

# England

## Lincoln and the "Dam Busters"

Lincolnshire's historic towns play host to the largest concentration of antique and bric-a-brac shops in England, including the huge antique centre at Hemswell's former airfield. Other local airfields were the bases for the famous wartime Squadrons and now offer visitors the chance to relive those memories. This tour is based in the former Officers Mess of the Dam Busters Squadron, now a charming hotel.

### Tour Itinerary

**Day 1** Travel to Lincolnshire to the village of Woodhall Spa to check in at the hotel. Illustrated presentation on the Dam Busters, by a local expert.

**Day 2** Morning visit to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre, at RAF Coningsby, for a guided tour. Afterwards continue to the historic city of Lincoln for sightseeing, before returning to the hotel. Alternatively, a further aviation themed visit can be included with a stop at the nearby Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre. (Extra cost applies).

**Day 3** Visit the huge antique centre at Hemswell's former airfield for a morning browsing the centre's collections from yester-year. This afternoon return to Woodhall Spa in time for the Down Memory Lane cinema show. Relive cinema as it was in its hey day, with vintage film clips, classic adverts, lantern slides, a sing-a-long with words on the screen, silent film with piano accompaniment and piano and organ duets. Tours travelling during school holidays will attend the cinema show in the morning.

**Day 4** Homeward journey.

### Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa

**Our opinion:** Originally built in 1904, the Petwood Hotel was requisitioned by the Royal Air Force during the Second World War. In 1943 it became the Officers Mess for 617 Squadron – the "Dam Busters". Today it is a charming, atmospheric hotel.

- 3 star • 50 bedrooms • Lift
- Set in 30 acres of attractive grounds
- Famous Squadron Bar houses World War II memorabilia
- Coach parking



Petwood Hotel

### 4 day tour including:

- 3 nights half board in Woodhall Spa
- Airfield visit and tour
- Dam Busters presentation
- Visit to Hemswell antique centre
- Down Memory Lane cinema show

### 2010 price per person

May to Sept £186

❖ **No Single Supplement (max 6)**

All tours can be tailor-made to suit your exact requirements

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