

The Legend of Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest

Legendary tales for a modern-day adventure

Get double the adventure on this two-day tour, which combines the Robin Hood Town Tour and further exploration of the legend with expert guides, Cultural Heritage Tours. Take in the modern culture and impressive history of Nottingham on day one before you are guided through the landscapes of the Sherwood Forest area, including a visit to Robin's legendary hideaway, on day two. To complete the Robin Hood story, why not even stay for a third day to explore the historic city of Lincoln and its connections with the legend?



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Two-day example itinerary



Robin Hood Town Tour

DAY ONE

MORNING – DEPART FROM LONDON

By train:

Leave from London St Pancras International Station: 08.34am
Arrive at Nottingham Station: 10.16am

By road:

Leave London from Victoria Coach Station: 08.00am
Arrive in Nottingham at Maid Marian Way coach drop-off: approximately 10.40am

11am – ROBIN HOOD TOWN TOUR

Join the charismatic Ezekial Bone as he presents an award-winning tour in the guise of Robin Hood. With unrivalled knowledge and gripping storytelling, this two-hour tour takes in the modern and historical sites of this dynamic city. Hear the tale of Robin Hood come to life and learn about numerous significant events in British history that took place in Nottingham.

The two-hour tour ends under the impressive cliff on which Nottingham Castle sits, where the Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem pub has stood for an incredible 800 years. Carved into the rock face, this is reputedly England's oldest pub and features cosy corners and numerous bar lounges. Stay to enjoy a traditional pub lunch if desired, take in the many curious antiques and historical artefacts in the pub, or book onto a short tour of the caves and beer cellars below.

Distance: 1.3 miles | 2.1 km

Accessibility: The tour includes a visit to an underground cave which is only accessible via steep, medieval stone steps. If this is a problem for guests, the tour can be adapted to avoid this point of interest.

AFTERNOON – FREE TIME IN NOTTINGHAM

Stay to enjoy a traditional pub lunch in the Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem pub if desired, take in the many curious antiques and historical artefacts in the pub, or book onto a short tour of the caves and beer cellars below.

The rest of the day can be spent exploring the city and taking in some of the key points of interest mentioned on the tour.



Ye Olde Trip to Jerusalem pub



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Cultural Heritage Tours at Sherwood Forest

DAY TWO

9:30am – MEET YOUR GUIDES

Your guides at Cultural Heritage Tours will meet you at the Nottingham Playhouse. Throughout the day these expert guides will use their extensive knowledge to paint a picture of the Robin Hood legend as they take you to Sherwood Forest and other pivotal historic sites throughout Nottinghamshire.

TOUR DATES

Tours operate throughout the year and are available to book Monday through Sunday by arrangement.

Tour arrangements can be flexible to suit your requirements. E.G, one, two and three day, and condensed or extended versions.



King John's Palace

10:30am – PAPPLEWICK PUMPING STATION

After a pit-stop at Papplewick Pumping Station, home to the finest example of a working Victorian water pumping station in Britain, the tour moves on to Rufford Abbey. This former 12 century Cistercian Monastery and country house features shops, gardens, a lake and a children's play area, along with beautiful ruins to explore.

A light lunch can be had in one of Rufford's various cafés and tea rooms, or in Sherwood Forest, which will be the next stop.

1pm – SHERWOOD FOREST

Discover more about Robin Hood's legend and the conservation of this world-famous forest in the new state-of-the-art visitor centre. A short walk can be taken through the ancient woodland to see the 800-year-old Major Oak, a reputed hide-out for Robin and the Merry Men and one of England's most treasured trees.

2:30pm – KING JOHN'S PALACE

The next stop is the archaeological site of King John's Palace to see the remains of a former medieval royal residence and the royal heart of Sherwood Forest. Learn how the history of this site has been rediscovered through ongoing archaeological digs, along with its importance within the Robin Hood legend.

4pm – NEWSTEAD ABBEY

The final stop for the day is Newstead Abbey, which was once home to the notorious 19th century poet Lord Byron. Roam picturesque gardens dotted with wild peacocks and take in the majestic ruins of this beautiful estate. Entry to the Abbey is not included, but arrangements can easily be made if you decide to explore further.



