



ESPIONAGE & INTELLIGENCE:

# THE ALLIED SECRET AGENTS & CODEBREAKERS OF WWII

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LONDON | BLETCHLEY | THE MIDLANDS

EMBARK ON A MISSION THROUGH ENGLAND

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



TO: Friends of the International Spy Museum  
FROM: Christopher P. Costa

I invite you to join us in May 2024 on our inaugural Espionage & Intelligence Tour in the United Kingdom. We have spent the last several years working with The National WWII Museum in New Orleans as well as our friends, historians and SPY board members Dermot Turing and Phil Froom, on a fantastic journey into the Allies' intelligence operation during World War II. You will journey in complete comfort staying at hand-picked accommodations, as you discover stories of spies, operatives, and codebreakers along the way.

Bletchley Park will be at the centerpiece of this tour, and I am 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*. Dermot has been a strong supporter of the Spy Museum, and he is an active member of our Honorary Board. He has spoken at the Museum on numerous occasions, his enthusiasm for and devotion to intelligence history is extraordinary.

The staff at Bletchley Park during the war could not do it all on their own, and our visits to the former Y-Stations at Beaumanor Hall and Chicksands will highlight the work of thousands of women who listened to German radio traffic and dutifully recorded the coded messages. The messages then traveled by courier to Bletchley Park where they would be decrypted. The staff at the Y-Stations were subject to the provisions of the Official Secrets Act, meaning that they could not discuss their war service for decades after its completion.

While we are exploring the Midlands, we will stop at a former airfield with a unique history. RAF Harrington resembled the dozens of airfields that were home to the bomb groups of the US Eighth Air Force, but the missions from Harrington were anything but ordinary. B-24s loaded with weapons, radios, and equipment for resistance fighters left Harrington to make their secret drops. Jedburgh Teams departed Harrington to supplement the resistance groups and establish direct contact with Allied intelligence.

A highlight of the program will be in London as we go "Behind the Glass" at the Churchill War Rooms during a private evening event. A reception and dinner underground will combine with a special guided experience inside the Map Room and several other locations that are not accessible during a regular visit. With exquisite hotels and expert guides throughout, you will experience the best of London and the Midlands. I hope you will join us in the UK for this riveting journey into espionage in World War II.

Sincerely,

Executive Director | International Spy Museum

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# ABOUT THE TOUR

Join the International Spy Museum and The National WWII Museum 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. Dermot Turing, acclaimed author and nephew of Alan Turing, will escort the group through Bletchley Park—the United Kingdom’s center for decryption and codebreaking. Pay tribute to the women of the Y-Stations who intercepted and transcribed German messages sent via Morse code. Go “Behind the Glass” 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.



## MEET THE INTERNATIONAL SPY MUSEUM EXPERTS



**DR. ANDREW HAMMOND**

Dr. Andrew Hammond is Historian & Curator at the International Spy Museum. His interest in intelligence came from a period of service in the Royal Air Force, with secondments to the British Army and the Royal Navy. He specializes in intelligence history and is fascinated by how the artifacts at the Museum – whether an Enigma machine, a Stinger missile, or the Jester’s laptop – help tell personal stories and larger historical narratives. He is the author of

a forthcoming book entitled *Struggles for Freedom: Afghanistan and US Foreign Policy Since 1979*, and is working on another book that tells the story of 9/11 and the post-9/11 wars through the voices of military and intelligence veterans. He has taught at a number of institutions on both sides of the Atlantic and has held fellowships at the British Library, the Library of Congress, New York University, and the University of Warwick. He was formerly a Mellon Public Humanities Fellow at the 9/11 Memorial Museum and is currently a Public Policy Fellow at the Wilson Center. He hosts the Museum’s podcast, *SpyCast*, which features interviews with spy chiefs, intelligence officers, and other experts on the shadow world.

**AMANDA OHLKE**



As a key member of the Museum’s creative team since 2004, Amanda Ohlke helped develop the Museum’s exhibitions for reopening in 2019 with special emphasis on curating exhibits on people including: James Lafayette, Mata Hari, Mubin Shaikh, and Noor Khan; and topics including: economic espionage, pop culture, sabotage, and terrorism. Her recent paper “Mata Hari: Ripe for Recruitment” will be published in an anthology in 2023 from the University Press of Kansas. She also conceptualized and oversaw production of tactile interactive elements throughout the exhibits. Ohlke was involved in the writing, talent selection, interviewing, and production of many of the key films in the Museum. She was also heavily involved in developing the Museum’s *Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of Bond Villains* exhibit and *Operation Spy* immersive experience. She was the creative lead for the Museum’s *Spy in the City™* GPS-based interactive missions drawn from real spy cases, which guests ran in the streets of DC. Launched in 2009, thousands of guests played annually through 2018. Ohlke is the former Executive Director of the Museum Trustee Association where she developed director and board leadership education programs in partnership with the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Getty Leadership Institute.



