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**Unique &
Memorable
Aviation
Short Breaks
2012**



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Hello,

A very warm welcome to our 2012 brochure of unique and memorable Aviation Tours.

At BTM Aviation Tours our mission is to provide you with something very special and wherever possible bring a 'once in a lifetime' experience to your door!

If you are anything like me, you love to bring history back to life and what can be more exhilarating than boarding an iconic vintage aircraft, seeing it take off, hearing the roar of the engines, flying near it, even flying in it!!

We aim to bring these opportunities to you whilst also providing expert and friendly guides who will convey the stories, anecdotes and unique information that books and private research cannot always deliver.

All this is delivered in smaller, personal Group sizes which ensure each individual derives the maximum from the tour and is really taken care of. The guides stay with the Group for dinner and beyond so the learning experience is maximised for everyone.

The locations and hotels are carefully chosen to add to the historic ambience and/or to provide a first class base for any non participating partners who may not share the same interest but still want to take part in the social aspect of the tour at dinner and enjoy the facilities' of the hotel and the surrounding area.

Each tour also benefits from a 24 hour Tour Manager to ensure everything is taken care of and you can relax and enjoy the experience fully.

The very special 2012 programme includes a number of 'once in a lifetime' opportunities - a private boarding as well as a taxi run in a Lancaster bomber, a flight alongside a Spitfire reliving the Battle of Britain in Kent, a flight in a De Havilland Dragon Rapide, access to a large number of iconic aircraft cockpits and a Jet Simulator, a VIP day at the Waddington Air Show as well as a host of fabulous Aviation Museums and Memorials.

I am sure that there is something to excite you and with numbers being deliberately limited, please do not delay in booking to ensure you can enjoy a memorable trip of a lifetime with us and make new friends at the same time!

Bill Morran
Managing Director

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BTM Aviation Tours.....Just turn up!!

The beauty of a BTM Aviation Tours short break, aside from the awe inspiring tour, is the simplicity of just turning up and letting us do the rest. The only thing you will require is money for your evening drinks.

The price quoted includes **all** of the following:-

- ❑ Two or more night's quality hotel accommodation with Full English Breakfast
- ❑ Welcome wine reception on the first evening to meet the Tour Manager and other participants in a relaxed and friendly social environment
- ❑ All evening meals; this will be a 3-course meal from a selected menu (Drinks not included)
- ❑ Lunches and refreshments (with biscuits & cake) on each day of the tour
- ❑ All entrance fees
- ❑ Information Pack to take away
- ❑ 24 Hour Tour Manager and experienced Guides
- ❑ Quality transportation between sites where applicable

There is an additional cost of £30 per person per night for a single room unless stated otherwise on the specific tour brochure page.



We offer a 5% discount to group bookings of four or more people. We also offer a loyalty discount of 5% to people who have booked a short break with us **in the previous tour year**. Please note that these discounts are exclusive and cannot be combined.

Additional nights are available at your hotel at a discounted price. Additional evening meals can also be booked at your hotel at a special

BTM Aviation Tours rate. Please contact us for further details. Please note these are subject to availability.

All our hotels are chosen with location and facilities in mind and non-participating partners are always welcome and may take part in some aspects of the short break for little or no additional charge; please contact us for more details.

2012 Programme

April

Runways To War: Lincolnshire - Bomber County 01 - 03
Board a Lancaster Bomber!

June & July

Kent – Battle of Britain Experience 14 - 16
Fly alongside a Spitfire!

Lincolnshire Aviation Experience 24 – 26
Access seven cockpits & explore Lincolnshire's rich aviation history

The RAF Waddington Air Show Experience 30 - 02
VIP Air Show Day and Cockpit Access!

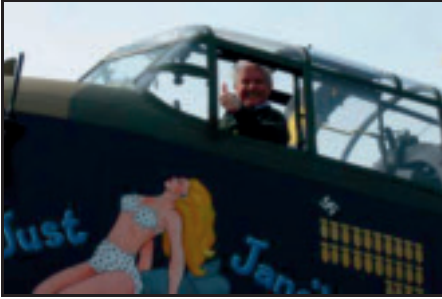
The American Connection 13 - 15
Explore the USAAF in WWII and fly in a Dragon Rapide

October

The Just Jane Experience 02 – 04
Ride in a Lancaster Bomber!

BOARD A LANCASTER BOMBER!

RUNWAYS TO WAR: **Lincolnshire – Bomber County** **01 – 03 April 2012** **Tour Code – RTWAPR**



TAKE OFF on a Dambusters mission with us. Experience the wartime world of heroic aircrews that gave Lincolnshire its Bomber County nickname and get to climb aboard one of only three working Lancaster bombers in the world.

