

100 REASONS TO VISIT



1	Discover an amazing free day out	Both
2	Discover how the Royal Air Force keeps our skies safe today, has done so in the past and will do so tomorrow	Both
3	Discover 100 Years of RAF Stories	LDN
4	View Sara Waymont's Diary in The RAF in an Age of Uncertainty: 1980 – Today	LDN
5	Get hands-on with our new interactive exhibits	LDN
6	Marvel at the Bristol 1-88, a high speed experimental stainless-steel jet	COS
7	Discover if you have what it takes to design and fly your own virtual plane	LDN
8	Explore our London site with our Aces Family Backpacks	LDN
9	Explore the new RAF Museum experience	LDN
10	Follow Jack the Squadron Dog as he uncovers secrets of the First World War in a fascinating trail	LDN
11	Take part in our family friendly events	Both

12	Stand under 'S for Sugar', our Lancaster with 137 successful Second World War missions under its belt	LDN
13	Stand under a Lightning Jet suspended in a vertical flying position in our National Cold War Exhibition	COS
14	View a 4lb incendiary bomb	LDN
15	Marvel at the TSR2, one of the most exciting and controversial British aircraft designs of the 1960s	COS
16	Enjoy a smile of self-satisfaction when you see the 'Wow' on your kid's faces	Both
17	Marvel at the RAF's first satellite, the original Skynet	LDN
18	Prove you have what it takes to be an RAF pilot by testing your skills and co-ordination	Both
19	See Roland Rat and Twinkle Toes the cat in our Mascots display	COS
20	Enjoy a hearty picnic in our grounds	Both
21	Explore the nose section of a Chinook helicopter that served in the Falklands	LDN
22	Visit the Museum for a fun-filled family day out	Both
23	Discover how a simple piece of tin foil saved thousands of lives by viewing our Window Bundle video	LDN



24	Explore the only place in Great Britain where you can check out the three V Bombers; the Vulcan, Victor and Valiant	COS
25	Find out how First World War pilots communicated to each other before the invention of electronic communications	LDN
26	See how a jet engine works with our new 3D interactive display	LDN
27	Discover how a pair of braces enabled captured airmen to escape from behind enemy lines	LDN
28	Sit on our parachute shaped bean-bags whilst enjoying a family picnic	LDN
29	Meet Air Dog Oscar whose job is to stop smugglers operating in and around Gibraltar	LDN
30	Put yourself in control of a Spitfire aircraft in the Fun 'n' Flight interactive gallery	COS
31	Discover the amazing story of Noor Inayat Khan, the Indian Princess who joined the WAAF and helped the French Resistance in Paris	LDN
32	Take a tour of our Mk XVI Spitfire while sitting in its cockpit (charges apply)	LDN
33	Take a selfie with Francizek Kornicki, the People's Spitfire Pilot*	LDN
34	Try on a real RAF Uniform and photograph yourself	Both
35	Get close to German and Japanese aircraft from the Second World War	COS
36	Introduce yourself to Sparky McDougall, the much-loved donkey who became an RAF Sergeant	LDN
37	Fly with the Red Arrows in our 4D Theatre (charges apply)	Both
38	Download the RAF Centenary Flypast App and create your own flypast of historic aircraft over the Museum	Both
39	View a little tin of webbing paste - the bane of many a new RAF recruit	LDN

* As voted for by members of the public Sept 2017



40	See the Vickers Wild Goose Wind Tunnel Model developed in 1950. Its swing-wing concept played a part in future aircraft design	LDN
41	Get close to a Bedford Green Goddess civil defence mobile pump unit	COS
42	Take part in an RAF mission in RAF: First to the Future	LDN
43	Learn why M.A.D (Mutually Assured Destruction) was truly mad when visiting our National Cold War Exhibition	COS
44	Discover the world's most advanced fighter jet, the F-35 Lightning II	LDN
45	See Baron von Richthofen's Blue Dog - his tiny glass lucky-charm on display in First World War in the Air	LDN
46	See a Full Dress Uniform Helmet previously worn by the Queen's Father on his wedding day	LDN
47	Get close to our suspended Cold War Jets by visiting our viewing platform 80ft up in the air	COS
48	Decide whether you can cram yourself into the miniature replica of our Sea King Helicopter we've specially created for children	LDN



