

AEROPLANE

"AEROPLANE MONTHLY" AVIATION TOUR
(in association with Ian Allan Aviation Tours)

GRAND TOUR OF ENGLISH AVIATION MUSEUMS & COLLECTIONS **"FLYING LEGENDS" AIRSHOW, DUXFORD;** **"SUMMER AIR DISPLAY", SHUTTLEWORTH COLLECTION;** **OPTIONAL LANCASTER TAXYING RIDES! And much, much more!!**

Stay, and/or enjoy free time in the historic cities of London, Lincoln, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, Cambridge & Windsor!

Monday, 28th June – Monday, 12th July, 2010



There are far too many fabulous aviation museums and aircraft collections to see in one visit to England, but this tour will take you to some of the largest and most famous of them; for example, the Fleet Air Arm Museum at RNAS Yeovilton, RAF Museum Hendon, RAF Museum Cosford, Brooklands, Farnborough Air Sciences Trust (FAST), de Havilland Aircraft Heritage Centre and Mosquito Museum, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, the Shuttleworth Collection, and Duxford: home of several museums including the Imperial War Museum, the American Air Museum, Land Warfare Museum — and the famous warbird collections and restoration hangars!

In addition, we visit the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Museum, whose Avro Lancaster — although it does not fly — provides superb taxiing rides along the runway! These are available for £200.00 per person: book now if interested.

And with those museums which have aircraft undergoing restoration, we will ask to be shown them during our visit.

The annual "Flying Legends Airshow" (pictured above) takes place at Duxford, the famous WW2 fighter station, and is arguably the best warbird airshow in the world — past shows have included a score of Spitfires(!), together with Hurricanes, Wildcats, Lysanders, etc. Plus resident B-17 Flying Fortress "Sally B", and other bombers. And now there is the prospect of seeing airborne, an authentic, new-build German Focke-Wulf FW 190 and Messerschmitt Bf-109s!

Slowing down the pace just a little, deep in the quiet Bedfordshire countryside is the little grass airfield of Old Warden, home of the incomparable Shuttleworth Collection and its superb and rare collection of classic aeroplanes from the dawn of powered flight through to the 1950s; see them, smell them, touch them at the Summer Air Display. A truly memorable day out.

At Royal Air Force (RAF) Uxbridge, we have a really unique and special visit: the underground bunker of RAF Fighter Command's World War II Operations Room which covered operations in the South of England including London: preserved exactly as it was on the 15th September 1940 — Battle of Britain Day! Sit in the same chair as Sir Winston Churchill as he followed the battle's progress!

There is free time to enjoy the attractions of London, Lincoln, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, Cambridge and Windsor: no visit to England would be complete without having time to explore these historic and famous cities!

We stay at comfortable hotels on either a bed and breakfast or dinner, bed and breakfast basis as stated; travel in-country by air-conditioned deluxe coach; and are accompanied at all times by a very experienced Ian Allan Tour Manager. The tour price includes all "land" arrangements in England and admission to all the aviation attractions stated and full days at both air shows (see page 6 for exactly what is, and what is not, included).

Return flights to/from London's Heathrow or Gatwick Airports (as appropriate) from your country of residence are not included; however; Ian Allan Aviation Tours will be very pleased to provide a quotation on request. Please enter your flight request on your booking form, or e-mail Ian Allan Aviation Tours: aviation.tours@ianallan.co.uk or telephone: +44 (0) 1932 255627.

Whether this is your first visit to the UK or just your latest, this itinerary combines the very best of Britain's aviation heritage — and for those non-aviation-minded persons accompanying you — an opportunity to visit and stay in some very famous and historic towns and cities.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: MONDAY, 28th JUNE

Arrive at either London's Heathrow or Gatwick Airports, where you will be met by an Ian Allan representative and transferred to the Holiday Inn Heathrow Airport-M4/J4, to relax and recuperate after your long-haul flight. We stay tonight on a bed and breakfast basis. Website: www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/lonno

In the evening everyone assembles for "Meet and Greet" drinks in the hotel's bar (at your own expense), where you will also meet Michael Oakey, Editor of *Aeroplane* magazine, plus your Tour Manager and fellow travellers.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 29th JUNE

At 09:00 we depart by coach for the West Country; en-route we stop to take a look at the world-famous mystery that is Stonehenge. A further stop will be made for lunch (at your own expense).

