

NTAB Trip to Lincolnshire 2024

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Eurostar train Brussels – London St. Pancras – local coach to Lincoln

DATE	FROM	TO	TRAIN	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Monday June 10 - 2024	Brussels South station	London St. Pancras	Eurostar BA393	07:56	08:55
Saturday June 15 - 2024	London St. Pancras	Brussels South station	Eurostar BA404	17:04	20:05

Accommodation: The Lincoln Hotel, on Lincoln's Eastgate, is a renovated 1960s hotel, just next to the cathedral, ideally located for exploring the uphill medieval city.

Day excursions: A comfortable luxury coach

Price: € 1.320 p. pers., two persons sharing a room - Single room supplement € 270

The tour price is based on a minimum of 30 participants. We have reserved 35 seats on the Eurostar and 12 double and 12 single hotel rooms. These numbers can be adjusted up to 60 days prior to travel.

Included:

Eurostar return Brussels-London, 3-star B&B hotel in Lincoln, daily dinners, daily group excursions in a comfortable coach, driver's gratuity, entrance fees to non-NT places, farewell lunch on the day of departure.

Not included:

Lunch on five days, drinks with dinner, personal expenses and individual excursions outside the programme, insurance, access to NT properties (participants are expected to be members of the British National Trust).

Registration and Payment:

You can sign up **until March 1** at the latest – confirm with a **€ 400 deposit** per person when booking.

Your reservation is final once we have received your deposit.

Payable to NTAB - IBAN: BE17 0016 2443 2021

The balance is due no later than April 8.

The package price includes the Eurostar train from Brussels to London and back.

If you don't need a group train ticket but want to arrange your own transport to London and join the group at St. Pancras station, a **discount of €150** per person applies. Please indicate this clearly on the booking form. After cancellation it may be difficult to rebook seats.

Lincolnshire:



What to expect

We'll break up the coach journeys between London and Lincoln with stops along the way on the first day and on the day of departure.

In addition to a full day exploration of Lincoln - both the historic and the modern parts - we plan visits also to the cities of Peterborough and Boston.

We will take plenty of time to visit several National Trust owned mansions and fine gardens such as Wimpole Estate, Tattershall Castle, Gunby Hall & Gardens, Belton House, Hardwick Hall and The Workhouse & Infirmary in Southwell.

Another 'must' on our trips are the behind-the-scenes moments and a number of these interesting encounters are currently planned.

We are still working out the exact routes of the day trips. Minor changes are possible, depending on the availability and the timed entry schedules of NT properties to accommodate groups.

Brimming with history and heritage, Lincoln is one of England's finest cities.

History reigns in Lincoln, where Roman ruins, medieval monuments and a Norman castle can be found within steps of each other. Even the modern look of this student city feels nostalgic: cobbled streets are home to independent boutiques, cute tea rooms hide behind half-timbered façades and old warehouses are now cool music venues.

The Lincoln Hotel is located next to the cathedral, a 2-minute walk. The castle is directly opposite the cathedral, another 2-minute walk away. Both are steeped in history, dating back 900 years.

There is even more history to discover near the hotel at the *Museum of Lincolnshire Life*. It's well worth a visit and just a short walk from the castle. Admission is free and the museum can be explored at your leisure.

From the cathedral and Bailgate (the ancient Roman forum), tackle famous Steep Hill to discover an array of independent shops, tea rooms and pubs, eye-catching buildings and photo-worthy moments.

At the bottom of Steep Hill, continue to The Strait and High Street - hitting the shops and passing Stonebow and Guildhall - and take some time in the Cornhill Quarter. After indulging in some retail therapy, take a relaxing stroll along the Brayford Waterfront, home to the University of Lincoln.

The Brayford waterfront is about 1 km away from the cathedral, along Steep Hill and High Street.

As Lincoln is a compact city, you can easily explore it on foot, as long as you make your way down.

A non-stop walk from Bailgate via High Street to the waterfront takes about 20 minutes, the return is longer and depends on your fitness level.

No worries! On the day we explore the city, we will have dinner together in the lower city. After dinner the coach will pick us up and take us to the hotel in the upper town.

Programme overview (Minor changes are possible, subject to availabilities and NT properties' timed access schedules for groups.)

June	Morning	lunch	Afternoon	Dinner
Mon 10	Eurostar Brussels>London Wimpole Hall (NT)	Wimpole Hall (NT) <i>Not included</i>	Coach ride to Lincoln - check in at the hotel	7:30pm The Lincoln Hotel
Tue 11	Uphill historic quarter (with city guides)	Free <i>Not included</i>	Free afternoon to explore the lower city	7:30pm Cosy Club, Lincoln
Wed 12	Tattershall Castle (NT)	Gunby House (NT) <i>Not included</i>	Gunby House & Gardens (NT)	7:30pm The Lincoln Hotel
Thu 13	Belton House (NT)	Belton House (NT) <i>Not included</i>	Boston Boston Belle boat tour	7:30pm The Lincoln Hotel
Fri 14	The Workhouse (NT) Hardwick Estate (NT)	Hardwick House (NT) <i>Not included</i>	Hardwick Estate (NT) Newark Castle	7:30pm The Lincoln Hotel
Sat 15	Peterborough	Farewell lunch - <i>Included</i>	Coach ride to St. Pancras station	train dept 5:04pm

Lunches are not included

Lunches during the daily excursions are not included, except for the farewell lunch on the day of departure. A variety of snacks, cold and hot lunches are available at most National Trust properties and you can choose how much time and money you want to spend on them, as long as you get back on the coach at the departure time!

Dinners and free evenings

The trip price includes a standard daily dinner menu which we will take at 7:30 pm, according to the day's programme.

Those who prefer to spend the entire evening in the city at their own pace can skip the group dinner provided the tour leader is informed no later than the morning before departure from the hotel. There is no discount for skipped group dinners.

If you plan to eat out privately, we recommend that you make a reservation at a restaurant in advance.

After each day trip, the coach drops us off at the hotel.

Entrance to National Trust properties

NT members and volunteers have free admission. Therefore, entrance fees to NT properties are not included in the tour price as participants are expected to be NT members. Don't forget to bring your **NT membership card**.

If you are not an NT member, it may be worthwhile to **register as a member** at the first property (Wimpole). Individual entrances are not cheap and the total cost for a couple can quickly add up. We estimate the total amount for NT entries on this trip to be around £80 per person.

A 7-days digital Touring Pass is available to non-UK residents from the NT online shop, see:

<https://shop.nationaltrust.org.uk/gifts/national-trust-gifts/touring-pass.html>

Price: £41 for one, £71 for two persons (*prices of 2023*).

Passes must be ordered & paid for in advance.

Cancellation – Refund Terms

A cancellation period applies to both train journeys and hotel accommodation.

Cancellation of train tickets:

A cancellation fee of €40 applies after confirmed registration.

Within 60 days prior to travel: costs will be charged in function of time prior to travel

Hotel accommodation:

Cancellation is free up to 60 days before departure (April 9)

Within 60 days prior to travel: costs will be charged in function of time before arrival.

Insurance

We trust all participants to take out their own cancellation and travel insurance. There is NO insurance contract linked to this trip.

You should have your insurance in order at least a month before departure, but preferably as soon as possible after booking.

You can cancel the trip via your insurance if you become ill yourself (and can present a doctor's certificate).

However, be aware that government decisions are excluded in all policies, e.g., when the government decides to close the borders, the insurer will invoke force majeure and there is no cover.

Travel formalities:

A **valid passport** is needed for non-UK nationals, an ID card is not sufficient (remember Brexit)