



Tour Information



Lincoln – A Medieval Gem





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

Bailgate
Lincoln
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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 1st exit onto A46 and at keep on A46 for 15 miles. At the roundabout, take the 3rd 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.



Accommodation

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 14.00, 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 17.15 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.

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/>

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/>

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 Medieval Bishops Palace

Standing almost in the shadow of Lincoln cathedral, with sweeping views over the ancient city and the countryside beyond, the medieval bishops' palace was once among the most important buildings in the country. The administrative centre of the largest diocese in medieval England, stretching from the Humber to the Thames, its architecture reflected enormous power and wealth.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/lincoln-medieval-bishops-palace/>

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/>

National Civil War Centre

Newark was vital during the English Civil War as it lay at the crossroads of the Great North Road and the Fosse Way and provided an important crossing point over the River Trent. Parliamentary forces and their Scottish allies were desperate to oust the Royalist garrison. The last siege saw over 16,000 troops seal off the Nottinghamshire town and dam a river to stop water mills producing bread and gunpowder. An outbreak of typhus and plague added to Newark's woes as the population swelled to 6,000, creating near starvation conditions. A third of the inhabitants died and one in six buildings were destroyed. Despite this calamity, the Royalist garrison refused to surrender. They could expect no mercy if the walls were stormed. By the rules of war at the time, Newark's population would have been massacred. The six-month siege ended in May 1646. With his fortunes at breaking point, a disguised King Charles escaped from his makeshift capital of Oxford and made contact with the Scottish army assailing Newark. By surrendering to the Scottish he hoped to drive a wedge between them and their English Parliamentary allies. But they insisted that Newark must yield immediately. The King had no choice but to order the loyal garrison to lay down its arms.

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

Newark Castle

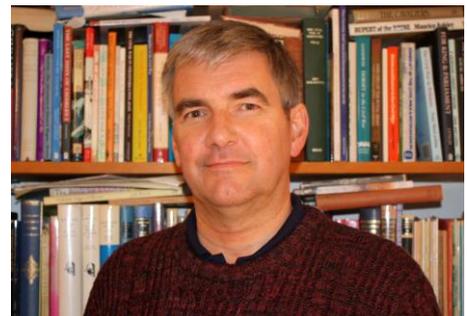
Newark Castle has stood proudly on the banks of the River Trent in the historic market town of Newark-on-Trent for nearly 900 years, replacing the Saxon fortified manor which was replaced after 1073 by a motte and bailey earthwork Castle built by Bishop Robert Bloet. Following Bishop Robert's death in 1123, Alexander the Magnificent, the new Bishop of Lincoln, took charge and between 1123 and 1133 rebuilt the Castle as a prominent stone structure of ornate construction. During the Baronial Wars and the English Civil War, its walls withstood five sieges but suffered considerable damage during these periods of unrest.

<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/newarkcastle/aboutus/>



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 the Development Officer at the Battlefields Trust, 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.



1st night – A talk by Julian Humphrys

'Magna Carta and the battle of Lincoln'

'The English Civil War'

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.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 5 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobles etc)	

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.

Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

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