

Tour
Information



Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines





The tour starts and finishes at **Marriott Huntingdon Hotel**.

Kingfisher Way,
Hinchingsbrooke Business Park
Huntingdon,
England
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United Kingdom
Tel: +44-148-0446-000

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



Transport

Travelling by car:

From Birmingham Airport: Leave the airport and head towards the A45 signposted Birmingham, after 521 take the 1st exit on to the A446, after 1.4 miles at M6 Junction 3a take the 4th exit off the roundabout on to the M6 direction London. Leave the M6 at junction 19 signposted M1, A14 continue straight forward onto the A14 direction Corby, Kettering. Continue forward on the A14 for 40 miles and take junction 23, at the roundabout take the 4th exit and the hotel will be on your left, take the slip road into the business park, take the 1st exit and take the first left into the hotel.

From Heathrow Airport: Leave the Airport and head towards the M4 signposted Gatwick Airport and the West, take the M4 and leave the M4 at junction 4B and take the M25 sign posted Watford, leave the M25 at junction 21A, at the next roundabout take the 1st exit on to the A405, carry along the A405 after 2 miles take the A414, continue over 2 roundabouts and take the A1 North bound. Leave the A1 at junction 10,

take the 4th exit at the up and coming roundabout, take the A14 sign posted Cambridge. At the next roundabout take the 4th exit - the hotel will be on your left, take the slip road into Hinchbrook Business Park, take the first exit off the roundabout and the hotel will be your first turning on your left.

Road works taking place:

There are major roadworks in the immediate vicinity of the hotel (which sits adjacent to a very busy junction on the A14). These mean that delays and congestion are inevitable on arrival on a Friday afternoon (particularly if travelling from the A1) and that sufficient time (at least an extra 30 mins) be allowed for this. *These roadworks are scheduled to last until 2020.*

Travelling by rail: The nearest station is Huntingdon, which is 3.2 km from the Hotel.



Accommodation

Marriott Huntingdon Hotel

Located on the outskirts of Cambridgeshire, the four-star Huntingdon Marriott Hotel offers a restaurant, bar, fitness centre, indoor swimming pool and comfortable bedrooms with private bath/shower, TV, telephone, air-conditioning, safe, and tea/coffee making facilities. The hotel also offers complimentary on-site parking.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

<http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/cbghd-huntingdon-marriott-hotel/>

Check-in and departure from the 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 17.45 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 dinner and bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12:00.

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 dinner is provided. During the second evening of the tour, dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on each day of your stay is included in the price. All other meals other than these stated are not included.

Places Visited

Imperial War Museum, Duxford

Today IWM Duxford is established as the European centre of aviation history. The historic site, outstanding collections of exhibits and regular world-renowned Air Shows combine to create a unique museum where history really is in the air.

Throughout the day small groups will be taken for the exclusive flight on the De Havilland Dragon Rapide which will take you up and over the aerodrome for approximately 20 minutes.

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford>

The Shuttleworth Collection

The Shuttleworth Collection is designed to create the atmosphere of the 1920s aerodrome and spans from the early pioneering aircraft up to World War II aircraft. Highlights include the Bleriot type XI which is identical to the one which first crossed the English Channel in 1909, and the Bristol Boxkite which was built for the film "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines".

Very Important:

Please note that at Shuttleworth there will be a flying pageant show (weather permitting). As there are no seating places available, we recommend you bring your own folding chair/stool with a name tag on it.

<http://www.shuttleworth.org/>

Your Guide

Your guide, **David W Lee**. following a career with Rolls-Royce David joined the Imperial War Museum at Duxford and became the Deputy Director. During his tenure, there were many exciting developments on site including the impressive AirSpace. Acknowledged as an expert in his field, David is a Past Chairman of the Transport Trust and served on the National Executive of the British Aircraft Preservation Council. He continues to undertake work for IWM Duxford despite his formal retirement. His most recent published work is '*Action Stations Revisited: Airfields of the South East*'.

David will give the talk: "Duxford and the Battle of Britain".

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, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

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

Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900-1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807 or

020 7987 5910 or

07831 133079 or

PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.

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