

# DOG-FRIENDLY WEEKENDS

## 50 BREAKS IN BRITAIN FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

The first all-encompassing, practical and inspirational guidebook to dog-friendly holidays in Britain, this brand new, full-colour guide covers not only dog-friendly accommodation and pubs but, most importantly, each chapter offers a well-rounded weekend away, with recommendations on attractions where dogs are allowed and great walks for all abilities.

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**WHERE** Lincoln, East Midlands  
**WHEN** All year round  
**HIGHLIGHTS** An historic city; Gothic cathedral; 11th-century castle, independent shopping scene, cosy pubs.

A historic city at the heart of a compact little city. The Quarter is where you'll find dogs on its fascinating streets spanning almost 1,000 years. A strong independent scene, Balgates and Steep Hill are full of pubs and even salad bars or browse the unique and coffee shops with or homemade lunch. With so many beautiful dog-friendly city. Just beyond the city and the Brayford Pool. Strike out a line. Finally, outside the Dodding Hall & Gardens, where you could

**LINCOLN CASTLE** Mon-Sat, 11.30-5.00. This magnificent piece of the city's history gets frankly, breath-taking. Construction later, but its vast including devastating windows make

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cathedrals and abbeys, dogs are allowed inside and can even join the floor tours included in the entry fee. Alternatively, attend a service (we recommend Evensong for peak atmosphere) and you won't pay a thing, though you won't get all that fascinating history from one of the knowledgeable volunteers.

**LINCOLN CASTLE** (LIN1 3AA) lincolncastle.com daily, with dogs allowed on select days – see website for details; adults/kids/ family £14/ £7.50/£35.50, wall walk extra £10/£5.50/£25.50. A Norman fortification with 1,000 years of history. Lincoln Castle opens its gates to dogs on a few select days each year – usually in summer. They're allowed to roam the medieval castle walls where you'll get the best views of the city and a new perspective on the cathedral, and visit the cells of the Victorian prison which has an eerie chapel, too. Dogs are also allowed inside the Magna Carta exhibition, though not in the actual vault where the historic document is kept.

**INTERNATIONAL BOMBER COMMAND CENTRE** (LIN4 2HQ) internationalbcc.co.uk 09.30-17.00 Tue-Sun; exhibition entry fee adult/kids £9/£5.50, free entry to grounds and memorial. South of Lincoln city centre, a striking 31m-high rusty-red spike sits on top of a grassy hill with views back to that ever present cathedral. Its height is the same as the wingspan of a Lancaster bomber and it's a memorial to the more-than 57,000 people who gave their lives to supporting the RAF Bomber Command during World War II. A peaceful place, dogs are welcome at the monument, its gardens and inside the visitor centre. Though they'll have to wait in the car if you want to view the excellent immersive exhibition upstairs.

**BRAYFORD BELLE BOAT TRIPS** (LIN1 1YX) lincolnbelleboattrips.co.uk; adults/kids £7/£4, dogs go free. A pretty little red-and-white vessel, you can board the *Brayford Belle* for guided tours of the Brayford Pool and canal that connects to the River Trent. Trips run daily during summer and on bank holiday weekends, offering insight into Lincoln's past and present with a pre-recorded commentary. Inside and outside seating make this an all-weather activity.

**HARTSHOLME COUNTRY PARK** (LIN6 0EY) lincoln.gov.uk Over 200 acres of grassland, woods, lakes and landscaped Victorian gardens makes Hartsholme ideal for long walks. A play area will keep the kids happy and RSPB members run regular free guided walks for keen birders, herons, kingfisher and occasionally spotted woodpeckers can be seen. Dogs are allowed off-lead but be respectful of wildlife.

**DODDINGTON HALL & GARDENS** (LIN6 4RU) dodgingtonhall.com daily; grounds are free to explore. Seven miles from the city centre, the

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