

Return to Norwich, Sept 20 - 25

SCHEDULE: (Given times subject to adjustment)

Sunday 20 Sept ARRIVALS DAY: Collect your "Welcome/Information Pack", meet and greet with friends and opportunity to explore the local area. Perhaps a leisurely stroll around Norwich Cathedral opposite the Maids Head Hotel, or try a pint at the Adam & Eve, one of the oldest pubs in England. Dinner on your own, or in a group at place of your choice, many close by. Extend your stay, arrive the day before as several are planning.

Monday 21 Sept RACKHEATH BASE DAY:

09:30AM Coach departs for extensive tour of the discoveries of lost paths, buildings, blast-shelters and more at Site 6 communal site, Rackheath base. Stand in the Officers Club and imagine those officers winding down after a mission, warming themselves beside the fireplace, writing a letter, enjoying a game of cards, perhaps a drink at the bar. Box lunch provided by the B-24 Café.

12:30PM Board coach to Salhouse Rail Station, unchanged since the Group arrived by train in March 1944. Stops at remains of the main runway, the Group Memorial Marker and wonderfully restored Control Tower. Stand on the same platform as the senior officers awaiting return of the day's mission and view the former airfield site. Opportunity for solemn reflection. Resume tour to the Golden Gates and Rackheath Hall.

5:00PM Board coach return to Maids Head. Dinner on your own at the hotel or at any of the many nearby options.



Tuesday 22 Sept AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY MADINGLEY, IWM DUXFORD and AIRFIELD:

08:00AM Coach departs for Madingley American Military Cemetery, a beautiful and serene location in the Cambridge countryside where 64 of the 467th are laid to rest or recorded on the "wall of missing".

11:45AM Board coach for nearby Duxford, one of the UK's premier air museums including the American Air Museum featuring many aircraft associated with the history of Anglo/American cooperation since WW1. Special emphasis on the 8th Air Force includes a wonderfully restored static B-24. Other hangars include restoration projects and many rare types. An active airfield home to a multitude of warbirds, often providing impromptu displays. Lunch on your own at the varied food outlets at Duxford.



5:00PM Coach departs for return to Maids Head. Dinner on your own at the hotel or at any of the nearby options.

Wednesday 23 Sept NORWICH AMERICAN LIBRARY, FREE TIME, NORFOLK CLUB:

09:30AM Depart hotel for short walk to the magnificent FORUM housing the American Library. Learn of the legacy of the Memorial Room, a gift from the veterans of the Second Air Division in memory of almost 7000 comrades who gave their lives. Addresses and special presentations.

Afternoon is FREE TIME, further explore Norwich or option for free guided walking tour of War-time Norwich with local historian and author, Neil Storey.

6:00PM Gather in Maids Head Foyer for three-minute walk to the historic and exclusive Norfolk Club for a group dinner of a hot buffet with invited friends including presentations.

9:45PM Depart for return to Maids Head.

Thursday 24 Sept NEW FARM AVIATION MUSEUM, TRADITIONAL ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA:

09:30AM Coach departs for visit to New Farm Aviation Museum. Includes a special Rackheath Room containing many artifacts found or excavated from the airfield and soil over the years. They regularly continue to search and add to the collection, a real Aladdin's cave of items.

1:00PM Coach departs for a very special and surprise destination where you will enjoy a traditional English Afternoon Tea. We can guarantee you will thoroughly enjoy this great location.

4:30PM Board coach return to Maids Head. Dinner on your own, hotel, or many nearby options.

Friday 25 Sept FLIXTON SITE 4 USAAF COMMUNAL SITE, HARDWICK HANGAR PARTY, TRADITIONAL BANQUET:

09:00AM Coach departs for Flixton and the remarkable preserved and extensive former USAAF Communal Site. Pretty much the whole site still exists and represents a unique time capsule of base life for the 446th BG. Experience a guided tour and get to explore inside several of these historic buildings and touch history.

12:00PM Board coach for nearby Hardwick and Hangar Party at Maurice Hammond's facility. Ride WW2 military vehicles, and view the collection and restoration projects, explore the 93rd BG remains.

4:00PM Board coach for return to Maids Head.

6:30PM Our week concludes with our traditional banquet of a hot buffet in the ornate wood-paneled Oak Room at the Maids Head with guest speaker(s) and invited guests with pre-dinner drinks served in the adjoining Yard Bar.

Saturday 26 Sept: Departing breakfast for those moving on. Why not extend the stay and experience the special Norwich experience with friends and locals in the warm spirit of Norfolk hospitality.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TO NORWICH: Simplest method of reaching Norwich is to fly into AMSTERDAM then connect with KLM Airlines on the short 45 minute flight to Norwich which run 4 times a day during the week. Delta Airlines have a tie with KLM so would be the airline to choose and hopefully a seamless connection. At Norwich Airport a 15 minute taxi (or Uber!) ride and you reach the Maids Head.

