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Aerial view of Thorpe Abbots, home of the "Bloody Hundredth" Bomb Group. Photo by Stuart Bertie.

Dear Alumni,

I invite you to join a tour of England, exploring the storied airfields of the Mighty Eighth Air Force. This tour is a one-of-a-kind journey led by expert local guides and special guests along the way.

This unique tour of East Anglia incorporates meetings with locals 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." Listening to the tales of the American men who flew and fought, visiting the museums built in old concrete control towers, and standing on the observation decks at Thorpe Abbots and Parham gets you closer to the air war than anywhere else in the world. These people 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.

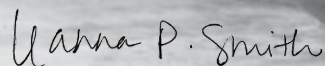
In London, you will learn more about the Royal Air Force and stand where history was made: beneath the streets, where Winston Churchill and his cabinet directed the war effort.

Honor the heroic young Americans who were part of the "friendly invasion" of England. This deeply moving experience connects you to the brave bomber crews who risked it all, flying and fighting to end the war at last.

Sincerely,



Jeff Davis
Executive Director
Mississippi State Alumni Association



Leanna Smith
Assistant Director of Alumni
Partnerships and Business Development
Mississippi State Alumni Association

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



A nine-day tour of East Anglia and London, based on the works of best-selling author and historian Donald L. Miller, PhD.

Listen to the *Making Masters of the Air* podcast presented by Boeing and co-hosted by Donald Miller and Playtone's Kirk Saduski.



Lieutenant Colonel
Robert "Rosie" Rosenthal
1917-2007



Watch the series *Masters of the Air* on Apple TV+.

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~~\$9,095~~ **\$8,595*** per person double, ~~\$10,699~~ **\$10,199*** per person single

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

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 9-day journey through the heart of East Anglia and London
- 8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 4 Dinners, 4 Receptions
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Full-time logistical tour manager, expert WWII-focused local guides and guest speakers
- 2 nights at the four-star Hotel Gonville, Cambridge
- 3 nights at the four-star Angel Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
- 3 nights at the 5-star Rubens at the Palace, London
- Roundtrip airport transfers when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates
- Private, first-class, air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- VIP access to sites not offered on other tours
- Oral history presentations from the Museum's Digital Collection
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, and servers
- Informative map book including useful battlefield maps and archival images to be throughout your journey
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge

THE ITINERARY

ARRIVAL LONDON / TRANSFER TO CAMBRIDGE

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport (LHR) | Transfer to Cambridge | Cambridge walking tour | Welcome Reception and Dinner with the group
Accommodations: The Gonville Hotel (R, D)

DUXFORD

American Air Museum | Simulated dog fight between Spitfire and Messerschmidt 109 | Cambridge American Cemetery | Dinner at the Eagle Pub
Accommodations: The Gonville Hotel (B, D)

THORPE ABBOTTS

Group Lunch at the Swan Lavenham | Thorpe Abbots Airfield (100th Bomb Group) | Transfer to Bury St. Edmunds
Accommodations: Angel Hotel (B, L, D)

PARHAM AND HORHAM

Parham Airfield (390th Bomb Group) | Horham Airfield (95th Bomb Group) | Lunch and dancing at Horham | Evening at leisure
Accommodations: Angel Hotel (B, L)

BOTTISHAM

Bottisham Airfield and Museum | Sunday Roast at Ravenwood Hall | Bomber Boys in Bury St. Edmunds walking tour | Reception at Bury St. Edmunds Guildhall
Accommodations: Angel Hotel (B, L, R)

BLETCHLEY PARK

Bletchley Park | Transfer to London | Reception and Lecture prior to an evening at leisure in London
Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L, R)

CHURCHILL'S LONDON

Imperial War Museum | London Traditional Pub Lunch | Churchill War Rooms | London driving tour
Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L)

UXBRIDGE

Battle of Britain Bunker Uxbridge | Polish RAF Memorial | Farewell Reception and Dinner
Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L, R, D)

DEPARTURES

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

Image: Trainee pilots rush to their aircraft prior to a flight. Courtesy of Military Images/Alamy Stock



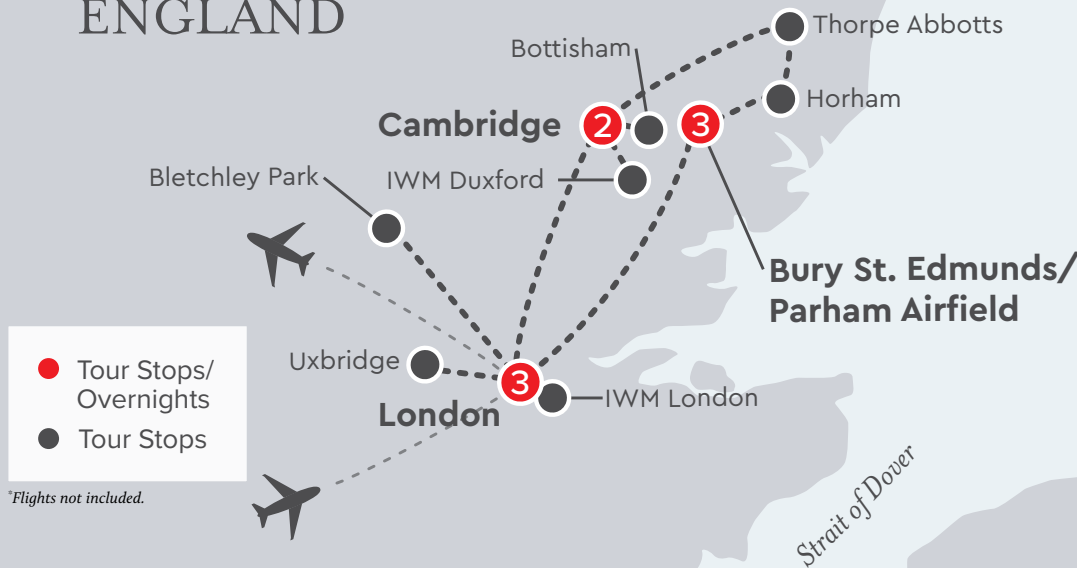
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ENGLAND



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. Edmunds 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.

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 Auxiliary Territorial Service chat with US servicemen during World War II.
Courtesy of Military Images.



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