Highlights Included in Your Tour

RAF Scampton, home of the Dambusters and now the Red Arrows.

RAF Coningsby to see the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Lancaster, Spitfires and Hurricanes. A TRULY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!

Metheringham Airfield Museum for a remarkable VC story and wonderful WWII memorabilia.

RAF Digby, for a guided tour of its incredible WWII Operations room and magnificent museum.

East Kirkby, the real highlight of the tour, as we visit the Lancaster 'Just

Jane' – one of only 3 working Lancaster bombers left in the World. Here we have arranged a unique private tour. You will board the aircraft and sit in all of the crew positions– from Tail End Charlie to pilot where an expert will show you how to use the controls.

You will also have full access to the incredible Museum at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre.

Your Accommodation:

The Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa - an elegant hotel set in beautiful gardens. The hotel was once the officers mess for 617 Squadron led by Wing Commander Guy Gibson. Today the Squadron Bar is dedicated to this famous group of men. An excellent base for our tour!

All of the following are included in the Tour Price:

- 2 nights B&B
- Wine Reception
- 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- All entrance fees
- All Tour transportation
- All coffee, tea and cakes
- Information pack
- Expert guide services
- Dedicated 24 hr tour manager

Cost: ONLY £399 per person
(based on 2 sharing a twin/double room)
SRS: £25 per night

Additional nights available with special discounted rate. Please enquire for more details.

Some walking is involved on this tour

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FLY ALONGSIDE A SPITFIRE!

KENT: BATTLE OF BRITAIN EXPERIENCE

14 – 16 June 2012

Tour Code – BOBJNE



A truly **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** opportunity to fly alongside a Spitfire and relive the Battle of Britain from the air!

Highlights Included in Your Tour

Spitfire Experience, Meet the pilot, view the aircraft on the ground in a private Group viewing...then take to the air in a luxury helicopter and fly alongside the iconic Spitfire!! Fly around the Kent Coast, with France in sight, and relive the Battle of Britain whilst experiencing the sights and sounds of the incredible Spitfire...do not forget your camera for what will be the experience of a lifetime!!

Kent Battle of Britain Museum, Situated on the historic airfield at Hawkinge, the Museum's original 1940 buildings, some of which still bear the scars of war, contain the world's largest collection of authentic Battle of Britain relics and related memorabilia.

RAF Manston Spitfire and Hurricane Museum, with its memorial building situated on one of the very few surviving airfields which participated in the Battle of Britain is a wonderful museum. It houses splendid and original examples of the two World War II fighter aircraft which served the Royal Air Force so well in so many areas of battle both at home and overseas.

Battle of Britain Memorial, The National Memorial to the Few at Capel-le-Ferne, on the famous white cliffs between Dover and Folkestone in Kent, occupies a special place in the hearts and minds of all those who have visited this moving site

Your Accommodation:

High Quality 3 or 4 star locally based hotel.

All of the following are included in the Tour Price:

- 2 nights B&B
- Wine Reception
- 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- All entrance fees
- Spitfire Experience
- All Tour transportation
- All coffee, tea and cakes
- Information pack
- Expert guide services
- Dedicated 24 hr tour manager

Cost: ONLY £575 per person
(based on 2 sharing a twin/double room)
SRS: £30 per night

Additional nights available with special discounted rate. Please enquire for more details.

ACCESS SEVEN COCKPITS AND EXPLORE LINCOLNSHIRE'S RICH AVIATION HISTORY

LINCOLNSHIRE AVIATION EXPERIENCE

24 – 26 June 2012

Tour Code - LAEJNE



A unique and special Tour where you not only gain access to the cockpit of SEVEN aircraft but also get to explore Lincolnshire's rich Aviation history including the Dambusters, Bomber Command & the modern day Red Arrows

Highlights Included in Your Tour

Newark Air Museum, which really does bring historic Aviation to life with 69 aircraft & cockpits, 4 large covered display areas and uniquely with Lindum Heritage the opportunity to **board SEVEN aircraft** including the Vulcan, Shackleton, Varsity, Canberra, Mig and Jet stream as well as the Phantom Simulator!

Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, home to one of only 3 remaining working Lancaster Bombers, along with many wartime vehicles including a Ford WOT1 Crew Bus, the only one of its kind known in existence.

RAF Scampton, home to the Red Arrows and also the WWII location from which Guy Gibson and the Dam Busters took off on their daring raid of the German dams. Visit Niggers

grave; see the Red Arrows hangar and first class Aviation Heritage exhibits during an extended visit.

