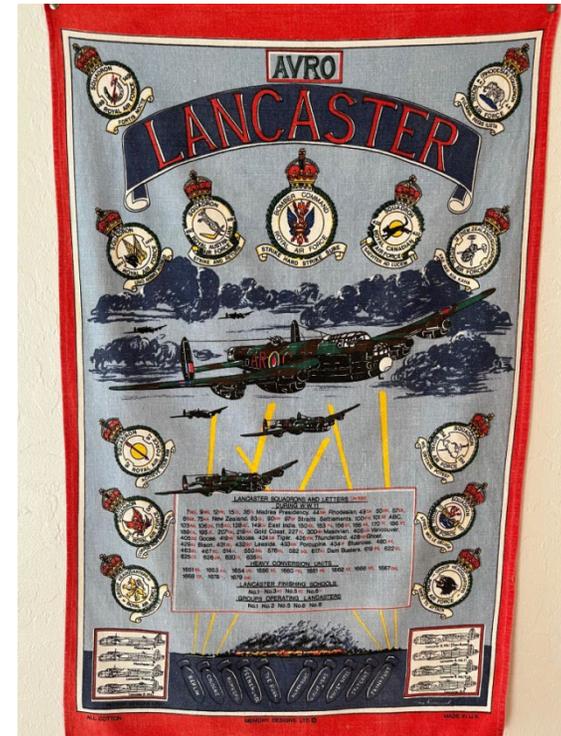


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Bob Reynolds, left, and his Lancaster crew at Pomigliano, Italy, during "Operation Dodge" when they flew thousands of British former POW's back to England.

RAF Bomber Command controlled the Royal Air Force's bomber forces from 1936 to 1968. Along with the United States Army Air Forces, it played the central role in the strategic bombing of Germany in World War II. From 1942 onward, the British bombing campaign against Germany became less restrictive and increasingly targeted industrial sites and the civilian manpower base essential for German war production. In total 364,514 operational sorties were flown, 1,030,500 tons of bombs were dropped and 8,325 aircraft lost in action. Bomber Command crews also suffered a high casualty rate: 55,573 were killed out of a total of 125,000 aircrew, a 44.4% death rate. A further 8,403 men were wounded in action, and 9,838 became prisoners of war.

Bomber Command stood at the peak of its post-war military power in the 1960s, the V bombers holding the United Kingdom's nuclear deterrent and a supplemental force of Canberra light bombers.

A memorial in Green Park in London was unveiled by Queen Elizabeth II on 28 June 2012 to highlight the price paid by the aircrews and Bob Reynolds was in attendance.



Cambridge

Contrails to Victory – Bob Reynolds Memorial Tour REGISTRATION FORM

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I/we require ___ additional nights pre-tour

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Signature _____

Date _____

Any special requirements:

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Reservations can only be held with a deposit of \$600 per person per tour, accompanied by the Application form. Valor Tours Ltd. accepts checks and credit cards. Once received a confirmation/invoice, reading list and travel insurance information will be sent to you. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure unless otherwise stated on confirmation. Reservations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Valor Tours, Ltd. does not recommend that children under the age of 12 participate on this tour. Passport required. Visas are not required. As of May 2023 we are not sure if proof of vaccine for Covid will be required, but we doubt it.

Cancellations and Changes

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Baggage allowance

We recommend one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person, please. Portage for one bag per person is included in the tour cost; however there may be times when you will be responsible for your baggage, so it is to the benefit of the passenger to travel light. Passengers are responsible for carry-on bags, purses, camera bags, briefcases, etc. No responsibility is accepted for loss or damage to baggage, or any of the passenger’s belongings.

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Single travelers

Single occupancy of hotel rooms is an additional cost over and above the tour cost. If you would like to avoid this expense, you may share with another single traveler. Valor Tours will make every attempt to find you a suitable roommate of the same age and gender, however Valor Tours, Ltd. cannot be held responsible for incompatibility, nor can they guarantee a roommate should one not be available. In that case, the single supplement will apply.

Travel insurance

Emergency, medical, baggage and cancellation insurance coverage with Travelex is available upon request. A description of coverage will be sent to each participant with confirmation.