**COL CHRISTOPHER P. COSTA, USA, (RET)**

Christopher Costa was appointed as the Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Counterterrorism at the White House. Costa’s 35-year government career included 25 years in counterintelligence and human intelligence, and with Special Operations Forces (SOF) in the United States Army, in Central America, Europe, and throughout the Middle East. He ran a wide range of intelligence and sensitive operations in Panama, Bosnia, the first and second Iraq wars, and Afghanistan. Colonel Costa earned two bronze stars for sensitive human intelligence work in Afghanistan. Assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Development Group with Navy SEALs, he served as the first civilian squadron Deputy Director. In 2013, Costa was inducted into the United States Special Operation’s Commando Hall of Honor for lifetime service to US Special Operations.

Costa has been a Senior Adjunct Instructor with Norwich University’s Bachelor of Science in Strategic Studies and Defense Analysis Program. In addition, he has taught terrorism-related courses at Eckerd College, ECPI University, and Schenectady Community College. Costa has been an Adjunct Associate Professor for the Georgetown University Security Studies Program – Walsh School of Foreign Studies, since 2021. He has published articles in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, and terrorism-related opinion pieces in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Politico*, *Defense One*, *The Hill*, and *The Washington Examiner*. He has been interviewed as a subject matter expert on terrorism by BBC, ABC, and Fox News. He holds an M.A. in Strategic Intelligence from American Military University and an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College; he earned a B.A. from Norwich University. Costa has been the Executive Director of the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, since 2018.

# INTELLIGENCE & ITS OUTCOMES IN WWII

Behind every major operation in World War II was a foundation of intelligence. Whether gained from spies in the field, observers along the coast, or intercepted radio communications, the intelligence had to be analyzed and put together to create a big picture. Deception went hand-in-hand with intelligence. How can you find out the enemy's plans without letting the enemy know that you know their plans? In World War II, this played out in events all over the world.

During the Battle of Britain, Royal Air Force Chief Marshall Sir Hugh Dowding devised a system of information transmission and response to combat German attacks. Information on approaching German aircraft filtered from radar stations and coastal observers to Fighter Command Headquarters at Bentley Priory. Information then flowed from Bentley Priory to the operations room at each group headquarters. The information was tracked on plotting tables while the readiness of the fighter squadrons appeared on the wall. Anyone entering a control room could quickly grasp the current situation with a glance at a clock, a plotting table, and the wall.

In 1943, the Allies began Operation Bodyguard to obscure their plans to invade Normandy in 1944. A major part of Bodyguard involved a fake army, the First United States Army Group (FUSAG) that would conduct maneuvers in southeast England. Combined with radio traffic designed to be intercepted by the Germans, this operation bolstered German suspicions that the Allies would choose the shortest route for a cross-channel invasion. Spies and double agents fed information to the Germans to confirm those suspicions.

The Allied intelligence operation succeeded in masking the date, location, and units involved in D-Day. As the air and sea armadas set out across the channel, the French Resistance sprung into action. Supplemented by American and British operatives, resistance fighters sabotaged the railways and roads along the German routes to Normandy. The delays encountered in the German response allowed the Allies to secure their beachheads and begin the supply operations. The Road to Berlin would still require a determined effort, and intelligence was not always perfect. Still, the soldiers, sailors, and airmen could place their trust in a base of intelligence made possible by cryptologists, codebreakers, and spies.

## ALAN TURING & WWII INTELLIGENCE



Alan Turing has become synonymous with Bletchley Park and the codebreaking 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.

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.

Turing was arrested in 1952 after his homosexual relationship was uncovered. Homosexuality was a crime in the United Kingdom, and Turing was offered a choice of prison or probation with chemical castration. The chemicals he was forced to take had a profound effect on him, and Turing was found dead in his home in 1954.



# SPIES FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR TO THE PRESENT

## James Lafayette

James Lafayette was born enslaved in Virginia. As an adult, he became a valued spy for the American patriots during the Revolutionary War. At the behest of France's Marquis de Lafayette, who fought with the patriots, James risked his life to gather valuable intel from the British behind enemy lines. His work as a spy provided critical military intelligence leading to an entrapment that crippled the British military [redacted] and helped secure American victory at the Battle of Yorktown. When he won his freedom after the war, James took the name Lafayette to honor his friend and comrade.



Lafayette Parade Lantern, 1824



## Noor Inayat Khan

After France was occupied, Noor Inayat Khan and her family left for England, where she trained as a radio operator with Britain's Women's Auxiliary Air Force. In 1943, recruited by the Special Operations Executive (SOE), she became the first female wireless operator sent to occupied France. Smuggled into occupied Paris with a radio hidden in a suitcase and the code name "Madeleine," Khan aided Britain's Prosper spy network. Her transmissions coordinated drops of weapons and cash, [redacted] and helped smuggle Allied airmen to safety. For three months, Khan single-handedly maintained communications between London and occupied Paris. She was posthumously awarded the Croix de Guerre with Gold Star and the George Cross after her capture and subsequent execution at Dachau concentration camp.



