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This tour will delight historians and aviation enthusiasts alike. Don your urban flying jacket and gloves as we marvel at the music of the Merlin. Spitfire, Hurricane and the RAF's best will enthrall you as Europe's biggest WWII airshow captivates your senses and imagination. Take the morning to explore the extraordinary collection at RAF Duxford. Witness a family's moving tribute to a lost brother, when we visit an operational WWII airfield, complete with Lancaster bomber. If you wish, you will share the cockpit of a Spitfire or Mustang for the flight experience of your life! Tour the Battle of Britain Bunker at RAF Uxbridge. Sit in Sir Winston's chair as you view the room that must have been alive with action and tension through the summer of 1940. Continuing your journey with Churchill, experience, in three dimensions, the history that was pivotal in changing the course of the world. Meet Churchill at his family home, Chartwell House. Kick up your heels around a Spitfire and Hurricane, in an original hangar in 1940's dress uniform at the Battle of Britain Ball. This tour will invoke the presence of Churchill and *The Few* that saved Britain in its darkest hour. It captures the spirit and courage of the great aviators of the 20th Century. Return home having fulfilled a dream and with a flying bag full of priceless memories.



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DAY 1 AUSTRALIA – LONDON**Wednesday 5th July 2017**

Arrive at your international airport for your flight to London Heathrow

Board your flight, arriving early morning the next day

DAY 2 LONDON – CIRENCESTER**Thursday 6th July 2017****Morning**

Arrive London

On arrival, transfer by coach to the **Battle of Britain Bunker**, approximately ½ an hour's drive

10:00am**BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER**

The Battle of Britain Bunker is the Royal Air Force's primary Force Development and Public Engagement asset. The Bunker housed the Fighter Command No.11 Group Operations Room throughout the Second World War, the room from which most of the RAF's side of the Battle of Britain was coordinated. Key decisions that would decide the fate of the nation were taken in the Bunker throughout 1940 and it was thanks to the tireless work of the plotters and controllers that the RAF's fighter pilots managed to keep the Luftwaffe at bay

**Afternoon**

This afternoon, begin your tour of the Cotswolds and drive approximately 45 minutes to **Moreton-in-Marsh**

THE COTSWOLDS

This region of outstanding natural beauty is characterised by attractive small towns and thatched villages of yellow Cotswold stone, made prosperous by the historic wool trade. With a variety of different villages there is something to see around every corner of the Cotswolds. Today the group will visit some of the Cotswolds most charming and picturesque villages and towns, **Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow on the Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water** and **the Slaughters**

MORETON-IN-MARSH

Moreton-in-Marsh is a thriving market town, dating back 1000 years to the Saxon era. Its broad High Street is lined with elegant 17th and 18th century buildings, among them the White Hart Royal, a former manor house in which King Charles I sheltered during the Civil War. The Redesdale Market Hall dominates the main thoroughfare and is still used today for antique fairs and flea markets with its steeply pitched roof and attractive and distinctive clock turret. The Curfew Tower is one of the few surviving in Britain and at its base is housed of this tower is the old town lock-up

**STOW ON THE WOLD**

Stow on the Wold is a beautiful town and one the busiest of all the cotswold towns. Standing 800 feet above sea level, it is also the highest of the Cotswold towns. Many years ago when the cotswold wool industry was at it's height, Stow on the Wold was famous for it's huge annual fairs where as many as 20,000 sheep were sold at a time at the busy market square. The square is now mainly used for parking, as Stow on the Wold has become a favourite destination for many a visitor to the Cotswolds

Depart the Cotswolds and drive approximately 2 hours to **Cirencester**

Evening

Check into your accommodation

Dinner tonight is to be advised

Overnight Cirencester

DAY 3

INTERNATIONAL AIR TATTOO – CAMBRIDGE

Friday 7th July 2017 (B)

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

Spend the day today at the **Royal International Air Tattoo**

Main Group

7:30-6:30pm

THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL AIR TATTOO

Few events can rival the intensity, drama and spectacle on offer at the world's greatest air show. The Air Tattoo, one of the UK's premier outdoor events, returns with an extravaganza of entertainment for all the family. Alongside the thrilling flying action, visitors will be treated to non-stop entertainment on the ground - so whether a wide-eyed first timer or a seasoned air show veteran, the experience is breathtaking

During the thrilling 7.5 hour flying display visitors will get to see fast jets, giant transporters, historic aircraft and much more. There will be a chance to meet the crews, get close to the air craft and enjoy a feast of first class entertainment including the Techno Zone, an interactive showcase, the Adrenalin Zone and the Vintage Village



Alternative

Continue on to **Highclere Castle** and take a **Downton Abbey Era Tour**. Discover what life was like in England during the Downton Abbey Era. Immerse yourself in this eventful period by exploring life in Hampshire at this time



HIGHCLERE CASTLE

Highclere Castle is a beautiful building and a warm, welcoming home to visitors and guests at events and celebrations held here. Apart from exploring the Castle, the Egyptian Exhibition fascinates adults and children, whilst the surrounding Grounds and Gardens provide peace and tranquillity. When you visit, you will recognise many rooms from "Downton Abbey." You will see the Drawing Room in which Maggie Smith delivered many a withering comment to some unfortunate relation. In addition you can also find Tutankhamun in the cellars

Afternoon

Lunch in Marlborough

After lunch, visit the historic town of **Wiltshire**. If time permits, visit **Avebury Henge** and **Stone Circle**

WILTSHIRE

Wiltshire is characterised by its high downland and wide valleys, with a history spanning over 6,000 years. Wiltshire has plenty of history to be explored and the most iconic of Wiltshire's sites is of course Stonehenge. To this day there is still a mystery as to the reasons behind the site and how the stones were transported from as far away as Wales. Further north is **Avebury**, the largest stone circle in the world. Dating from around 4,500 years ago, Avebury together with Stonehenge form part of the World Heritage Site

Pick up the aviation group and transfer approximately 2 ½ hours to **Cambridge**

Evening

Dinner tonight is to be advised

Overnight Cambridge

DAY 4

FLYING LEGENDS AIR SHOW - DUXFORD

Saturday 8th July 2017 (B)

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

Main Group

This morning you will attend the **Flying Legends Air Show** in Duxford

7:30-7:30pm

FLYING LEGENDS AIR SHOW

The Flying Legends Air Show is world-famous for its unique presentations of historic piston-engine aircraft in rare combinations. Complementing the 'wow' factor in the air is the authentic 1940s atmosphere. Take your seats, sit back and prepare to be enthralled by the Flying Legends Air show 2015. The 22nd Edition of this world famous aerial spectacular will be held at the iconic Duxford airfield

Enjoy world class, unrivalled, choreographed displays featuring unique aircraft types rarely seen together in the UK skies or anywhere else. Flying Legends culminates in the finale Balbo formation when all the WWII fighters take to the skies to salute you in a mass flypast. Step back in time and enjoy the New York Manhattan dolls, enjoy a glass of Pimms, try out a full size Spitfire for size, view the large scale model aircraft exhibits and ladies, have your vintage makeup done. Flying Legends is the Air show not to miss, it has something for everyone!

