

Lincolnshire Legends

20th to 24th May

Lincolnshire is an outstanding area of ever-changing landscapes and exciting scenery, shaped by a rich tapestry of fascinating heritage, passionate people and intriguing traditions. From the iconic towers of Lincoln Cathedral to the beautiful stone town of Stamford the county is dotted with historic houses to visit and rolling countryside to enjoy. We have included entrance to some of the very best destinations - the magnificent Burghley House, Gainsborough Old Hall, Easton Walled Gardens and the recently opened International Bomber Command Centre.

£545 PER PERSON

Single Room Supp: £40
(Eng Heritage members less £7.47,
but must bring card)



What's Included

- ✓ 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
- ✓ All bedrooms are en-suite with TV, telephone, WiFi, hairdrier & hospitality tray.
- ✓ Time to explore Lincoln and Louth
- ✓ Entry to Burghley House & Gardens
- ✓ Entry to International Bomber Command Centre with guided tour
- ✓ Entry to Gainsborough Old Hall, with guided tour
- ✓ Scenic drive through Lincolnshire Wolds
- ✓ Entry to Easton Walled Gardens

★★★★ BEST WESTERN PLUS BENTLEY HOTEL & SPA

This privately owned hotel is located on the outskirts of Lincoln and has a fully equipped gym, indoor swimming pool and brand new state of the art Spa.

Monday 20 May

Departing Oxted at 9.00am, we make our way to Burghley House, Stamford, arriving in time to find lunch. The largest and grandest house of the first Elizabethan Age, Burghley House was designed and built by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer of England, between 1555 and 1587, the House is still home to his descendants. Here we shall enjoy a self-guided tour of the 18 State Rooms and enjoy the wonderful history



Wednesday 22 May

After breakfast we make the short journey into the Cathedral city of Lincoln, with its narrow streets and quaint buildings. Built by order of William the Conqueror, the cathedral and the castle are 'two of the most iconic medieval buildings on top of Lincoln's Steep Hill': the castle is home to original copies of both the 1215 Magna Carta and the 1217 Charter of the Forest. You may wish to take time to explore the Cathedral Quarter of Bailgate, where specialist shops and trendy boutiques can be found, maybe take a river cruise, or just enjoy watching the world go by.

Thursday 23 May

This morning we drive to Gainsborough Old Hall, one of the most impressive and best preserved medieval manor houses in England. As we go around the property a costumed guide will tell us some of the history of the Hall and the people associated with it. Following our visit, we make the short journey to Marshall's Yard in Gainsborough, where we shall be able to find lunch before taking a drive through the Lincolnshire Wolds to the market town of Louth, which, like Oxted, sits on the Greenwich Meridian. Here we shall have some time to explore before returning to our hotel.

Friday 24 May We have a leisurely start this morning, so make the most of the opportunity to use the leisure facilities at the hotel before we make the short journey to Easton Walled Gardens: Lincolnshire's "Lost" Gardens. Abandoned in 1951 when Easton Hall was demolished, the gardens became overgrown and wild until, in 2001, work started on rescuing them. There is now a turf maze, yew tunnel, shrubberies, meadows, an unusual rose garden, cut flower and vegetable gardens, a cottage garden, long borders, orchards and the White Space Garden. Here we shall be free to explore and find lunch before, early afternoon we make our way homewards, arriving early evening.

of the House, family and its impressive collection. Around the house are 1,400 acres of parkland (landscaped by 'Capability' Brown), the beautiful 'Gardens of Surprise', a deer park and sculpture garden. Mid afternoon, we continue on to our hotel near Lincoln.

Tuesday 21 May

This morning we visit the International Bomber Command Centre, which opened at the end of January 2018. This interpretation centre and memorial mark the service and sacrifice of World War II aircrew, ground crew and support staff that lost their lives whilst serving with Bomber Command. Our visit will start with a guided tour and explanation of the 31 metre tall memorial spire, the UK's tallest war memorial, the memory walls that feature the names of all those who lost their lives during the Second World War serving or supporting Bomber Command and two peace gardens: one Lincolnshire and one International and how the centre came about. After this, we will be free to explore the three exhibition galleries: Operation Bomber Command, Home Fronts and Remembering Bomber Command. Time permitting, we drive out to the St Botolph's Church, notable for its extraordinarily tall tower, known as the "Boston Stump", used by British and American pilots as a signpost to guide them back to base during WW2.