

BATTLE OF BRITAIN & D-DAY

Departing 10th July 2019. A leisurely paced, premium small group, 26 day tour, escorted from NZ by aviation enthusiasts Kevin & Melanie Salisbury. Featuring Flying Legends, Royal International Air Tattoo and the War & Peace Revival.



Including - Imperial War Museum, Flying Legends Airshow, Fenland Aviation Museum, Muckleburgh Military Museum, RAF Radar Museum, Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum, Parham Airfield Museum, RAF Museum Hendon, Royal International Air Tattoo, Chartwell House, Spitfire & Hurricane Museum, RAF Manston, Dover Castle, Battle of Britain Memorial & Wing, Kent Battle of Britain Museum, War & Peace Revival, Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar, Portsmouth Navy Dockyard, Bentley Priory, Battle of Britain Bunker, Pegasus Bridge, Utah Beach Museum, Airborne Museum, Arromanches 360, Juno Beach Centre, Bayeux Cemetery, Caen Memorial, US Cemetery, Overlord Museum, Pointe du Hoc, Maisy Battery, Longue sur Mer Battery.

Day 1 – Weds 10th July (L,D) AUCKLAND TO SINGAPORE

Meet and greet at Auckland airport in the morning. We depart early afternoon and arrive in Singapore at 9pm. We will overnight in Singapore at Crowne Plaza Changi Airport

Day 2 – Thurs 11th July (B,L,D) SINGAPORE TO LONDON

We depart at lunchtime for our flight to London arriving at 7.15pm. We will transfer to our hotel for check in for our 3 nights in Cambridge
Arundel House Hotel

Day 3 – Friday 12th July (B,D) IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Our first day will be a leisurely one with a trip to the Imperial War Museum. This is a pre show opportunity for those who want maximum time to explore the hangars, as airshow day has limited time. Duxford played a vital part in the Battle of Britain and you can stand in awe of the world's most famous aircraft at this historic museum. Be dwarfed by the B-52 and Concorde; get up close to famous Second World War classics including the Spitfire,

Lancaster and Tiger Moth; and stare up into the guts of the Vulcan bomber. There will be some activity at Duxford in readiness for the airshow tomorrow. Alternatively you can enjoy your day in Cambridge.

Arundel House Hotel

Day 4 - Saturday 13th July (B) FLYING LEGENDS AIRSHOW

Today is one of the tour highlights, "Flying Legends" Airshow, the Greatest Warbirds Event in Europe produced by The Fighter Collection in association with Imperial War Museum. Our Gold Pass includes use of a lined and carpeted marquee with luxury toilets, seated viewing enclosure, private access to the flight line walk, a souvenir programme, and a collectible badge/pass.

The Fighter Collection operates, rebuilds and maintains Europe's largest collection of airworthy WWII aircraft. The fleet comprises of aircraft from the UK, USA, Germany, Russia and Italy - and the collection is constantly expanding as new aeroplanes are acquired. You will have some time to walk the flight line, explore the

museum hangars, trade stands & attractions before flying starts.

Arundel House Hotel

Day 5 – Sunday 14th July (B,D) FENLAND AVIATION MUSEUM & MUCKLEBURGH MILITARY MUSEUM

We stop at Fenland & West Norfolk Aviation Museum with its wide-ranging displays of aircraft and aviation archaeology from World War I to the Falklands and Iraq wars. Then on to Muckleburgh Military Museum the UK's largest privately owned military collection, where we also have a tour of the old Weybourne Anti-aircraft Camp site. We will see the airfield, the Anti-aircraft guns, the RAF radar installation and fine views of the Norfolk coast.

Dales Country House Hotel

Day 6 – Monday 15th July (B,D) AT LEISURE IN SHERINGHAM

Spend your day in the lovely seaside town of Sheringham, or take a steam train ride on the North Norfolk Railway "The Poppy Line" to Holt.
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Day 7 – Tues 16th July (B,D)

RAF RADAR and NORFOLK & SUFFOLK AVIATION MUSEUMS

The RAF Air Defence Radar Museum which is located on the site of the world's longest continuously operating radar, provides a unique window into the history of radar. We will spend the morning here.

Alternatively you can spend your morning at Wroxham Barns enjoying some shopping and crafts.

In the afternoon, a varied collection of aircraft and artefacts at the Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum will surprise you, with exhibits on Air-Sea Rescue, Local Bomber Command Missions, Aviation Archaeology, Decoy sites & much more. Beyond the hangars there is the Adair Walk, which offers a peaceful stroll along a raised boardwalk through a willow plantation to the River Waveney.

Seckford Hall Hotel

Day 8 – Weds 17th July (B)

PARHAM AIRFIELD MUSEUM

Parham Airfield Museum is situated on an old World War II United States Air Force Station with the original control tower. It houses the 390th Bomb Group Memorial Air Museum which pays tribute to the 740 servicemen killed or 'Missing in Action' from this airfield and the further 754 who were taken as Prisoners of War. The Museum of the British Resistance Organisation provides an insight into 'Britain's Secret Army', and sheds light on "Britain's best kept war secret". We will then visit the graves of Kiwi pilots Ray and Mark Hanna in the Parham Church cemetery. If you prefer, you can spend the day in the local town.

