

The Dambusters Raid





Travel

The tour starts and finishes at the **The Talbot Ripley**

High Street

Ripley

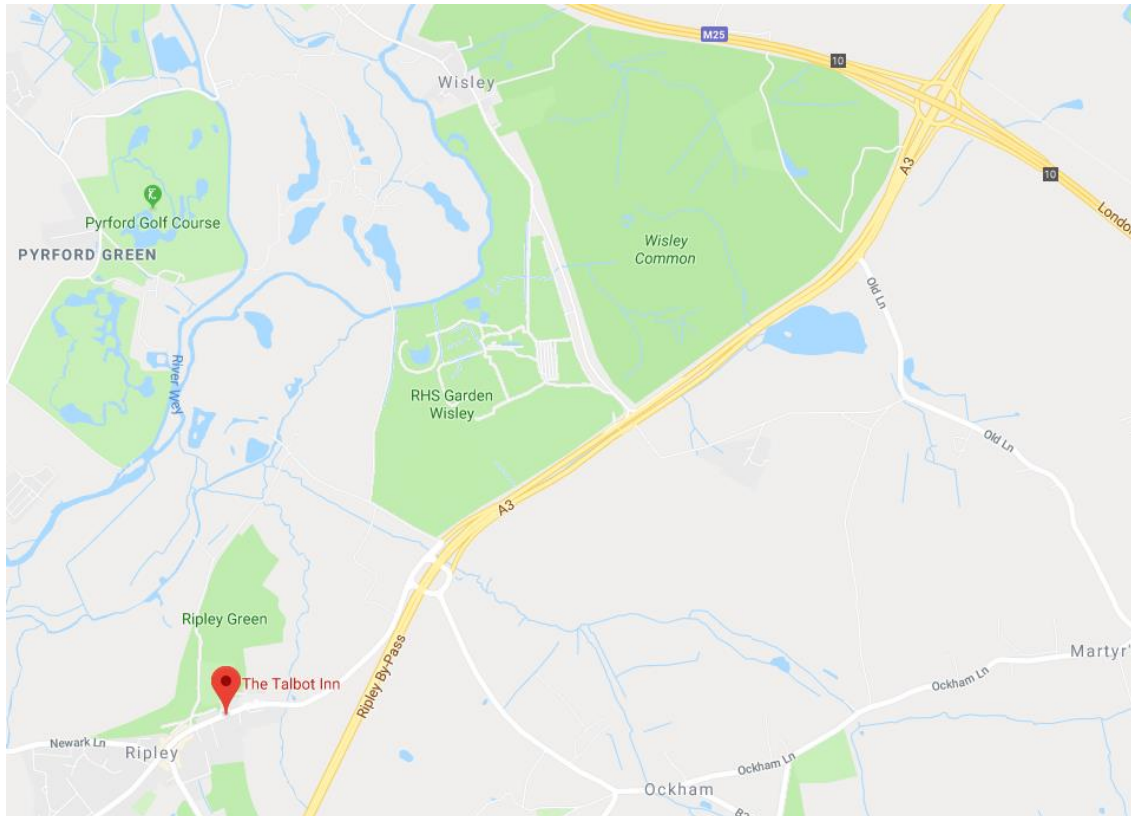
Woking

Surrey

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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car: The Hotel is located off the M25 at Junction 10. At junction 10 take the A3 exit to London (SW)/Guildford/Kingston. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto the A3 slip road to Portsmouth/Guildford/Effingham. Keep right and merge onto Portsmouth Rd/A3. Take the B2039/B2215 exit towards Ockham/Ripley/Send/A247. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto B2215. The hotel will be on your left.

Travelling by Train:

Nearest train stations to The Talbot Ripley:

West Byfleet Station 4.2 miles – approximately 13 minutes

Stoke d'Abernon Station 6.2 miles – approximately 12 minutes

Weybridge Station 7 miles – approximately 15 minutes

Woking Station 5 miles - approximately 18 minutes



Accommodation

The Talbot Ripley

This chic four-star hotel is nestled in the heart of the picturesque Surrey village of Ripley. It has many period features from throughout its 500-year history, as well as the benefits of an extensive contemporary refurbishment. Bedrooms all have private bathroom facilities, TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

More information can be found via the hotel's website:

<http://www.thetalbotripley.com/>

Check-in and departure from hotel

On the day of arrival you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.00 – 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on a bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at midday.

Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

Dining

On the first night of your stay, a private three-course dinner complemented with wine is provided. During the second evening of the tour, dinner will be provided by the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.



Places Visited

Brooklands Museum

The world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit, constructed at Weybridge, Surrey in 1907 - was more than a great sporting arena. Brooklands was the birthplace of British motorsport and aviation, home of Concorde and the site of many engineering and technological achievements throughout eight decades of the 20th century.

The Museum displays a wide range of Brooklands-related motoring and aviation exhibits ranging from giant racing cars, motorcycles and bicycles to an unparalleled collection of Hawker and Vickers/ BAC-built aircraft, including the Second World War Wellington Bomber, Viking, Varsity, Viscount, Vanguard, VC10, BAC One-Eleven and the only Concorde with public access in South East England.

<http://www.brooklandsmuseum.com/index.php>

Effingham, Surrey

For 49 years, from 1930 until his death, Wallis lived with his family in Effingham, Surrey and he is now buried at the local St. Lawrence Church together with his wife.

Hendon Royal Air Force Museum

Situated on the historic site of Hendon's London Aerodrome in Colindale, our North London Museum, is one of two sites belonging to the U.K's only national museum that tells the story of the Royal Air Force through its people and collections. Our collections in London include some very early aircraft designs through to the latest modern day jets and military aircraft.

Hendon was chosen as the most suitable site for the Museum as it had a long aviation history and on 15 November 1972, Her Majesty the Queen officially opened the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon in London. On its opening; Hendon's hangars housed some 36 aircraft. Over the following years, however, some 130 aircraft had been acquired for the Museum.

<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/>

Your Guides

Richard Morris and **Robert Owen** will be your guides during the tour. Together Richard Morris and Robert Owen wrote the book *Breaching the German Dams – Flying into History*.

Fist night talks:

Richard Morris and Dr Robert Owen – ‘Breaching the German Dams’. Together Prof. Richard Morris and Dr Robert Owen wrote the book *Breaching the German Dams – Flying into History*.

Second night talks:

Richard Morris on "Wallis' big bombs" and Dr Robert Owen "The final attacks on Tirpitz".






Practical Information






Tour manager - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

Tipping –To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services.

Walking Content – This tour has been graded a 3 out of 5 for walking difficulty.

Walking difficulty: 

Please see the key below for an explanation of the footprint symbols:

Very little walking involved	
Relaxed easy pace, mainly walking from coach to site	
Some walking between sites, good, flat walking surfaces	
Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewings	
On your feet all day, uneven terrain (cobblestones etc)	



Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



Emergencies

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