



Tour Information



The Secret War





The tour starts and finishes at the **Northampton Marriott Hotel**. The Northampton Marriott Hotel is situated in the heart of Northampton town centre and located in close proximity to the attractions visited during the tour.

Eagle Drive

Northampton

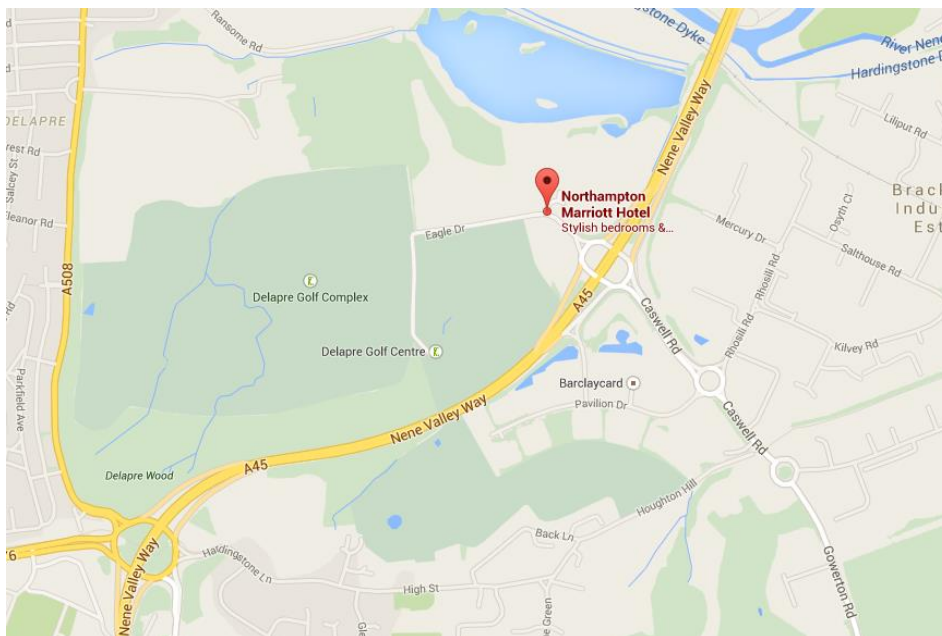
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Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.



Transport

Travelling by car from the South on the M1: Exit at Junction 15 taking the A508 to Northampton, which turns into the A45. Go as far as the Brackmills/Delapre Golf turnoff. (Ignore any signs for the town centre, keeping to the A45) When you get to the Brackmills/Delapre turnoff take this left hand lane up to the traffic lights and take a left. You will see the hotel on your right.

Travelling by car from the South on the A43: Go under the M1, follow the signs for the A45 to Wellingborough/Kettering. Go as far as the Brackmills/Delapre Golf turnoff

Travelling by car from the North/West on the A45: Follow the A45 all the way to the Delapre/Brackmills turnoff.

Travelling by car from the North/West on the M1: Take Junction 15 (not 15A) taking the A508 to Northampton, which turns into the A45.

Travelling by train: The closest train station is Northampton, situated 4.8KM from the hotel.

Travelling by bus: The nearest bus station is Northampton, situated 3.2KM from the hotel.



Accommodation

Northampton Marriott Hotel

Northampton Marriott Hotel provides four-star accommodation in close proximity to the places of interest explored throughout the tour, as well as many popular attractions and leisure activities.

The hotel offers a range of facilities including a health club, an indoor pool, and a spa tub.

Bedrooms are equipped with all necessities to ensure a relaxing and enjoyable stay. These comprise of a private en-suite bathroom, LCD televisions and complimentary tea and coffee making facilities.

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

<http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/ormnh-northampton-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 17.00 – 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 11.00.

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 is provided at the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on both days of your stay is included in the price but meals other than these stated are not included.

If you have booked to stay an extra night, dinner is not included on your final evening. However, there is the option to eat at the hotel restaurant, or a variety of restaurants can be found nearby and the hotel offers some inspiration if looking to dine further afield on your final night.

<http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/ormnh-northampton-marriott-hotel/>

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.

