



Beautiful Garden Visits in Lincolnshire

A Private Garden, Magnificent Cathedral & Stately Homes, with Guided Garden Tours
Thursday 16th May – Sunday 19th 2024

4 days/3 nights with accommodation at 4 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel*

Your visits include:

Barnsdale Gardens : Created by Geoffrey Hamilton for BBC Gardeners' World Barnsdale Gardens is nestled in the heart of Rutland and is known for its diverse collection of themed gardens—the enchanting Cottage Garden and vibrant Paradise Garden all designed with meticulous attention to detail. You will enjoy a guided tour with the Head Gardener.

Lincoln Cathedral: The grandeur of this magnificent Cathedral is an architectural marvel. Explore the lush gardens , offering serene touches amid the awe-inspiring architecture. Following on you will visit nearby **John Dawber Community Garden**.

Doddington Gardens With its stunning vistas and contemporary planting schemes Doddington is a haven for garden enthusiasts.

Peto Gardens: Designed by landscape architect Harold Peto on the historical site of Petwood Hotel, these beautifully restored and maintained gardens, reflects the Italianate style Peto is renown for and lavish tastes of Lady Grace Weigall who commissioned Peto in 1910.

Gunby Estate: Gunby Hall is a pretty 18thC country house near Spilsby known as Tennyson's 'Haunt of Ancient Peace'. The grounds comprise of sweeping lawns, wildflower gardens, Victorian walled gardens and immaculate kitchen potager. This is a National Trust property.

Brightwater Gardens: Set in rural village of Saxby Brightwater Gardens is a collection of formal and naturalistic gardens covering nearly eight acres. We have arranged for you to enjoy a private visit and meet with one of the founders and garden creators Chris Neave.

Grimsthorpe Castle: For a taste of history and grandeur, Grimsthorpe Castle's gardens nestled within this historic estate, offers a glimpse into England's aristocratic past. The perfectly manicured lawns and captivating planted floral displays will simply enchant you. Your visit includes a guided walk with Head Gardener Jim Handley.



Tour Prices:

£575 for 35 passengers

£585 for 30 passengers

£595 for 25 passengers

Price is for twin occupancy

Single room supplement: £ 90 for 3 nights

Includes:

- Executive coach travel throughout
- 3 nights sharing a twin room at the 4* DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Lincoln
- Breakfast daily
- 3 course meal each evening
- Prosecco Reception on the night of arrival
- Lunch at Barnsdale Gardens
- Tea/coffee and cake at the Peto Gardens
- Tea/coffee and biscuits at the Brightwater Gardens

Entry for:

- Barnsdale Gardens with a guided tour of the garden with the Head Gardener
- Lincoln Cathedral with a guided tour
- Doddington Gardens with a guided garden tour
- The Peto Gardens
- Brightwater Gardens with a welcome on arrival and a guided tour
- Grimsthorpe Castle with a garden tour

Extra: fees

Entry to Doddington Hall. £3.50 per person. To be paid on the day of the visit for those who wish to visit the Hall

Gunby Estate. Entry price £9 per person for non National Trust Members. To be paid on the day of visit. Entry is free for National Trust members.

Deposit payment £60pp, Deposit Deadline: Thursday 30 November. Please pay directly to ECT Travel - by phone or online through secure payment portal: <https://www.ecttravel.com/tours/bbq/lincoln>



Your Itinerary:

Thursday May 16

- Coach will depart from Amersham, High Wycombe and Oxford Services
- Afternoon visit to **Barnsdale Gardens**, lunch on arrival followed by Guided tour of the garden with John Brocklebank, Head Gardener.
- Late afternoon arrival at hotel **'Double Tree by Hilton'** for check in
- Prosecco reception followed by 3 course dinner at hotel.

Friday May 17

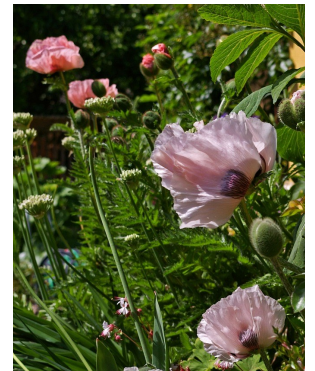
- Depart hotel after breakfast.
- Visit **Lincoln Cathedral** - a guided tour included with time to visit the Dean's Green and Visitor Centre or café.
- Visit **John Dawber Community Garden**
- Lunch at leisure (*lunch not inc. in tour pack age*).
- Early afternoon visit to **Doddington Hall**—enjoy a one-hour garden tour and for those that wish there is time to visit the Hall (*note admission is not included and is £3.50pp*)
- Late afternoon visit to **Peto Gardens** at **Petwood Hotel**, enjoy informal tea and cake on the terrace.
- Depart gardens early evening arrive at your hotel in time for dinner
- 3 course dinner included at hotel.

Saturday May 18

- Depart hotel after breakfast.
- Visit to **Gunby Estate** (*please note this is a National Trust property and is free for those that are members, and £9pp for those that are not*) Free time for lunch
- After lunch enjoy a private visit to **Brightwater Gardens**, including welcome introduction from Chris Neave and later tea/coffee and biscuits.
- Return to hotel late afternoon.
- 3 course dinner included at hotel.

Sunday May 19

- Depart hotel after breakfast and check-out.
- Visit **Grimsthorpe Castle** - enjoy an exclusive garden tour with Head Gardener Jim Handley
- Free time at the Castle for lunch before departing back to Amersham (*lunch not inc. in tour pack age*).
- Comfort stop on route
- Evening return home.



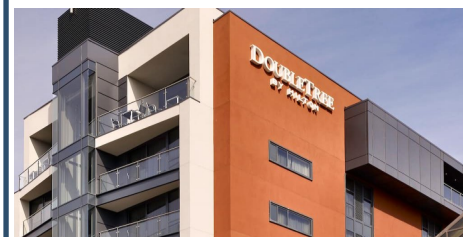
Your Accommodation

4* Double Tree by Hilton

The hotel for your holiday is situated along Brayford Pool marina, walking distance from the city centre and within a mile from the Cathedral and Castle.

The bedrooms are styled with modern décor and all the rooms come fully equipped with free Wi-Fi, ensuite bathrooms and a flat-screen TV. The Marco Pierre White restaurant on the 5th floor offering panoramic views of the Brayford Marina and historic City Cathedral.

Breakfast and 3 course dinner is included during your stay.



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