Thorpe Camp, with 2 main halls of exhibits as well as a Lightning XM192 and a Ferranti Bloodhound Surface to Air Missile. A wonderful museum of preservation with so much to see and experience!

RAF Cranwell & Heritage Centre, the oldest Air Force college in the world attended by Frank Whittle (designer of the Jet Engine) in the 1920's and more recently the training college for HRH Prince William.

And time permitting much more...!!

Your Accommodation:

The Petwood Hotel, former officers mess for the Dambuster Squadron and an excellent base for our tour!

All of the following are included in the Tour Price:

- 2 nights B&B
- Wine Reception
- 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- All entrance fees
- All Tour transportation
- All coffee, tea and cakes
- Information pack
- Expert guide services
- Dedicated 24 hr tour manager

Cost: ONLY £340 per person (based on 2 sharing a twin/double room)
SRS: £25 per night

Additional nights available with special discounted rate. Please enquire for more details.

VIP AIR SHOW DAY AND COCKPIT ACCESS!

THE RAF WADDINGTON AIR SHOW EXPERIENCE 30 June – 02 July 2012 Tour Code – WASJNE



An absolutely fabulous VIP day at the wonderful Waddington Air Show. Avoid the queues; take a seat in the prestigious Spitfire Grandstand and be treated to a very special day indeed with a first class view of all the action. Then on the Monday enjoy the private viewing enclosure to see the aircraft leave and access up to 7 cockpits at Newark Air Museum to complete a truly memorable long week-end!

Highlights Included in Your Tour

RAF Waddington Air Show, a 'must visit' show for all Aviation enthusiasts. We transport you to the show from the hotel avoiding the crowds and you will be seated in the prestigious Spitfire Grandstand with a first class view of all the action as the aircraft come in to land. Throughout the day you will be looked after by a combination of RAF Officers in the grandstand and our 24 hour Tour Manager.

Lunch and afternoon tea will also be provided. The day will be very special indeed!

Newark Air Museum, which really does bring historic Aviation to life with 69 aircraft & cockpits, 4 large covered display areas and uniquely with BTM Aviation Tours the opportunity to **board up to SEVEN aircraft** including the Vulcan, Shackleton, Varsity, Canberra, Mig and Jet stream as well as the Phantom Simulator!

Your Accommodation:

The Best Western Bentley Hotel is situated just 5 minutes from Lincoln city centre and is the only hotel in the area with a fully equipped gym, indoor swimming pool and brand new state of the art Spa. An excellent base for our tour and also for any non participating partners who want to explore the area or just relax and use the complimentary hotel facilities.

All of the following are included in the Tour Price:

- 2 nights B&B
- Wine Reception
- 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- All entrance fees
- All Tour transportation
- All coffee, tea and cakes
- Information pack
- Expert guide services
- Dedicated 24 hr tour manager

Cost: ONLY £415 per person
(based on 2 sharing a twin/double room)
SRS: £30 per night

Additional nights available with special discounted rate. Please enquire for more details.

EXPLORE THE USAAF IN WWII AND FLY IN A DRAGON RAPIDE!

THE AMERICAN CONNECTION

13 – 15 July 2012

Tour Code – TACJLY



A fantastic Tour discovering the USAAF involvement in WWII, based in Cambridgeshire.

Highlights Included in Your Tour

IWM Duxford, A 'must visit' attraction. The magnificent American Air Museum houses the largest collection of American war aircraft on display outside the United States, including a vintage B-17 Flying Fortress, B-24 Liberator, B-25 Mitchell, P-47 Thunderbolt, and aircraft from the Cold War era such as a B-52 Stratofortress, SR-71 Blackbird and F-4 Phantom, with many suspended from the ceiling as if in flight.

De Havilland Dragon Rapide Flight, take to the skies above Duxford for a truly memorable experience that you will never forget!

The Tower Museum, Bassingbourn an original control tower has a large collection of genuine artefacts, photographs and documents. Bassingbourn is the

former home of the 91st Bomb Group and the base where the original film "The Memphis Belle" was made.

Eagle Pub, Cambridge, dating back to the 14th century the pub was a popular haunt of RAF pilots from around the world who signed their names on the ceiling via lighter, candle smoke and lip stick!

The Shuttleworth Collection, see over 100 years of aviation in one visit with over 50 aircraft to view!

Twinwood Arena (including Glenn Miller Museum) & Thurleigh Airfield, Two 'must see' locations.

Madingley American Cemetery is a sombre and special reminder of lives lost but never forgotten.

Your Accommodation:

A high quality, 3 or 4 star locally based hotel.