Seckford Hall Hotel

Day 9 – Thurs 18th July (B,D)

RAF MUSEUM HENDON

We spend the day at Hendon, dedicated to telling the story of the RAF and its people. Five major buildings and hangars with warplanes from the past 100 years: restored WWI fighters, seaplanes, WWII fighters and bombers, and jet aircraft from the Cold War to the Harrier and the F-35. If you prefer you can spend your time at the nearby Brent Cross Shopping centre.

Mercure Oxford Eastgate



Day 10 – Friday 19th July (B)

AT LEISURE IN OXFORD

Spend your day at leisure. We suggest a trip to Blenheim Palace, a monumental country house, birthplace and ancestral home of Sir Winston Churchill. Arrangements can be made for an optional extra day at the Air Tattoo if you prefer.

Mercure Oxford Eastgate

Day 11 – Saturday 20th July (B,L)

RIAT
Today is the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford, the largest military airshow anywhere in the world. Up to 8 hours of flying and miles of static displays. Historic aircraft to fast jets, a truly spectacular international airshow. We will have the comfort of Cotswold Club passes here for the day. Alternatively, spend another day at leisure in Oxford
Mercure Oxford Eastgate



Day 12 – Sunday 21st July (B)

CHARTWELL HOUSE and SPITFIRE & HURRICANE MUSEUM

Chartwell was the much-loved Churchill family home for 40 years. The rooms remain much as they were when he lived here, with pictures, books and personal mementoes evoking the career and wide-ranging interests of a great statesman, writer, painter and family man. Enjoy the house, the gardens and the studio which houses a large collection of his paintings. Then it's on to the Spitfire and Hurricane Museum and right opposite you will find the RAF Manston History Museum. As well as a good collection of aircraft, this small museum details RAF Manston's interesting history.

Best Western Abbots Lodge

Day 13 – Monday 22nd July (B)

DOVER CASTLE

The largest and most iconic of all English fortresses commanding the gateway to the realm for nine centuries. Climb the Great Tower, immerse yourself in vivid medieval interiors, then delve deep within Dover's White Cliffs to witness the drama in the Secret Wartime Tunnels. A short walk through the woods will take you to the Bleriot Memorial, marking the spot where the first cross channel flight landed in 1909. Or explore historic Canterbury.

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Day 14 - Tuesday 23rd July (B)
BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL and KENT BATTLE OF BRITAIN MUSEUM

This morning we visit the Memorial and The Wing which houses The Scramble Experience, showing something of what it was like for The Few in 1940. In the afternoon we will explore the Kent Battle of Britain Museum, Hawkinge.

The Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

Day 15 - Wednesday 24th July (B)
WAR & PEACE REVIVAL

We spend the day at the War & Peace Revival, the largest gathering of military vehicles on the planet, plus militaria collectors fair and living history re-enactments from the First World War to more recent conflicts. The revival hosts around 4000 military vehicles including tanks, armoured personnel carriers, armoured cars, amphibious vehicles, motorcycles, as well as light, medium and heavy military wheeled vehicles.

Alternatively relax in Tunbridge Wells for the day.

The Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

Day 16 Thursday 25th July (B)
BIGGIN HILL HERITAGE HANGAR

The Hangar houses an amazing collection of airworthy Spitfires, probably the greatest concentration of Spitfire activity in the world, plus several others undergoing restoration. Our guided tour of the hangar is included; you have an option to "Sit in a Spit" for an additional cost. We then head to Portsmouth for some time at the Historic Dockyard visiting the legendary Mary Rose, Victory, Warrior and the submarine museum. You can finish exploring here on our return from France.

Royal Maritime Hotel

Day 17 - Friday 26th July (B)
PEGASUS BRIDGE

Today we take an early cruise ferry to Caen. On arrival we visit Pegasus Bridge following the footsteps of Operation Deadstick, the first troops to arrive for the liberation of France in 1944, before heading into Bayeux.

Novotel Bayeux

Day 18 - Saturday 27th July (B)
UTAH BEACH

Utah Beach Museum is our first stop today and then on to the Airbourne Museum which focuses on the role of the American paratroopers. Alternatively, you can stay in Bayeux.

Novotel Bayeux

Day 19 - Sunday 28th July (B)
OMAHA BEACH

The American Cemetery will be a very moving start to the day, followed by the Overlord Museum. We will stop for lunch at Omaha Beach and then explore Pointe Du Hoc, before our guided tour of Maisy Battery where we will hear about the cover up at Omaha Beach.

