



# Tour Information



# Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines

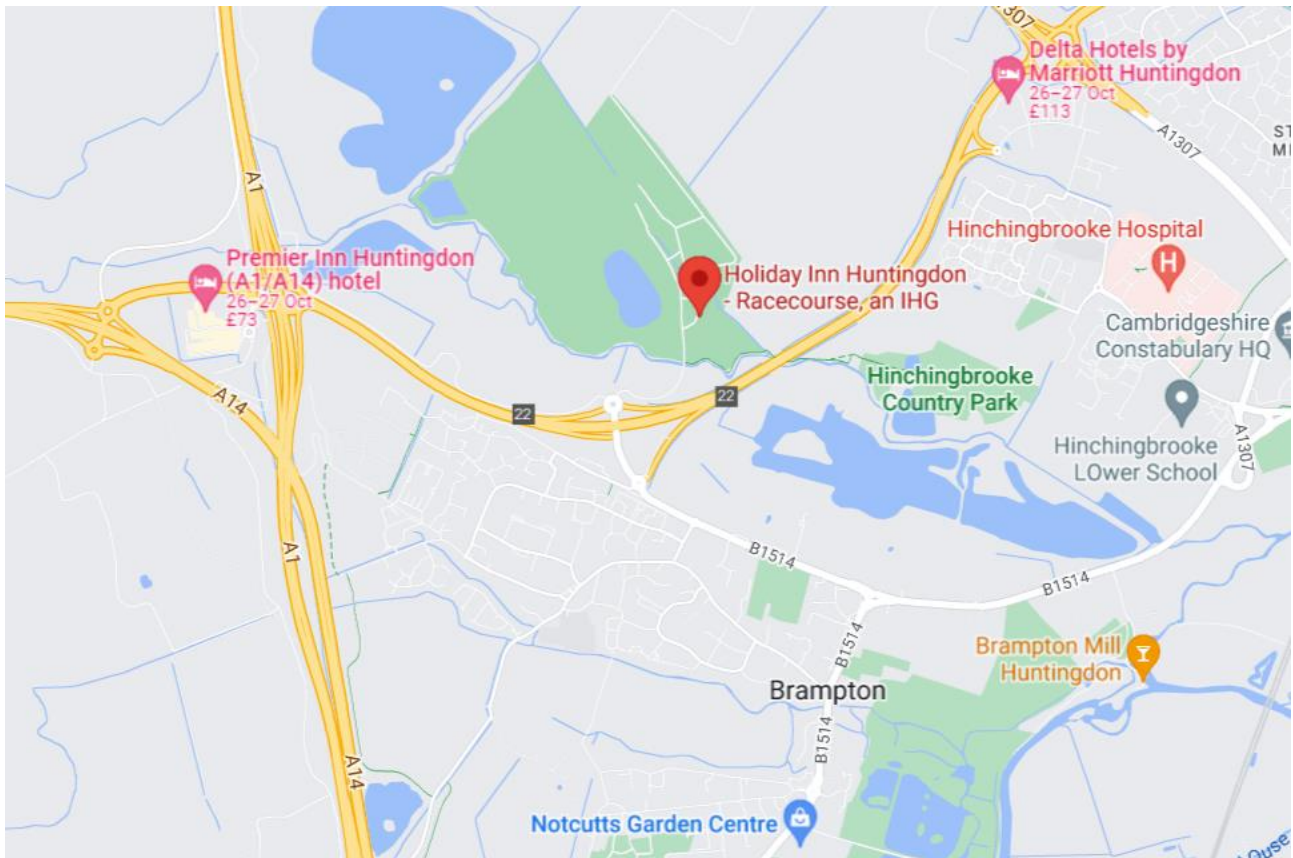




The tour starts and finishes at **Holiday Inn Huntingdon Racecourse**.

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Huntingdon  
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United Kingdom  
Tel: 01480 277277

**Please note that transport to the hotel is not included in the price of the tour.**



**Travelling by car:**

**From the north:** Follow the A1(M) towards London. Continue onto A1307 following signs for A14/London/M11. Use the left lane to take the slip road to the A14. At Brampton Hut Interchange, take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit onto Thrapston Road/A141. At J22 take the B1514 exit to Huntingdon/Brampton. At the roundabout take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit and then turn right, and the hotel will be on your left.

**From the south:** Leave the A1 by taking the slip road to Thrapston Road/A141. At Brampton Hut Interchange take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit. At J22 take the B1514 exit to Huntingdon/Brampton. At the roundabout take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit and then turn right, and the hotel will be on your left.

**Travelling by rail:** The nearest station is Huntingdon, which is approx. 4km from the Hotel.



# Accommodation

## Holiday Inn Huntingdon Racecourse

The three-star Holiday Inn Huntingdon Racecourse is conveniently located close to the A1 and A14 and only 10 minutes' drive from the market town of Huntingdon. The hotel has a cafe, lounge, restaurant and mini gym and bedrooms are comfortable with en-suite bathroom, TV, telephone and wifi.

Car parking: complimentary car parking is available at the hotel.

For more information, additional details can be found on the website:

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/huntingdon/xuhr/hoteldetail>

## Check-in and departure from the hotel

On the day of arrival, you will be able to check-in at the hotel from 15.00, and the tour manager will meet you in the evening at the welcome reception.

On the last day of the tour, the tour will not finish until approximately 17.30 so you should check with your tour manager, or the hotel reception, where luggage should be stored until your departure.

## Extra nights

If you have booked to stay an extra night at the hotel, this is on bed and breakfast basis and check out from the hotel is at 12.00.

