

Lincolnshire & the RAF

Sunday 20th - Wednesday 23th May 2012

Sunday Departing Bradford at 9.00 we travel to the attractive seaside resort of **Cleethorpes** where you will have a chance to enjoy the bracing sea air and the numerous attractions. From here we travel to **Woodhall Spa** and our hotel. This evening there will be an **illustrated presentation on the Dam Busters** by a local expert.

Monday Today we travel to **RAF Coningsby** for a visit and **tour of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight**, with its fantastic range of aircraft including the iconic Spitfire and Lancaster. We journey onto **Skegness** for the afternoon .

Tuesday We visit **RAF Digby**, the oldest station in the RAF, being established in March 1918, and during the Second World War became a station operating a squadron of Mosquito's for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The station became a training unit before evolving into a Signals Unit. There are several rooms telling the story of Digby's role in the Battle of Britain and beyond. Later there is a Down Memory Lane cinema show, reliving cinema as it was with vintage film clips, classic adverts and sing-a-long films.

Wednesday We travel to **East Kirby**, where we visit **Lincoln Aviation Heritage Centre**. The museum here has many attractions, including a restored Lancaster Bomber, one of the largest private collections of Second World War photographs, and restored original Control Tower. Other attractions include an original Barnes Wallis "Bouncing Bomb". Also on site is the RAF Escaping Society collection dedicated to those who helped crashed airmen in occupied Europe.

Displays in the Escape Museum include those of the Goldfish Club, the Caterpillar Club to the French Resistance to POWs. We then travel to **Hemswell Antiques** (sited on a former RAF Base), thought to be the largest antique centre in Europe. From here we travel home arriving in Bradford early evening.



The Hotel

Originally built as the home of an Edwardian baroness, The Petwood Hotel later



became home to the 617 Squadron – more commonly known as the Dambusters – when the Petwood was requisitioned by the RAF in the Second World War. Today, the Squadron Bar is dedicated to this group of men. All rooms include en-suite bathrooms, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities and TV.

Hotel: Petwood Hotel, Stixwold Rd, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire. LN10 6QG Tel:01526 352411

This 4 day Tour Includes

- ☞ Visits to RAF Coningsby, RAF Digby & The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre
- ☞ Time in Cleethorpes & Skegness
- ☞ 3 nights dinner, bed & full breakfast

Prices

Per person in twin/double	£285.00
Per person in single (limited)	£285.00
Insurance	£21.85

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