

## HISTORIC LINCOLN AND LINCOLNSHIRE

A Three Night Mid-Week Break with the United Wards' Club  
25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019



Lincoln might well be one of those landmark English cities which you have vowed to visit one day, but never quite got round to. Here's your chance to put that right. If you've never been, you certainly should, and if you have been before, you'll know there are many good reasons to have another look.

Our three night break in June will allow us time to explore the ancient City of Lincoln and parts of the great County of Lincolnshire. From our base in a comfortable, modern hotel on Lincoln's waterfront we shall journey through English history from times of the Roman Legions through the prosperity earned from the land in the Middle Ages to the days when Lincolnshire stood on the front line of the battle for freedom over the skies of Europe. We shall enjoy fine hospitality and the best of local cuisine from the most fertile farmlands in England.

### Day 1: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Travel to Lincoln (own arrangements – good connections by road or rail) and check-in at the **Doubletree Hilton Hotel**, Brayford Wharf N., Lincoln LN1 1YW (from 14:30).

We start where Lincoln first began, beside a widening of the river Witham. For centuries the commercial port of the City, Brayford Pool is now the site of Lincoln University and a popular Marina, lined by waterfront cafes. The Doubletree Hilton Hotel offers modern, comfortable rooms with all facilities and is conveniently situated. After settling in to our hotel there will be time to unwind and enjoy a distinctive view of Lincoln from the "Brayford Belle", which will take us for a round trip on the Foss Dyke. Widely thought to have been constructed by Roman engineers around A.D. 120, this connects the Wash, via the river Witham, to the Trent and may well be England's oldest canal.



After returning from our cruise we shall depart by coach for Hemswell Court. Located north of Lincoln, Hemswell Court is a former R.A.F. Officers' Mess featured in the 'Dambusters' film and now used as an upmarket hospitality and weddings venue. Here we shall enjoy a reception in the gardens (weather permitting) and dinner prepared by chef proprietor Shaun Lees, before returning to Lincoln for our overnight stay.



## Day 2: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

After breakfast we have a day to explore the many attractions of historic Lincoln. Our coach will take us to the 'Uphill' area – the heart of the old City – where we shall enjoy a visit to the charming Museum of Lincolnshire Life, which provides a glimpse of everyday life in days of yore. There are craftwork displays, period shops and interiors, early transport vehicles and militaria, including a WW1 tank (a Lincoln invention).



Next stop: Lincoln Cathedral. Described by Ruskin as “out and out the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles, Lincoln Cathedral was for 200 years the tallest building in the world. It still dominates the skyline of Lincoln and for miles around, standing as a witness to faith and a monument to the army of skilled craftsmen who built it. After our guided tour there will be free time to explore the sights, shops and cafes of the historic 'Uphill' area (all on one level and within comfortable strolling range).

In the afternoon we shall meet across the Cathedral square for a guided tour of Lincoln Castle. Built in 1068, the Castle was restored for the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Magna Carta. Our guided tour will include the Magna Carta gallery and the Victoria prison with its extraordinary Chapel – a vivid reminder of the harsh social conditions of Dickens' time.



After viewing the Castle you may wish to descend the aptly named 'Steep Hill' – another of Lincoln's famous landmarks – and return to our Hotel via the High Street, taking in Lincoln's mediaeval Guildhall on the way. Alternatively a short taxi ride will take you straight back to Brayford Wharf. Dinner this evening will be in the Hotel's Marco Pierre White restaurant, allowing ample time to relax and unwind after our day in Lincoln.

### Day 3: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

After breakfast at our Hotel, today we travel out of Lincoln by coach into the surrounding countryside. Taking in some typical Lincolnshire views along the way, our first stop will be at East Kirkby, home to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre. This is a preserved WW2 Bomber Command airfield (one of over sixty in the County) with an extensive collection of wartime facilities and equipment including "Just Jane", one of only three surviving Lancasters able to move under her own power. Owned by the Panton family, the Centre was conceived as a memorial to Pilot Officer Christopher Panton, who gave his life in the Nuremburg Raid of March 1944 in defence of our freedom.



Following our guided tour at East Kirkby our coach will take us to the attractive Victorian spa town of Woodhall Spa. We shall have lunch at the Petwood Hotel, whose famous Squadron Bar is festooned with priceless memorabilia from 617 "Dambusters" Squadron and tributes to Guy Gibson VC, Leonard Cheshire VC and their officers and crews.

On our journey back to Lincoln in the afternoon we shall call at the new International Bomber Command Centre at Canwick and tour its visitor centre and memorial to over 55,000 men of all nationalities who took to the night skies over occupied Europe and did not return.

