

# EXPERIENCE THE FRIENDLY INVASION



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EXPLORING  
AMERICAN  
HERITAGE IN  
EAST ANGLIA

## FIVE DAY TOUR

This wide-ranging itinerary shows where American airmen were stationed and are remembered – and where they went to have fun.

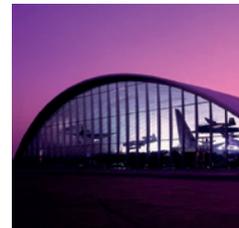
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The university city of **Cambridge** has been home to some of the greatest thinkers in the past 500 years. Explore the beautiful museums, galleries and majestic college buildings on a walking tour, or enjoy the many shops. Enjoy a pint at The Eagle pub, in the famous RAF bar adorned by ceiling graffiti drawn by US airmen.



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It's not far from Cambridge to **IWM Duxford**. The American Air Museum brings you personal stories which bring the era alive. It's a short drive to the poignant **Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial**. This is a fitting and moving monument to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Next stop is the historical village of **Lavenham**, Suffolk. Dine at The Swan, home to the Airmen's Bar, named as many of the 850 signatures on the walls belong to American airmen stationed nearby.



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3

Head north to **Norwich**. The **Second Air Division Memorial Library** is in the city's modern Forum building, dedicated to military history and American culture and life. Overlooking colourful Norwich marketplace is the 900-year-old Norman castle, while the uplifting cathedral dates from Norman times.



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4

On its first mission 100th Bomb Group lost 30 men and three aircraft, earning its nickname the 'Bloody Hundredth'. Thirty miles from Norwich, Thorpe Abbotts' **100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum**, near Dickleburgh, tells the tale. Head for the seaside; **Southwold** and **Thorpeness** are popular destinations.



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Imposing villa Hylands House, near **Chelmsford** in Essex, is known as The White House, and hosted American units during the war. The city's cathedral recalls tales of Pilgrim Fathers and wartime airmen stationed nearby. Nearby Layer Marney Tower is a 500-year-old Tudor palace.

*Images from the top: Cambridge, IWM Duxford, Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial, and Hylands House.*

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