The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force

Educational Tour Program

Presents:

80th Anniversary Commemoration of “Black Week” Tour

The Roger A. Freeman Heritage Tour: The Mighty Eighth

October 6th - 17th, 2023

More tours are planned for spring and fall 2024!

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Black Week Tour Pricing:
Double Occupancy Price: $5990.00
Single Occupancy Price: $7475.00

*Deposit must be made by September 15th and full payment by September 30th*

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TOUR ITINERARY

Friday, October 6th – Arrival day in England – Welcome dinner at the MacDonald House Hotel.
Saturday, October 7th – Bentley Priory – RAF Battle of Britain Control Bunker Uxbridge – dinner at the MacDonald House Hotel.
Sunday, October 8th – Ridgewell Airfield Museum. Lunch at the White Hart Pub, Ridgewell. Travel on to Bury St. Edmunds and the Angel Hotel.
Tuesday, October 10th – 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum. Dinner at the Half Moon Pub.
Thursday, October 12th – Relaxing morning in Bury St. Edmunds and an opportunity to explore the Abbey ruins, John Appleby Rose Garden and the Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral. Bottisham Airfield Museum. Check-in to the University Arms Hotel – Cambridge. Lunch at the Bottisham Airfield Museum – Dinner at the hotel with guest speaker, Anthony Rodgers – famed Cambridge Tour Guide.
Friday, October 13th – Bassingbourn Barracks – Home of the 91st Bomb Group and the B-17F “Memphis Belle” – Duxford Air Museum. Pre-dinner drink at the Eagle Pub and dinner at an elaborate dining hall at Queen’s College, Cambridge.
Saturday, October 14th – Cambridge American Cemetery – Madingley. Lunch at the Three Horseshoes Pub – Madingley. Wycombe Abbey – “Pinetree.” Check into the Clermont Hotel – Charing Cross – London. Dinner on your own and a chance to explore the city.
Monday, October 16th – Free Day in London to explore the city on your own. Farewell dinner at Clermont Hotel.
Tuesday, October 17th – Departure day – Your own private limousine will transport you to Heathrow Airport in style.

“Black Week,” October 8th – 14th, 1943. During those six days, the U.S. Eighth Air Force lost 138 heavy bombers, 24 fighters and over 1400 airmen to enemy action. It was one of the darkest and most pivotal periods in the American daylight bombing campaign during World War II. Some of the most epic tales of courage, bravery and endeavor were forever etched into the history of the “Mighty Eighth.”

This one-of-a-kind tour package has been meticulously planned to take you on an immersive journey to the airbases and sites that played a key role in this pivotal period in WWII Eighth Air Force history.

With the exception of one dinner and two lunches (on free days), all of your meals are included during the tour (12 breakfasts and 10 lunches and dinners). Beer and wine will be included during the majority of all lunches and evening meals. VIP museum admissions, tour guide fees, welcome packages, exclusive luggage tags and a special memory book are all included in the tour package.

Airfare is not included with the tour package price to allow our guests personal travel flexibility, to arrive early or extend their trip or to use accumulated airline miles for their flight accommodations. When booking air travel, we encourage our guests to book a flight for a later arrival time into Heathrow and a later departure time out of Heathrow. This will allow you to book immediately into the MacDonald House upon arrival and allow four hours prior to departure on your return flight home.

This 11-day, 12-night tour will be offered on a limited occupancy basis. Please refer to the Museum’s website for additional information, pricing details and the opportunity to secure a deposit payment to reserve your place on this amazing adventure.