

Tour
Information



The Story of the Lancaster

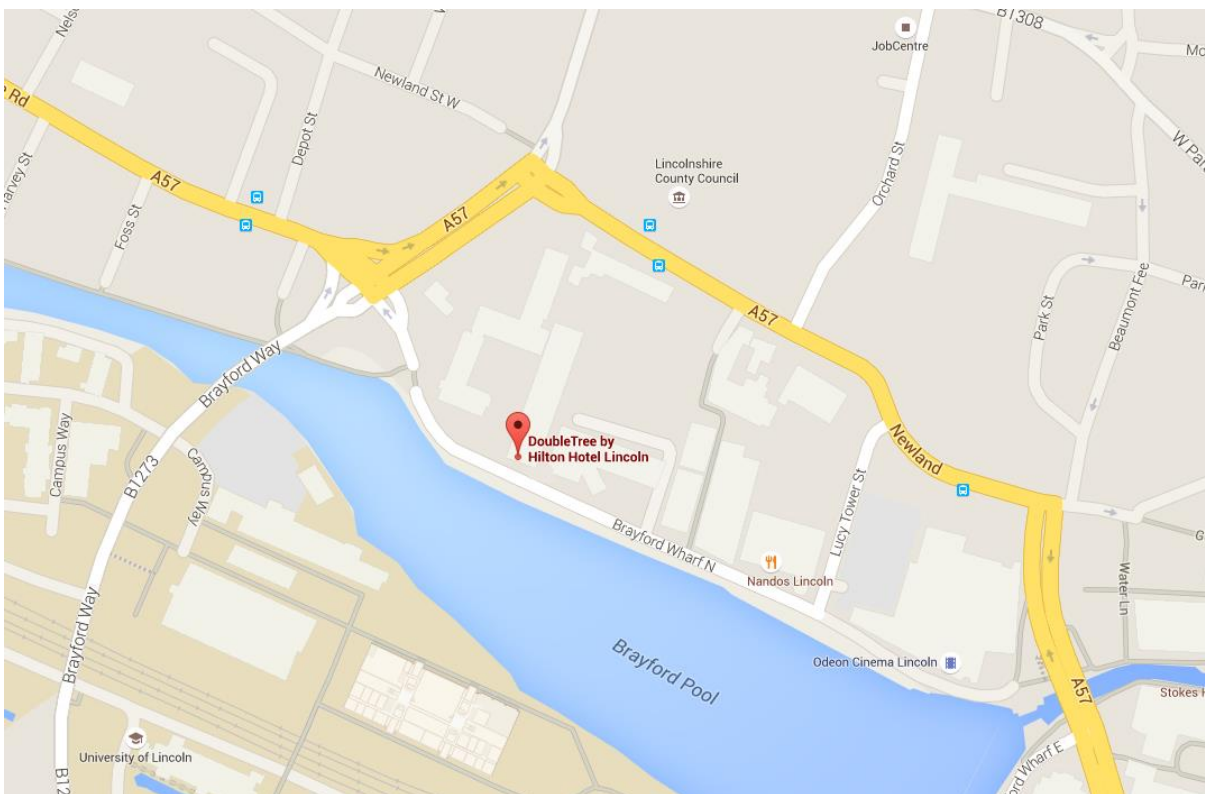




The tour starts and finishes at **Doubletree by Hilton Lincoln**

Brayford Wharf North,
Lincoln,
LN1 1YW,
United Kingdom
Tel: 01522-565180

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



Transport

Travelling by car:

From the A1 take the A46 and then take the A57. The A57 leads straight into the city centre. Turn right onto Newland, follow the road for 100 metres until you see signs for Brayford Pool. Turn right onto Lucy Tower Street, go to the end and turn right and drive along the paved/pedestrianized area to the hotel at the end. The hotel not immediately visible but you can continue along the pedestrianised area.

Parking at the hotel is limited and costs £12 per car per night.

Lucy Tower street multi-story is available on a 24 hour rate of £7.50 alternatively you can park there between 6pm and 8am for £3.

By Train:

Lincoln Central is 1 mile away from the hotel and a taxi fare would cost approximately £5 to £6.



Accommodation

Doubletree by Hilton, Lincoln

Overlooking Brayford Marina and adjacent to the University of Lincoln, the four-star Doubletree by Hilton Lincoln Hotel offers a bar, lounge, fitness centre and comfortable bedrooms with en-suite bathroom, TV, telephone, wifi, air-conditioning, safe, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/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 of the tour, the tour will finish until approximately 17.30 – 17.45 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 a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 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 dinner is provided. During the second evening of the tour, dinner is provided in the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on each day of your stay and a buffet lunch is included in the price. All other meals other than these stated are not included.



Places Visited

Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre is a family run museum and was set up over 20 years ago. It is now widely seen as a living memorial to the 55,500 men of Bomber Command who lost their lives during WW2. It holds one of the rarest aircraft, an Avro Lancaster Bomber, in its collection along with many wartime vehicles including a Ford WOT1 Crew Bus, the only one of its kind known in existence.

Lancaster taxi ride terms and conditions: Taxy riders must be able to board the Lancaster without assistance and be able to exit the aircraft quickly, without any assistance, should there be an emergency. Access to the Lancaster is by five steps with a hand rail. Riders have to be able to climb over the main spar which is 30 inches high and 14 inches deep. There is a step up to this of 12 inches. The head space to climb over the spar in is 30 inches high and 32 inches wide. This area is an arc and the measurements are to the widest and highest points. Without being able to cross the main spar the rider would not be able to access the W/OP, Navigator, cockpit or nose areas of the aircraft. If the Lancaster ground crew deem the rider unable to move around the aircraft with enough ease and sufficient speed to such an extent that they may put themselves and others at risk during an emergency then sadly it would not be possible for them to take part in the taxi ride. If this decision is made by the Centre upon the customer's arrival then no refund will be given

<http://www.lincsaviation.co.uk/>

RAF Coningsby

A unique opportunity to enjoy a BBMF hanger tour and see the Flight's historic aircraft at close quarters and to observe the BBMF technicians working to maintain them in airworthy condition.

<http://www.raf.mod.uk/bbmf/visitorscentre/>

Thorpe Camp

The home of "The Dambusters" 617 on the site of RAF Woodhall Spa. RAF Woodhall Spa became operational in February 1942 and the South Hall of the Visitor Centre houses displays covering the airfield itself, and separate areas for each of the squadrons which operated from RAF Woodhall Spa during WWII. The 617 Squadron operated from the airfield until the end of hostilities and from here flew on many special operations during WWII.

<http://thorpecamp.wix.com/visitorscentre>

Your Host

Your speaker, **Robert Owen**, is an aviation historian and official historian of the 617 Squadron Aircrew Association and is also an author.

Robert will give the talk *'Manchester to Shackleton'*, during the tour, which looks at the genesis of the Lancaster, its use in Bomber Command, together with its post-war development for other roles.



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 4 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 (cobblestones 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

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