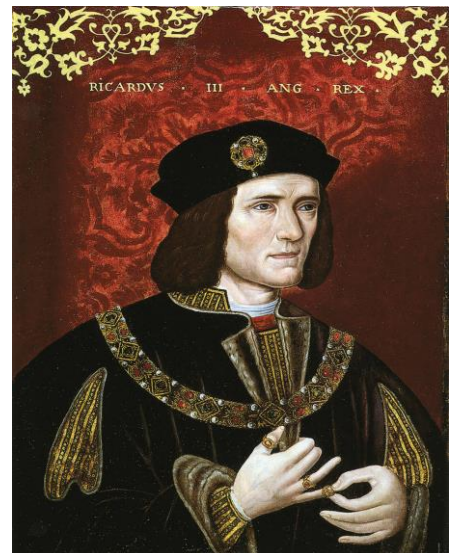




Tour Information



Richard III – The Last English King To Die In Battle





The tour commences and concludes at the **Hilton Leicester**.

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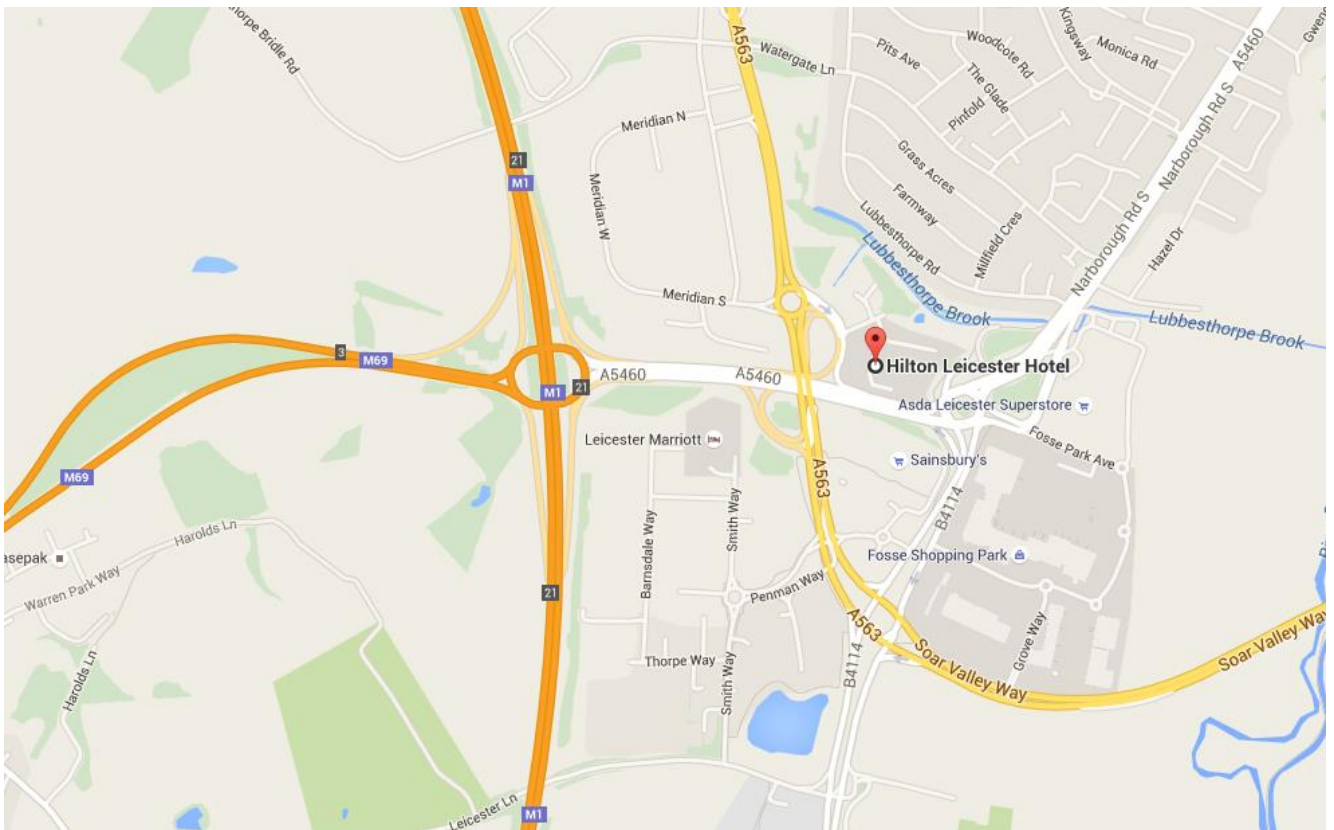
Leicester,

LE19 1WQ

United Kingdom

Tel: 0116 262 0066

Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

If you are travelling by car: From the M1, exit at Junction 21. Go onto the A5460, heading towards Leicester.

After only 100 yards, take the left-hand slip road under the bridge sign-posted for Meridian Business Park (you will see the Hilton hotel on your right). Approach the roundabout, go all the way round. Back on yourself and the hotel entrance is on your left.

For Satellite Navigation please use the Postcode LE19 1DU

If you are travelling by train: Leicester Train Station is approx. 15-minute taxi ride (fee approx. £15.00-20)



Accommodation

Hilton Leicester

Located three miles from Leicester city centre, the four-star Hilton Leicester Hotel offers comfortable bedrooms with private bath/shower, TV, telephone and tea/coffee making facilities. Facilities at the hotel include a restaurant, bar, cafe, indoor pool and fitness centre. Complimentary car parking for Travel Editions clients is available at the hotel.