Alternative

Enjoy a day trip to visit the beautiful city of **Cambridge**

CAMBRIDGE

Filled with exquisite architecture and oozing history and tradition, Cambridge is a very special university town. The buildings here appear to be unchanged and the best way to experience this beautiful city is with a **guided walking tour**. Hear about the famous people connected with Cambridge whilst visiting some of the best-known and most impressive sights the city has to offer. The tour will include at least two of Cambridge University's more famous colleges. Entrance to the magnificent King's College and Chapel and beautiful Queens' College is included. You will also see the lovely River Cam, which flows gently through the town



KINGS COLLEGE

Henry VI (1421-1471) founded King's College in 1441. The College's buildings were intended to be a magnificent display of the power of royal patronage and Henry went to great lengths to ensure that King's College Chapel would be unequalled in size and beauty. Henry's full plans were never carried out. Most of the original College buildings were on the north and east sides of the Chapel and have long since been demolished. King's College Chapel is one of the most famous medieval buildings in England. The foundation stone was laid in 1446 and it took over a century to build, including an interruption by the War of the Roses. The Chapel houses The Adoration of the Magi by Rubens, painted in 1634 for the Convent of the White Nuns at Louvain in Belgium. The Chapel is probably best known for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, broadcast around the world on Christmas Eve

QUEENS' COLLEGE

Queens' College is a constituent college of the University of Cambridge. Queens' is amongst the oldest and largest colleges of the university, founded in 1448 by Margaret of Anjou (the Queen of Henry VI, who founded King's College). It has some of the most recognisable buildings in Cambridge.

The college spans both sides of the River Cam, colloquially referred to as the "light side" and the "dark side", with the world famous Mathematical Bridge connecting the two



RIVER CAM

The River Cam runs through the heart of Cambridge enabling you to enjoy fantastic views of the world famous Cambridge College. King's College Chapel, the Wren Library at Trinity College and the Bridge of Sighs, are just some of the famous Cambridge landmarks you can expect to see

After the **guided tour**, you may also wish to visit some of Cambridge's Museums. The University museums and collections are all within a short walking distance of the city centre. Explore more than five million works of art, artefacts and specimens in one square mile of Cambridge! Some of the museums you may choose from are: the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, The Fitzwilliam Museum, Kettle's Yard, the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, the Sedgewick Museum of Earth and the Polar Museum

Your coach will pick up the aviation group and return to Cambridge where you will all meet for dinner

Evening

Dinner is to be advised

Overnight Cambridge

DAY 5

FLYING LEGENDS AIR SHOW - DUXFORD

Sunday 9th July 2017 (B)

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

Main Group 7:30-7:30pm

Spend a second day at the **Flying Legends Air Show**

While at the Air Show take some time to visit the **Imperial War Museum**



10:00-6:00pm IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Explore atmospheric exhibitions and discover historic objects. The museum is set within a historic site where you can learn about Duxford's role in the First World War, Second World War and the Cold War. IWM Duxford is nearly a mile long with 7 impressive exhibition spaces, including contemporary award-winning exhibitions which will take you on an unforgettable journey through times of war and peace

Take time to explore the historic site and stroll amongst the well-preserved hangars and buildings



Alternative

Today you will explore the town of **Ely**, a short drive from Cambridge

ELY

Ely is a small but charming village dominated by an enormous cathedral. It takes its name from the eels that once inhabited the undrained Fens surrounding the town. Your visit will include **Ely Cathedral** including the **Stained Glass Museum**, **Oliver Cromwell's House** and time to explore the shops and galleries. You may also like to walk along the beautiful waterside or follow the eel trail, an excellent way of seeing historic Ely at its best

7:00-6:30pm**ELY CATHEDRAL**

The story of Ely Cathedral begins in Saxon Times with the life of its founder, St. Etheldreda. Etheldreda, who died in 679, was queen, foundress and abbess of Ely. She restored an old church at Ely and built her monastery on the site of what is now Ely Cathedral. After 200 years of flourishing, it was destroyed by the Danes and was restored in 970 to become the richest abbey in England with the exception of Glastonbury. Etheldreda became a saint as a result of the discovery of her perfect body and its linen wrappings 17 years after her death from the plague. For centuries, Etheldreda's shrine was the focus for vast numbers of medieval pilgrims. The shrine was destroyed in 1541, but a slate in the Cathedral marks the spot where it stood and two days are still kept as major festivals in the Cathedral

**12:00-4:30pm****STAINED GLASS MUSEUM**

The stained glass museum exhibits a national collection of stained glass, religious and secular, from 1200 to the present day. This unique museum offers an insight into the history and techniques of stained glass. For at least thirteen hundred years the art has been practised in Britain. Learn the secrets of this ancient craft and glimpse its role in the unfolding story of British history. The **Main Gallery** contains displays of stained glass windows ranging over eight centuries in specially illuminated cases. It offers a rare opportunity to view stained glass up close, to compare windows produced at different times, in different styles and different settings

**10:00-5:00pm****OLIVER CROMWELL'S HOUSE**

Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, lived in Ely for 10 years. Experience what domestic life would have been like in the 17th Century in a variety of re-created period rooms as well an exhibition detailing the Civil War. Visit Mrs Cromwell's kitchen, try dressing-up or playing with the toys of the time or venture into the Haunted Bedroom if you dare!



Return to Cambridge and re-join the group

Evening

Dinner is to be advised

Overnight Cambridge

DAY 6 CAMBRIDGE – SPILSBY – LINCOLN**Monday 10th July 2017 (B)****Morning Breakfast at your accommodation**

Board the coach for the drive to **Spilsby** which will take around 3 hours

Main Group Today you will visit the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby and take a **guided tour**

10:30am BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLIGHT

The RAF BBMF hangar is located within the boundaries of RAF Coningsby and viewing the Flight's historic aircraft at close quarters is only available by **guided** tour. You will be shown around the hangar by volunteer guides, many of whom have firsthand experience of the aircraft. Whilst in the hangar you will be able to observe the RAF BBMF technicians maintaining these iconic aircraft to airworthy condition

Alternative The town of **Lincoln** is known as the cathedral city and is home to the Cathedral's copy of **Magna Carta** with its eighteenth and nineteenth century prisons and its chilling nineteenth century prison chapel, dating back to the 13th century. There are many different places to explore in this area including the **Lincoln Castle**, the **Collection** and the **Usher Gallery**. Not far away is **Doddington Hall** with its fascinating connection with the Cathedral through its first owner Tommy Taylor. Katherine Swynford wife of John of Gaunt, whose mortal remains lie in the Cathedral, lived at Kettle Thorpe only ten miles from Lincoln. The early Bishops lived in the **Medieval Bishops' Palace**. Bishop Edward King (1890-1915) lived in the Old Palace where his chapel is still in use

7:15-6:00pm LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

One of Europe's finest examples of Gothic Architecture; Lincoln Cathedral also owns one of only four remaining original copies of 1215 Magna Carta. Visitors to the cathedral can tour the stunning nave on a floor tour, learn how Lincoln Cathedral was taller than the Pyramids of Giza and hear the myth of the Lincoln Imp and see if you can catch a glimpse of the little character hidden in the nave!