All of the following are included in the Tour Price:

- 2 nights B&B
- Wine Reception
- 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- All entrance fees
- All Tour transportation
- All coffee, tea and cakes
- Information pack
- Expert guide services
- Dedicated 24 hr tour manager

Cost: ONLY £460 per person (based on 2 sharing a twin/double room)

SRS: £35 per night

Additional nights available with special discounted rate. Please enquire for more details.

RIDE IN A LANCASTER BOMBER!

THE JUST JANE EXPERIENCE

02 – 04 October 2012
Tour Code – RTWOCT



A **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** experience to enjoy a wonderful VIP day at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre and experience the thrill of a private Group taxi run in one of only 3 working Lancaster Bombers left in the World!

Highlights Included in Your Tour

'Just Jane' taxi run, enjoy a VIP day at The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre and experience the thrill of riding in a magnificent WWII Lancaster Bomber! Enjoy lunch with the pilot, access all crew positions on a private tour and then marvel as the engines roar, the aircraft begins to move and you are transported down the runway as history is brought to life!

Also experience the marvellous museum and relive the past including The Home Front, incredible Control Tower, the Lancaster hangar, an original Barnes Wallis bouncing bomb, the award winning RAF escape museum and the atmospheric and humbling Memorial Chapel...a truly wonderful day!

RAF Coningsby to see the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's Lancaster, Spitfires and Hurricanes. The museum is a living and breathing tribute to the courageous men who took part in the Battle of Britain and is a truly fabulous place to visit!

Thorpe Camp, where 617 Squadron, 'The Dam busters' were based. A magnificent preservation museum which includes a Lightning XM 192 and a Ferranti surface to Air missile at its entrance and a magnificent collection of memorabilia covering all the Squadrons who were based there.

Your Accommodation:

The Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa – officer's mess for 'The Dam busters' and a wonderfully appropriate base for our VIP experience!

All of the following are included in the Tour Price:

- 2 nights B&B
- Wine Reception
- 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- All entrance fees
- All Tour transportation
- All coffee, tea and cakes
- Information pack
- Expert guide services
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Cost: ONLY £640 per person
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SRS: £15 per night

Additional nights available with special discounted rate. Please enquire for more details.

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Meet Our Team:

Tour Managers



Bill Morran



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Expert Guides



Jim Shortland



David Lee

How do I book? – It's EASY!

1. Please check availability by telephoning us on 01673 860840 or emailing us at info@btmaviationtours.co.uk . (We are always happy to take provisional bookings by phone or email).
2. Fill in the booking form on the next page. Please make sure you have read the terms and conditions printed at the back of the brochure or on our website.
3. Add a cheque for the deposit or – if the tour is less than two months away – the full payment and post to:

BTM Aviation Tours
Elm House
15 Market Rasen Road
Dunholme
LN2 3QS

Or

To use your credit or debit card phone us on 01673 860840.

Further copies of the booking form can also be downloaded from the web site.

We are always happy to answer any questions you may have. We want you to have an enjoyable and trouble free break; to this end we are always happy to help you with any special needs or requests, just let us know.

Special deals for Non-Participating Partners/friends

Do you enjoy going on short breaks with a friend or partner but you don't share the same enthusiasm for history? Why not bring your partner/friend along at a comparatively small fee. Most of our hotels are based in vibrant locations with excellent facilities within and around them. Rather than paying a single person supplement (SRS) each night why not share your room and avoid the SRS. Then whilst you are on the Tour, your partner/friend can indulge in the facilities of the Hotel or explore the local area. Many of our Hotels have Spa or leisure facilities. Please contact the office for more details.

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BOOKING FORM

Please complete the following Booking Form and send to the address in the brochure

Tour Code		Tour Date	
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Title	First Name	Surname	Address	Telephone

Email Address: _____

Comments, special requirements including diet or other needs: _____

Cost of Your Tour

Accommodation will normally be on a Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis (unless stated otherwise). Twin and Double rooms are for 2 people booking at the same time. Should you require additional nights please contact us on 01673 860840.

Room Requirement:- Twin room Double room Single room

(Remember if you have been on a short break with us last year you qualify for a 5% discount)

Tour code	Number of people	Cost per person	Total Discounts	Extra/Less 1 Night @	Total Single supplement	Total	Payment Full/Dep.	Balance
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£

You may pay the full cost of your short break with this booking; alternatively you may enclose a deposit of 50% of the total payment, in which case full payment is required a minimum of 2 months before the tour start date. (Cheques should be made payable to BTM Aviation Tours)

* Delete as appropriate

Enclosed Payment (*Full / 50% Deposit) £.....

