

THE FLYING LEGENDS BATTLEFIELD & REMEMBRANCE TOUR



LONDON, LINCOLN & CAMBRIDGE
SEPTEMBER 13-24, 2023 (12 DAYS)



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The Flying Legends Battlefield Tour

the Planes and Airfields of Wartime Britain

September 13-24, 2023

From the dark days of **The Battle of Britain**, and The Blitz, to the thunderous 'round-the-clock bombing campaign of Bomber Command ... the RCAF, RAF and the 8th USAAF ... visit the airfields from which the Spitfires and Hurricanes rose to meet the enemy, and from which the Lancasters and Flying Fortresses 'bombed up' and headed toward Germany.

Touch history ... the old leather and oil ... the sights and sounds of the heroism that defended Britain against the mighty Luftwaffe, and then, at great cost, carried the war towards victory.

Learn how we gained allied air supremacy in Europe, and pay homage to those brave kids who took to the skies to defend our freedom.

Our guided luxury coach tour features some amazing places across England. A selection of your visits includes:

*Royal Air Force Museum Hendon • Battle of Britain Bunker
The Petwood Hotel (Dambusters) • RAF Scampton
RAF Biggin Hill & Memorial • Stow Marie's Great War Aerodrome
8th USAAF East Anglia Airfields at Parham & Horham
RAF Coningsby, home of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
The International Bomber Command Centre • Bletchley Park
Maddingley American Cemetery • The Runnymede Memorial
and more ...*

and a feature visit to

RAF Duxford





Tuesday September 12

For many of our Canadian travelers it is departure day, for the overnight transatlantic flight to England. Some travelers may choose to leave for Europe sooner to extend the start of the trip - let us know if we can quote you on pre-tour accommodations. Guests who have other travels already in progress, or guests from other points of origin including the United Kingdom, the United States and elsewhere, will meet the start of the tour on Day 1 in London.

Day 1 - Wednesday September 13

In the mid-afternoon all clients can check into the group hotel. In the meantime, luggage is stored in the hotel baggage lock-up. Today you are free to explore London, an amazing city of monuments. In the evening we gather in the heart of the city for our Welcome Dinner, to share a glass of wine and set the stage for our special journey. Overnight London. [D]

Day 2 - Thursday September 14

The tour takes flight, with a short drive south to visit historic Biggin Hill - featuring the Heritage Hanger and the restored Memorial Museum. We take a short drive south for lunch nearby, at a historic restaurant frequented by RCAF crew while stationed at Biggin Hill during the war. We return to London, and enjoy the afternoon visiting local monuments in the city including the imposing Bomber Command Memorial, The Firefighters Memorial, and several more. Overnight London. [B,L]

Day 3 - Friday September 15

Today we hit the road, to the Battle of Britain Memorial on the scenic Kent coast at Folkestone. We also visit the Kent Battle of Britain Museum, and walk to nearby Hawkinge CWGC Cemetery. Overnight London. [B,L]

Day 4 - Saturday September 16

This morning we take some time in reflection at the Runnymede Memorial, which commemorates over 20,000 air forces who have no known grave, including over 3,000 Canadians. Our day continues at the fascinating Battle of Britain Bunker and it's beautifully expanded exhibit space, followed by lunch at another historic site nearby. In the afternoon we visit the Royal Air Force Museum, their official museum at RAF Hendon, also recently expanded to house their wonderful collection. Overnight Cambridge. [B,L]

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Day 5 - Sunday September 17

Today is a feature visit to the collection at RAF Duxford, an impressive array of both WWII and post-war era aircraft and much more. Subject to suitable scheduling announcements in early 2023, this tour aims to incorporate the Battle Of Britain Airshow on this day. Overnight Cambridge. [B,L]

Day 6 - Monday September 18

East Anglia calls us, for an impressive USAAF visit at the Parham Airfield Museum. The atmosphere of the original control tower is spellbinding. We return to Cambridge for free time to visit this historic county town. Overnight Cambridge. [B,L]

Day 7 - Tuesday September 19

The tour hits the road again, this time via East Anglia on the way to Lincolnshire. We'll pay an extended visit to our friends at RAF Horham and the Red Feather Club, including a visit to the rare hospital facilities. Overnight Lincoln. [B,L]

