

Tour Information



# Lincoln – A Medieval Gem





The tour starts and finishes at the White Hart Hotel, Lincoln

Bailgate Lincoln LN1 3AR United Kingdom Tel: 01522 563293

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



#### Transport

#### Travelling by car:

From the M11, continue onto the A14/Huntingdon Road, continue on A14 and merge onto the A1(M). Take the A46 exit towards A17/Sleaford/Lincoln/Newark. At the roundabout, take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto A46 and at keep on A46 for 15 miles. At the roundabout, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto Riseholm Road/B1226, at the roundabout continue straight onto Newport, then turn right onto Newport Court, continue onto Bailgate and you have reached your destination.

Travelling by train: Lincoln railway station is approx. 1.5 miles from the hotel.



#### White Hart Hotel, Lincoln

Located in the heart of Lincoln's historic quarter, the White Hart Hotel perfectly complements the traditional setting whilst offering a modern twist. With spectacular views of the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral and a few minutes' walk away from the ancient castle. Facilities at the hotel include a bar and restaurant. Each of the traditionally decorated bedrooms include bathrooms with bath and overhead shower, TV, hairdryer, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities.

Complimentary car parking is available at the hotel. Additional details can be found via the hotel website:

#### https://www.whitehart-lincoln.co.uk/

#### 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 by 11.00.

#### **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.

#### Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three course dinner with wine is provided. On your second evening, dinner will also be private. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

### **O**Places Visited

#### Lincoln Cathedral

Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln Minster, or the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln and sometimes St Mary's Cathedral, in Lincoln, England, is the seat of the Anglican Bishop of Lincoln. Construction commenced in 1072 and continued in several phases throughout the High Middle Ages. Like many of the medieval cathedrals of England it was built in the Gothic style. It was the tallest building in the world for 238 years (1311–1548), and the first building to hold that title after the Great Pyramid of Giza. The central spire collapsed in 1548 and was not rebuilt. For hundreds of years the cathedral held one of the four remaining copies of the original Magna Carta, now securely displayed in Lincoln Castle. https://lincolncathedral.com/

#### **Collection Museum**

The Collection brings together an archaeology museum and the region's premier art gallery, the Usher Gallery, in the heart of historic Lincoln. People have inhabited the landscape of Lincolnshire for nearly half a million years. The archaeology gallery takes visitors on a journey through the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages before exploring the Roman, Saxon, Viking and Medieval eras. The Usher Gallery is Lincolnshire's premier art gallery displaying a diverse collection of fine and decorative arts, including loans from national collections, and a vibrant programme of temporary exhibitions supported by the Arts Council. https://www.thecollectionmuseum.com/

#### **Lincoln Castle**

Built by William the Conqueror in 1068, Lincoln Castle has stood for hundreds of years as a symbol of power and seat of justice and is currently undergoing a £22 million restoration project. The castle is home to an original copy of the Magna Carta, listed on UNESCO's Memory of the World Register, which recognises important documentary heritage worldwide.

https://www.lincolncastle.com/

#### **Doddington Hall and Gardens**

Doddington Hall is, from the outside, an Elizabethan prodigy house or mansion complete with walled courtyards and a gabled gatehouse. Located to the west of the city of Lincoln, Doddington Hall was built between 1593 and 1600 by Robert Smythson for Thomas Tailor, who was a lawyer and the Recorder to the Bishop of Lincoln and is a grade I listed building. The facade is wide, but the house is only a single room deep at the centre. The Hall's contents, including textiles, ceramics, porcelain, furniture and pictures, reflect 400 years of unbroken family occupation. It is surrounded by 6 acres of walled and wild gardens with flowering from early spring until autumn.

https://www.doddingtonhall.com/

#### Gainsborough Old Hall

At the heart of the town of Gainsborough in Lincolnshire, Gainsborough Old Hall built by Sir Thomas Burgh in 1460 is a building that reflects over five hundred years of history. From paupers to princes, the history of this English market town can be read through the hall's development as it has evolved with the town over many centuries. It boasts a magnificent Great Hall and one of the best surviving medieval kitchens in the country.

https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/gainsborough-old-hall/

(i) Your Guide

Julian Humphrys will be your guide/lecturer throughout the 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. Julian will give two talks during the tour, one on the first evening and one on the second as follows:

"Lincoln Cathedral" "Civil War in Lincoln"'

## **O**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, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment, and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

Grading – This tour has been graded as Demanding: On your feet all day, uneven terrain (e.g. cobbles).



Although this is a UK holiday, please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is nonrefundable. 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.



Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on: 020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on: 07841 023807 or 07831 133079

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