



Historic Lincoln tours. – Focus Rides

Contact Details		Itinerary Details	
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		Introductory Pitch of the Programme	
Business Name	Focus Rides	<p>Lincolnshire is a wonderful and diverse county to explore by bike. The Historic Lincoln route has been developed to allow visitors to experience different aspects of this enticing county – steeped in culture and hidden gems.</p> <p>Each day's ride will greet you with quintessentially Lincolnshire experiences – enjoy the small yet vibrant city of Lincoln, walk in the footsteps of a thousand years of history at Lincoln Castle, explore the award-winning village of Woodhall Spa and its connections with Lincolnshire's aviation history, or perhaps take a leisurely afternoon to explore Doddington Hall and its renowned farm shop and restaurant perfect for enjoying Lincolnshire's famous food delicacies.</p> <p>This 6 day ride will treat you to some of the very best sights and experiences the county has to offer.</p>	
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Getting There		Transfers from Hull ferry terminal, Manchester airport, East Midlands airport, Humberside airport, Robin Hood airport and Lincoln train station.
Website	www.focusrides.co.uk	
Focus Rides	info@focusrides.co.uk	Ground handler
The Lincoln Hotel	https://www.thelincolnhotel.com/	Accommodation
Doddington Hall	https://www.doddingtonhall.com/	Accommodation
Petwood Hotel	https://www.petwood.co.uk/	Accommodation
Pedal Electric Cycles	https://www.pedalelectriccycles.com/	Bike hire



Itinerary Details

Day	Short Description of Route	USP Highlights that can be found on route List in Bullet points	Mileage per Day/Kilometres per day Please state if Miles or KM	Further information and about the route e.g. flat or challenging/through forests or along country lanes	Area for overnight/accommodation name example
1	Travel to the UK, pick up or make way to the accommodation. Meet and greet			You arrive in Lincoln Bailgate and spend your first night in the Lincoln Hotel overlooking Lincoln cathedral	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour brief after breakfast and issue of bikes and tour maps and self-guided ride out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bardney Visitors centre, 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Water Rail Way / Tattershall ● Starting in the historic Cathedral Quarter and Bailgate area of Lincoln, you will pass the stunning Lincoln Cathedral and cycle to the River Witham and the canal path which forms the Water Rail Way route out of the city. Cycle this leafy, flat wide tow path route, with lovely views across the waterway and you will reach the villages of Bardney and latterly Tattershall. ● From Tattershall head towards the village of Coningsby. If you are lucky you may see the RAF training in the Typhoon jets overhead. From Conningsby you'll head towards Thorpe Camp, formerly part of RAF Woodhall Spa and home of the Dambusters and the 627 Squadron that flew out of the base in the 1940's ● A final 3 mile journey along quiet country lanes will take you to the award winning village of Woodhall Spa. Here you will see the 'Kinema in the Woods', a small cinema and charming little building is nestling in the woods dating back to 1922. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tattershall Castle, ● Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Cente, ● Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre (formerly RAF WoodHall Spa – limited entry during summer months only), ● Woodhall Spa village ● Kinema in the woods 	49 km	<p>Most of this ride is down the water railway which is a main cycle route. There some country roads and 1 busy road with the option of a short ride on a footpath.</p> <p>This route is flat and is easy ridable for any level of rider.</p> <p>Accommodation Petwood hotel.</p>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Woodhall Spa / Horncastle ● Woodhall Spa, regarded as one of Lincolnshire's most attractive villages, is a 			

	<p>charming place with an Edwardian character, set amidst towering pine woods. You'll find small independent shops and eateries, all with well-kept period facades and floral displays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You'll join the Spa trail and keep following it to Horncastle. This easy, traffic free route forms part of the Viking Way long distance route through Lincolnshire, and passes through woods and rolling countryside. Sculptures made from wood, stone and metal are scattered along the way, reflecting local wildlife and links with the past. Once you enter Horncastle, a thriving market town on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds there are plenty of independent cafes and pubs all serving fresh locally produced meal to choose from. You may also want to stay a while and visit some of the many antique shops that the town is renowned for. From Horncastle country lanes will wind their way back through Thimbleby (a delightful hamlet listed in the Domesday Book) to Bardney; and then onwards to the quirkily named hamlet of 'Wasp Nest' past Abbey Hill and through to the quiet villages of Potterhanworth and Heighington with beautiful views of open countryside over to the Cathedral on top of the hill in Lincoln. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Bomber Command Centre, Horncastle Market Town, The Spa Trail Woodhall Spa Village 	<p>51 km</p>	<p>This route ride take you back to Lincoln.</p> <p>This ride is all on country roads. This finishes at bomber command. You will be transported back to your hotel.</p> <p>The ride is easy with some very small inclines. All abilities will manage this ride.</p> <p>Accommodation Lincoln hotel.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You'll complete your journey at the International Bomber Command Memorial Centre and its stunning Memorial Spire. 			
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doddington and Whisby From the vibrant Brayford pool marina in Lincoln, you will ride along the river until you reach the small beautifully maintained village of Doddington and it's stunning Elizabethan mansion Doddington Hall. You'll find their award winning farm shop, café, restaurant and a small selection of premium shops here. From Doddington meander along quiet country roads taking in the big skies of Lincolnshire to the villages of Eagle, Collingham and Norton Disney. Enjoy riding past the ancient woodlands and onwards through the charming Lincolnshire villages of Thurlby and Thorpe on the Hill. Whisby Nature Reserve provides a welcome rest and opportunity to enjoy the scenery here, in addition to a great place to stop and visit the cafe. Returning to Doddington you will reach your final destination of Doddington Hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doddington Hall & Estate Whisby Nature reserve 	48.5 km	<p>This is a nice easy ride mostly flat country lanes. Easily rideable for any level of rider.</p> <p>Accommodation Doddington Hall,</p>