Late afternoon we arrive in Taunton where we stay the night at the Holiday Inn-Taunton, on a bed and breakfast basis. Website: www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/tntss



DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 30th JUNE

This morning we visit the Fleet Air Arm Museum (pictured), whose collection includes a Concorde as well as a comprehensive collection of British naval aviation aircraft. Aircraft in the Restoration Workshops can be seen through the glass wall. Lunch or snacks can be taken at the appropriately named Swordfish Restaurant (at your own expense). Website: www.fleetairarm.com

We then return to London, travelling via Farnborough where, in 1909, Mr Cody made the first powered flight in the UK. We visit the excellent Farnborough Air Sciences Trust (FAST) which has a small collection of aircraft; the building was originally the home of Lord Trenchard, founder of the Royal Air Force, and we take tea in his sitting room/office! We later take a walking tour of part of the historic Royal Aircraft Establishment (now consigned to history) site including the famous wind-tunnel buildings (view from outside only). Website: www.airsciences.org.uk

In central London we stay 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, ideally located in Kensington with quick and easy access to the West End, famous for the theatre and shopping and the City, location of such recognisable attractions as St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.

Website: www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/copthornetarakenington/

DAY 4: THURSDAY, 1st JULY

A free day in London to enjoy as you wish: the London Eye, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, The Strand, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben — where do you start? We also offer an optional visit to *Aeroplane's* offices just across the Thames from St Paul's Cathedral, to meet members of the editorial team and see where the magazine is put together.

DAY 5: FRIDAY, 2nd JULY

At 09:00 we set off for a very privileged-access visit to the Royal Air Force Club in Piccadilly, in company with the Editor. The Officers' Club of the RAF, it is in a prime location in London's Mayfair district and is filled with aviation art and memorabilia. A smart dress code will apply for this visit — gentlemen must wear jacket and tie. Website: www.rafclub.org.uk

Our next stop is Brooklands, location of the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit, constructed at Weybridge in 1907. More than a great sporting arena, Brooklands was the birthplace of British motorsport and one of the UK's earliest aviation centres, home of Concorde and the site of many engineering and technological achievements throughout eight decades of the 20th Century. Pictured is N2980, the only surviving Brooklands-built Wellington. During a training flight on 31st December 1940 she developed engine trouble and ditched into Loch Ness. All the crew escaped, except the rear gunner who was killed when his parachute failed to deploy.



As well as military aircraft there are famous British civil airliners like the Viscount, BAC One-Eleven, VC10, and a Concorde: the latter gives virtual "flights"! Lunch, or a snack, can be taken in the museum café (at your own expense). Website: www.brooklandsmuseum.com

In the afternoon we arrive at RAF Uxbridge for a unique visit: Fighter Command's Operations Room for Southern England, including London. It was from here, during World War II, that the Battle of Britain was controlled. Uxbridge was the RAF base where Thomas Edward Lawrence — Lawrence of Arabia — served.

DAY 6: SATURDAY, 3rd JULY

Departing London at 08:30 we drive to Hendon, another famous airfield of early British aviation (and the equally famous Hendon Pageants). Sadly most of it has now been redeveloped for housing. It is, however, still the home of RAF Museum Hendon, one of the largest and greatest collections of aircraft in the world. We are there for when the doors open and spend 4 hours at leisure in the museum. Lunch may be taken in the museum's restaurant (at your own expense). Website: www.rafmuseum.org.

Mid-afternoon we drive the few miles to London Colney in Hertfordshire, to Salisbury Hall: home of the de Havilland Aircraft Heritage Centre incorporating the Mosquito Museum. Among the many fascinating aircraft on display is the world famous "jack of all trades – and master of them all!" — W4050, the D.H.98 Mosquito I prototype, built here in total secrecy during World War Two. Website: www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk

We stay tonight a little further up the road, in Hatfield, at the old Comet Hotel (now a Ramada), another icon of British aviation. Our stay is on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Website: <http://www.ramadajarvis.co.uk/hotels/hatfield.aspx>



DAY 7: SUNDAY 4th JULY

At 08:00 we set off for an unforgettable day at the one and only Shuttleworth Collection, at its annual "Summer Air Display" on the normally sleepy grass airfield at Old Warden Aerodrome. It won't be sleepy today, not with the noise of rotary, piston — and maybe the odd jet — engine. A very popular airshow, yet the relaxed atmosphere allows you to wander around and see the aircraft (and vintage cars) on the flight-line and in the hangars. Some years the event coincides with a veteran car rally. Many people take picnic lunches to enjoy lunch before the flying programme starts at 13:00. Website: www.shuttleworth.org

After the show we take the A1 "Great North Road" (originally built by the Romans, but resurfaced a few times since then!), to the ancient Iron Age town of Lincoln. The Romans built a fortress for its legion in 48AD, and the invading Normans built the beautiful and inspiring Cathedral in the 11th Century.