49	View General Smuts' report on air organisation, recommending the foundation of the RAF, in First World War in the Air	LDN
50	Listen to people who worked at RAF Hendon, in their own words, through our 1930s style tannoy	LDN
51	Discover the reason why a Goolie Chit is so-called in The RAF in an Age of Uncertainty: 1980 – Today	LDN
52	See the Space Race played out through a deck of cards while standing in an audio-visual hotspot	COS
53	Relax outdoors in one of our picnic areas and have a good natter with your mates	LDN
54	Enjoy a relaxing drink in the courtyard of Claude's Café while the children explore its playground	LDN
55	Discover the Sea King search and rescue helicopter flown by Prince William when he was a pilot in the RAF	LDN
56	Enjoy a cream-tea with one of our uniquely designed cut-in-half tea-pots	LDN
57	Spot our lucky mascot, Percy the Parachuting Penguin, and take him home from the gift shop	Both
58	See the 1:1 scale giant Airfix model of a Spitfire, built by James May	COS
59	Learn why it was necessary to fit a Mk 2 ejection seat to the Gloster Meteor	LDN
60	See the Experimental Aircraft Programme (EAP) in Test Flight which was built as an advanced technology demonstrator	COS



61	Discover our Pilot Zone simulators and whether you have what it takes to fly a commercial aircraft (charges apply)	LDN
62	Discover how Lawrence of Arabia saved 100s of RAF Pilots from drowning	LDN
63	Listen to American President John Fitzgerald Kennedy's speech to the people of Berlin in our Berlin Wall audio-visual hotspot	COS
64	Crack codes and gather intelligence to successfully complete your mission in RAF: First to the Future	LDN
65	Find a Mini, a Trabant and a Beetle – all classic cars from the Cold War era at Cosford	COS
66	Learn about surveillance equipment during our Nimrod Tours (charges apply)	COS
67	See a Pegasus Engine for use in vertical take-off aircraft such as the Kestrel and Harrier	LDN
68	View our Taranis Model in RAF: First to the Future	LDN
69	Meet Sir Stephen Hillier, the current Chief of Air Staff and Head of the Royal Air Force - twice	LDN
70	Guide a Hercules to the Drop Zone in our Fun 'n' Flight interactive area	COS



71	Stand under the mighty Belfast, capable of transporting 150 troops or two Wessex Helicopters	COS
72	See Robbie Stewart's POW outfit in The RAF in an Age of Uncertainty: 1980 – Today	LDN
73	See an altar cross made from an Argentinian shell-case in the Falklands Chapel	LDN
74	Have your say on strategic bombing after viewing our animated film about its effects	LDN
75	Enjoy a fantastic family day out – whatever the weather	Both
76	Debate the future with family and friends using our interactive table in RAF: First to the Future	LDN
77	View the poignant 'Noon', an oil painting from 1919 by Emile Antoine Verpilleux	LDN
78	Check out our Seaplane Tender 206 in Hangar 1, built by the British Power Boat Company	LDN
79	Vote for when you think the first holidays in space will take place and see what our visitors think	LDN
80	Learn about the people who served their National Service in the Royal Air Force when you visit the National Cold War Exhibition	COS
81	Discover the extraordinary stories of the RAF's female pioneers	LDN
82	Meet 'Scotch Jock' the teddy bear who protected his owner Lieutenant W. MacLanachan throughout the First World War	LDN
83	View original sketches and notes from the Battle of Mons in our First World War in the Air Gallery	LDN
84	Get close to a Corgi Folding Motorcycle, designed to be air-dropped in a canister for use by parachutists in the Second World War	COS
85	View original film footage showing the Dambusters' bouncing bomb being tested	LDN
86	Learn about Cold War personalities with our touch screen kiosks	COS



87	See F-35 Test Pilot Peter Kos' Flight Suit in RAF : First to the Future	LDN
88	Enjoy an invigorating coffee and a scrumptiously tasty cake in Refuel Restaurant while you admire the views overlooking Cosford's airfield	COS
89	Fly with a Eurofighter Typhoon on the Black Hawk Simulator (charges apply)	COS
90	Visit the world's oldest Spitfire	COS
91	Learn the personal story of 2nd Lt. Kevin Furniss, a First World War pilot	COS
92	Download our free digital trails to your smartphone and follow them around our London site	LDN
93	Count the various RAF trades that are represented in our Wall of Hats	LDN
94	Find 'Donald Duck' and other pieces of nose art on aircraft across our site	LDN
95	See the Fairey Long Range Monoplane model	LDN
96	Wonder at the Leopard 1 West German Battle Tank on display in the National Cold War Exhibition	COS
97	Get up close to the Hercules and VC10 in the Museum grounds	COS
98	Take a photo of the Hawker Siddeley Gnat, previously used by the Red Arrows Aerobatic team	LDN
99	See a Daimler Ferret Scout Car that was used in combat conditions	LDN
100	Wonder how we've managed to cram so much to explore and discover into one amazing day	Both