**10:00-4:00pm LINCOLN CASTLE**

Lincoln castle has over 900 years of history during which it has operated as a castle, a prison and a court. During Norman times, Lincoln was the third most important city in England and was therefore the location for one of the first castles to be built by William the Conqueror. Several battles involved the castle during the reign of King Stephen and King but many of the original have survived for visitors to see today. Lincoln castle is also one of only two castles in the country to have two mottes. One of the main attractions of the castle is its possession of a copy of the original Magna Carta



According to a 14th-century legend, two mischievous creatures called **imps** were sent by Satan to do evil work on Earth. After causing mayhem in Northern England, the two imps headed to Lincoln Cathedral, where they smashed tables and chairs and tripped up the Bishop. When an angel came out of a book of hymns and told them to stop, one of the imps was brave and started throwing rocks at the angel, but the other imp cowered under the broken tables and chairs. The angel turned the first imp to stone, giving the second imp a chance to escape. It is said that even on still days it is always windy around the Cathedral, which is the second imp is circling the building looking for his friend

MAGNA CARTA

Magna Carta, meaning 'The Great Charter', is one of the most famous documents in the world. Originally issued by King John of England as a practical solution to the political crisis he faced in 1215, Magna Carta established for the first time the principle that everybody, including the king, was subject to the law. Although nearly a third of the text was deleted or substantially rewritten within ten years, and almost all the clauses have been repealed in modern times, Magna Carta remains a cornerstone of the British constitution. Most of the 63 clauses granted by King John dealt with specific grievances relating to his rule. However, buried within them were a number of fundamental values that both challenged the autocracy of the king and proved highly adaptable in future centuries. Most famously, the 39th clause gave all 'free men' the right to justice and a fair trial. Some of Magna Carta's core principles are echoed in the United States Bill of Rights (1791) and in many other constitutional documents around the world, as well as in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the European Convention on Human Rights (1950)



MEDIEVAL BISHOPS' PALACE

Standing almost in the shadow of Lincoln cathedral, with sweeping views over the ancient city and the countryside beyond, the medieval bishops' palace was once among the most important buildings in the country. The administrative centre of the largest diocese in medieval England, stretching from the Humber to the Thames, its architecture reflected enormous power and wealth. Explore the site as part of a day out in Lincoln. Guided by our audio tour, see the undercroft East Hall and also the chapel range and entrance tower built by Bishop William Alnwick, who modernised the palace in the 1430s

12:00-4:00pm DODDINGTON HALL AND GARDENS



Over 400 years of unbroken family occupation has resulted in fascinating collections of furniture, weaponry, paintings, ceramics, textiles, household objects, porcelain and a wealth of amusing stories all to be found in and around Doddington Hall. A visit to Doddington offers a unique insight into family life through the ages and the challenges of looking after such an estate in the 21st century. For many, the Gardens at Doddington are just as spectacular as the Hall itself. Remaining faithful to the original Elizabethan layout, mellow walls provide the framework for the formal East Front and West Gardens. Beyond the West Gardens begin the lovingly restored Wild Gardens. Over the generations, most recently by Antony and Victoria Jarvis and Claire and James Birch, the gardens at Doddington have been restored, cared for, nurtured and developed to their fullest potential

THE USHER GALLERY AND COLLECTION

The Usher Gallery was officially opened on 25th May 1927 by the Prince of Wales and the new building was opened in October 2005 after much hard work including an archaeological excavation. Visitors can head to the auditorium where video or personal introductions to the museum where the archaeological collection or the New Curtois Gallery, where touring exhibitions are housed. Below these last two, at the downhill end of the building, are the stores and workshops which service the whole. The Usher Gallery, along with The Collection, displays a fine collection of fine and decorative arts and plays host to a huge variety of contemporary art exhibitions throughout the year. Alongside these they regularly put on talks and events that add another dimension to your experience of the exhibitions and displays on show

If time permits, take some time in Lincoln to shop around **Steep Hill** and visit **Guildhall** and **Stone bow**.

STEEP HILL

Find specialty, vintage and retro stores on Steep Hill, voted 'Britain's Best Street'. The Strait, at the bottom end of Steep Hill has a range of fashion and designer stores. Discover the history of Lincoln by shopping on Steep Hill and The Strait. These lovely old streets offer a wide variety of independent and specialty shops, a lot of them housed in the oldest buildings of the city. This shopping area provides a great selection of food and drink, exclusive and vintage clothing, old bookstores and other specialty shops



GUILDHALL AND STONEBOW

An early 16th century town building which forms an archway over the main High Street and home to City Council meetings and the heritage of Lincoln's local politics. The Guildhall has been used since its construction in 1520, occupying the whole second floor of the Stonebow, and still plays host to Full Council meetings and City Council events. It houses numerous pieces of regalia, including the sword of Richard II, Mayor's Chains of Office and Mayor's posy ring. The word Stonebow comes from the ancient Norse word stennibogi which means stone arch

Meet the rest of the group and return to your accommodation

Evening

Dinner is to be advised

Overnight Lincoln

DAY 7

LINCOLN – BLETCHLEY PARK – OXFORD

Tuesday 11th July 2017 (B)

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

Main Group

Today you will spend some time at the **Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre**

9:30-5:00pm

LINCOLNSHIRE AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE

The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre is a family run museum and was set up over 20 years ago. It is now widely seen as a living memorial to the 55,500 men of Bomber Command who lost their lives during WW2. It holds one of the rarest aircraft, an Avro Lancaster Bomber, in its collection along with many wartime vehicles including a Ford WOT1 Crew Bus, the only one of its kind known in existence. The Museum is built up entirely around RAF Bomber Command but the exhibits and displays span many areas such as The Home Front and Escape and Evasion giving you a wide perspective on wartime Britain and the trials and tribulation of the Second World War



Alternative

BURGHLEY HOUSE

11:00-5:00pm

One of the greatest of Britain's non-royal palaces, a prodigy house built for Elizabeth I's Lord High Treasurer, Lord Burghley. His interiors include a Great Hall with hammerbeam roof and vaulted Old Kitchen. Later Earls of Exeter have endowed the building with magnificent collections (including perhaps the finest private collection of 17th century Italian paintings) and an opulent series of state rooms, including the famous Heaven Room painted by Verrio

The coach will come back to Lincoln to pick up the aviation group while the partners are at Burghley

Meet as a group in Burghley and depart for **Bletchley Park**

Afternoon **Lunch will be en route to Bletchley or at Bletchley Park**

BLETCHLEY PARK

Once Britain's best kept secret, today Bletchley Park is a heritage site and vibrant tourist attraction. You can explore some of the iconic World War 2 Codebreaking Huts and Blocks and marvel at the astonishing achievements of the Codebreakers whose work is said to have shortened the war by two years



After spending time at the Park, drive approximately an hour to **Oxford**

On arrival, check into your accommodation

Evening **Dinner is to be advised**

Overnight Oxford

DAY 8 OXFORD

Wednesday 12th July 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

Entire Group Spend the day exploring the city of **Oxford** including **Blenheim Palace** and the gravesite of **Sir Winston Churchill** at Bladon

