

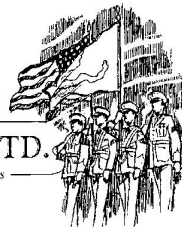
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Bob Reynolds, left, and his Lancaster crew at Pomigliano, Italy, during "Operation Dodge" when they flew thousands of British former POW's back to England.

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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Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of _____ (\$600 per person, per tour) in the form of a check____, or credit card:

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For accommodations based on a ___ twin share basis or ___ single occupancy:

___ I am traveling alone and wish to share with another tour member, ___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

or

___ I am traveling alone and do not wish to share and will pay the single supplement.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ tate _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____

Email: (if any) _____

Veteran of WWII, family member, history buff: _____

___ I/we require assistance with air fare/arrangements from _____
To London to coincide with tour.

I/we require ___ additional nights pre-tour

I/we require ___ additional night post-tour.

Facilities for the disabled are non-existent. Please let us know if you have any disabilities that may prevent you from climbing on and off aircraft, buses or walking. I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions as set forth in this brochure.

Signature _____

Date _____

Any special requirements:

Reservations and Final Payment

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.

Cancellations and Changes

If Valor Tours, Ltd. receives cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure your deposit is fully refundable. Cancellations received between 89 to 30 days prior to commencement of tour subject to loss of deposit. Cancellation within 30 days or ‘no shows’ are non refundable. Refunds may take up to 30 days to process. Cancellation charges also apply to additional travel arrangements such as airfare. Travel medical emergency, baggage loss/delay and cancellation insurance coverage is available upon request.

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.

Disabilities

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home.

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 made available to those who sign up and will be sent with confirmation. We highly recommend travel insurance.

Itinerary – Subject to change – 2025**Tuesday 24 June**

Arrive at London Heathrow Airport and once you have passed through immigration and collected your luggage, you will be met by your limo driver and transferred to the Hilton Olympia, where accommodation has been arranged for three nights on a bed and breakfast basis. You will not be able to check into the hotel until 15:00hrs, but you should be able to leave your luggage with reception and take a walk if you arrive early in the day. This evening a 3-course welcome dinner in the hotel dining room where you will meet your fellow travellers and Martin Olutniks.

Overnight London.

Wednesday 25 June

Breakfast in hotel dining room. This morning depart for Westminster Abbey, Bomber Command memorial, Churchill War Rooms, walking tour of Downing Street area, Parliament Square, the WWII monuments, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus. Overnight London.

Thursday 26 June

Breakfast will be served in the hotel restaurant. Board coach and drive To US Cemetery Cambridge, then onto Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Return and overnight London.

Friday 27 June

Breakfast will be served in the hotel restaurant. Check out of hotel And board coach for drive to Kent and the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum at Manston Airfield, followed by a visit to Dover Castle which housed the command centre for naval operations in the Channel, and it was from here that the extraordinary evacuation of the British Army from Dunkirk was masterminded in May and June 1940. End the day at the Holiday Inn, Ashford Center.

Saturday 28 June

Breakfast will be served in the hotel restaurant. Then transfer to the Kent Battle of Britain Museum in Hawkinge for a visit followed by a visit to the Battle of Britain Memorial at Capel le Ferne, before transferring to Canterbury, where you will visit the Cathedral and have time at leisure. Return to hotel in Kent.

Sunday June 29

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Headcorn Aerodrome for a day at the Battle of Britain Air show. Return to hotel in Kent.

Monday 30 June

After breakfast at hotel check out and drive back to London by way of St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Clement Danes Church and Imperial War Museum, ending the day at our hotel in Chelsea.

Tuesday 1 July

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to the Battle of Britain Bunker for a tour, then off to the RAF Museum for a tour, returning to our hotel in London.

Wednesday 2 July

After breakfast at our hotel, transfer to Blenheim Palace for a visit followed by a Traditional Afternoon Tea as your farewell meal.
Return to Hilton hotel at Heathrow for overnight to facilitate your departure the next morning for USA.

Thursday 3 July

Breakfast at hotel. Using free hotel shuttle to take you to your departing flight terminal.



The Napoleonic tunnels at Dover Castle on the English Channel have a new role as naval and later combined services headquarters, where the Dunkirk evacuation is masterminded. Air attacks earn the area around Dover the Nickname "Hellfire Corner".

**Tour cost \$4500 per person, twin share.
Single supplement \$1200. Not including air fare from USA to UK.**

Includes 9 nights hotel accommodations onsite rooms; breakfast daily; welcome dinner and farewell tea; 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.

Not included air fare from USA to London, meals not included in tour, cancellation and travel insurance, items of a personal nature, tips to driver and guide.

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

I have been on three tours with Valor Tours and each one went off without a hitch. You expect to have some issues when half a world away but we had none. I highly recommend Valor Tours. Mike Van Etta, 2019

"One of the best trips that I have taken. Thanks for everything that you have done over the years." Fred Guyer, WWI 2013 (taken more than 30 tours with us)

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 of England)