After time to refresh and change at our Hotel we shall conclude a memorable day with a Champagne reception and dinner at the elegant Washingborough Hall Hotel, a Georgian Manor House with two AA rosettes for culinary excellence which was voted Hotel of the Year in the Lincolnshire Tourism Awards 2018



#### Day 4: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June (Departure)

After breakfast at our Hotel guests you will be free to depart homewards, or you may wish to extend your stay by arrangement with the Hotel (subject to room availability).

#### Booking Information

The cost of our three night break in Lincoln is **£650** per person with shared double room occupancy. Single room occupancy incurs a supplement of **£145** per person. **A deposit is due with booking, the balance to be paid by or before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

If you would like to take part in our mid-week break in Lincoln in June, please complete the attached booking form and send it, together with your deposit payment, to our Club Secretary Andrew Dyke. You may submit the booking form electronically to [secretary@unitedwardsclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@unitedwardsclub.org.uk) or by post to 40 Compton Road, Winchmore Hill, London N21 3NX. Payment may be made by cheque or by BACS transfer – Account: United Wards' Club, Sort Code 40-11-58, Account Number 00118133, reference LINCOLN + surname, please.

Included in the package price are:

- Three nights' accommodation at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel, Brayford Wharf, Lincoln, with breakfast each morning.
- Boat excursion on Foss Dyke on Day 1.
- Luxury coach travel throughout (except return to Hotel after Castle visit on Day 2).

- Receptions and dinners each evening and wine / drinks with meals.
- Two course lunch at the Petwood Hotel on Day 3, with drinks.
- Admission to all venues, including guided tours at Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln Castle, Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre and International Bomber Command Centre.

Excluded are:

- Travel to and from Lincoln. Trains from London stop at Newark, from where there is a connecting rail shuttle service to Lincoln. The Hotel is approx. 10 minutes' walk from Lincoln Station, or a short taxi ride. It is also possible to travel from Newark to Lincoln by taxi or minicab (19 miles).
- Car parking in Lincoln. Some on-site parking is available at the Hotel on a first come, first served basis only. There is a multi-storey public carpark within 2 minutes' walk from the Hotel.
- Personal expenses during your stay, such as additional food and drink, newspapers etc. Any additional Hotel charges, including car parking, will be charged to your room account for settlement on departure.
- Lunch on day 2 (in Lincoln).
- **Travel Insurance. You must obtain appropriate, private travel insurance if you wish to protect yourself against any potential cancellation losses (see below), personal medical expenses, etc.**

Participation

The minimum group size for our mid-week break is twenty. Hotel accommodation has provisionally been reserved for up to thirty (based on double room occupancy). It may be possible to increase this number, subject to Hotel room availability. If you would like to share our group itinerary but do not require hotel accommodation in Lincoln, please specify this option on the booking form and the accommodation costs will be deducted from your break price. (If you choose not to stay with the group you will need to make your own, private travel arrangements to fit in with coach departure points and timings.)

#### **Cancellation – Please Note**

In the event of cancellation, significant charges may be incurred. For example, Hemswell Court levies a charge of £60 per person in the event of cancellation within 3 months of 25<sup>th</sup> June and Hilton Hotel accommodation charges are not refundable within 4 weeks of arrival. The Club may be unable to recover some or all payments to other suppliers in the event of cancellation at short notice. Please obtain appropriate private travel insurance if you wish to protect yourself against financial losses in the event of cancellation, as well as any medical expenses or other travel risks.

Please return this booking form, together with your deposit payment, not later than **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**. Payment of the balance will be due by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**.

## United Wards' Club Mid-Week Break Lincoln, 25-28 June 2019

### Booking Form

I/we wish to participate in the United Wards' Club's mid-week break in Lincoln in June.

Name(s)      1:

2:

(add more  
If you wish)

Please reserve for me/us (complete / delete as applicable):

- [     ] double room for double occupancy @ £650 per person
- [     ] double room for single occupancy @ £795 per person
- I/we wish to participate in the Lincoln mid-week break, but do not require hotel accommodation

I have paid the deposit by BACS transfer / I enclose a cheque for the deposit (delete as applicable), in the amount of:

- **£165.00 per person / £330 total** (double occupancy)
- **£200.00** (single occupancy)

NOTE: By submitting this form and deposit payment you accept the stated booking terms and cancellation policy and agree to purchase appropriate private travel insurance if you wish to protect yourself against possible cancellation losses, medical expenses or other travel risks.