10:30-5:30pm BLENHEIM PALACE

A true masterpiece of 18th Century Baroque architecture, Blenheim Palace delivers an awe-inspiring experience for visitors. The stunning State Rooms are brimming with priceless works of art and magnificent tapestries. Discover the beauty of this World Heritage Site amongst over 2000 acres of 'Capability' Brown parkland and Formal Gardens with a water garden. Ride the miniature train to the Pleasure Gardens which offers a giant hedge maze, butterfly house and adventure playground. Tours, exhibitions and events reveal the sheer splendor of one of Britain's greatest palaces. Blenheim Palace is more than another one of England's stately homes. Take a **tour of the Blenheim Palace State Rooms** where their own guide will bring the history of this fabulous palace to life



Blenheim Palace is a multi-faceted attraction, providing a range of things to do including:

- **Take a self-guided tour through the Palace. NOTE that there will be guides in each room**
- Self-guided tour of Blenheim Palace: the Untold Story, a new "visitor experience" featuring animated figures and sound effects
- Churchill Exhibition, including the room of Churchill's birth
- Several formal gardens including the Italian Garden, the Water Terraces, and, in season, a stunning rose garden
- The Pleasure Gardens Reached from its own small parking lot or, between April and October via the estate's own narrow gauge railway, the Pleasure Gardens include a maze and a butterfly house

11:00-5:00pm SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill was an inspirational statesman, writer, orator and leader who led Britain to victory in the Second World War. He served as Conservative Prime Minister twice - from 1940 to 1945 and from 1951 to 1955. In January 1965 Sir Winston Churchill was buried in the churchyard at the head of the grave of Lady Randolph Churchill his mother. His father, Lord Randolph Churchill is buried alongside.

He was given a state funeral and his last farewell was a grand affair with the Queen, members of the royal family, statesmen and diplomatic representatives from 112 countries attended his service at St. Paul's Cathedral

Afternoon Lunch today is by individual arrangement

After lunch, take a **guided tour of Oxford** and the famous Colleges and Libraries. You may choose to visit some of the colleges or choose to see them all

The colleges in Oxford date back to the 13th century and among its famous students were Bill Clinton, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and Lewis Carroll. We take you on a fascinating walking tour, which includes visiting the Great Hall in Christ Church, where many scenes from Harry Potter were filmed. We'll also see the Bodleian Library and the picture perfect college courtyards for which Oxford is famous. You can visit only the colleges with a Harry Potter connection or choose others. Christ Church, New College and Magdalen are considered three of the finest

10:00-4:15pm CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church is perhaps the most famous and most visited college in Oxford. Its origin dates back to the 16th century. Christ Church Cathedral (Church of England) is also the seat of Bishop of Oxford. Christ Church has also been made popular by the Harry Potter movies. Key things to look out for here are the cathedral of Oxford and the impressive Tom Quad with a fountain and statue of Mercury in the middle. The main entrance to Christ Church (though tourists are not permitted to enter thorough this gate) is called the Tom Tower named after the enclosed Great Tom bell. The bell tolls 101 times at 9:05 every night. Though it is largely symbolic now, in its early days, this was to inform all 100 (and later 101) Christ Church scholars to return to the college before the college gates shut. Another interesting trivia to note is the timing - 9:05pm and not 9:00 pm. This is because technically Oxford is 5 minutes behind Greenwich (where the Prime Meridian and GMT is defined). Hence 9:05 is actually 9:00pm in Oxford's time zone!

**11:00-5:00pm NEW COLLEGE**

New College is believed by many to be an amazing college to visit. The college was founded in 1379. The amazing, but eerie pretty cloisters, bell tower, chapel, dining hall, quad, mound, lawn, garden and a 1000-year old city wall, there is quite a bit to see here. Also, while you are here, keep an eye out for the grotesque gargoyles! Entrance is either via the main gate on New College Lane (Easter to early October) or Holywell gate on Holywell Street (winter)

10:00-5:00pm BALLIOL COLLEGE

Balliol has existed as a community of scholars on its present Broad Street site without interruption since about 1263. By this token it claims to be the oldest college in Oxford, and in the English-speaking world. In 1260 a dispute between John de Balliol and the Bishop of Durham erupted into violence and Henry III condemned Balliol's behaviour. The Bishop had Balliol whipped, and imposed a penance on him of a substantial act of charity.



This he did, by renting a property and creating a house of scholars, which was soon known by his name. After John de Balliol's death in 1269, his widow, Dervorguilla of Galloway, guaranteed the future of the 'House of the Scholars of Balliol' by establishing a permanent endowment and giving it Statutes in 1282 – so bringing into being Balliol College as we know it today. The College celebrated its 750th anniversary in 2013. The College's patron saint is St Catherine of Alexandria. The College arms, taken from the back of Dervorguilla's seal, show a lion rampant for Galloway and an orle for Balliol

2:00-5:00pm LINCOLN COLLEGE

Founded by Bishop Richard Fleming in 1427, Lincoln College is now one of the best preserved of the medieval colleges. Fleming intended the college to be 'a little college of true students of theology who would defend the mysteries of Scripture against those ignorant laymen who profaned with swinish snouts its most holy pearls'. The hall maintains its original roof, including a gap where smoke would escape

12:00-7:00pm MAGDALEN COLLEGE

Founded in 1458 by William of Waynflete, the bishop of Winchester, Magdalen is Oxford's wealthiest and arguably most beautiful college, with its own deer park and beautiful cloisters, of whose gargoyles supposedly inspired CS Lewis' stone statues in The Chronicles of Narnia. On the far right of the grounds, a bright blue wrought iron gate leads to Addison's Walk, a pretty riverside path

9:00-7:00pm BODLEIAN LIBRARY

Oxford's libraries are among the most celebrated in the world, not only for their incomparable collections of books and manuscripts, but also for their buildings, some of which have remained in continuous use since the Middle Ages. Among them the Bodleian, the chief among the University's libraries, has a special place. First opened to scholars in 1602, it incorporates an earlier library erected by the University in the fifteenth century to house books donated by Humfrey, Duke of Gloucester. Since 1602 it has expanded, slowly at first but with increasing momentum over the last 150 years, to keep pace with the ever-growing accumulation of books and papers, but the core of the old buildings has remained intact. These buildings are still used by students and scholars from all over the world, and they attract an ever-increasing number of visitors, for whose benefit this guide has been written



9:00-5:00pm THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

Explore the Divinity School, completed in 1488 for the teaching of theology. With its elaborately vaulted ceiling and its 455 carved bosses, it is a masterpiece of English Gothic architecture. This splendid room is the University's earliest purpose built teaching room, and its first examination hall. The Divinity School, was used as Hogwarts Infirmary in Harry Potter films. It was also used as the room where Harry Potter and his friends learned to dance

Evening Dinner

Overnight Oxford

DAY 9

OXFORD

Thursday 13th July 2017 (B)

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

Entire Group This morning, visit the Oxford Ashmolean Museum

10:00-5:00pm ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

The Ashmolean Museum is home to the University's collection of art and archaeology. Founded in 1683 it is the first public museum in the UK and one of the oldest in the world. The collections span the civilisations of east and west, charting the aspirations of humankind from the Neolithic era to the present day. Among its treasures are the world's largest collection of Raphael drawings, the most important collection of pre-Dynastic Egyptian material in Europe, the only great Minoan collection in Britain, the finest Anglo-Saxon collections outside the British Museum and the foremost collection of modern Chinese art in the Western world. The Ashmolean is also a teaching and research department of the University of Oxford, providing research and publications of the highest standard in the academic fields of art history, archaeology and history

