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Masters of the Air

The Mighty Eighth Over the Skies of Europe

A tour honoring America's bomber boys who fought
the air war against Nazi Germany

April 30–May 8, 2025

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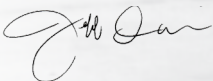
Dear Bulldog Alumni:

I invite you on a tour of England unlike any other offered in educational group travel. Masters of the Air, a companion tour to the book of the same name by Dr. Donald L. Miller, is a journey back in time to the airfields of East Anglia in the 1940s. At that time, villages with prewar populations in the hundreds suddenly buzzed with the energy of thousands of pilots, crew, and support staff carrying out the missions to bring about the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany. In partnership with The National WWII Museum, join us on a one-of-a-kind journey led by expert local guides and experience firsthand accounts of local farm families who have carried on the stories of the air war by lovingly restoring and maintaining the bases that at one time transformed pastures into “bomber country.”

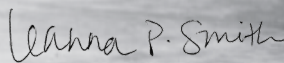
This fascinating tour of East Anglia pays tribute to the American servicemen who flew and fought, visiting the museums locals have built in old concrete control towers, and standing on the observation decks where planes once roared past. The people of East Anglia appreciate the sacrifices the American bomber boys made for them. That’s what motivates them to maintain, without expectation of gain, the bases they rebuilt on the soil of their ancestors. In London, learn more about the Royal Air Force and stand where history was made beneath the streets where Churchill and his cabinet directed the war effort.

Join fellow alumni on this captivating tour to honor the heroic young Americans who were part of the “friendly invasion” of England. This deeply moving experience connects you to the bomber boys who sacrificed so much to end the war, at last.

Forever True,



Jeff Davis
Executive Director
Mississippi State University
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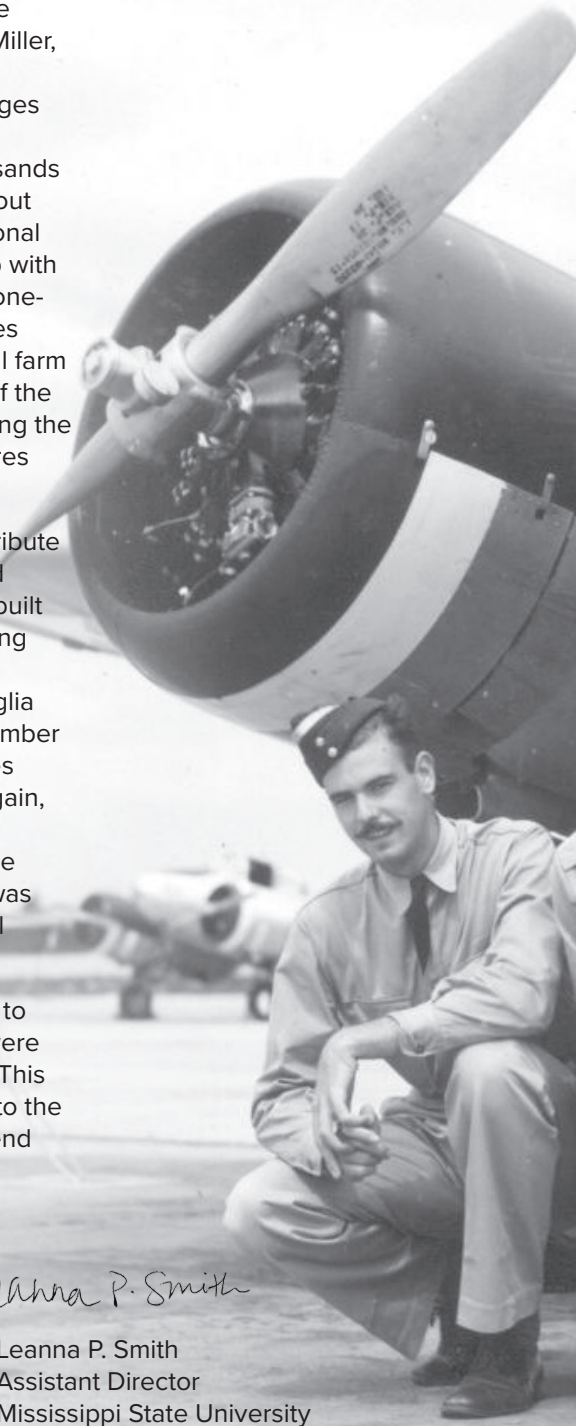


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Background photo: Lt Col. Robert Rosenthal (2nd from left). Courtesy of 100th Bomb Group, Foundation www.100thbg.com.

