



# AMERICAN AIRFIELDS

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American Airfields | England, United Kingdom

# AMERICAN AIRFIELDS TRIP SUMMARY

As of 1942, the arrival of hundreds of U.S. airmen into southeastern Britain marked the start of a critical tactical partnership between the RAF and the USAAF that would extend to the final days of WWII. This personal heritage journey puts you on a path to discovery, tracing the rich history of American war and aviation history in England. Explore the narrative of Winston Churchill, the man who led the wartime initiatives of Britain alongside the other Allied forces. Pay your respects at the peaceful Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, and at the famed Duxford Airfield, gain insight into the lives of airmen as you visit the American Air Museum and the Imperial War Museum. Slip out into the countryside to bear witness to the historic American airfields that dot the green landscape, then make your way to the English coast where the iconic white cliffs of Dover greeted enemy aircraft with anti-aircraft weaponry, securing the airspace over the English Channel. Trace your relatives back to their WWII air missions, learning about yourself in the process.





# HIGHLIGHTS

EXPLORE LONDON'S ICONIC LANDMARKS AND RICH HISTORY.

VISIT WWII SITES TO HONOR HEROES AND THEIR SACRIFICES.

DISCOVER CAMBRIDGE'S HISTORIC CHARM AND LEGACY.

TOUR DOVER'S CASTLE, CLIFFS, AND MEMORIALS.

WALK THROUGH CHURCHILL'S HOME AND GARDENS.



# TRIP DETAILS

Oct 1, 2025 – Oct 4, 2025

## DAY 1 – LONDON – GET IN AND GET SOME REST

Heathrow Airport (arrival) - Vehicle/Driver

Airport Meet & Greet – Assistant

Welcome Dinner – 3-Course Menu

Accommodations:  
Royal Horseguards

## DAY 2 – LONDON – STROLLING THE MAGICAL STREETS

City Highlights with Tower of London & Westminster (8 hrs) - Private Tour

Accommodations:  
Royal Horseguards

## DAY 3 – LONDON – A WALK THROUGH THE PAST

1/2 Day Churchill's War Rooms & Imperial War Museum (6 hrs) - Vehicle/Driver/Guide

Afternoon at Leisure

Accommodations:  
Royal Horseguards

## DAY 4 – LONDON TO CAMBRIDGE – A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME

London - Cambridge [via IWM Duxford & Cambridge American Cemetery, 8 hrs] - Vehicle/Driver-Guide

Self-Guided Stroll of Cambridge

Accommodations:  
University Arms





# TRIP DETAILS

Oct 5, 2025 – Oct 8, 2025

## DAY 5 – CAMBRIDGE – WALK IN YOUR RELATIVES' FOOTSTEPS

A Journey of Remembrance [with Framlington Castle & Parham Airfield Museum (8 hrs) - Vehicle/Driver/Guide

Dinner

Accommodations:  
University Arms

## DAY 7 – CAMBRIDGE TO CANTERBURY – LEST WE FORGET

Cambridge - Canterbury [via 95th & 100th Bomb Group Museums (8 hrs)] - Vehicle/Driver-Guide

Dinner

Accommodations:  
ABode Canterbury

## DAY 6 – CAMBRIDGE – IN REMEMBRANCE

Airfields of Norfolk [with 96th, 453rd, & 389th Bomb Group Museums (8 hrs) - Vehicle/Driver

Accommodations:  
University Arms

## DAY 8 – CANTERBURY – A HEALTHY DOSE OF HISTORY

*Dover Castle, Western Heights & Battle of Britain Memorial (8 hrs) - Vehicle/Driver-Guide*

Accommodations:  
ABode Canterbury





# TRIP DETAILS

Oct 9, 2025 – Oct 10, 2025

## DAY 9 – CANTERBURY TO LONDON – CROSS AN ITEM OFF THE BUCKET LIST

Canterbury-London - via Churchill's Home at Chartwell, 8 hrs -  
Vehicle/Driver-Guide

Farewell Dinner - 3-Course Menu

Accommodations:  
Royal Horseguards

## DAY 10 – LONDON – UNTIL NEXT TIME...

Heathrow Airport (departure) - Vehicle/Driver

Depart

# DAY-BY-DAY

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DAY 1 - Wed, Oct 1, 2025: London

## Get In and Get Some Rest

Meet your private driver and vehicle for an airport transfer.

