

# Suggested Itinerary: **History & Heritage**

Friday

**Evening**

Check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner.

Saturday

**Morning**

Snibston Discovery Centre

Snibston is set in the heart of the National Forest on the site of a former colliery which was created by the famous engineers George and Robert Stephenson and produced coal continuously between 1833 and 1983. Find out fascinating facts on a tour of the colliery by a former miner.

Snibston is home to an award winning interactive museum, scheduled ancient colliery buildings, the Century Theatre, and a one hundred acre country park and nature reserve. The museum displays a diverse and rich collection of historic objects telling the story of technology and design and how it has affected everyday life from the past to the present day, and the future.

**Lunch stop**

The Royal Hotel

Located in the historical market town of Ashby de la Zouch, this Regency hotel offers an excellent lunchtime carvery. Car parking for coaches next to the venue.

**Afternoon**

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Castle

Visit the fascinating ruins of Ashby Castle, a Norman Manor House where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned. The castle was the backdrop to the famous jousting scenes in Sir Walter Scott's classic novel of 1819, Ivanhoe.

**Evening**

Tour of Bosworth Visitor Centre

Enjoy a tour of the site, interactive exhibitions and Ambion Parva Medieval Village. Bosworth Battlefield witnessed the death of a King and saw the end of the 30 year power struggle for the throne of England. Was King Richard III, who lost his life and crown at Bosworth, a noble warrior or murdering crookback who ordered the death of the Princes in the Tower? And who was Henry Tudor whose success at Bosworth gave birth to the powerful Tudor dynasty bringing two of our most famous monarchs, Henry VIII and Elizabeth I to the throne?

Medieval banquet at Tithe Barn, Bosworth Battlefield

Enjoy a royal feast with a Medieval banquet at Tithe Barn, which overlooks the landscapes of the country park where the famous battle of 1485 took place.

Return to hotel

Sunday

**Morning**

Donington le Heath Manor House

Enjoy a guided tour, meet the experts and explore medieval life at a superbly restored 13th century manor house. Walk through the period herb and flower gardens, maze and orchard. Enjoy a tour and see how people lived in Medieval, Tudor and Stuart times. Try on replicas of their clothes and have a go with some of the toys and games that would have been played over the past seven centuries.

Great Central Railway

The Great Central Railway is Britain's only double track mainline steam railway. Plan a route around the railway and its stations, with a portable handset, finding out more about the history of the line, what happens behind the scenes and unlock some of the surprises about how the railway operates. Whilst you are taking in the scenery you can enjoy lunch on-board the train, or enjoy an evening of murder mystery whilst travelling through Leicestershire's landscapes.

Rockingham Castle

Enjoy a tour of Rockingham Castle, built on the orders of William the Conqueror. Have a guided tour of this magnificent castle and find out fascinating historical facts about part of Leicestershire's history. Visit 18 acres of formal gardens where you will see the Elephant Yew which is said to be over 400 years old!

Depart for hotel



Donington le Heath Manor House

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