More information can be found via the hotel's website: <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hilton-leicester-hotel-EMALEHN/index.html>

Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15:00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day, the tour will not finish until approximately 17:00 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12:00.

Dining

On the first night, dinner with wine is provided at the hotel and included in the price of the tour. For the second evening, dinner is provided in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on all days of your stay is included in the price and one light lunch, but meals other than these stated are not included.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.



Places Visited

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre tells the dramatic story of the Battle of Bosworth on 22nd August 1485, which marked a major turning point in English history. The centre offers the opportunity to discover more about the Battle of 1485 where Richard III fought for his crown and lost his life, and Henry Tudor became king. With interactive, hands-on displays you can find out more about medieval warfare, how the battle unfolded and the impact of the new and powerful Tudor dynasty as well as how archaeologists discovered the true location of the Battle.

<http://www.bosworthbattlefield.com/>

St James Church Sutton Cheney

King Richard III is reputed to have heard his last mass at the Church of St. James at Sutton Cheney, on the eve of Bosworth. Few alterations have been carried out to the church since 1485, apart from the addition to the top of the tower. A memorial service and wreath laying ceremony is held at the church annually on the Sunday nearest to August 22nd.

Leicester Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester – commonly known as Leicester Cathedral, has been a site of worship for approximately a thousand years, being first recorded in 1086 when the older Saxon church was replaced by a Norman one. It is here where Richard III's remains have been laid to rest. Just over 100 years ago the Victorian Architect, Raphael Brandon, magnificently restored and, in places, rebuilt the church, including the addition of a 220ft spire which is a magnificent sight to behold. Leicester Cathedral is of utmost historical and architectural importance and remains symbolically and physically at the heart of Leicester today. Richard III's tomb is located within the Cathedral and is made from Swaledale fossil stone, quarried in North Yorkshire. King Richard's importance and characteristics are recognised in the inlaid stone coat of arms which is made in a variety of marble and semi-precious stones. In considering the method of reinterment, the Cathedral took into account the views of the scientific community, the heritage groups, the Richard III Society and the Church of England. Richard's remains are laid in a lead ossuary which is itself placed in a coffin made from English oak. The coffin is placed in a brick lined vault below the floor of the Cathedral, with the tomb stone sealing it closed.

<http://leicestercathedral.org/>

Richard III Visitor Centre

In August 2012, Leicester City Council purchased an old school with the aim of creating a centre that would tell the story of the remarkable search for –and at that point unconfirmed discovery of – King Richard III. The incredible transformation of the former Alderman Newton's School, located right next to the spot where the king's remains were found, was completed in record time and the King Richard III Visitor Centre opened its doors to the public on 26 July 2014. The centre tells the fascinating and moving story of the king's life and death and reveals one of the greatest archaeological detective stories ever told. The centre is divided into three sections – dynasty, death and discovery, each providing a unique insight into various aspects of this engaging and fascinating topic. Exhibits include both a partial and the full facial reconstruction, giving visitors the chance to see the work in progress and the final reconstruction of Richard. There is also a replica of Richard's skeleton, printed using 3D technology.

<http://kriii.com/>

Fotheringhay: St Mary & All Saints Church

The beautiful Perpendicular style Church of St Mary and All Saints, with its distinctive tall tower, is situated above the River Nene at the village of Fotheringhay in Northamptonshire. It contains memorials to many of the members of the House of York. The present church was built by King Edward III who was also responsible for the building of a college as a cloister on the church's southern side.

Kirby Muxloe Castle

Built in the 15th century, Kirby Muxloe Castle is a picturesque, fortified mansion which was built for Lord William Hastings, 1st Baron Hastings, during the War of the Roses. Lord Hastings was dramatically seized and executed by Richard III in 1483 for treason which prevented the completion of the castle. Many of Hastings' descendants still believe they have a direct line to the throne of England. During your visit, you will be able to explore the atmospheric moated remains – including the fine gatehouse and a complete corner tower – of this brick-built mansion which have been extensively conserved by English Heritage.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/kirby-muxloe-castle/>

The Talbot Hotel

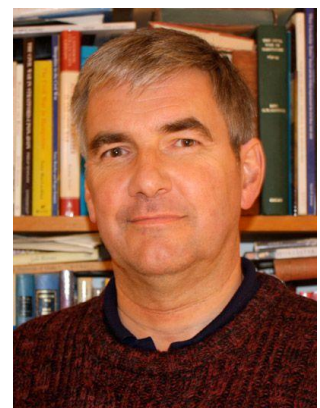
The façade and main structure of the hotel are thought to date from 1626 and alongside its historical connections to Fotheringhay, it is of such exceptional architectural and historical importance that it is classified as a Grade I heritage building by Historic England and is among the top three per cent of all listed buildings in England. The hotel is famous for its New Street and inner courtyard facades, which were built with stone from Fotheringhay Castle in 1630. The stone mullion windows and timber staircase overlooking the inner courtyard are reputedly, also from Fotheringhay Castle. The staircase is believed to be that which Mary Queen of Scots famously descended on route to her execution at the castle on 8 February 1587.

<https://talbothotel.co.uk/>

Guest Speaker

Julian Humphrys will be your lecturer during this tour.

After reading history at the University of Cambridge, **Julian** has had a long and impressive career relating to the themes and issues explored throughout this trip. He is now a trustee of the Battlefields Trust and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an experienced battlefields guide, an author of a number of books on English battles and a regular contributor to BBC History Magazine. Julian's input aims to enhance and develop your understanding of this fascinating subject and exciting period of history.





Practical Information

Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Walking Grading – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing.



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday, please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason, you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



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