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Hear their stories. Learn their names.
Stand where history was made.



Trainee pilots rush to their aircraft prior to a flight. Courtesy of Military Images.



USAAF bombardier bomb aimers undergo training. Courtesy of Military Images.



British women of the Auxillary Territorial Service chat with US servicemen during World War II. Courtesy of Military Images.

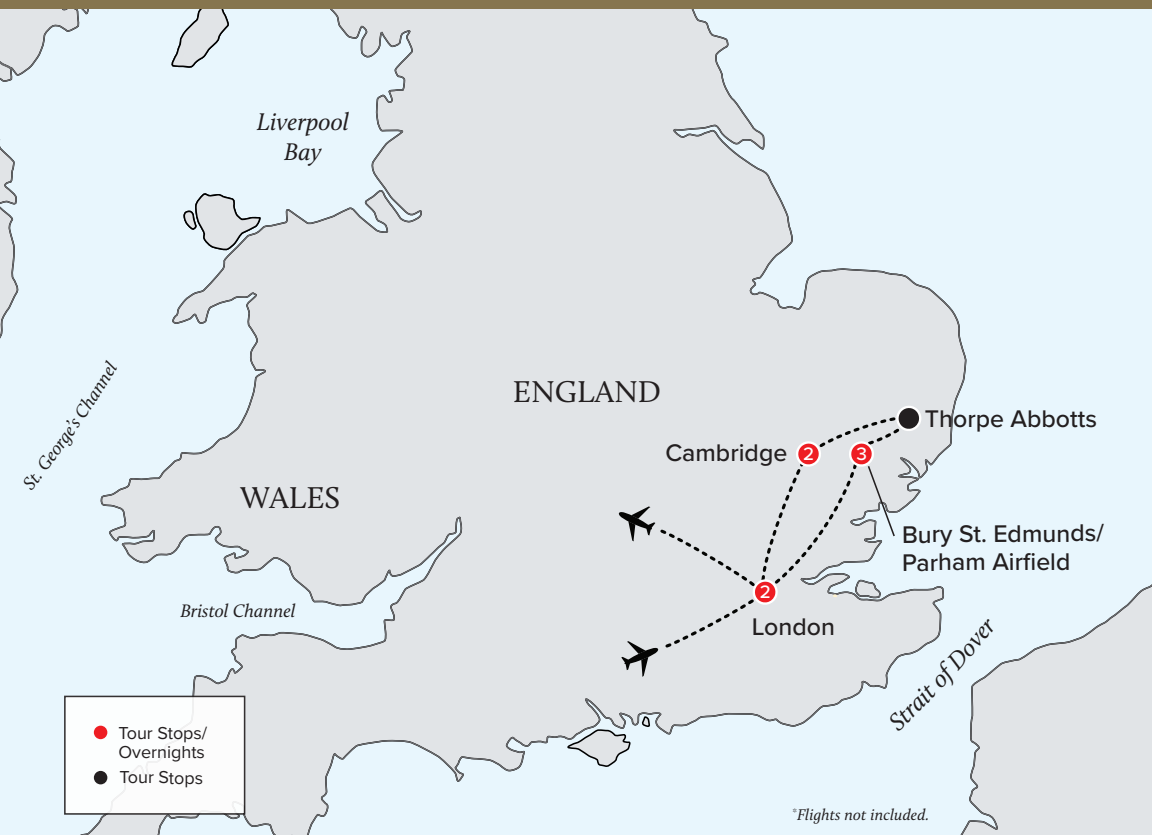


Cover photo: Portrait of Captain Clark Gable when he was serving as an Aerial Gunner in the US Army Air Forces during World War II. Courtesy of Masheter Movie Archive.

For more information

Use your smartphone to scan the QR code above to view the full digital brochure.





Masters of the Air: The Mighty Eighth Over the Skies of Europe

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8 days | ~~\$6,995~~ **\$6,495*** double occupancy, ~~\$8,795~~ **\$8,295*** single occupancy

**\$229 per person taxes and fees are additional.*

Tour Inclusions

- Full-time logistical tour manager
- Expert local battlefield guides
- Roundtrip airport transfers (when arriving & departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Boutique hotel accommodations in prime locations
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Entrance fees to all sites, museums, and historic attractions in itinerary
- Video oral history presentations from the Museum's collection

- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- 8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, and 4 Dinners
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be used throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge



Engage. Reflect. Explore.

