



Marton Emperor



Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

Lancashire Hot Pot

You'll be inspired by the beauty and variety in Lancashire whether you're a first time visitor or a regular traveller. We have tried to give you a taste and history of the region including a canal cruise, a train journey, museum visits and of course it's favourite dish.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Depart South Wales travelling to the Mercure Last Drop hotel to be greeted with a welcome tea, coffee on arrival after which you can relax and enjoy the hotels facilities before dinner.

Day 2 This morning we travel to Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village, a popular tourist attraction in Accrington. We include a guided 'Tales from Pendle Witch Country' coach tour. We journey into the foothills of Pendle Hill, the dominant feature of East Lancashire, admire the magnificent scenery, wave to the Witches shop and listen to fascinating tales and anecdotes.

Day 3 After breakfast we travel to Leyland and visit The British Commercial Vehicle Museum. Lancashire has for the past twenty years been dedicated to preserving the history of the road transport industry in the United Kingdom. Its exhibits and archives contain not just examples of the vehicles themselves, but evidence of their interaction with a century of daily life. This is one of Britain's most important heritage collections - a unique display of historic commercial vehicles and buses spanning a Century of truck and bus building. We continue to the seaside resort of Southport before returning to the hotel.

Day 4 After a leisurely breakfast we travel to the canal wharf at Foulridge, where we board the 'Marton Emperor', for our 1½ hour cruise on the Leeds and Liverpool canal with included tea, coffee, a warm scone with jam, butter and cream. We then travel to Rawtenstall for our included journey on the East Lancashire railway to Heywood. The line is over 12 miles long and the journey takes approximately one hour.

Day 5 Return to South Wales via Worcester and the Malvern Hills

OUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Executive coach travel
 - ✓ 4 night's dinner, bed and full English breakfast
 - ✓ Tea, coffee on arrival, Welcome drink
 - ✓ £1 a pint on house draught beers and wine between 8 – 10pm
 - ✓ After dinner bingo and quiz on one night
 - ✓ 1 night's traditional Hot Pot menu
 - ✓ Canal cruise with tea, coffee, a warm scone with jam, butter & cream
 - ✓ Entry to the British Commercial Vehicle Museum
 - ✓ Guided 'Tales from Pendle Witch Country' coach tour
 - ✓ Journey on the East Lancashire Railway
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

Mercure Last Drop Hotel ★★★ EEE

Converted collection of 18th century farmhouses • Outskirts • En-suite bedrooms • Satellite television with pay per view channels • Radio • Telephone • Tea, coffee-making facilities • Hairdryer • Restaurant • Cocktail bar • Drop Inn pub • Spa Naturel • Indoor swimming pool • Technogym • Sauna • Beauty rooms • Lift in the new building only • Ground floor rooms. www.accor.com

Departure Dates

Sunday	10th June	5 days	£309
Sunday ww	15th July	5 Days	£309
Monday	27th Aug	5 Days	£309
Monday ww	1st Oct	5 Days	£309

Single room supplement £60.

Lincoln & The Fens Dambusters Tour

Quiet roads and waterways criss cross this working landscape dotted with fertile farms, the fields changing in character and colour all year long - this is a place where you can totally relax. Pretty villages and windmills punctuate a land bountiful with fresh produce and where people are friendly and welcoming.

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Day 1 Depart South Wales travelling to Woodhall Spa.

Day 2 Today we visit Skegness, a traditional English seaside resort, blessed with three and a half miles of golden sandy beaches and beautiful seafront gardens bordering a long flat promenade.

Day 3 After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Lincoln, as you approach the City of Lincoln, from any direction, you are drawn from the magnificent silhouette of the Cathedral stretching to the skies, brooding over 2000 years of history. From medieval times through to the present day. Lincoln has witnessed great moments in history that helped forge Britain's destiny. Find the unexpected: see one of only four copies of the Magna Carta sealed by King John, a regular visitor to Lincoln; go through Newport Arch, the only Roman Arch still used by traffic; sneak a peek at the Bishops Palace; meander slowly through Uphill's narrow cobbled streets laced with unique shops. Alternatively you can relax and take a boat trip around the historic city on the river Witham and the Fosdick Roman Canal.

Day 4 After a hearty breakfast we enjoy a leisurely guided 'Dambusters Tour'. The surrounding countryside is stacked with aviation history aptly nicknamed 'Bomber Country'. In May 1943, nineteen specially modified Lancaster bombers of 617 squadron took off from R.A.F Scampton to carry out 'Operation Chastise', the attack of the dams in Germany's Ruhr valley, an attack, which would make history and lead to 617 squadron becoming known as the 'Dambusters'. We enjoy the company of our Dambusters historian as we tour the villages of East Kirkby (including the entry to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre), Woodhall Spa and Metheringham visiting many sights and museums recollecting this most memorable of wartime stories.

Day 5 Sadly it's time to depart our hotel and return to South Wales.

OUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Executive coach travel
 - ✓ Dinner, bed and full English breakfast
 - ✓ Portorage
 - ✓ One evenings talk from a local historian
 - ✓ Dambusters day tour with guide
 - ✓ Entry to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre
 - ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

Petwood Hotel ★★★ EEE

Set in 30 acres of mature woodland • Grade II listed building • En-suite bedrooms • Television • Tea • coffee-making facilities • Hairdryer • Telephone • Restaurant • Cosy Squadron Bar • Lounge • Lift • www.petwood.co.uk

Departure Dates

Sunday	10th June	5 days	£329
Sunday	2nd Sept	5 days	£329

No single room supplement