Novotel, Bayeux

Day 20 - Monday 29th July (B)
AT LEISURE IN BAYEUX

Your inclusions today are the Commonwealth Cemetery and Bayeux Museum. You may choose to visit the Cathedral or the famous Bayeux Tapestry, or take a day trip to Mont Saint Michel (pre-book only)

Novotel Bayeux

Day 21 - Tuesday 30th July (B,D)
GOLD AND JUNO BEACHES

It's a short drive to Arromanches this morning for the 360 cinema show and the D-day Museum. Take a walk on the beach to the remains of the Mulberry Harbour. In the afternoon we will spend time at the Juno Beach Centre. Mercure Caen City Centre

Day 22 - Wednesday 31st July (B)
CAEN MEMORIAL

With displays ranging from the Second World War to the Cold War, Caen Memorial is regarded as the best World War II museum in France. Later today there will be some time to explore the town.

Mercure Caen City Centre

Day 23 - Thursday 1st Aug (B,D)
PORTSMOUTH HISTORIC DOCKYARD

Today is our ferry crossing back to Old Blighty. Arriving at 2pm you will be dropped off back at the Historic Dockyard to finish your explorations. Alternatively you could visit Gun Wharf Quays shopping centre and/or go up the famous Spinnaker tower for a birdseye view.

Royal Maritime Hotel, Portsmouth



Day 24 - Friday 2nd Aug (B,D)
BUNKER and BENTLEY PRIORY

Our final day includes the Battle of Britain Bunker and Visitor Centre, the underground operations room at RAF Uxbridge, formerly used by No. 11 Group Fighter Command. It houses a state-of-the-art exhibition detailing the development of the UK's air defence system from the First World War to the end of the Second World War. We learn the key moments of history that shaped Britain's air defence and led to the construction of the bunker, and listen to first-hand accounts from

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people that worked in the bunker during its finest hour in 1940. We finish the day with Bentley Priory, a Grade II* listed Mansion House in Stanmore, Headquarters Fighter Command during the Battle of Britain. The museum tells one of the most important narratives of modern history – how the Battle of Britain was won and explores how technology, leadership and courage forged victory, enabling Britain's darkest hour to also be her finest hour. After this we head to Heathrow for the evening flight home, or your onward arrangements. Your tour guides will stay on in the UK while the group fly home together. Or you can return at a later date by arrangement.

Day 25 - Sat 3rd August (B,D)
IN TRANSIT

In transit through Singapore or you may consider another stopover in Singapore.

Day 26 - Sunday 4th August (B)
AUCKLAND

Arrival into Auckland at 12.20pm

INCLUSIONS

Economy return airfares with Singapore Airlines, tour escorts, gratuities private coach transport, all breakfasts (B), dinners as stated (D), lunches (L)

Gold Passes for Flying Legends.

Cotswold Club Passes for RIAT, all sightseeing as stated.

\$500 non-refundable deposit required on booking with full balance due by 10th April.

For bookings after 10th April the full balance payable within 7 days.

Please ask if you would like any variations to the above arrangements. We are quite flexible!

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Tour costs are based on specially negotiated airfares on which special conditions apply. Costs are based on a minimum number of 14 passengers. Should numbers not reach 14 we reserve the right to cancel the tour and a full refund will be made. There will be no further obligation on the part of Aviation Tours NZ. For passengers travelling alone, a single supplement is payable, or there is the possibility of a same sex room share. If you cannot be matched, the single supplement is payable.

A reasonable level of fitness is required to make the most of the museums and sightseeing. Due to the historic nature of some of our hotels you may be expected to manage a set of stairs; however there will be portorage for your luggage on these occasions. Some hotels have showers over the bath as is common in Europe. Twin rooms will have separate beds but these are sometimes still quite close together.

If improvements can be made to the itinerary or circumstances beyond our control make it necessary to make any changes, we reserve the right to do so.

Tour costs are based on exchange rates as at Nov 2018 and are subject to change. Airfares are based on group departures and taxes correct as of October 2018. Should these costs change it may be necessary to make a surcharge on the tour. Once full payment has been received, no surcharge will be made in respect of currency or fuel surcharges. However, changes imposed by governments or their agencies are not covered by this guarantee.

Notice of cancellation must be in writing. Changes to flights once ticketed will incur charges. After final balance has been paid, the following scale of charges will apply.

Cancellation periods as follows

Up to 10th April - Loss of deposit

10th April to 10th May - 50% loss

After 10th May - 100% loss

For cancellations, we regret that we are not able to make refunds against any unused part of the tour. It is therefore essential that you have sufficient insurance to cover your loss. We strongly recommend a complete and comprehensive travel insurance policy. Be sure to obtain medical certificates and documentation to support any claim you may need to make. We accept no responsibility for any loss caused through insufficient or lack of insurance cover.

The international airfare on which this tour is based allows individual passengers to return independently on a space available basis. Early booking is recommended to avoid increased cost.

A current passport is essential, with at least 6 months validity. NZ, AU and UK passport holders do not require visas. Passports and visa are your responsibility so please check validity and ensure a re-entry permit is obtained if necessary for return to your home country.



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