Afternoon Lunch today is by individual arrangement

After lunch, you may wish to visit the **Sudeley Castle** or spend the afternoon at leisure

OPTIONAL SUDELEY CASTLE**10:00-5:00pm**

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Cotswolds, in an area of outstanding natural beauty, Sudeley Castle & Gardens contains many fascinating treasures from ancient Roman times to the present day. Outside, the castle is surrounded by award-winning gardens and a breathtaking 1,200 acre estate – all in the heart of the Cotswolds. It has played an important role in the turbulent and changing times of England's past, with royal connections that stretch back over 1000 years. Today it is a much loved family home and popular visitor attraction. Sudeley Castle & Gardens is also the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds – Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives. Today our visitors can explore the beautiful 15th Century church where she lies entombed



Return to your accommodation

Evening Dinner

This evening, you may wish to attend one of the open air plays or theatre often playing in Oxford

Overnight Oxford

DAY 10 OXFORD – GUILFORD**Friday 14th July 2017 (B)****Morning Breakfast at your accommodation**

Board your coach this morning for the drive to **Farnborough** which will take approximately 2 hours

Main Group

Farnborough Air Show - Today is **Fabulous Farnborough Friday**. This is an opportunity for the public to spend some time in the exhibition halls of the Farnborough Air Show Aerospace Trade Event which runs the week before the airshow

9:30-5:30pm**Alternative**

A short drive away is the historic town of **Guildford**. There are a variety of **guided walks** on offer here including **Historic Guildford, Ghosts and Legends, Public Art** and even **Lewis Carroll**. There are also some beautiful gardens to explore in this area including **Painshill** and **Loseley Park**. This town is also great for shopping or spending the day at leisure

Choose from the following:

HISTORIC GUILDFORD

Surrey's ancient capital has a history stretching back over 1000 years. This half-mile walk in the town centre will take you past some of the most interesting buildings. Discover the history of Guildford as a centre of industry, trade and transport. By looking at the Castle, the Bowling Green, Quarry Street, St Mary's Church and the Museum, the Town Bridge and the site of the original ford. Then up the High Street to the Undercroft, the Angel Hotel, Guildhall, Guildford House and Abbot's Hospital

GHOSTS AND LEGENDS

Enjoy a 'Spooky' evening stroll that tells stories of ghosts, spectres and unexplained supernatural happenings over the centuries in and around the High Street. Find out why Christopher Slaughterford's ghost was seen in the High Street, which building was visited by a poltergeist, where you might spot a headless figure, as well as seeing where the grey lady walks. These and many more stories about the 'spirit of Guildford' can be found on this popular walk



PUBLIC ART

Discover some of Guildford's prominent public art and the story of the artists, the works and how they relate to Guildford's past. Find out about artists such as John Russell and G.F. Watts who have strong Guildford connections. See works of art by Faith Winter, Janine Creaye, Jeanne Argent and grasp some of the techniques used to create these works of art. Understand why prominent art is where it is in Guildford and its connection to Guildford's past. Appreciate how national and local businesses have contributed to the urban fabric of Guildford with the integration of art into buildings and public spaces throughout the town



LEWIS CARROLL



For nearly 30 years, this famous author spent part of each year at his unmarried sisters' home, The Chestnuts, where he died in 1898. On this walk you will see the buildings associated with him and hear how he spent his days writing, visiting and taking photographs. This walk celebrates the life and times of the Rev. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, better known as Lewis Carroll, his connections with Guildford and the surrounding area. The Chestnuts, the Alice Garden and St. Mary's Church form a major part of the tour, together with the museum's collection of memorabilia. A fascinating walk in the footsteps of one of our best known childrens' writers

Lunch

You may like to have lunch at Painshill garden OR Loseley Park

PAINSHILL GARDEN

In 1981, Painshill Park Trust, a registered charity was formed to restore the 18th century landscape garden which was originally created by the Honourable Charles Hamilton between 1738 and 1773. The 158 acre wonderland has something for everyone. Discover the mystical follies, historic plantings, the John Bartram Heritage Collection of North American trees and shrubs (Plant Heritage, NCCPG), and some of Surrey's amazing wildlife. Visit the Painshill shop for gifts, greeting cards and to buy Painshill English Sparkling Wine

OR

LOSELEY PARK

Built in the reign of Elizabeth I, Loseley Park stands in ancient Surrey parkland with stunning views towards North Downs. Still the home of the More-Molyneux family, it is remarkably unchanged since 1562 when Sir William More laid the first stones. From the House itself, where the intricate panelling in the Great Hall was once in Henry VIII's Nonsuch Palace, to the elegant Walled Garden with its award-winning rose garden, flower, herb, vegetable and white gardens and delightful moat walk, Loseley Park is a place to visit and relax in one of England's friendliest historic homes

Return to your accommodation to join the rest of the group

Evening

Dinner

Overnight Guilford

DAY 11

GUILDFORD

Saturday 15th July 2017 (B)

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

Main Group

Spend the day at **Farnborough Air Show**

9:30-5:30pm

FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW

Celebrating 100 years of Aviation History, witness a hearty selection of the great and the good, stemming back from WW1 and spanning through to modern day technology. The 4 ½ hour flying display will be bumper to bumper non-stop action and guaranteed to get your pulses racing. And it doesn't stop there! The on the ground entertainment offers the newly introduced Farnborough Airshow Live, the interactive and informative live stage show with fun and colourful presenting, competitions and interviews. At Farnborough Airshow there is so much to see and do for adults of all ages – with an enhanced 'shopping experience', General Aviation exhibition and static display, and a selection of rides and games



Alternative

Travel approximately 45 minutes to Portsmouth where you will visit the **Royal Naval Museum** and **Navy Yard** OR the group as a whole can chose to go to the **Osborne House on the Isle of Wight**

Note: The Isle of Wight involves a coach for approx. 1 hour, a ferry ride and a local bus

10:00-5:00pm

ROYAL NAVAL MUSEUM

Explore the British Navy's amazing and diverse history in the four exhibition galleries. See treasures from the last 350 years like the Life Mask taken from Nelson's face in 1800, the first Victoria Cross ever awarded in 1856, or a World War II Enigma Machine which helped win the Battle of the Atlantic. The National Museum of the Royal Navy Portsmouth brings history to life. It showcases treasures from the past 350 years and examines the common threads which link the sailor of England's 'Wooden Walls' to the professional crews of today



10:00-5:30pm NAVY YARD

Situated within a working Naval Base, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard is home to a collection of fantastic attractions, there's so much to see and do. A visit to the Dockyard takes you on a journey through time, allowing you to step on board historic ships and understand the Royal Navy, past, present and future. Discover why the ships built and harboured at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard led the way in terms of technology and innovation and how they changed the world

OR

10:00-6:00pm OSBORNE HOUSE ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Located on the Isle of Wight, **Osborne House** was the home of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Take an intimate glimpse into Queen Victoria's family life on an **exclusive private guided tour** of the nursery and private rooms of Victoria and Albert. Marvel at the magnificence of the Royal Apartments including the sumptuous drawing and dining rooms and the richly decorated Indian-inspired Durbar Room. Admire the stunning view from the terraces across the Solent – said to remind Prince Albert of the Bay of Naples and stroll through Osborne's extensive grounds. "It is impossible to imagine a prettier spot" - such were the words of Queen Victoria after her first visit to Osborne House