Places Visited

Intelligence Museum

The Military Intelligence Museum displays key elements of the history of British Military Intelligence from the Boer War onwards. The central Collection in the Museum is the Intelligence Corps Collection, which includes artefacts and special exhibits about the history and activities of the Corps as well as two specific displays: one recording the Honours and Awards received by members of the Corps and the other 'In the Name of the Rose,' a memorial to Corps members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their Sovereign and their country.

Please note that you must bring your passport for ID in order to enter the Intelligence Museum, without it you will not be allowed to enter.

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

Bletchley Park

Once Britain's best kept secret, today Bletchley Park is a heritage site and vibrant tourist attraction - the secrecy surrounding all the activities carried on here during World War Two was of vital importance to Britain's national security and ultimate victory. Visitors can explore some of the iconic WW2 Codebreaking Huts and Blocks and marvel at the astonishing achievements of the codebreakers whose work is said to have helped shorten the war by two years. Public interest in Bletchley Park has grown enormously over the past few years and the number of visitors to Bletchley Park in 2012 was 150,000.

<http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk/>

RAF Tempsford

RAF Tempsford is a former Royal Air Force station and was perhaps the most secretive airfield in the Second World War. RAF Tempsford was home to the Special Duties Squadrons, No. 138, which dropped Special Operations Executive agents and their supplies into occupied Europe, and No. 161, which specialised in personnel delivery and retrieval by landing in occupied Europe. Over 80 aircraft were lost from Tempsford during the war, with many of their crews being killed, so the airfield is of particularly poignant historical and social significance. No Photography allowed.

Gibraltar Farm will also be visited - the final dispatch point of Special Operation Executive Agents.

<http://www.tempsford.20m.com/home.html>

Shuttleworth Collection

Founded in 1928 by aviator Richard Ormonde Shuttleworth, the Shuttleworth Collection is an aeronautical and automotive museum located at the Old Warden Aerodrome. It is one of the most prestigious in the world due to the variety of old and well-preserved aircraft. The Shuttleworth Collection puts an emphasis on restoring as many aircraft as possible to flying condition, in line with the founder's original intention, and there are typically around 12 shows per year which offer the opportunity to see aircraft which in many cases are the last of their type to survive, let alone existing in flyable condition. The Shuttleworth Collection hopes that visitors will discover a truly awe-inspiring collection of historic aircraft and vehicles dating from the first half of the 20th century.

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

Carpetbagger Aviation Museum

The Carpetbagger Aviation Museum was formed in 1993. The exhibits within the museum depict the history of the airfield and vividly show the work carried out by the 801st (Provisional) / 492nd Bomb Group, especially during Operation Carpetbagger, and their secret missions to deliver agents and supplies to resistance groups in Occupied Europe during the Second World War. Other displays include the secret work of the British Special Operations Executive from their RAF base at Tempsford; the cold war roles of the airfield at Harrington with the Thor rockets; and the Royal Observer Corps.

<http://harringtonmuseum.org.uk/>

Your Guide

Clive Bassett will be your tour guide throughout the trip. Clive is an Honorary Life member of the Office of Strategic Services Society and over many years has carried out research regarding principally the Special Operations Executive and Office of Strategic Services Society. Clive has a life-long interest in WW2 Special Force Units, Jedburghs and the Auxiliary Units. He is one of the founder members, Trustee and Committee Member of the Carpetbagger Museum at RAF Harrington. Clive's in-depth knowledge aims to enhance your experience throughout the tour and increase your insight and understanding of this fascinating topic.



Guest Speaker will be Dr Mark Baldwin, his lecture on the 1st night:

“Enigma, Bletchley Park & the Battle of the Atlantic”

Dr Baldwin provides an authoritative introduction to the history of the Enigma machine, and how it works. This prepares the audience for their forthcoming visit to Bletchley Park, where they will discover how the breaking of the Enigma messages was tackled.

Dr Baldwin closes with a look at a single theatre of war – the Atlantic – to show how the intelligence provided by the Bletchley codebreakers had an impact on the way the war was fought.

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:

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| 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 (cobble 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

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