

SLHA Study Tour Chester



Arranged with Travel Editions Group Travel for Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology

Little Moreton

6th - 10th July 2026 – 5 days *£995pp

Join us on this unforgettable five-day journey through the heart of England's rich historic and industrial landscape. From stargazing and cutting-edge science at Jodrell Bank, to walking the remarkably preserved Roman walls of Chester, admiring the timber-framed Tudor charm of Little Moreton Hall, and marvelling at the impressive engineering of the iconic Anderton Boat Lift, this tour offers a captivating mix of iconic and culturally significant sites. With expert local guides, hands-on experiences in immersive museums, we'll also explore grand country estates, ancient salt works that shaped the region's economy, and the intricate artistic legacy of silk weaving in the historic market town of Macclesfield.



Eastgate Clock, Chester



Jodrell Bank

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To secure your place a deposit of £200 will be required by 12th December 2025. Please call Travel Editions on 020 7251 0045 to book.

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*The advertised price is based on a minimum of 30 passengers and 2 people sharing a twin/double room, based on 25 passengers the price would be £1,025 per person based on 2 people sharing a twin/double room



Anderton Boat Lift

Itinerary

Day 1: Monday 6 July 2026

Jodrell Bank, then Chester.

Depart Lincoln for Chester, stopping enroute at UNESCO World Heritage-listed Jodrell Bank. Home to the Lovell Telescope, this is a world-renowned centre for radio astronomy, and features historic grounds and a stunning dome housing exhibitions from post-war to modern discoveries. Continue to Chester where we check-in to our hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner and our Lincoln guides will join us.

Day 2: Tuesday 7 July 2026

Chester and Little Moreton Hall.

We start our tour with Chester's extraordinary history. Our two-hour guided walking tour with a local guide will show the highlights of an ancient city that has played host to Roman legions, Viking raiders and the Norman invasion. The city has the largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, along with a 1000-year-old cathedral as well as its Roman and Medieval walls and The Chester Rows, a unique, two-tiered system of covered galleries and walkways. After lunch, at own expense, we continue onto Little Moreton Hall, an iconic Tudor Manor House with wonky angles and a quirky character. The timber-framed building has defied logic for over 500 years with its

tumbling architecture. The higgledy-piggledy house will show how people used to live at the hall and you will also have the chance to visit the gardens filled with herbs and vegetables that the Tudors would have used for their cooking and medicines.

Day 3: Wednesday 8 July 2026

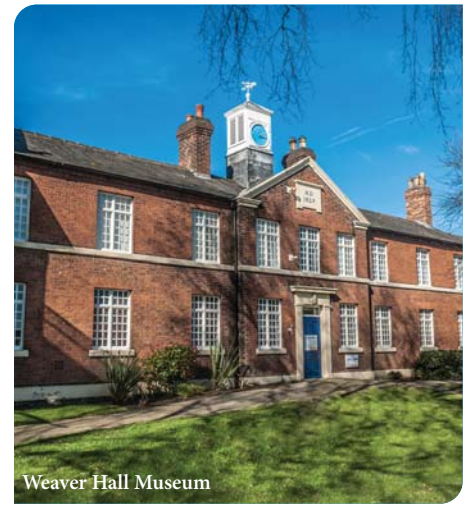
Anderton Boat Lift and Tatton Park.

This morning we visit the restored Anderton boat lift where we will enjoy a river cruise along the picturesque Weaver navigation with a commentary regarding the river and this historic monument as well as offering a unique view of the Anderton Lift. First opened in 1875, the lift was fully restored and reopened in 2003 after 20 years of disuse. While here we will also have time to explore the visitor centre. After lunch (own expense) we visit Tatton Park, one of the most complete historic estates in the UK. It is home to a medieval Old Hall, Neo Classical Mansion, 50 acres of landscaped gardens and 1000 acres of deer park. Explore the mansion and gardens at your own leisure. Take in the treasured collections inside the 18th century mansion as well as the gardens including the Japanese garden, walled kitchen garden and the historic glasshouses. This evening we enjoy a lecture by Dr Kevin Leahy: 'The Staffordshire Hoard and Lincolnshire'.

Day 4: Thursday 9 July 2026

Lion Salt Works and The Weaver Hall Museum, Northwich

Two museum visits planned for today – the first is the last remaining open-pan salt works in the UK, preserved as a museum that tells the story of salt production in Cheshire. The site includes restored Grade II listed buildings such as pan sheds, stoves, and canal-side structures. After lunch (own expense) we visit the Weaver Hall Museum which details the county's cultural and industrial history from Roman-era and archaeology displays, to boatbuilding and workhouse reconstructions.



Weaver Hall Museum

Day 5: Friday 10 July 2026

Silk Museum, then home.

After breakfast, we have some free time to spend in Chester before we must check out of the hotel and travel to Macclesfield where we will explore over 300 years of silk heritage at the Silk Museum. Exhibits include ancient Egyptian artifacts, fashion and design from the 19th and 20th centuries, historic textiles and books, and industrial machinery. After free time for lunch (not included) we continue our drive back to Lincoln

Where you stay

Mill Hotel and Spa

The original Griffiths Corn Mill building dates from 1830 and is centrally located in the heart of Chester, on the banks of the Shropshire Union Canal. Hotel facilities include a bar, restaurant, spa, fitness centre and comfortable, stylish rooms with all modern amenities.



Tatton Park

Included in the price

- Four nights accommodation on bed and breakfast basis at the Mill Hotel and Spa
- Four dinners
- Comfortable coaching from Lincoln for five days
- Entrances and tours as per the itinerary

Not included

- Holiday Insurance
- Meals and entrances not listed in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, eg. phone, laundry



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