Itinerary – Subject to change

Friday June 28 – London (D)

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport. Valor Tours will arrange a limo transfer to our hotel in London. A welcome dinner will take place in the hotel dining room, or local restaurant, where you will be able to meet your fellow travellers and tour leader. Overnight Hilton Kensington

Saturday June 29 - Duxford (B)

After breakfast at hotel, check out of our hotel and head to Duxford and the Imperial War Museum, ending the day at Holiday Inn, Cambridge where we stay for the next three nights

Sunday June 30 - Bottisham, Rougham and Horham Airfields (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Board coach for a day of visiting some of the local airfields that served the Mighty Eighth AF and RAF during the war: Bottisham Airfield Museum; Rougham Control Tower and museum, and more. Return to hotel in Cambridge

Monday July 1 - Cambridge and the American Cemetery (B)

Breakfast at hotel. This morning walking tour of Cambridge, ending at The Eagle Pub, a favored haunt for soldiers and flight crews during the war. After lunch continue to the American Cemetery. Return to hotel

Tuesday July 2 - RAF Coningsby and Lincoln (B)

After breakfast at hotel, check out and board our coach for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight visitor Centre at RAF Coningsby, where a private tour of the hangars has been arranged for our group. See one of the only air worthy Lancasters, the aircraft that Bob Reynolds flew in the war. After tour continue to Lincoln and our hotel, the Inn at Woodhall Spa for the next two nights

Wednesday July 3 – International Bomber Command Centre and Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Board coach for the International Bomber Command Centre, followed by a visit to the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, a living and breathing history experience with the sights and sounds of a wartime airfield and a running Lancaster and Mosquito. Return to hotel

Thursday July 4 - Blenheim Palace, Oxford and Maidstone (B)

After breakfast, check out of hotel and board our coach for Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Winston Churchill, perfect example of an 18th Century regal dwelling. A visit to the Churchill Exhibition will give us an insight into the life of Britain’s wartime prime minister.

At the end of the visit transfer to Maidstone to our hotel, The Village Hotel, for the next four nights

Friday July 5 - Battle of Britain Museum and Spitfire Museum, Manston (B)

After breakfast, board the coach for the Kent Battle of Britain Museum in Hawkinge followed by a visit to the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum at Manston Airfield. Return to the hotel

Saturday July 6 – Kent (B)

After breakfast at hotel, board coach for the day's adventures. First stop will be at the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel le Ferne, then onto Dover Castle and finally to Canterbury for a tour of the Cathedral before returning to our hotel

Sunday July 7 - Battle of Britain Airshow (B)

After breakfast at hotel, head to Headcorn on our coach for the Battle of Britain air show, returning to our hotel at the end of the show

Monday July 8 - London (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Check out and board our coach for London and St Paul's Cathedral; St Clement Danes Church; Churchill War Rooms; walking tour to Downing Street, Parliament Square, and the WWII monuments, Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus. Check into our hotel, Holiday Inn, Southwark for two nights

Tuesday July 9 - Westminster Abbey and Imperial War Museum (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Board the coach for a visit to Westminster Abbey and the Imperial War Museum. After the visit you will have free time to explore at leisure

Wednesday July 10 - Battle of Britain Bunker and RAF Museum (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel, Check out and board our coach for a visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker for a tour. Then after lunch onto the RAF Museum for a guided tour. Then on to Windsor for Afternoon Tea at the Sir Christopher Wren hotel beside the river. Later transfer to the Moxy Hotel, London Heathrow Airport for one night

Thursday July 11 - (B)

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and make your way to the airport terminal for your flight home



Our guide, Martin Olutniks – originally from Manchester, England, has been a London-based Blue Badge guide for almost 20 years, working in English and French. He specializes in art, architecture and military tours. Having family members who participated on both sides during WWII, he has a great interest in that conflict and regularly gives lectures at the Churchill War Rooms. He is an experienced tour manager as well as guide and enjoys a job where every day is different, even if you are going to the same place, there is always something that makes that day unique.

Hi Vicky...all things going great.... Our guide Martin and Ashe, our driver, are hitting at 100 per cent. Just wanted you to know you have set up a great trip. Martin goes so far beyond what is required. Many thanks for your support and friendship...as ever, Tim Daniel, 2022 (private tour)



Tour cost \$4900 per person, twin share. Not including air fare from USA to UK. Single supplement \$1200.

Includes 13 nights hotel accommodations onsite rooms; breakfast daily; welcome dinner and farewell lunch; lunch at Eagle Pub; private air condition coach transport throughout tour; services of Martin **Olutniks** as tour guide/historian; all entrance fees; air show entrance fee; arrival transfer from Heathrow to London hotel to begin tour.

Does not include air fare from the US to London; items of a personal nature; tips to driver and guide.