We stay the night at the Holiday Inn, on a bed and breakfast basis, centrally located and near to the beautiful Cathedral and Castle. Website: www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/eamln

DAY 8: MONDAY, 5th JULY

Leaving our hotel at 09:15 we arrive, in company with The Editor, at the RAF's Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) at RAF Coningsby at 10:00, and at 10:30 we start our tour of the BBMF's hangar with its Spitfires, Hurricane, DC-3 and Avro Lancaster — one of only two still flying in the world. Website: www.raf.mod.uk/bbmf/visitorscentre

At midday we drive the few miles to East Kirkby home of the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre (LAHC). The LAHC is the only airfield museum in the UK recreated to its original design sited on an original WW2 airfield. Here you get the atmosphere of what it would have been like. Based here is a Avro Lancaster Bomber NX611 "Just Jane", which frequently performs four-engined taxiing runs along the runway (the only place in the world you can see this performed on an original Lancaster airfield). This is unique to the LAHC. Each ride costs £200.00 per person (based on a full "crew" of 10): please annotate your booking form if you are interested. Website: <http://www.lincsaviation.co.uk/museum/>



We then drive to Telford, staying the night in the Holiday Inn-Ironbridge on a bed and breakfast basis. As its name implies, the hotel is located near to the site of the world's first bridge constructed purely of iron.

DAY 9: TUESDAY, 6th JULY

This morning we drive the short distance to the RAF Museum Collection-RAF Cosford which opens at 10:00. It recently opened a landmark new National Cold War Exhibition building. Lunch, at your own expense, can be taken in the museum's restaurant.

At 13:30 we depart for Warwick, arriving around 15:00. This beautiful and historic city dates back to medieval times, and Warwick Castle, one of the most intact examples of its kind, can trace its history back to 914AD and the daughter of Alfred The Great! Among the events held during the year in and around the castle are pitched battles between knights and peasants, jousting tournaments with knights on horseback, archery, musketry and falconry!

Time to explore both the castle and the city at your leisure.

We stay at the Lord Leicester Hotel, located in the centre of the town, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis. Website: www.hobyhotels.com/lordindex.php

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, 7th JULY

At 08:30 we head over to Stratford-upon-Avon, only 10 miles from Warwick and birthplace of the great Bard himself Sir William Shakespeare. Time at leisure to wander the streets, the park and along the riverbank.

Early afternoon we return to Warwick with time at leisure.

DAY 11: THURSDAY, 8th JULY

At 09:00 we set forth for Cambridgeshire, arriving in Cambridge at approximately 12:00 via a privileged-access visit to Skysport Engineering, prolific restorers of many aircraft over the years, including the beautiful recently-flown Hawker Demon K8203. Website: www.skysportengineering.co.uk

The remainder of the day is spent at leisure exploring the colleges, which by now will be in summer recess, of this historic English university town: don't forget the River Cam with its famous punts!

We stay two nights on a bed and breakfast basis at the opulent University Arms Hotel, an iconic Victorian hotel with wonderful period features. Located right at the heart of vibrant modern Cambridge with views over Parker's Piece, yet away from the bustle of the town. Website: www.devere.co.uk/our-locations/university-arms.html

DAY 12: FRIDAY, 9th JULY

We spend today on the famous WW2 RAF Fighter Command station of RAF Duxford, where we visit the various museums located here: IWM Duxford, 8th US Air Force Museum, the Land Warfare Museum (tanks AFVs etc), Airborne Museum, the various civil airliners belonging to the Duxford Aviation Society, and warbird restoration hangars, etc. Today will be a better day to look around, rather than on the Saturday, when up to 30,000 people usually attend the "Flying Legends Airshow". Today is also 'Arrivals Day' for aircraft participating in the show.



DAY 13: SATURDAY, 10th JULY

At 08:30 we depart our hotel for a fabulous day at the classic "Flying Legends Airshow" – arguably now the best warbird airshow of them all.

See details on their website: <http://www.fighter-collection.com/pages/tfc/legends/index.php>

At the end of the flying programme we drive to Windsor, a few miles to the west of London, arriving at approximately 20:00, and stay 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis at the luxury spa hotel, the Sir Christopher Wren's House Hotel, perfectly located in the centre of the town.