Day 8 - Wednesday September 20

The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Center is our highlight of the morning, combined with lunch at the historic Petwood Hotel. In the afternoon we tour the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby, home to one of only two flying Lancaster Bombers. Overnight Lincoln. [B,L]

Day 9 - Thursday September 21

Day Nine takes us to the International Bomber Command Centre, a world-class facility provides the most comprehensive record of Bomber Command in the world and serves as a wonderful point for remembrance. We also visit the RAF Scampton Heritage Centre. Overnight Lincoln. [B,L]

Day 10 - Friday September 22

It's time to say goodbye to Lincolnshire and return to Cambridge. Along the way we make a stop at Bletchley Park, once the top secret centre for Allied code-breaking efforts which contributed substantially to the success of the Allied war effort. In the afternoon we pay our respects at Maddingley American Cemetery. Overnight Cambridge. [B,L]

Day 11 - Saturday September 23

On our final day of the tour we roll into the quiet Essex countryside to tour the amazing Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, a hidden gem which hearkens back to the earliest days of aviation. In the evening we gather for our Farewell Dinner, to raise a glass to all the Flyboys who took to the skies. Per Ardua Ad Astra. Overnight Cambridge. [B,L,D]

Day 12 - Sunday September 24

This morning is departure day for those Canadians returning home on the optional group flight - buffet or box breakfast is included, depending on departure time from the hotel. Some travelers may choose to remain in Europe longer to extend the end of the trip - let us know if we can quote you on post-tour accommodations. Others guests will depart for home or continue their travels on other routes. [B]

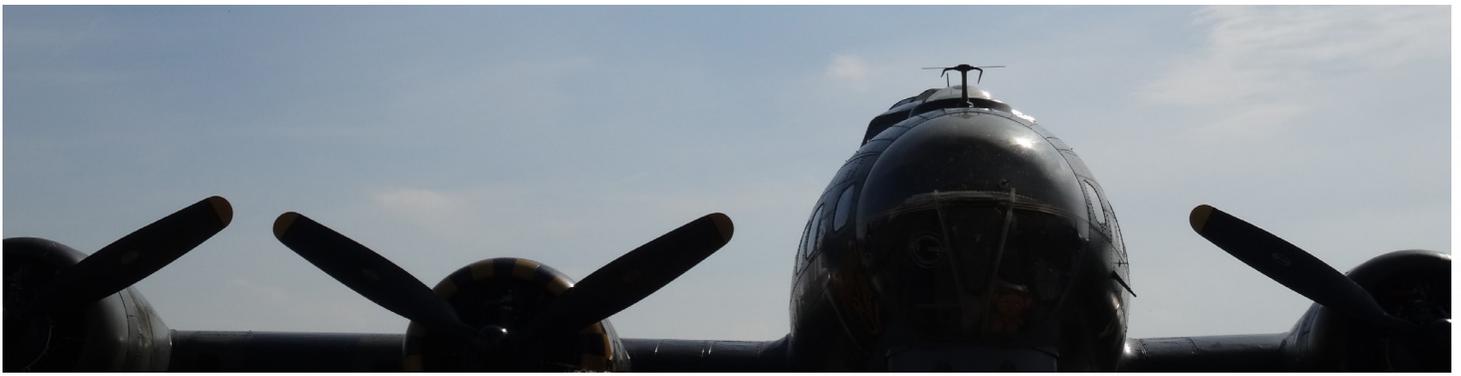
Itinerary is subject to minor change prior to departure. Minor variances are also possible during the actual tour based on the need to adapt to circumstances we may encounter during our travels.

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THE TOUR.

London

With Big Ben, the River Thames, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace, London is an incredibly exciting and cosmopolitan city which offers travelers so much to see and discover. Tower Bridge, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament are just the beginning of your journey around this amazing capital city.



WWI & WWII Airfields

Visit many original airfields from WWII, but also amazing places like Stowe Maries Great War Aerodrome, the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge, and also important commemoration locations like Runnymede and Maddingley.



Lincoln

The rooftops of the Lincoln Cathedral were the points on the horizon for many bomber crews returning home from sorties over Europe, including those on the famous Dambusters Raid. Lincolnshire is central to many amazing places to visit on our tour, and is also a wonderful historical town to explore.