Afternoon Following your tour, **take time for lunch** in the famous yachting town of **Cowes**

Cowes is the northern-most town on the Isle of Wight and has the unique feature of being split into two by the mouth of the River Medina. Both sides of the town are steeped in maritime heritage, with large marinas making Cowes very popular for sailing all year round. The world's largest sailing regatta "Cowes Week" takes place here every summer. There are local museums where you can discover more about the maritime and military histories of both Cowes and the Isle of Wight as a whole. Cowes is a vibrant area for shopping, with many boutique stores mixed in with nautical stores and quirky gift shops. Cowes is easily navigated along the pedestrianised High Street. The parade which sits to the west of the town front is a great place to take a stroll and makes for an easy scenic walk along to the neighbouring village of Gurnard

Return to your accommodation

Evening **Dinner**

Overnight Guilford

DAY 12 GUILFORD

Sunday 16th July 2017 (B)

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

Main Group Spend a second day at the **Farnborough Air Show**

Alternative Spend the day today exploring **Windsor Castle** and the town of **Windsor**

9:45-5:15pm WINDSOR CASTLE

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world and is the Official Residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Windsor Castle has a rich history spanning more than 1,000 years. It is an official residence of Her Majesty the Queen, whose standard flies from the Round Tower when she is in residence



The State Apartments

The State Apartments are furnished with some of the finest works of art from the Royal Collection, including paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens and Canaletto. Many of the works of art are still in the historic settings for which they were first collected or commissioned by the Kings and Queens who have lived at Windsor

Queen Mary's Dolls' House

Among the highlights of a visit to Windsor is Queen Mary's Dolls' House, the largest, most beautiful and most famous dolls' house in the world. Built for Queen Mary by the leading British architect Sir Edwin Lutyens between 1921 and 1924, this most magical of residences is a perfect replica in miniature of an aristocratic home. The house is filled with thousands of objects made by leading artists, designers and craftsmen. From life below stairs to the high-society setting of the saloon and dining room, no detail was forgotten. Among the most striking features of Queen Mary's Dolls' House are the library, bursting with original works by the top literary names of the day, a fully stocked wine cellar and a garden created by Gertrude Jekyll. The Dolls' House even includes electricity, running hot and cold water, working lifts and flushing lavatories

The Semi-State Rooms

One of the best times of the year to visit Windsor Castle is between September and March, when the spectacular private apartments created for George IV are open. These Semi-State Rooms are among the most richly decorated interiors in the Castle and are used by The Queen for official entertaining. George IV had a well-developed love of fine objects and a taste for the theatrical. With his architect, Sir Jeffry Wyattville, he completely remodelled the Castle's exterior during the 1820s, giving it the romantic and picturesque appearance seen today. He also decided to create a new suite of private rooms on the sunnier east and south sides of the Castle. This was George IV's last and greatest commission, and one of the most lavish and costly interior decoration schemes ever carried out in England



St George's Chapel

St George's Chapel is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in England and is particularly noted for its magnificent stone fan vaulting. It is the spiritual home of the Order of the Garter, the senior order of British Chivalry established in 1348 by Edward III. Within the chapel are the tombs of ten sovereigns, including Henry VIII and his third wife Jane Seymour and Charles I



Changing the Guard

The privilege of guarding the Sovereign traditionally belongs to the Household Troops, better known as 'the Guards', who have carried out this duty since 1660. For operational and other reasons, this privilege is periodically extended to other regiments of the British Army. The Guards consist of five infantry regiments – the Grenadier, Coldstream, Scots, Irish and Welsh Guards – and two regiments of the Household Cavalry – the Life Guards and Blues and Royals.



Changing the Guard, also known as 'Guard Mounting', begins with the Windsor Castle Guard forming up outside the Guard Room. In due course, the new Guard will arrive, led by a Regimental Band, Corps of Drums or occasionally by a Pipe Band. During the 45-minute ceremony, the handover of duties will take place, including the changeover of sentries. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the old Guard will return to Victoria Barracks in Windsor town. When The Queen is in official residence, the parade takes place on the Castle Forecourt

Windsor Castle Shops

The three shops around Windsor Castle offer a wide range of exclusive gift items inspired by the works of art in the Royal Collection, many of which are displayed at Windsor Castle. You can purchase homeware, china, clothing and jewellery, children's toys, books and postcards

The income from every purchase you make contributes directly to the care of the Royal Collection, which is held in trust by The Queen for her successors and the nation. The Collection is administered by the Royal Collection Trust, a registered charity. The aims of the Trust are the care and conservation of the Royal Collection and the promotion of public access and enjoyment through exhibitions, publications, loans and educational activities

Re-join the rest of the group and return to your accommodation

Evening

Dinner

Overnight Guildford

DAY 13 GUILFORD – ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Monday 17th July 2017 (B)

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

Main Group

A short drive from Farnborough is the **Brooklands Museum**, the birthplace of British Motor Sport and aviation

10:00-5:00pm BROOKLANDS MUSEUM

Brooklands was the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit and was constructed at Weybridge, Surrey in 1907. It 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

You will have time to take part in a **guided tour** as well as the unique **Concorde Experience**

CONCORDE EXPERIENCE

Take your seat as the Captain welcomes you and he is given the instruction "Concorde Speedbird One cleared for take-off". See, hear and feel Concorde blast along the runway, soar into the sky and accelerate to Mach 2 – twice the speed of sound. Re-live the excitement of the supersonic age in this fascinating Concorde "flight". Choose from the following experiences:

THE BRITISH AIRWAYS CONCORDE SIMULATOR

The Concorde Simulator was commissioned in 1975 as one of just two in the world, at a cost of about £3 million - over £20 million at today's prices. One of the most sophisticated aircraft simulators ever created, it was installed at the British Aircraft Corporation at Filton near Bristol and, for 28 years, was used to train all British Airways Concorde aircrew. When Concorde operations ceased at the end of 2003, BA decommissioned the simulator and, a year later, it was dismantled and transported to Brooklands Museum. As a result of a three-year project, initially funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC), led by a team of volunteers from the Museum and the University of Surrey, along with the expert assistance of XPI Simulation, this unique piece of aviation technology is being flown again as a fixed-base unit - the only operational Concorde Simulator in the world

There are several levels of this experience and we recommend either the Technical Concorde Experience or the Concorde Simulator Experience subject to availability. The Technical Concorde Experience explores the fascinating technical achievements of the aircraft. There will also be the opportunity to sit on Concorde's Flight Deck, and spend time on board the Concorde Simulator as she takes off from London Heathrow, flies a low-level pass over Brooklands and lands back at Heathrow. The Concorde Simulator Experience includes actually flying the Concorde Simulator, with one of the Concorde Captains. Both these experiences are generally scheduled for specific days, however if you are interested, we will enquire as to the availability of these experiences for you as a group