Newstead Abbey



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Tour descriptions, availability and pricing subject to change



Steep Hill, Lincoln



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OPTIONAL LINCOLN TOUR EXTENSION

Why not extend your Robin Hood experience into a third day to discover historic Lincoln and its connections with the legend? Admire the breath-taking architecture, stained glass and history of Lincoln Cathedral towering high above the city. After lunch, explore Lincoln's ancient castle, which houses original copies of the 1215 Magna Carta and 1217 Charter of the Forest. Climb the battlements for the medieval wall walk or descend into the depths of the Victorian prison.

After arriving by your coach or aboard Cultural Heritage Tours' red London bus, your host will guide you through the cobbled streets of historic Lincoln. Famous for its breath-taking Cathedral, being the home of an original Magna Carta and of course Lincoln Green – Robin Hood's outfit of choice!

MORNING – DEPART FROM NOTTINGHAM AT 9AM

By train:

Direct trains from Nottingham depart every hour and take approximately 50 minutes

By road:

Nottingham to Lincoln is approximately 1hr, 38 miles
Sherwood Forest is approximately 45 minutes, 28 miles



Lincoln Cathedral

ROMAN LINCOLN

On an hour-long tour of Lincoln's old quarter, your tour guide will expose the fascinating history of this ancient city, told through easy-to-miss Roman relics and hidden medieval gems which are still visible today. Discover how the picturesque city has developed over millennia, hear stories of the ancient settlers who claimed the land, and learn how the city has evolved and adapted over 2,000 years. The tour finishes with insights into the breath-taking architecture of Lincoln Cathedral, revealing more secrets of the city's history.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

You will be met by a resident guide at the Cathedral's main entrance, who will escort you around the key features of this magnificent 13th century English Gothic building. Used in the 2006 movie, The Da Vinci Code, for scenes of Westminster Abbey, the atmospheric cloisters are also reminiscent of Harry Potter's Hogwarts and will spark the imagination of children and bookworms alike. Hear the legend of the Lincoln Imp, admire the extensive stained-glass windows, find fossils in the stonework, and pre-book to see an original 'Robin Hood poem' in the Cathedral's library (by appointment only – speak to Cultural Heritage Tours for more information). A short tour of the roof and tower can also be arranged in advance.

Take some time for lunch in one of Lincoln's restaurants, pubs or tea rooms before your afternoon visit to Lincoln Castle.

LINCOLN CASTLE

Just a few minutes' walk-away, you'll step through the impressive gatehouse of Lincoln Castle. Cultural Heritage Tours will guide you deep into the vaults in which the Magna Carta and the Charter of the Forest are housed, explaining the immense significance of these 800-year old texts and how the legend of Robin Hood came to be. You will then have free time to take in the extraordinary views over the city along the Castle's brilliantly preserved medieval wall walk, explore the Victorian prison cells, or learn more about the bloody battles and history of the Castle. On a clear day it is said you can even see Sherwood Forest from the top of the walls! Enjoy an hour of free time at the end of your tour taking in Lincoln's array of independent boutiques and shops on the award-winning Steep Hill.



Lincoln Castle



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The Robin Hood Statue, Nottingham

COACH PARKING

There are several drop-off and pick-up points and several car parks with coach space available, which should be pre-booked.

Information is available at visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk and visitlincoln.com

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Group tour based on a minimum of 25 people. Smaller groups by negotiation
- Pick-up and drop-off points at destination can be flexible, by arrangement
- Tour transport options are by vintage London bus or luxury coach
- Meals not included
- Regular direct trains between London and Nottingham are operated by East Midlands Trains
- Journey time by road is estimated on travelling from London Victoria Coach Station



Cultural Heritage Red Bus Tours

PRICES AND HOW TO BOOK

Two-day tour only, no transport:

£60 per person: 25 – 35 people
£50 per person: 36 – 44 people
£40 per person: 45+

Two-day tour with vintage London bus transport on day two:

£85 per person: 25 – 35 people
£75 per person: 36 – 44 people
£65 per person: 45+

Two-day tour with luxury coach transport on day two:

£95 per person: 25 – 35 people
£85 per person: 36 – 44 people
£75 per person: 45+

Prices based on the two-day itinerary. Prices for the third day extension are available on request.

Commission rates payable by negotiation.

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