For your added comfort, a Meet & Greet assistant will be waiting for you in the Arrivals Hall of the airport after you pass through customs. They'll direct you to your transfer, assist in the hotel check-in process, and take you through your travel documents.

Package includes:

- 1 Glass of Sparkling wine on arrival
- Three course meal (pre -ordered set menu -1 starter, 1 main and 1 dessert, plus one vegetarian menu for the whole group) followed by coffee & petit fours
- Room Hire for the Main Room
- Half a bottle of house wine
- Half a bottle of mineral water
- Menus
- Candelabras & mirrored centerpieces

Where you're staying

Royal Horseguards





DAY 2 - Thu, Oct 2, 2025: London

## Strolling the Magical Streets

Meet your private driver and guide, and set out on a full day tour to familiarize yourself with London's signature sights. In order to avoid the crowds later in the day, you'll first make your way to the majestic Tower of London, heading through London's historic center, passing Pudding Lane where the Great Fire of London started in 1666. Upon arrival, you'll visit the Tower, an 11th century castle initiated by William the Conqueror, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home of the priceless Crown Jewels. From there, head through the City of London, home to the Bank of London and the London Stock Exchange. Continue to Westminster, renowned home of Hyde Park, the Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, Piccadilly Circus, Bond Street, and more. Here you'll visit the iconic Westminster Abbey, coronation and burial site for English monarchs dating back to 1066. Immerse yourself in this landmark of English history, rich in celebration and ceremony.

### Where you're staying

Royal Horseguards



DAY 3 - Fri, Oct 3, 2025: London

## A Walk Through the Past

Meet your private driver and guide for a tour of Churchill's War Rooms and the Imperial War Museum. Discover the original Cabinet War Rooms, the wartime bunker which sheltered Churchill and his staff during the Blitz. These historic rooms once buzzed with planning and plotting, strategies and secrets, and today you can explore the subterranean headquarters to experience the secret history that lives on, under ground. Next take some time to explore the 6 floors of London's Imperial War Museum. Visit the many different exhibits housed in this spectacular building including the First World War Galleries, the Lord Ashcroft Gallery to Extraordinary Heroes (an extensive display of military service medals dating from the Crimean War) and the award-winning Holocaust Exhibition, which helps to illustrate the Nazi persecution of the Jews and other groups before and during the Second World War. Conclude on arrival back to your hotel.

This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure to explore at your own pace, or relax at your hotel.

### Where you're staying

Royal Horseguards







DAY 4 - Sat, Oct 4, 2025: London To Cambridge

## A Journey Back in Time

After checkout, meet your private driver-guide for a transfer to Cambridge, experiencing the nearby Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial en route. Donated by the University of Cambridge, this 30-acre American Military grave site lies on a gentle slope, framed by woodland. It's home to the remains of 3,811 U.S. war dead from WWII, and the names of 5,127 others are recorded on the Walls of the Missing. Stroll the grounds and take some time to pay your respects at this solemn site. Afterward, visit the 4,000 square foot visitor center where you'll have an opportunity to discover a number of interpretive exhibits, with photos, films, personal stories, and even interactive displays. Conclude your day on arrival to your new hotel in Cambridge.

Enjoy some free time to explore the charming town of Cambridge on your own. Why not take a stroll to see some of the campuses of its world-famous university? Wander through its breathtaking botanical gardens set across 40 acres, or visit the Fitzwilliam Museum and marvel at its collection of rare art and antiques.