DELUXE CONCORDE EXPERIENCE

Step aboard Concorde, sit in a real Concorde seat and sip Champagne during the 'flight'! The Deluxe Concorde Experience takes the regular 35-minute visit of Concorde and adds more time on board for the Champagne service and the opportunity to sit on Concorde's Flight Deck. The Museum's Members' Bar will be your Departure Lounge, with tea or coffee and a 'pre-flight' briefing, and you'll also be able to visit to the Concorde Simulator

TECHNICAL CONCORDE EXPERIENCE

The Technical Concorde Experience adds much more time to the regular Concorde Experience and explores the fascinating technical achievements of the aircraft. There will also be the opportunity to sit on Concorde's Flight Deck, and spend time on board the Concorde Simulator as she takes off from London Heathrow, flies a low-level pass over Brooklands and lands back at Heathrow. Duration: 2 hours 15 minutes

CHAMPAGNE DAYS

Exclusive days evoking the magic of Concorde hosted by captain mike bannister, British airways chief Concorde pilot. An authentic Concorde menu re-created for the **captain's lunch**

In addition to the Champagne Flight, lunch will be a re-creation of an actual Concorde menu and will be taken with Captain Mike Bannister, British Airways Chief Concorde Pilot, and, after your meal, he will give a fascinating Concorde presentation. Your day with Concorde will also include a brief visit to the Concorde Simulator - the only one in the world open to the public! On your arrival at Brooklands Museum you will be invited to a Champagne Reception with Captain Mike Bannister in the art deco Members' Bar of the Edwardian Clubhouse. Captains Lunch in the Blue Bird Room. Then, at the appropriate time, one of the Concorde team will accompany you to the aircraft and you will have your first glimpse of that unmistakeable shape. The rear cabin is now a fascinating exhibition with four themes - the origins of Concorde; building and testing; Concorde in service; and tragedy, recovery and retirement. There are archive film clips, images, documents and artefacts from Concorde's history, and a film detailing the life of G-BBDG from construction to her restoration and opening to the public at Brooklands. Walking forward you will see a display of passenger seating and memorabilia from Concorde's time in service from 1976 to 2003. Moving in to the front cabin, it will be time for your 'flight'!

Taking your place in one of the famous grey leather Concorde seats, you will be served a glass of champagne before 'take-off'. After 'landing' you will be invited by Capt. Bannister to join him on the Flight Deck and to sit in the pilot's seat - time for a very special and memorable photograph! Don't forget your camera!

On disembarkation, you will be able to see the Concorde Simulator on which all British Airways pilots were trained

Alternative Explore the beautiful **Hampton Court Palace**

10:00-6:00PM HAMPTON COURT PALACE

Discover the magnificence of Henry VIII's favourite royal residence. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the bustling Base Court and marvel at the breath-taking grandeur of Henry's State Rooms. Tickle your taste buds in the vast Tudor kitchens, stroll through over 60 acres of enchanting gardens, lose yourself in the famous maze and appreciate the beauty of one of the greatest palaces on earth. Creep along the Haunted Gallery and discover another palace, the Baroque Palace, full of intrigue and gossip from the Stuart and Georgian era. Costumed tours and talks happen daily



Meet up with the rest of the group and return to your accommodation

Evening **Dinner**

Overnight Royal Tunbridge Wells

DAY 14 ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Tuesday 18th July 2017 (B)

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

Board your coach for the drive to **Lydd** which will take approximately 2 hours

Main Group

This morning transfer to **Lydd Airfield** where you will be experiencing the breath taking views on an **Airfield Spitfire Tour**

AIRFIELD SPITFIRE TOUR

You will be flown in a Chieftain, a twin-engine executive aircraft with luxurious leather seats and clear, non-reflective panoramic windows. There are excellent photo opportunities. Soon after take-off you will be thrilled as the Spitfire draws alongside. Now you are flying in the very airspace where some of the most intense battles were fought. The sight of the Spitfire being put through its paces takes your breath away and your heart races as you imagine the emotions of the pilots in 'the long hot summer of 1940'. The backdrop is Romney Marsh and the local coast

Alternative

This morning visit **Chartwell**, the family home of Sir Winston Churchill

11:00-5:00pm CHARTWELL

Chartwell was the much-loved Churchill family home and the place from which Sir Winston drew inspiration from 1924 until the end of his life. 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. Additionally, every winter we put on a new temporary exhibition to explore Churchill in more detail and draw items out of storage. The hillside gardens reflect Sir Winston's love of the landscape and nature. They include the lakes he created, the kitchen garden and the Marycot, a playhouse designed for his youngest daughter Mary. Beyond the gardens there is an expanse of woodland with looped trails, natural play areas and swings. There's den building, a Canadian camp and opportunities to stretch your legs

**Afternoon**

Lunch today is by individual arrangement

After lunch, you may choose to return to Tunbridge Wells and explore the beautiful town or perhaps go shopping!



Royal Tunbridge Wells shopping offers a unique experience for everyone. The combination of specialist shops with big high street names, in a charming and historic setting, makes the town a popular destination with all kinds of shoppers, especially those looking for a little retail therapy. Many of the towns and villages in the area also offer an interesting and pleasant alternative to shopping in the town centre. Cranbrook and the Wealden Villages are well worth a visit with their good selection of small specialist shops, antique shops and eateries - good places to seek out local specialities or a souvenir of the area to take home

Meet up with the rest of the group and return to your accommodation

Evening

Dinner

Overnight Royal Tunbridge Wells

INCLUSIONS

ACTIVITIES

- Entrance to Battle of Britain Bunker
- **Guided tour of the Cotswolds including Moreton-In-Marsh, Stow on the Wold**
- Entrance to Royal International Air Tattoo
- **Guided Downton Abbey Era tour at Highclere Castle**
- Visit to Wiltshire
- **Guided tour of Cambridge**
- Entrance to King and Queen's College
- Visit to River Ram
- Entrance to Imperial War Museum
- Entrance to Ely Cathedral
- Entrance to the Stained Glass Museum
- Entrance to Oliver Cromwell's House
- **Guided tour of Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby**
- Entrance to Lincoln Cathedral
- Entrance to Lincoln Castle
- Entrance to Medieval Bishops Palace
- Entrance to Doddington Hall and Gardens
- Visit to Steep hill (time permitting)
- Entrance to Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre
- Entrance to Burghley House
- Visit to Bletchley Park
- **Guided tour of Blenheim Palace and State Rooms**
- **Guided tour of Oxford including Colleges'**
- Entrance to The Beatles Hidden Gallery
- Entrance to Heritage Motor Centre Museum
- Entrance to Ashmolean Museum
- Entrance to Sudeley Castle
- Entrance to Farnborough Air Show
- **Guided walking tour of Guildford**
- Visit to Painshill Garden OR Loseley Park
- Entrance to Royal Naval Museum and Navy Yard OR **Exclusive Private guided tour of Osborne House on the Isle of Wight**
- **Visit to Cowes**
- Entrance to Windsor Castle
- Entrance to Brooklands Museum
- **Guided Concorde Experience Tour**
- Entrance to Hampton Court Palace
- Guided Airfield Spitfire Tour at Lydd
- Visit to Chartwell

ADDENDUM A | Optional Tour Extension to London

Note: this extension would commence after the conclusion of the group tour

DAY 15
LONDON
Wednesday 19th July 2017 (B)
Morning
Breakfast at your accommodation

