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Presents...

BOMBER COMMAND MEMORIAL TOUR TO ENGLAND



June 21 to 29, 2012

Escorted by Ed McManus with Bob Reynolds, RAF



THE BOMBER COMMAND ASSOCIATION, WITH THE HELP OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, IS ERECTING A PERMANENT MEMORIAL IN CENTRAL LONDON TO THE 55,000-BOMBER AIRCREW KILLED IN WWII. OUR TOUR TO LONDON COINCIDES WITH THE UNVEILING OF THIS MEMORIAL AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BOB REYNOLDS, FOUNDER OF VALOR TOURS, LTD., AND FORMER RAF BOMBER COMMAND PILOT IN WWII.

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THE ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL ROLE OF THE MEN OF BOMBER COMMAND IN FREEING EUROPE FROM HITLER'S TYRANNICAL RULE HAS NEVER BEEN PROPERLY RECOGNIZED IN BRITAIN BY MEDAL, MEMORIAL OR PUBLIC DECLARATION. INDEED, SINCE WINSTON CHURCHILL'S POLITICALLY MOTIVATED FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE BOMBER COMMAND IN HIS VE DAY SPEECH, THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN UNIQUE AMONGST THE ALLIED VICTORS IN DUCKING THE REALITY THAT A FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL AND FREEDOM AGAINST SUCH A VICIOUS ENEMY NECESSITATED UNCOMPROMISING OFFENSIVE ACTION. AS CHURCHILL HIMSELF DECLARED IN 1940: "THE FIGHTERS ARE OUR SALVATION BUT THE BOMBERS ALONE PROVIDE THE MEANS OF VICTORY."



Below: Artist rendition of the Bomber Command Memorial in Green Park, London.

FORGOTTEN HEROES

DURING THE WAR, THE MEN OF BOMBER COMMAND, ALL VOLUNTEERS, WERE UNANIMOUSLY REGARDED AS HEROES. THE PUBLIC APPRECIATED THAT THESE EXTRAORDINARY YOUNG MEN WERE DARING TO FLY INTO THE ENEMY'S HEAVILY-DEFENDED TERRITORY AND STRIKE BACK AT GERMANY FOR ITS UNPROVOKED ATTACKS ON WARSAW, ROTTERDAM AND OTHER UNDEFENDED CIVILIAN CENTERS ACROSS EUROPE. AFTER THE ALLIES' DISASTROUS DEFEAT IN FRANCE DURING MAY/JUNE 1940 AND THE DESPERATE RESCUE OF BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS FROM DUNKIRK, THE BRITISH BRACED THEMSELVES FOR INVASION. THIS WAS DEFEATED BOTH BY THE RAF FIGHTERS' SPECTACULAR VICTORY AGAINST THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE AND THE RAF BOMBERS' ATTACKS ON GERMAN SHIPPING, LOGISTICS, TROOPS AND BARGES MASSING ON THE FRENCH COAST. FORCED TO ABANDON THEIR INVASION, THE GERMANS THEN LAUNCHED THEIR NIGHT TIME 'BLITZ' ON LONDON, COVENTRY, LIVERPOOL, PLYMOUTH, GLASGOW AND MANY OTHER BRITISH CITIES, KILLING 43,000 CIVILIANS. BRITAIN HAD LITTLE DEFENSE AGAINST THESE NIGHT RAIDS AND WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPLESS TO HIT BACK WITHOUT THE RAF'S FLEDGING BOMBER FORCE.

BOMBER COMMAND MEMORIAL TOUR

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, Calif. 94965 U.S.A. Questions? Call 1-800-842-4504.

Name _____ Name _____
(name w/o middle name, as it appears on your passport)

Name _____ Name _____
(As you would like it to appear on ID badge/passenger list)

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone (days) _____

I/we wish to reserve ___ spaces on a:
 ___ twin share basis (two persons to a hotel room)
 ___ single basis (I am traveling alone and do not wish to share)
 ___ single basis (I am willing to share with another tour member to save the single supplement expense)
 ___ Smoking, or ___ Non smoking.

Enclosed is my/our check for the deposit in the amount of \$_____ (\$500 per person), or please charge my American Express account number

_____ Exp _____
(Valor Tours does not accept VISA or Master Card)

I/we need assistance with air arrangements from _____ to London to coincide with tour package.