### Where you're staying

University Arms





DAY 5 - Sun, Oct 5, 2025: Cambridge

## Walk in Your Relatives' Footsteps

Today, your tour will begin with a meaningful journey of remembrance, honoring the courage and sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom. Throughout the day, you will visit two significant historical sites, each offering a unique insight into our shared heritage. Your first stop will be Framlington Castle, where you will have the opportunity to explore the rich history and stories of those who contributed to our nation's defense. Following this, you will proceed to the Parham Air Museum, where an exclusive, private guided tour will provide a deeper understanding of the aviation history and the brave individuals who served in this field. This carefully curated itinerary is designed to offer both reflection and education, ensuring that the sacrifices made for our freedom are never forgotten.

Enjoy your provided dinner where you will regroup and discuss the events of the last few days.

### Where you're staying

University Arms



DAY 6 - Mon, Oct 6, 2025: Cambridge

## In Remembrance

Today you will journey on a path of remembrance with stops at the 96th, 453rd, & 389th Bomb Group Museums.

The private tour of Norfolk's airfields offers a comprehensive and in-depth exploration of the region's pivotal role in World War II aviation. The itinerary includes visits to the 96th, 453rd, and 389th Bomb Group Museums, each providing a detailed account of the operations, history, and legacy of the aircrews based at these sites. These museums house an extensive collection of artifacts, including aircraft displays, photographs, and personal stories, offering a poignant look at the experiences of the men who served. The tour provides a valuable opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the strategic importance of these airfields and their contribution to the Allied war effort.

### Where you're staying

University Arms







DAY 7 - Tue, Oct 7, 2025: Cambridge To Canterbury

## Lest We Forget

After completing check-out, you will be greeted by your private driver and guide, who will escort you on a comfortable transfer to Canterbury. Along the way, you will have the opportunity to explore two significant historical sites: the 95th Bomb Group Museum and the 100th Bomb Group Museum. These museums offer a fascinating insight into the history and legacy of the U.S. Air Force during World War II. After your visits, you will continue your journey to Canterbury, where you will arrive at your hotel in the evening, ready to relax and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Enjoy your provided dinner where you will regroup and discuss the events of the last few days.

### Where you're staying

ABode Canterbury





DAY 8 - Wed, Oct 8, 2025: Canterbury

## A Healthy Dose of History

Set out with your private driver-guide on a day tour to Dover, discovering the Dover Castle, Western Heights, and the Battle of Britain Memorial. Known as the 'Lock and Key of England,' due to its geographical position as the UK's closest point to mainland Europe, Dover is famed for its picturesque, chalky white cliffs. While in Dover, you'll visit the 11th century Dover Castle, a massive medieval construct which was built by William I following his invasion of England in 1066. While you make your way through the castle's defensive walls, enjoy the view out to sea, spotting France on the horizon, only 30 miles away. A rare, restored WWI anti-aircraft gun has been relocated to Dover Castle, and is on display for visitors. Nearby, discover some of Britain's most impressive fortifications at the 19th century Western Heights, with its North Bastion and Drop Redoubt fort. Finally, pause for a visit to pay your respects at the Battle of Britain Memorial, a monument honoring the aircrew who flew in the 1940 Battle of Britain military campaign during WWII. Conclude your day on arrival back to Canterbury.

### Where you're staying

ABode Canterbury



DAY 9 - Thu, Oct 9, 2025: Canterbury To London

## Cross an Item off the Bucket List

Today, you'll make your way back to London in the company of your private driver-guide, taking time to visit Chartwell en route, Winston Churchill's famed country house. Now owned by the National Trust, Chartwell was Churchill's home for over four decades, and its rooms are preserved in the same way they were when he and his wife lived there. Explore the house, discover his painting studio, and enjoy the lovely views from the landscaped garden. For many war history buffs, or those with British heritage, this is often a true bucket-list experience.

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DAY 10 - Fri, Oct 10, 2025: London

## Until Next Time...

Meet your private driver and vehicle for an airport transfer.