## Special requests

If you haven't already done so, please notify Travel Editions of any special requests as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements.

## Dining

On the first night of your stay, a 3-course dinner with wine is provided at the hotel restaurant. During the second evening of the tour, 3-course dinner is provided at the hotel restaurant. Breakfast on each day of your stay is included in the price. All other meals other than these stated are not included.



## Places Visited

### Imperial War Museum, Duxford

The aerodrome at Duxford was built during the First World War and was one of the earliest Royal Air Force stations. During 1917 the Royal Flying Corps expanded, and Duxford was one of many new airfields established to train RFC aircrew. After the war ended, unlike many similar airfields in a slimmed-down RAF, it was kept open: first as a training school and then, from 1924, a fighter station, a role it was to carry out with distinction for 37 years. By 1938 the reputation of RAF Duxford's No.19 Squadron was such that it became the first RAF squadron to re-equip with the new Supermarine Spitfire, and the first Spitfire was flown into RAF Duxford in August 1938. Today IWM Duxford is established as the European centre of aviation history. The historic site, outstanding collections of exhibits and regular world-renowned Air Shows combine to create a unique museum where history really is in the air. Imperial War Museum Duxford is a branch of the Imperial War Museum near Duxford in Cambridgeshire, England. Britain's largest aviation museum, Duxford houses the museum's large exhibits, including nearly 200 aircraft, military vehicles, artillery and minor naval vessels in seven main exhibition buildings.

Throughout the day small groups will be taken for the exclusive flight on the De Havilland Dragon Rapide which will take you up and over the aerodrome for approximately 12 minutes.

**Please note: In the unlikely event of the Rapide flight being cancelled for any reason a voucher for a replacement flight only will be issued.**

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford>

### The Shuttleworth Collection

The Shuttleworth Collection is designed to create the atmosphere of the 1920s aerodrome and spans from the early pioneering aircraft up to World War II aircraft. This private collection was begun by Richard Shuttleworth. Pilot, racing driver, self-taught mechanic and heir to the estate, he rescued old aircraft and vehicles, bringing them back to Old Warden Park to restore. After his death in 1940, flying for the RAF, his mother Dorothy continued adding to the collection. Walking through the six huge hangars at Shuttleworth, you'll see how aviation design developed from Edwardian times up until the 1950s. Don't miss the 1909 Blériot XI, which, along with all of our aircraft, is still airworthy. It's the world's oldest flying aeroplane and it regularly takes the sky at our air shows. Highlights also include the Bristol Boxkite which was built for the film "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines".

**Very Important:**

**Please note that at Shuttleworth there will be a flying pageant show (weather permitting). As there are no seating places available, we recommend you bring your own folding chair/stool with a name tag on it.**

<http://www.shuttleworth.org/>

# Your Guide's

## **Expert Historian - Chris Lee-McCloud**

Chris Lee-McCloud is a lifelong aviation historian and has been involved with the Imperial War Museum at Duxford since the early 1980s. In his spare time, Chris spent twenty years in the Air Training Corps, rising to command Duxford's local Squadron at Sawston. In 2001, after working at Stansted Airport and Duxford, Chris started his teaching career by reading History at Cambridge. Making good use of his time there, he helped re-launch the Homerton History Society and was elected as President; he also co-wrote an academic paper with one of his lecturers, examining the "cult" of the Spitfire. Chris now teaches History near Cambridge, conveniently close to Duxford as his students often like to visit! He has also planned and led school tours of the First World War Battlefields of France and Belgium for over ten years.

*Chris will give a talk on the first evening.*

## **Expert Tour Manager – Dr Robert Owen**

Dr Robert Owen, an aviation historian and the Official Historian of the No. 617 Squadron Association. His interest in the Squadron extends over 40 years and he is co-author of "Breaching the German Dams" for the RAF Museum. He has assisted the authors of numerous authoritative books on the subject together with a number of TV documentaries. He has also contributed to publications for the RAF Museum, Keith Park Memorial Fund, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and the RAF's official publication commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

# Practical Information

**Tour manager** - Your tour manager will be on hand throughout the tour to ensure that everything operates according to plan. If you have any problems or questions, please see him or her immediately – it is often possible to resolve complaints or problems very quickly on the spot, and do everything to help you enjoy your holiday.

**Tipping** – To keep our tours affordable, we do not increase the tour price by adding in tips. However, in the tourism industry, there is a certain level of expectation that when receiving a good service, one does award with a tip. Tour Managers, Representatives, Guides and Drivers appreciate a tip at the end of their involvement with the tour, but this is entirely at your discretion. We believe in allowing you to tip according to your level of satisfaction with their services, but for your guidance about £2-3 per person per day for the tour manager is the norm. We would like to reiterate that tipping is an entirely optional payment, and this information is given purely to answer any questions you may have about it.

**Grading** – This tour has been graded as **Moderate**: Walking between sites, lots of standing for viewing. Please note that to gain access to the aircraft you will have to walk up some steps.



## Insurance

Although this is a UK holiday, please note that, should you cancel your holiday, the amount paid is non-refundable. For this reason, you may wish to take out insurance just in case an unforeseen event caused you to have to cancel the tour. As well as covering cancellations, your travel insurance will also cover your baggage and personal belongings in case they are lost or stolen.



## Emergencies

**Should an emergency arise, please call our offices on:**

020 7251 0045

Outside office hours (Mon-Fri 0900 - 1700), telephone our emergency staff on:

07841 023807

07831 133079

**PLEASE USE THESE NUMBERS ONLY IN THE EVENT OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.**

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