DECLARATION

I certify that I am authorised to make this booking on behalf of the persons named above. I have read and accepted the booking terms and conditions detailed on the website or on the tour literature. I confirm that the details on this booking form are correct.

Signed Date
 (This must be signed by a person participating and aged over 18 years)

You will find a full list of our terms and conditions in our current brochure. Once your booking form has been received you will be sent a confirmation letter (or invoice showing the date that full payment is due). Nearer the tour date you will receive further information about the tour together with detailed joining instructions.

Thank you for booking a BTM Aviation Tours Short Break

Our Terms and Conditions

Please read carefully as bookings are accepted subject to the following conditions:

1. Booking

To make a booking please complete the enclosed booking form and return it with the payment required. We can also take payment by card over the phone. We are happy to accept provisional bookings by telephone or email, but please confirm with a completed booking form and payment within ten days.

2. Payment

Full payment should be made at time of booking or, if booking more than 2 months before the start of a tour, a minimum 50% of the total fee can be accepted as a deposit. Full payment is required when booking less than 2 months before the tour start date. Upon receipt of your completed booking form and payment we will send you a confirmation letter (and an invoice showing date on which full payment is due if necessary). A contract will exist between us from the date we issue the confirmation letter. If you choose to pay a deposit the balance must be paid a minimum of 2 months prior to the tour start date. We fully comply with the Package Travel Regulations 1992 in respect of all payments received.

3. Changing your booking

Should you need to change your booking please contact us immediately; we will do our best to accommodate any changes.

4. Cancellation

Cancellation by us: In the unlikely event of us having to cancel a tour we will offer an alternative tour or refund any payments you have made. We will notify you at least 4 weeks before the start of the tour. This will not apply in circumstances beyond our control (see section 11 below). It is your responsibility to cancel any other arrangements that you have made e.g. travel and non-inclusive accommodation. We may be obliged to cancel an event if insufficient bookings are taken.

Cancellation by you: if you cancel more than 60 days prior to the start of the tour we will refund 50% of your booking fee, 31-59 days and we will refund 30% of the booking fee. If you cancel less than 31 days before the start of the tour we will not be able to refund any booking fee. This policy is necessary, as we need to pre-book facilities. Contact us directly if you need to cancel and then confirm in writing.

5. Accuracy of information

We have taken every care to ensure that the details in our current brochure and on our website are accurate. All reasonable effort has been made to ensure that any stated tours, visits, guides, guest speakers, accommodation, services, activities or prices will be as described. However for reasons beyond our control we cannot guarantee that itineraries and programmes will be followed as published. You will be notified of any changes as soon as possible.

6. Complaints

If you feel that you have any comments or complaints to make about your tour please inform us during the tour and we will try to resolve any problems as soon as possible. If you feel the problem has not been resolved please contact us in writing no later than 28 days after the end of the tour.

7. Insurance

BTM Aviation Tours has limited public liability insurance appropriate for all our activities; however we strongly recommend that you have personal travel insurance suitable for the nature of the activity in force for the duration of your tour.

8. Evening meal

Where indicated the cost of one or more evening meals is included in the fee for a weekend or midweek break. This meal will be a minimum of a three-course meal possibly from a limited menu at the designated hotel or a restaurant of our choice. Drinks are not included. No other meals or drinks are included in the fee for your break unless specified in the brochure. Tips and gratuities are not included.

9. Special requests or needs

We will do our utmost to respond positively to any special requests or needs, we cannot however guarantee that we will be able to meet any such requests. We fully comply with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

10. Fitness

Our tours do involve some walking, including steep hills and steps. Some tours include one or more guided walks that may last for up to 2 hours. Some archaeological activities can be strenuous. Bookings are accepted on the understanding that you appreciate the possible risks inherent in such activities. We are happy to advise you if you have any questions or special needs.

11. Force majeure

BTM Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any disruption or changes in tour arrangements due to adverse or unusual weather conditions, situations arising from *force majeure* or industrial action, or failure of provision by third parties. In such circumstances no compensation will be available.

12. Non-participating partners

Our locations and hotels are specifically chosen to provide the best environment to enjoy both our tour experiences and also the attractions and activities in the local area. Non-participating partners are welcome to attend the wine reception and introductory lecture on weekend and midweek breaks. They are also welcome at the evening dinners, but there will be an additional charge to cover any extra meals. Attendance at any other element of the tour will require payment of an additional fee.

13. Accommodation

Accommodation is included in the fee for our short breaks. BTM Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any problems or omissions arising in connection with an accommodation provider. We are unable to guarantee a particular room or hotel. Accommodation booked by us is on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis (unless otherwise specified within the brochure for specific tours) and will not include any extras.

