

Lincoln

With Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club

13/17 April 2026

Lincoln is a city steeped in rich history, with ties to steam heritage, WWII operations, past royalty and more. Our tour takes us through the highlights of the area - to marvel at the vast and impressive Cathedral, relax on a peaceful train ride through the Wolds, learn the story behind the local distillery and even to enjoy a viewing at an old-fashioned cinema.

Monday 13 April - Burghley House

We set off from Woking Leisure Centre this morning and travel to Burghley House. One of the largest and most grand houses from the 16th century, Burghley House was pioneered by William Cecil, and remains a stunning example of the great Elizabethan “prodigy” houses, built at the time to honour the Queen. Inside, visitors can explore 18 State Rooms including the original impressive Tudor kitchen and vast Great Hall, which was used for banqueting. Outside, Capability Brown’s lost Sculpture Garden and the delightful Garden of Surprises can be explored. Following our visit, we continue on to the Holiday Inn Lincoln, our base for the tour.

Tuesday 14 April - Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre and Kinema in the Woods

Our first stop today is the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre. Established in 1989, this family-run museum serves as a living memorial to the 55,573 men of Bomber Command who lost their lives during WWII, telling their story. There is a vast array of wartime vehicles on display, including 2 rare aircrafts, and the museum gives a wide perspective on wartime Britain. We then travel to Woodhall Spa, a bustling former spa town in the heart of rural Lincolnshire, for time at leisure before an afternoon viewing at the Kinema in the Woods. Built in 1922, it remains the only fully functioning cinema in the UK to still use back projection and provides an authentic and nostalgic film-viewing experience.

Wednesday 15 April - Lincolnshire Wolds Railway and Louth Distillery

Today we travel to Ludborough for a journey on the Lincolnshire Wolds Railway. Focused on the purpose of recreating and preserving railway scenes of the past, this heritage steam railway provides picturesque views of the Lincolnshire countryside. An optional “Behind the Scenes” tour after the journey offers a look inside the engine sheds and commentary on locomotives not usually accessible to the public. Following this, we travel to Louth Distillery for a tour and tasting. Visitors can learn about the history of the spirits industry, how Pin Gin and Rum Cat were established, and how their processes work before enjoying samples of their work.

Thursday 16 April - Lincoln Cathedral and St Mary’s Guildhall

We begin our day with a guided coach and walking tour of Lincoln. Our guide will take us through the history and highlights of the city, providing local insight. The tour concludes in the historic Cathedral Quarter, and we follow this up with admission to the spectacular Gothic Cathedral itself. Consecrated in the 11th century, Lincoln Cathedral has welcomed people through its doors for almost a thousand years. After a break for lunch at leisure, we visit St Mary’s Guildhall, which was possibly the property of Henry II constructed for the crown-wearing ceremonies of Christmas 1157. A guided tour provides unique knowledge of its original features and history spanning over a thousand years.

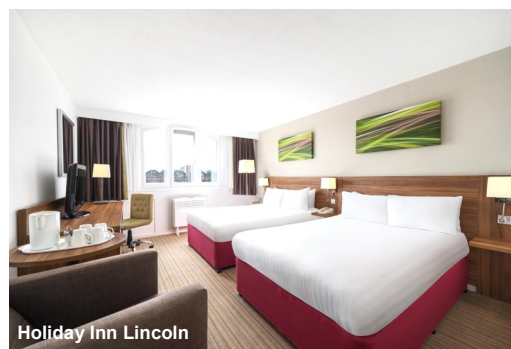
Friday 17 April - Bletchley Park

This morning we say goodbye to Lincoln as we check out of our hotel and begin our homeward journey, with an en route stop at Bletchley Park. Originally a country house and estate, Bletchley became the hub for Allied code-breaking during WWII, and its exhibitions today tell the story of the secret intelligence produced there which turned the tides of the conflict. Following this, we continue our journey back to Woking Leisure Centre, concluding our tour.



Accommodation - Holiday Inn Lincoln (4*)

Situated on the Brayford waterfront, the Holiday Inn Lincoln makes a great base for exploring Lincoln and the surrounding areas. Each bedroom has access to free Wi-Fi, as well as a comfortable bed, en suite bathroom, flat screen TV, tea and coffee making facilities as well as a pillow menu for customisable comfort. A full English breakfast, as well as the first night's evening meal, are taken in the on-site restaurant.



Tour Price per person

£ 825.00

Deposit per person - due not later than 5 January 2026

£ 80.00

Single Room Supplement

£ 152.00

(The final balance is due not later than 16 February 2026)

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Your tour includes:

- 1 night half board and 3 nights bed and breakfast only accommodation at the Holiday Inn Lincoln
- 5 days' executive coach services with Gastonia Coaches
- Admission to Burghley House
- Admission to Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre
- Film viewing at Kinema in the Woods
- Return journey on the Lincolnshire Wolds Railway
- Tour and tasting at Louth Distillery
- Guided coach and walking tour of Lincoln
- Admission to Lincoln Cathedral
- Admission to St Mary's Guildhall with guided tour
- Admission to Bletchley Park

Your tour excludes:

- Evening meals on nights 2, 3 and 4 of the tour
- Lunches or any other refreshments not listed in inclusions
- Gratuities
- Portage

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