Extra nights in hotel in London before or after tour:
 ___ extra nights at the hotel in London prior to commencement of tour on June 21, and/or ___ after tour completed on June 29.

Next of kin (name/phone) _____

Dietary requirements _____

Date(s) of birth (for travel insurance included in tour cost):

I/we have read and understand the terms set forth in this brochure

Signature _____ Date _____

TOUR COST \$3,200 PER PERSON, LAND ONLY SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$650

Includes nine night's accommodations at hotels with private facilities; Services of Ed Mc Manus as tour manger/historian; breakfast daily; other meals as indicated by L-Lunch and D-Dinner; entrance fees; private coach transport and sightseeing as indicated in itinerary; local taxes; emergency travel insurance coverage; portorage.

Our hotel in London is the Mercure Bloomsbury Hotel in central London. Contemporary 4 star boutique style hotel with WiFi and air conditioning. Within walking distance of many of London's top attractions such as the British Museum, Covent Garden, Oxford Street & Theatres. In close proximity to Russell Square tube station. Euston mainline station and Kings Cross St Pancras for Eurostar are nearby. Recently refurbished restaurant and bar.

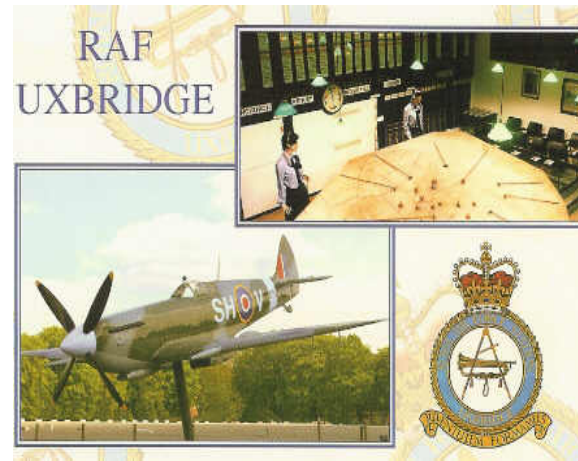


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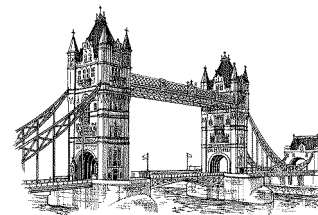
Due to the absence of handicap and disability laws in Europe, any tour participant with disabilities must be accompanied by a companion who is fully responsible for assisting the disabled tour member at all times throughout the tour. Our tour coach does not have a wheelchair lift and staff are not permitted to offer physical assistance. There is as much or as little walking as you wish as our tour coach is always available to retreat to. Travel emergency insurance coverage is included in the tour package.



"As usual, the tour was outstanding...places visited and accommodations. This is my second tour to England. I also enjoy meeting and talking with the other tour members, each one has stories and anecdotes to contribute which enrich the experience. I'm looking forward to next year's tour..." Carver Kennedy



Bob Reynolds will provide eye witness accounts and relate many of his experiences while taking you to aircrew haunts where aircrews left their mark, aviation museums, the private underground rooms where Churchill held his cabinet meetings, an underground fighter command control room as well as a visit to an RAF base where Bob's old Squadron is active today in the Afghanistan conflict. Bob will share anecdotes and insights into the day and nighttime operations, crew training and life with an active bomber Squadron as well as life during the Nazi Blitz on London.



*"For me this was a very special journey back in time (Twelve O'clock High tour to England). I loved every moment. Thank you for a glorious experience. You are truly great experts in your field. It takes great skill and knowledge to put together a program of this kind. Long may you reign!"
Cynthia Smith*



Donations are still being accepted by going to www.bombercommand.com. To contribute now to the Bomber Command Memorial Fund please send a check, payable to 'Bomber Command Association' to: Doug Radcliffe MBE, the secretary, Bomber Command Association RAF Museum, Grahame Park Way, Hendon, London NW9 5RR, England, or go to www.rafbombercommand.com and click on the green button, then click on the "make a donation" button.

GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$500 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. American Express or personal check only can be accepted for payment. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Final payment is due March 20, 2012. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation, description of insurance coverage (included in the cost) and newsletter with further details. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 participants traveling together and current rates. Once deposit is received, current rates are guaranteed.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to March 20, 2012. Cancellations received between March 21 and May 21, 2012 subject to loss of deposit or \$500 per person. Cancellation received after May 21, 2012 or "no shows" are non refundable. Cancellation insurance is not included in the cost of the package, but is available upon request. Personal deviations and extensions to tour are subject to the same penalties. Payments made by check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process. Payments made by American Express must be credited back to your AX account and may take up to 60 days to appear on your statement. Overseas customers may use Paypal, account name: valortours@yahoo.com.

HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

A valid passport is required to travel to Europe. Visas and inoculations are not required, however we recommend getting Tetanus updated. Please check your passport to make sure it is valid at least six months beyond date of tour. Recommended reading list, description of travel cancellation insurance coverage and detailed itinerary sent to passengers on deposit only. Travel documents including ID badge, baggage tags, final instructions and maps will be sent to all fully paid passengers at the beginning of June. If you have any questions, call Valor Tours, Ltd. at 1-800-842-4504.

WHAT TO BRING

Casual and comfortable travel clothes, comfortable walking shoes, brimmed hat, suntan lotion, wash clothe, bottle of Woolite, plenty of film, camera (water proof if possible), wind breaker, back pack, flask to carry water, binoculars. Attire for Memorial dedication is neat casual such as what you would wear out in the evening in London. Leave expensive jewelry and high-heeled shoes at home. Carry medications, airline tickets, and passport, cash and travelers checks on your person – do not pack in suitcase, as there are occasional delays. Travel light – one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PACKAGE COST

Foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itineraries, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, cancellation insurance coverage and airfare.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

To ensure worry free travel, this tour includes valuable travel insurance at no additional cost to you. This coverage is provided by TRAVELEX Insurance Services. A description of insurance coverage will be sent to each participant upon receipt of his/her application and deposit. Coverage includes sickness and accident medical expense; accidental death and dismemberment; trip delay or missed flight connections; medical evacuation and repatriation; baggage and personal effects loss or delay; assistance services worldwide. Cancellation/trip interruption coverage is not included but available upon request.

Valor Tours, Ltd. reserves the right to modify the itinerary should road conditions, traffic, unexpected detours or local conditions beyond our control so dictate. European coach driving laws will be observed at all times. The coach driver is limited to the amount of time he may spend at the wheel. Unused components are non-refundable. Itinerary subject to change.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF — SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thu June 21 (D)

Independent arrivals into London. Meet at the Mercure London Bloomsbury Hotel near the Russell Station and the British Museum. Group dinner tonight for briefing and introductions.

Fri June 22 (B)

Tour of London includes Whitehall and Cabinet War rooms, 10 Downing Street, The Cenotaph, Battle of Britain Memorial, exterior of Houses of Parliament, Clock Tower and Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, The Strand, St. Clement Danes RAF Chapel, Fleet Street, St. Paul's Cathedral and American Chapel, London Bridge and Tower of London.

Sat June 23 (B)

Check out of London hotel and drive to RAF Museum at Hendon to see Bomber Command section. Continue with drive by Windsor Castle and RAF Memorial overlooking Runnymede. Overnight near Uxbridge.

Sun June 24 (B)

Morning visit the underground Fighter Command Control center. Then onto Oxford and tour the famous University of Oxford. Overnight in Oxford.

Mon June 25 (B, D)

Today visit Bob's old WWII Squadron at an active RAF station including flight line. Afternoon continue to Cambridge and Bletchley Park "Enigma" building. Dinner at pub where aircrews left their mark. Overnight Gonville Hotel, Cambridge.

Tue June 26 (B)

American Cemetery and Duxford airfield all day to include the American Air Museum and Bomber Hanger.

Wed June 27 (B, L)

Drive back to London with a leisurely stop at Lavenham's old WWII Control Tower and preserved Tudor Village. Lunch at the Swan Inn. Overnight Mercure London Bloomsbury Hotel.

Thu June 28 (B, D)

Attend Bomber Command Memorial dedication at Green Park. Tour Buckingham Palace. Farewell dinner.

Fri June 29 (B)

Check out of hotel. Tour ends.



Extra nights at hotel in London \$139 per person, per night, twin share inclusive of taxes and breakfast. Single occupancy \$206 per night inclusive of taxes and breakfast.