Duxford

Part of the Imperial War Museum, RAF Duxford holds an incredible collection of aircraft along with other great exhibits. Travelers are offered extended visiting time at Duxford to be able to take in all that this collection has to offer. With our own coach, we'll provide a shuttle service so that you can choose to spend just the morning, or just the afternoon, or the full day.



THE TRIP.

Coach Services

We use only the very best coaches - three years of age or newer - featuring reclining seats, on-board WC, USB charge ports for your devices, and free Wi-Fi. You will travel in comfort. Sit back, relax, and let us take you on a journey.



Group Meals

Some of the meals during your tour will be pre-arranged group meals, which will always include a glass of wine and in many cases an advance choice of main dish. Have an allergy or a particular dietary request? Just let us know, and our restaurants can usually accommodate.



Hotels

A comfortable stay is our goal, but we also strive to put you up at hotels which are in central locations and/or offer an array of services. We prefer to use business-class hotels to ensure your overnights are the best they can be.



Gratuities

All tips and gratuities are included. No more having to search out an ATM on the last day of your trip, trying to make exact cash for those last-minute envelopes or pass-the-hats ... we've eliminated that awkward business. We take care of the small things, so you can focus on enjoying your trip.



WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY ...

If we had made this trip on our own I doubt that we would have experienced or learned half of what we did with Liberation Tours. John & Phil had as much fun as we did! It was a sure sign of a very professional team to be having a great time when there was so much work being done behind the scenes to ensure our trip was the best!

Nancy & Don Allen, Calgary AB

Thank you for the trip of a lifetime. I have been on many tours and this was the best in every respect.

Anne Dunlop, Winnipeg MB

This tour was relaxing, informative and with a great variety of sites from both wars. With informative talks from Phil and overall excellent organization and pacing provided by John - and the evening 'debriefing' sessions in the lounge, combined with a great friendly group - made this a very memorable experience. Thank You!!

John Healy, Saint John NB

Your guide will be Liberation Tours' chief historian **Phil Craig**, professional actor and Co-Founder of the Georgina Military Museum.



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INCLUDED

- Eleven nights accommodation in twin or double rooms with private facilities
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats, on-board facilities and free mobile Wi-Fi
- Buffet breakfast (cold and/or hot) at the hotel each morning, plus select meals as outlined in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner); group lunches and dinners typically include a glass of wine/beer!
- All hotel service charges, local taxes, baggage handling at most hotels (one bag per person), plus entry fees to sites as outlined in the itinerary
- Gratuities to coach driver and local guides (note: these gratuities are extra on most other tours and can add up to \$200 CAD or more, be sure to compare!)
- Tour package which includes select daily detailed historical battle maps, period photographs, original audio recordings, and more; a complete digital copy of all this is also given to you at the conclusion of the tour!

EXCLUDED

- Airfare
Note: an optional group air booking is available for Canadian travelers, departing from Toronto, details on our website; we can provide a quote for connecting flights from other gateways in Canada; alternatively, we can quote flights for any dates/routes of your preference; travelers on the group flight will be picked up from London Heathrow Airport on September 13, 2023 and dropped off to Heathrow Airport on September 24, 2023; all other travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour accommodations - ask for a quote and extend your stay!
- Travel Insurance Protection - ask us for a no-obligation quote from Manulife!
- Meals other than stated on the itinerary
- Passport & related fees, Covid testing fees (as may be required)
- Any optional excursion not specifically stated
- Items of a personal nature

NOTATIONS

- Hotels have been pre-booked but are subject to change
- This tour requires a minimum of 25 passengers to operate
- Non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person due upon booking
- Balance of payment due on or before the booking deadline: June 12, 2023
- Liberation Tours will donate on your behalf to Forest Recovery Canada, to make your trip carbon-neutral
- Read Liberation Tours' Terms & Conditions prior to booking

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE @

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ground transportation by:

TRAFALGAR

\$6590

Land Only, per person, based on double occupancy (two people sharing a room)

\$2100

Single Supplement, the additional cost if traveling on your own (one person in the room)

\$500

deposit per person upon booking (all prices in Canadian dollars)



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