5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From Doddington you'll pick up the cycle route to the north west of Lincoln and head towards the Domesday Book village of Thorney and onwards to the Fosdyke Navigation and Tocksey Lock and Torksey Common - the epitome of rural flat Lincolnshire landscape. ● Take time to enjoy the nature trails, wildlife spotting and host of leisure activities here, including a lovely Tea Room, and the remains of the old castle in Torksey village with stunning views over the river Trent. ● Head onwards to Saxilby via quiet country lanes and from here you may be able to watch the RAF's finest The Red Arrows practicing in the distance. ● From Saxilby you'll head east along waterways and country lanes, taking in the views of the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral high up on the hill, to the village of Skellingthorpe and then onwards to Lincoln. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Torksey Lock. ● Torksey common. 	36 km	<p>Nice easy route mostly flat. Steep short up hill back to the hotel at the end.</p> <p>Suitable for all abilities of riders.</p> <p>Accommodation Lincoln hotel,</p>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leave the stunning historic setting of the Bailgate in Lincoln and head north on the national cycle route to Nettleham, a lovely Lincolnshire village on the edge of the city, bustling with community and life. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enjoy the cycle route onwards through Nettleham, via quiet country lanes through sleepy Lincolnshire villages (perhaps enjoying a stop off at the nearby Woodside Wildlife Park, complete with residents of tigers, wolves and much more!) all the way to the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds and the thriving market town of Market Rasen. Here you'll find plenty of shops and cafes and often the open air market in the town square too. ● Meander back to Lincoln via the villages of Middle Rasen, Buslingthorpe and Faldingworth and head to Brattleby. You are now riding alongside RAF Scampton where the Red Arrows are based. ● You'll enter the city of Lincoln again and ride past the Museum of Lincolnshire Life – an interesting stop off point home to lots of Lincolnshire social history and a lovely tea room stocking lots of local produce. 		61 km	<p>Mostly country lanes this is a slightly longer route. It is manageable for all levels of rider. Slight inclines. No steep hills.</p> <p>Easy ride for all abilities.</p> <p>Accommodation Lincoln hotel</p>
	Pack and check out from the hotel			

Trade Price

Per person sharing Twin or Double Room

From £725 per person

Per person in Single Room	From £925 per person based on 2 people booking.
Detail included in the price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bed & Breakfast ● Number of nights: 6 ● Accommodation type: Small hotels ● Accommodation rating 4 Star. ● Luggage transfer: Yes (point to point on routes only)
Optional supplements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ebike hire: £160 Deposit £150 refundable (week hire) ● Helmet hire: £3 per day ● Transfers: Available from Hull ferry terminal, Manchester airport, East Midlands airport, Humberside airport, Robin Hood airport and Lincoln train station. (contact for price)

Fitness & Tour Grading

How fit would clients need to be for this itinerary?	Basic level of fitness is required with riding average 30 miles per day across rolling countryside.
How demanding is the route?	Low grade, mainly flat riding with some slight inclines.
Who is best suited for this itinerary?	People who love exploring the outdoors and enjoy graphic scenery as well as cosy villages, picturesque valleys and plenty of places of interest.
What bikes are there available for hire? (road, hybrid, electric etc.)	Electric hybrid bikes only

Additional Details

- * Bike hire damage or theft is the responsibility of the rider.
- * Transfers from airports and ferry terminal are an extra cost. (Please contact for price).

*** Ebike is the responsibility of the rider. You must replace or repair.**

*** Deposit of 25% paid on booking with balance cleared 4 weeks prior to arrival**

*** A secure deposit for bike hire will be taken on arrival.**