This morning, depart Royal Tunbridge Wells and drive to **London** which will take approximately 2 hours

Entire Group

Enjoy a panoramic guided tour of London for a two and half to three hour **panoramic city tour** showing you many of the wonderful London sights including:

**Piccadilly Circus
Nelson's Column
Tower Bridge
and more!**

**Trafalgar Square
St Paul's Cathedral
The Mews**


Main Group

This afternoon visit the **Churchill War Rooms**

9:30-5:00pm
CHURCHILL WAR ROOMS

Visit Churchill War Rooms to discover the original Cabinet War Rooms, the wartime bunker that sheltered Churchill and his government during the Blitz. Explore the historic rooms to experience the secret history that lives on underground. Discover the stories of those who worked underground as London was being bombed above them, and then find out more about the life and legacy of Winston Churchill in the interactive Churchill Museum

Alternative

This afternoon is free for those who wish to shop at **Harrods in Kensington** or stroll down **Oxford Street**



HARRODS

Harrods is London's most famous department store. The luxurious store is on many tourists' itineraries, who come to admire the magnificent interior and enormous selection. They often leave the store with a signature green bag. Foreign visitors account for a significant part of the store's sales



OXFORD STREET

Oxford Street is a major road in the City of Westminster, in the West End of London. It is Europe's busiest shopping street. Oxford Street offers an unrivalled shopping experience thanks to its exciting mix of high-street fashion and international brands and accessories. Brands include French Connection, Fossil, GAP, H&M, Marks & Spencer, Zara and much more!

Evening

Dinner

Overnight London

DAY 16**LONDON****Thursday 20th July 2017 (B)**

Morning

Breakfast at your accommodation

After breakfast, visit the **Tower of London** for a **guided tour**

9:00-5:30pm**TOWER OF LONDON**

In the early 1080s, William the Conqueror began to build the **Tower of London**. Successive monarchs added to the fortress over the following centuries. The Tower of London has been an integral part of British royal history for nearly 1000 years. Marvel at the breathtaking Crown Jewels, stand on the execution site of three English queens and hear all the myths and legends of this historic place. The Tower of London is the home of the famous Beefeaters, known officially as the Yeomen Warders of Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress the Tower of London and Members of the Sovereign's Body Guard of the Yeoman Guard Extraordinary. These are ceremonial guardians of the Tower of London. In principle they are responsible for looking after any prisoners in the Tower and safeguarding the British crown jewels, but in practice they act as tour guides and are a tourist attraction in their own right, a point the Yeoman Warders acknowledge



Afternoon

After lunch, take some time to explore **Kensington Gardens**. Marvel at the size of the **Albert Memorial** and see **Kensington Palace**, the home of William and Kate, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge

KENSINGTON GARDENS

Once the private gardens of Kensington Palace, Kensington Gardens is one of London's eight royal parks. The park is planted with formal avenues of magnificent trees and ornamental flower beds, and covers 275 acres. It is home to Kensington Palace, the peaceful Italian Gardens, Peter Pan statue, the stunning Albert Memorial and the Serpentine Gallery. There are mature trees, grasslands and many types of wildlife

This afternoon, take a **guided tour** of the famous **Victoria and Albert Museum OR the British Museum**

10:00-5:45pm**VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM (V&A)**

Explore the breathtaking treasures and hidden gems of more than 2,000 years of art and design. From the spectacular collections to their captivating exhibitions and events, there is something for everyone. Highlights include the Medieval Renaissance galleries containing some of the greatest surviving treasures from the period, the breathtaking Jewellery Gallery and the stunning British Galleries, illustrating the history of Britain through the nation's art and design

**OR**

10:00-5:30pm THE BRITISH MUSEUM

The British Museum opened to the public on 15 January 1759. With the exception of two World Wars, the Museum has remained open ever since, gradually increasing its opening hours and moving from an attendance of 5,000 per year to today's 6 million. The world-famous British Museum exhibits the works of man from prehistoric to modern times from around the world. Highlights include the Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon sculptures and the mummies in the Ancient Egypt collection



Evening Dinner

Overnight in London

DAY 17 LONDON**Friday 21st July 2017 (B)**

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

After breakfast, take a **guided tour** of **Westminster Abbey**

9:30-3:30pm WESTMINSTER ABBEY

An architectural masterpiece of the 13th to 16th centuries, **Westminster Abbey** also presents a unique pageant of British history - the shrine of St Edward the Confessor, the tombs of kings and queens and countless memorials to the famous and the great, including poets, statesmen, scientists, architects and much more. It has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066 and for numerous royal occasions including the funeral of Princess Diana in 1997 and the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, now the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge



After your tour, **see Big Ben** and the **Palace of Westminster**

9:00-5:00pm HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The **Palace of Westminster** is the meeting place of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, the two houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. Commonly known as the **Houses of Parliament** after its tenants, the Palace lies on the Middlesex bank of the River Thames in the City of Westminster, in central London. Its name, which derives from the neighbouring Westminster Abbey, may refer to either of two structures: the Old Palace, a medieval building complex that was destroyed by fire in 1834 and its replacement New Palace that stands today. For ceremonial purposes, the palace retains its original style and status as a royal residence

Big Ben is one of London's most famous landmarks. The name Big Ben is often used to describe the tower, the clock and the bell, but the name was first given to the Great Bell. The Elizabeth Tower, which stands at the north end of the Houses of Parliament, was completed in 1859 with the Great Clock started on 31 May, the Great Bell's strikes heard for the first time on 11 July and the quarter bells first chimed on 7 September



Afternoon After lunch, your next stop today is the **Banqueting House**

10:00-5:00pm BANQUETING HOUSE

This is the only remaining part of the Palace of Whitehall which was burnt down in the 17th Century. This national monument is perhaps best known as the site of the execution of Charles I in 1649. This masterpiece ceiling painting of Peter Paul Rubens is one of the most famous from a golden age. **The Banqueting House** building is one of the first examples of the principles of Palladianism being applied to an English building, and marks the start of a revolution in British architecture. Although renowned for its architecture, Banqueting House is probably most famous for a significant event, the execution of King Charles I on 30 January 1649



This afternoon, visit the **Imperial War Museum**

10:00-6:00pm IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

The Imperial War Museum tells the stories of peoples' experiences of modern war and conflict. Visit ground-breaking First World War Galleries which tell the story of the First World War – how it started, why it continued and its global impact, through the lives of those who experienced it

Evening Dinner

Overnight in London

DAY 18 LONDON – AUSTRALIA**Saturday 22nd July 2017 (B)**

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

Transfer to Heathrow Airport, London for your **flight home**

Board your flight home to Australia

DAY 19 ARRIVE HOME TO AUSTRALIA**Sunday 23rd July 2017**

Arrive home, proceed through immigration and collect your bags

END OF TOUR ARRANGEMENTS**INCLUSIONS****ACTIVITIES**

- **Panoramic city tour of London**
- Visit to Harrods in Kensington or Oxford Street
- **Guided tour of Tower of London**
- Visit to Kensington Gardens
- **Guided tour of the Victoria and Albert Museum OR British Museum**
- **Guided tour of Westminster Abbey**
- Visit to Big Ben and the Palace of Westminster
- Entrance to Banqueting House
- Entrance to Imperial War Museum