Sir Christopher Wren was a hugely successful architect in the 17th and 18th Centuries, and was involved in projects as diverse as the new dome at St Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent Windsor Guildhall, and the Royal Observatory. His father was the Dean of Windsor, which was a major factor in Wren's decision to build a family home here, using the finest building materials with an attention to detail for which he was already well known. After Wren died in 1723 at a ripe old age of 91, the family home passed through the hands of several private owners until the early 20th century. From the 1920s it has been a hotel and is registered as a Grade II listed building of historical and architectural interest.

DAY 14: SUNDAY, 11th JULY

A free day in the "Royal" town, including time to visit the awesome Windsor Castle, some of which can be visited by the public; and why not cross the River Thames and take a look at Eton College?

As this is the last evening of our tour, we have an "End of Tour Dinner" in our historic and famous hotel. Details of the meal and cost will be available nearer the time (not included in the tour price).

DAY 15: MONDAY, 12th JULY

In the morning we transfer to London's Heathrow and Gatwick Airports for your homebound flights.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON

£ 1,749.00 Based on sharing a twin bedded room
£ 595.00 Single room supplement

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT book before 31st January, 2010, and benefit from an early booking discount of £50.00 per person which will be deducted from your final balance.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 nights hotel accommodation sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities
- Breakfast or dinner, bed and breakfast, as stated
- Coach transportation throughout the itinerary as indicated
- Admission to all visits as stated in the itinerary
- Admission to the 2010 "Flying Legends Airshow"
- Admission to the Shuttleworth Collection's "Summer Air Display"
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout
- Gratuity for coach driver

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to/from London
- Meals (except as stated above)
- Travel insurance
- Visa to enter the United Kingdom (UK) - if necessary
- Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Optional excursions or pleasure flights
- Tips and gratuities (except for the coach driver)
- Porterage

CHANGES TO THE FINAL ITINERARY

Unforeseen World events, changes in the geo/political situation, no-notice or minimum notice changes due to operational reasons may result in the itinerary being amended. Whilst we will keep you fully informed, Ian Allan Travel Ltd cannot be held responsible for any visit or tour being cancelled due to world events, or circumstances, beyond our control.

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PAYMENT FOR "AEROPLANE MONTHLY" TOURS

A deposit of £250.00 per person per tour should accompany your Booking Form, with any cheque being made payable to "Ian Allan Travel Ltd". The balance is due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please contact your local British Embassy or Consulate Office for details on who does and who does not require a tourist visa to enter the United Kingdom (UK).

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Currently there are no known compulsory health requirements for visiting the UK; however, for the latest information we recommend you consult your doctor or local health centre.

BAGGAGE REGULATIONS

Please check with the airline with whom you are flying.

The carriage of liquids may differ, depending on where you depart, however, in general hand baggage may not contain liquids such as shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency.

Please be advised that the carrying of liquids in your hand-baggage is prohibited when departing from all UK and European airports.

Cigarette lighters are NOT permitted in hold baggage or through the security search. These may be purchased airside. Hand baggage can also include electronic equipment such as mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray.

Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit can also be included.

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note: you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

BAGGAGE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS – UK Airports

Since 2004, any single piece of checked baggage weighing more than 70lbs (32kgs) has not been handled at most UK airports (including London's Heathrow and Gatwick Airports); nor accepted at check-in on leaving the UK in an attempt to reduce manual handling injuries amongst airport staff. Please bear this in mind when packing your suitcase.

CLIMATE AND DRESS

A warm and sunny summer in England is something that cannot be guaranteed. We recommend clothing for both hot and cool temperatures (it should be in low to mid 70^osF), and waterproofs.

MEALS

Meals are included in the price only when they are part of the room rate, giving you the option to either eat in the hotel (all have on-site restaurants and bars), or locally in the town/city. Please see itinerary inclusions for specific details.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You are strongly advised to ensure you have adequate travel insurance. Unfortunately we can only provide a quotation and issue policies to residents of the UK.

DRESS CODE

Out of respect and courtesy to our hosts all our visits to aviation museums and aircraft collections/operators will observe a 'casual but smart' dress code. T-shirts, jeans, shorts, flip-flop type footwear etc., are not acceptable; open-necked shirts (golf, polo, etc.) long or short-sleeved, with slacks/long trousers are perfect. T-shirts, shorts, jeans etc. may be worn at all other times.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is allowed at all the aviation museums and collections we are visiting.

FLEXIBLE ITINERARY

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests during multi-day stays in the same place, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure, and no responsibility can be accepted by Ian Allan Travel Ltd for any missed departure nor the consequences of any action where independent arrangements are made.

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