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Tourism gold for Staffordshire, Lincolnshire and Hampshire

VisitEngland last week revealed the winners of its Visitor Attraction Accolades for 2023-2024. Among more than 70 attractions commended for offering an outstanding visitor experience were Staffordshire's Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke-on-Trent; the Museum of Cannock Chase; the National Memorial Arboretum; Tamworth Castle; and World of Wedgwood, Stoke-on-Trent. Also winning awards were Bransby Horses and Lincoln Sightseeing Bus Tour, both in Lincolnshire, and St Barbe Museum & Art Gallery, Lymington, Hampshire. <https://bit.ly/4f6Yjel>

It's Time for an extraordinary experience in Lincoln

Lincoln Cathedral is to host an innovative light and sound show in 2025. *Time*, created by the acclaimed artistic collaboration Luxmuralis, will transform the interior of the Cathedral from 11 to 15 February 2025, with dazzling light, dynamic soundscapes, and multiple projections exploring the theories of relativity, and the text of H.G. Wells' *The Time Machine*. Booking is essential and tickets costing £10.78 per adult and £8.66 children (5-16 years) are now available. <https://bit.ly/40omlHZ>

Burnout is no drag in Hampshire

A major milestone in the history of British motor sport is being celebrated with a new exhibition at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu, in Hampshire. The museum's In Focus gallery hosts *Burnout!*, a display marking the 60th anniversary of the 1964 International Drag Racing Festival, which was the first large scale event that brought the hugely popular American motor sport to the UK. The exhibition runs until 2 February 2025. <https://bit.ly/3AfdKCi>

150 Christmas trees will light-up Beverley Minster

Beverley Minster will once again be transformed this December, as 150 decorated Christmas trees light up its interior. The trees are being created by local charities, schools, businesses, and community groups - all bringing an individual touch to the annual festival. Set to run from 4 to 8 December, entry to the event costs £5 per person, while under-18s go free. <https://bit.ly/3CdKzQr>

Death Comes to Pemberley

Tickets are now available for the world premiere of a theatre adaptation of P.D. James's *Death Comes to Pemberley* in 2025. The idyllic estate of Pemberley, home to Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy from Jane Austen's iconic *Pride and Prejudice*, provides the backdrop to the play which will run from 1 May to 28 June at The Mill at Sonning Theatre, on the outskirts of Reading - during the 250th anniversary year of the birth of the world-famous author. <https://bit.ly/40jXcDB>

Explore Hull's Tudor heritage

Free guided walking tours of Tudor Hull with expert guide Paul Schofield aim to offer visitors a chance to immerse themselves in the rich history of Hull's Old Town. Highlighting the impact of Henry VIII in fortifying the eastern defences of the city, the tour ends at the historic South Blockhouse, a hidden gem of Hull's past, currently undergoing restoration. The next tours are scheduled for 23 and 24 November. <https://bit.ly/3YGpDKH>

Carols at Burghley... Belinda's in the Great Hall.

Burghley - one of the largest and grandest surviving houses of the 16th century - will be hosting a traditional Carol Concert in the magnificent oak-panelled Great Hall on 11 December. Featuring favourite carols and music performed by the Cantus Choir and orchestra, conducted by Alwyn Pollard, soloist Belinda Evans, who performs on the André Rieu worldwide tour, will also add some extra seasonal sparkle. Tickets cost £30 per person. <https://bit.ly/3YrW929>