

# The Trail of the Mayflower Pilgrims

*Walk in the footsteps of Bradford and Brewster - the Mayflower Pilgrims in their homeland, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Discover how they sought religious freedom before later making their journey to found a new nation*



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DAY 1

## Mayflower tours with Sue Allan

*To unravel the full story of the Pilgrim Fathers, a tour with historian Sue Allan is essential. Her knowledge of their incredible history is unrivalled, and she'll beguile you with the tales of these brave individuals, who would be so influential in the formation of a new, powerful nation. You'll visit Scrooby, birthplace of the Mayflower voyager William Brewster, his former home The Manor House, where meetings of the Scrooby Separatist congregation were held, Gainsborough Old Hall and All Saints Church at Babworth.*

These pre-booked bespoke Tours can be tailored to your requirements and available time.

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### Bassetlaw Museum

The museum is situated in Retford town centre in Amcott House and has a small area dedicated to The Pilgrim Fathers. An 18th century town house, which retains many of its original features. An art gallery was built in 1994, partly financed by the Percy Laws Memorial Fund of the Rotary Club of Retford.

DAY 2

*Gainsborough Old Hall, Gainsborough*



*Boston Guildhall, Boston*

## Gainsborough Old Hall

Built in 1460, the elegant Gainsborough Old Hall is one of the country's finest medieval manor houses, and its timber walls are soaked in Pilgrim Fathers history. William Hickman, and his mother Rose Hickman, owned the hall in 1596, and it's believed that they allowed it to be used by the Separatist congregation of John Smyth, to worship in secret.

## Boston Guildhall

Follow the journey of the Separatists, who walked from Scrooby to the Lincolnshire coast ready to set sail for Holland in 1607. They boarded a boat, only to be betrayed at the last minute by their sea captain. Taken to Boston Guildhall, they were imprisoned for around a month. See the tiny cells where they were held, and the courtroom where they were tried. Their experiences in Boston would certainly not thwart their ambitions to escape, however.

## Boston Stump, St Botolph's Church

The influential Rev John Cotton, who would arrive in New England in 1633, was the vicar of Boston's grand church, and an important figure in the Puritan movement. You can see the Pulpit from which he preached, and then take the climb to the top of the magnificent Stump, looking out for miles over the fens and towards the sea, which the Separatists would eventually set sail across in search of religious freedom.



*St Botolph's Church, Boston*

*Tread the path walked by the Pilgrim Fathers, as they escaped England to pursue religious freedom, in the process planting the seeds from which the United States of America would grow. Their journey was hardly an easy one, however, and this trail will introduce you to the hurdles and challenges they overcame, as they took to the seas in search of a new land of freedom.*



## Where to stay:

### Lincolnshire

**The White Hart Boston** - In the heart of the market town, The White Hart is an ideal rest stop for this itinerary

**Forest Pines** - Ideal for groups, and offers great motorway access

**Belton Woods** - Set in picturesque countryside, with easy access to Lincoln, Boston and Nottinghamshire

### Nottinghamshire

**Ye Olde Bell** - This charming 17th century coachhouse has been passionately restored by its local owners

**Browns of Holbeck** - Stay in a stunning 1730 stone cottage, which sits in an acre of gardens

**Clumber Park Hotel & Spa** - stay on the edge of Sherwood Forest, in a retreat created to offer the ultimate pampering and relaxation experience, set in peaceful and natural surroundings



## Getting around...



Scrooby is an hour north of Nottingham, on the A614. From there, Gainsborough Old Hall is 20 minutes away on the A63, while Boston is a 90 mile drive. It's easy to stop off at Lincoln, should you decide to visit the spectacular cathedral.



Trains connect Nottingham and Lincoln with major cities across the country, but it is advised to arrange alternative transport to complete this itinerary.