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ESPIONAGE & INTELLIGENCE :

THE ALLIED SECRET AGENTS & CODEBREAKERS OF WWII

OCTOBER 15 - 22, 2025

BLETCHLEY PARK | COVENTRY | THE MIDLANDS | LONDON



London cityscape with Houses of Parliament and Big Ben at sunset.



Beaumanor Hall



Cathedral Church of Saint Michael in Coventry



Bletchley Park Mansion



Tower of London



Imperial War Museum



Battle of Britain Bunker

ABOUT THE TOUR

Join us on a journey into the intelligence and espionage of World War II. Traveling from London to the Midlands, examine intelligence collecting from the highest level to the individual spy. Bletchley Park, home of the WWII codebreakers, is the centerpiece of this tour. Pay tribute to the women of the Y-Stations who intercepted and transcribed German messages sent via Morse code. Go underground at the Churchill War Rooms and visit the famous Map Room. Along the way, hear the tales of field operatives, spies, and double agents who played significant roles in the defeat of Nazi Germany.



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- Presentations from the Museum's digital collections, including video and oral histories
- Special access to sites not offered on other tours
- Full-time logistical tour manager
- Expert local guides
- Round-trip airport transfers (when arriving and departing on scheduled group tour dates)
- Luxury five-star and deluxe four-star accommodations throughout the journey
- Private, first-class, air conditioned motor coach transportation
- Personal listening devices on all included touring
- Included gratuities to guides, drivers, porters and servers
- 7 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners, and 2 Receptions
- Beer, house wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and dinner
- Personalized luggage tags and customized name badge

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~~\$7,995~~ \$7,495 per person, double occupancy,

~~\$9,795~~ \$9,295 per person single occupancy

\$230 per person taxes and fees, \$1,000 deposit

TOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: October 15, 2025 Arrive at London Heathrow Airport (LHR) / Included Lunch / Tour Battle of Britain Bunker Uxbridge / Transfer to The Kingfisher in Bedford / Welcome Reception, Dinner, and Lecture on the History of Intelligence
Accommodations: The Bedford Swan Hotel (R, L, D)
- Day 2: October 16, 2025 Bletchley Park / Lecture with Dermot Turing
Accommodations: The Bedford Swan Hotel (B)
- Day 3: October 17, 2025 Beaumanor Hall / Lunch with the group / RAF Harrington
Accommodations: The Bedford Swan Hotel (B, L)
- Day 4: October 18, 2025 Touring in Coventry / The Cathedral Church of Saint Michael / Coventry Guildhall / Dinner in Tithe Barn
Accommodations: The Bedford Swan Hotel (B, L, D)
- Day 5: October 19, 2025 Military Intelligence Museum / Lunch and touring at the Shuttleworth Collection / Transfer to London
Accommodations: The Bedford Swan Hotel (B, L)
- Day 6: October 20, 2025 Whitehall and Thames House / Included Lunch / Tower of London
Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, L)
- Day 7: October 21, 2025 Vauxhall Cross / Imperial War Museum London / Churchill War Rooms / Farewell Dinner
Accommodations: Rubens at the Palace (B, R, D)
- Day 8: October 22, 2025 Departures from London Heathrow Airport (B)



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TOUR MAP



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HISTORIC & BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



RUBENS AT THE PALACE

London, England

For your stay in London, we are pleased to offer accommodations at the luxurious Rubens at the Palace Hotel, a historic property that dates back to the 1700s and has served royalty throughout the centuries since. Overlooking the Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace, The Rubens is moments away from Victoria Station and some of London's best shops and restaurants. Amenities include 24-hour room service, complimentary Wi-Fi access, luxury toiletries, plush bathrobes, iron and ironing board, and hair dryer.

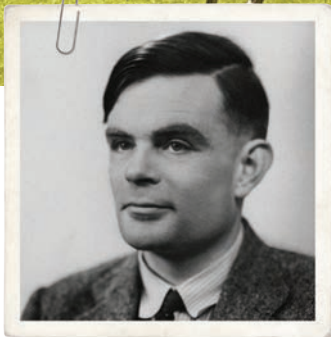
THE BEDFORD SWAN HOTEL

Bedford, England

Set on the embankment of the beautiful Great River Ouse in Bedford, Bedfordshire, The Bedford Swan Hotel offers luxurious rooms with free Wi-fi, air conditioning, elegant bed linen and all you need for a perfect night's sleep. Mixing contemporary fabrics and design with the original 18th Century features to create a stunning venue for your hotel stay. Nestled in the heart of Bedford, just steps away from the traditional Old Town markets and a 15-minute walk from Bedford Train Station, guests staying at The Bedford Swan Hotel can explore the wonderful countryside of Downs, Chiltern Hills, Green Sand Ridge, Marston Vale.



Bletchley Park



ALAN TURING & WWII INTELLIGENCE

Alan Turing has become synonymous with Bletchley Park and the code-breaking operation, but his overall role is much more complex—and interesting. After the Poles had created a working mechanism for decrypting messages sent by the German's Enigma machines, Turing set out to develop the next step in cracking German cyphers. The Polish method worked as long as the Germans did not change their procedures, which they did in 1940. Turing, who excelled at theoretical mathematics developed a system of decryption that was less sensitive to changes in German encryption procedures. The result was the Bombe Machine.

By 1942, the Bletchley operation had grown immensely in size and much of the work was being done mechanically. At peak output, Bletchley Park was decrypting 84,000 messages per month. With less theoretical work to do, Turing traveled to the United States to advise the Navy on their own Bombe Machines and worked with Bell Labs to encrypt communications. His work with Bell Labs created an encrypted line between Roosevelt and Churchill that was impenetrable for the Germans.

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After the war, Turing worked on computing and artificial intelligence. His "Turing Test" for artificial intelligence came to the forefront recently with ChatGPT and other recent AI systems that have gone public. The test of whether an independent judge can determine whether he or she is communicating with a machine or a human is being discussed more often as these systems improve their communication.



Bletchley Park will be at the centerpiece of this tour, and we are honored to have Sir John Dermot Turing's commitment to join us as we walk the grounds where his uncle Alan Turing's significant contribution to the war effort took place. Dermot Turing is the acclaimed author of Prof, a biography of his famous uncle, *The Story of Computing*, and most recently *X, Y and Z – The Real Story of How Enigma was Broken*. He is also a regular speaker at historical and other events. He began writing in 2014 after a career in law. Dermot is a trustee of the Turing Trust and a Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College, Oxford. His enthusiasm for and devotion to intelligence history is extraordinary.

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