

LINCOLN CASTLE

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Kings and convicts Power and punishment

Medieval Wall Walk

Victorian Prison

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1,000 years of history – where it happened

High on a hill surrounded by cobbled streets and standing opposite one of Europe's finest Cathedrals, Lincoln Castle's 1,000-year-old story reaches new heights in 2015. Lincoln Castle will reveal new stories that bring this historic site to life like never before.

2015 is the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. One of only four of the original 1215 Magna Carta will take up residence in the new state of the art audio visual David PJ Ross Magna Carta Vault within the new-look Lincoln Castle.

Lincoln Castle, the Cathedral and the cobbled streets of the Cathedral Quarter make Lincoln one of England's finest historic cities. With so much history to explore, world class interpretation and Magna Carta - Lincoln is a city with so much to discover.

2015, with the anniversary year of Magna Carta and the re-opening of Lincoln Castle is a must visit year for your group.

LINCOLN CASTLE FOR GROUPS

Group visits to Lincoln Castle can be tailored to your requirements - full day and part day visits can be arranged. Groups can also enjoy their own guided tour tailored to their specific timings.

Medieval Wall Walk

Explore the towers and dungeon of the Medieval Wall Walk with a brand new audio guide. Discover a violent past of battles, sieges and public hangings. For the first time visitors can complete a full circuit of the castle walls. The Medieval Wall Walk offers fantastic views of the city and also for the first time these views will be accessible to wheelchair users and those who struggle with stairs, with a lift taking visitors directly on to the medieval walls that boast the finest views of Lincoln Cathedral.

Victorian Prison

The theme of justice continues within the Castle where the magnificent and imposing Victorian Prison is unlocked and brought to life. Come face to face with Victorian convicts, hear their stories and visit the unique Separate System Chapel.

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Magna Carta

See Magna Carta, the document that changed the course of history. Immerse yourself in the story of King John, the barons and the birth of the Great Charter in our widescreen cinematic experience, Lincoln's 1215 copy is the only one housed inside a castle. This 800 year old document will be on display inside a brand new vault alongside Charter of the Forest and a visiting rare document.

Castle Shop & Café

A brand new shop within the Prison buildings provides a unique shopping experience with a range of exciting and distinctive goods. Visitors can relax in our new cafe with a delicious selection of tempting home-made meals, light lunches, snacks and of course cakes and treats, crafted and cooked on site and showcasing Lincolnshire produce.

Heritage Skills Centre

Lincoln Castle is also the home of the Heritage Skills Centre – a unique building where the next generation of craftspeople can be trained in a variety of heritage skills and where conservators and heritage skills artisans can be seen at work. Currently the centre is home to a tapestry conservation project where the tapestries from nearby Doddington Hall are being cared for. The Heritage Skills Centre also runs short courses in a variety of crafts.

OPENING TIMES

April – September 10am – 5pm

October – March 10am – 4pm

Open Every Day except 24th – 26th Dec & 31st Dec & 1st Jan



EXAMPLE FULL DAY ITINERARY

We can tailor your visit around what your group most wants to see. The itinerary below is an illustration of a day visit to Lincoln Castle. Groups can also visit the Castle and its attractions in any particular order to make the best of any weather. Visitors have the freedom to be self-guided across the site or you can book a specific time for a guided tour of the inner bailey, this service incurs a charge. Please feel free to contact us to plan your visit; our staff are expert in helping you make your visit special.

10:00am drop off:

Coaches drop off at Lincoln's uphill coach drop off point and can be met and escorted to the Castle. Comfort break

10:20am - 11.30am

On arrival your group can enjoy a full guided tour of the inner bailey of Lincoln Castle. (Max 30 per tour)

11.30pm – 12.30pm

Walk along the battlements of the Castle's curtain wall and enjoy the audio guide to bring to life the stories of the Castle.

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Lunch in the Castle cafe area in a free flow manner - or exclusive use of indoor or outdoor space can be booked with catering suited to your requirements depending on group numbers.

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Visit the Victorian Prison and explore the extraordinary Separate System Prison and the lives of Victorian convicts, then descend to the David PJ Ross Magna Carta Vault to discover the dramatic story behind this international icon of liberty and freedom.

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Free time to explore the Castle grounds, and to enjoy the 'Lincoln Lives' stories, a series of plaques across the site telling the histories of Castle characters.



ARTISTS IMPRESSIONS - THE NEW LINCOLN CASTLE EXPERIENCE

INFORMATION FOR GROUP VISITS

Minimum Group Size	15
Admission: Inclusive Ticket	Includes admission to the Medieval Wall Walk, Victorian Prison and Magna Carta Adult £12, Concession £9.60, Child £7.20, Under 5's free
Victorian Prison & Magna Carta	Adult £10, Concession £8, Child £6, Under 5's free
Medieval Wall Walk	Adult £5, Concession £4, Child £3, Under 5's free
Group Discount:	10% discount on normal ticket prices above; must be booked and paid for 14 days in advance to be eligible for discount.
Castle & Cathedral Joint Ticket:	We also have a joint ticket available: Adults £16 Concessions £13 Child £10 The Group discount does not apply to these joint tickets
Guided tours:	We can book an exclusive guided tour of the inner bailey of the Castle for your group. Other guided tours will run at set times for "Inclusive Ticket" visitors but we can tailor a start time specifically for your group for an additional cost of £50 per tour. Four weeks' notice is required. The maximum group size per tour is 30 guests.
Incentives:	Groups can be met at coach drop off point and escorted to the Castle. A free ticket for the group leader and a free ticket for coach driver (can be used on another visit). For Inclusive Tickets only, there is a special "Opening Offer" of a free return visit within 6 months, including Castle daytime events.
Appeal:	A Group visit to Lincoln Castle can appeal to a mixed age range. The variety of interpretation makes the castle accessible to all ages. A group visit is appealing from those with a passion for history. We promise a memorable day out.

Access:	The Prison and Magna Carta Vault are accessible and are equipped with lifts. The East Wall of the The Medieval Wall Walk has a lift and is accessible to wheelchair users. The East Wall gives views of the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral. The other sections of the Medieval Wall Walk include steps.
Catering:	<p>Situated within the Prison our new café has capacity for a maximum of 50 covers spread across several rooms, there are also outdoor seating. Group catering options bookable in advance:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Morning Coffee and biscuits Light lunch Afternoon Tea Coffee & Cake</p> <p>We can offer reserved use of indoor and outdoor spaces to meet the needs of your group - max 25 per sitting, not available on event days, weekends or school holidays. Exclusive catering will depend on group size and requirements, alternatively catering can be pre-booked on a free-flow basis.</p>
Hospitality	We can offer exclusive evening hire for a variety of functions and number of guests, ranging from canapés and drinks to gala dinners. These events can include access and private viewing of the Magna Carta Vault and the Victorian Prison. Please call us for details and prices.
Events:	In 2015 there will be a range of events and activities at the Castle, celebrating the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta and also celebrating the revealing of the Castle. These daytime events will be included in your admission. Special evening events will also be planned – The events will be posted on the website as they are planned and please contact us for details.
Extras:	Full day packages can be arranged on request including admission, catering, guided tours and short talks at the on-site Heritage Skills Centre where we can also offer taster courses from stained glass making to needlework.
Booking:	To book your group visit, or for more information, contact: groups-lincolncastle@lincolnshire.gov.uk Tel: 01522 782040 www.lincolncastle.com