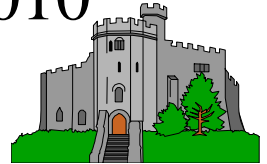


HISTORIC LINCOLNSHIRE

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th August 2010

£275 per person



Price Incl: 4 night's Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Accommodation at the Olde Barn Hotel, Marston, Nr Grantham, Lincolnshire plus admission to Belvoir Castle and Easton Walled Gardens. Visits to Stratford, Lincoln and the Cotswolds.

Not Incl: Single room supplement £60 per person

MONDAY - We depart Bretonside at 8am and make our way to Stratford; famous as Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford is a charming old market town in its own right with mellowed buildings and many half timbered line broad streets. We then continue our journey arriving at our hotel in plenty of time for your first evening meal.

TUESDAY – Today we visit Belvoir Castle, built in 1819, with its magnificent views over the surrounding countryside, glorious formal gardens and a fascinating castle to explore. The castle hosts many notable collections including the military treasures of the guardroom to the stunning staterooms with their impressive period art, tapestries, furniture and sculpture. In contrast to the grandeur of the staterooms, the old kitchen and bakery fuel the imagination of “below the stairs” life in 1825. The grounds are extensive with beautiful formal gardens. The duchess spring gardens are set in a natural amphitheatre and are carefully planned to ensure plants are in bloom all year round.

WEDNESDAY – Today's visit is to Easton Walled Gardens, discover the 12 acres of “lost gardens” representing over 400 years of garden. The gardens were described as “A dream of Nirvana . . . almost too good to be true” by US President Franklin D Roosevelt during his honeymoon stay with his bride Eleanor. The house was demolished and gardens abandoned for 50 years before being rediscovered in 2001, with another 20 years of revival work still ahead.

THURSDAY – Our excursion today is to the historic old Roman town of Lincoln. The three majestic towers of the cathedral dominate the skyline of this ancient city. Narrow cobbled streets wind down through quaint old buildings and antique shops to the banks of the Witham.

FRIDAY – After breakfast we begin our journey home, as we make our way back to the South West we will travel through the Cotswolds making a stop at one of the towns for lunch. We continue our journey arriving back at Bretonside early evening.