Scan the QR code to book online!

THE ITINERARY

APRIL 30 • ARRIVAL LONDON / TRANSFER TO CAMBRIDGE

Arrive in London Heathrow Airport (LHR) / Transfer to Cambridge / Welcome Dinner with tour group

Accommodations: The Gonville Hotel (D)

MAY 1 • CAMBRIDGE HISTORY, TRANSFORMATION, AND SACRIFICE

Explore the prestigious university and pay respects at the Cambridge American Cemetery

Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial / Walking tour of Cambridge

Accommodations: The Gonville Hotel (B, L, D)

MAY 2 • DUXFORD

View the largest collection of American aircraft outside of the United States

American Air Museum / Simulated dog fight between Spitfire and Messerschmidt

Accommodations: Angel Hotel (B, D)

MAY 3 • THORPE ABBOTTS

Meet the locals who dedicated their time and energy to the memory of the Eighth Air Force

Visit Thorpe Abbots airbase with Eighth Air Force reenactors / Tour Horham airbase / Pub party with local villagers

Accommodations: Angel Hotel (B, L)

MAY 4 • PARHAM

Complete the exploration of the 13th Combat Bomb Wing

Visit Parham Air Field and Control Tower / Traditional English Sunday roast in Bury St. Edmunds

Accommodations: Angel Hotel (B, L)

MAY 5 • BLETCHLEY PARK

Discover the code breaking operation at Bletchley Park

Bletchley Park / Transfer to London / Evening at leisure in London

Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L)

MAY 6 • CHURCHILL'S LONDON

Discover the British experience in World War II and the role of Winston Churchill

Imperial War Museum / Churchill War Rooms

Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L, D)

MAY 7 • CHARTWELL

Spend the day and Churchill's countryside manor / Included lunch / Evening at leisure

Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L)

MAY 8 • FLIGHTS HOME FROM LONDON

After breakfast, transfer to London Heathrow Airport (LHR) for your independently scheduled flight home (B)



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ABOUT THE TOUR

Historian and best-selling author Donald L. Miller, PhD, and his book *Masters of the Air: America's Bomber Boys Who Fought the Air War Against Nazi Germany* are the inspiration for this program. This book is also the foundation for the forthcoming the Apple TV+ miniseries *Masters of the Air*, executive produced by Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, and Gary Goetzman. This story is one of the least told and understood stories of the war. Dr. Miller collected interviews from the very locals you will meet on this tour, and compiled them into a masterpiece that preserves the legacy of the brave men of the Eighth Air Force.



Historian and best-selling author
Donald L. Miller, PhD



Bringing history to life

Visit St. Clement Danes Church,
the spiritual heart of the Royal Air Force
in London, England.

Photo: St. Clement Danes church ablaze May 10, 1941. Photo by Antiqua Print Gallery.

Now accepting bookings

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HISTORIC & BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



RUBENS AT THE PALACE LONDON

This historic 5-star property, which dates back to the 1700s, has served royalty throughout the centuries. Overlooking Buckingham Palace and within easy walking distance to Victoria Station, Rubens at the Palace has now been fully renovated and offers a host of new restaurants and bars. Guests can enjoy live music in The New York Bar, a royal afternoon tea in the Palace Lounge, delicious cuisine in the newly opened English Grill, and authentic flavors in The Curry Room.



HOTEL GONVILLE CAMBRIDGE

This lovely hotel offers everything you'll need for the perfect stay in this beautiful and historic city, and is an ideal location for an easy stroll to the city's attractions; it also boasts a view overlooking 25 acres of open parkland. Guests will enjoy both a casual Brasserie, as well as Cotto, their fine dining venue on-site.

THE ANGEL HOTEL BURY ST. EDMUNDS

This boutique hotel is set in the heart of historic Bury St. Edmonds and offers multiple dining venues. Most notable, the Wingspan Bar, is fashioned out of the secret tunnels that run under much of the city, an aircraft engine makes up the bar, and tables are designed from airplane doors.

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Photo: Guests in Churchill's War Room.

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