THE GORDON HOTELS

GRAND HOTEL	LONDON	ROYAL PIER HOTEL	ST. JAMES HOTEL
HOTEL BELLEVUE	LONDON	HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO
MONTAGNE ROUSSE	LONDON	HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO
HOTEL VICTORIA	LONDON	HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO
FIRST AVENUE HOTEL	LONDON	HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO
		HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO
		HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO
		HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO
		HOTEL METROPOLIS	MONTICARLO

21 Mars 1908  
 Cher Monsieur Hornes:  
 J'espère que vous  
 vous rappeller de  
 moi, ou je devrais  
 il y a deux ans

à l'opéra dans  
 "Le Roi de Lahore"  
 Je vous prie de  
 me faire un grand  
 plaisir et de me  
 donner une place  
 pour l'opéra, pour  
 ce soir.  
 Je vous  
 recon  
 vien  
 bonjo  
 Mlle



Letter written by Mata Hari, France, 1908

## Mata Hari

Born Margaretha Zelle in the Netherlands, Mata Hari gained fame as a dancer who claimed to be a Javanese princess. When World War I broke out, spymasters on both sides of the conflict eyed her for her contacts with high profile military and civilian men. She is said to have seduced [redacted] diplomats and military officers into giving up their secrets. She was trained by the Germans, but thought she was operating for France when, in February 1917, French authorities arrested her for espionage after intercepting an enemy telegram implicating her as a German spy. Mata Hari was found guilty and sentenced to death. But as a femme fatale, her legend lives on. [redacted]

## Mubin Shaikh

After coming out of extremism himself, Mubin Shaikh decided to use his connections as a former jihadist sympathizer and supporter to fight terrorism by working undercover for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Integrated National Security Enforcement Team to infiltrate extremist persons and groups. [redacted]

In 2005, he infiltrated a homegrown terror cell whose leaders were planning catastrophic terror attacks including placing three truck bombs in Toronto that were the size of Oklahoma City's bomb, storming the Parliament, [redacted] and beheading the Canadian Prime Minister. With Shaikh on the inside, the "Toronto 18" were arrested instead.





# TOUR ITINERARY

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

## DAY 1: ARRIVE IN LONDON

Arrive into London Heathrow Airport (LHR) where you will receive a transfer to the Rubens at the Palace Hotel. You may want to take the opportunity to visit the Royal Guard's Museum located a few minutes' walk from the hotel. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner and an introduction to intelligence with historical examples of HUMINT and TECHINT.  
*Rubens at the Palace (R, D)*



Tower of London

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

## DAY 2: TOWER OF LONDON & VIEW OF THAMES HOUSE

Passing by Thames House, the home of MI5 from 1934-1939, your guide will discuss the operations of MI5 throughout the 20th century. During a visit to the Tower of London, learn of the eleven German spies executed there during World War I and the German HUMINT operations of World War II through Josef Jakobs, a German spy who was unveiled under the Double Cross system. Jakobs was the last spy to be executed in the Tower of London on August 15, 1941.  
*Rubens at the Palace (B, L)*



Tower Bridge



Imperial War Museum London



MI6 Building London

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

## DAY 3: VIEW OF VAUXHALL CROSS & SPY ACTIVITIES DAY

Passing by Vauxhall Cross, the current home of MI6, your guide will discuss the operations of MI6 throughout the 20th century. Visit London's Imperial War Museum, which boasts an impressive collection of artifacts from World War I to the present. You will then engage in a series of activities at a "spy training school" where you will learn how to communicate with your sources using live and dead letter boxes whilst spotting and evading surveillance. This evening, visit the Churchill War Rooms for a private reception and dinner as you embark on the "Behind The Glass" Experience. *Rubens at the Palace (B, R, D)*



Military Intelligence Museum at Chicksands

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

## DAY 4: MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM

The Military Intelligence Museum at Chicksands boasts an impressive collection that deepens the understanding of intelligence collection and use. Through your visit, the concept of ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, and Reconnaissance) is emphasized. The tour will also uncover details about British intelligence gathering operations during the Cold War, particularly in East Germany (BRIXMIS). Continue to the Shuttleworth Collection to view a unique aircraft collection including a Westland Lysander, the SOE's famous "Spy Taxi" of WWII. *The Kingfisher (B, L)*



Y-Stations

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

## DAY 5: BEAUMANOR HALL

Start the day at the stately Beaumanor Hall with a tour of the facilities used by the women who worked the Y-Station. Requisitioned by the War Office, Beaumanor served as the main “ears” of Bletchley Park. German transmissions would be logged at Beaumanor and delivered to Bletchley Park for decoding. After lunch, continue to RAF Harrington to discover Operation Carpetbagger, special low-level flights to aid resistance groups in occupied countries. Learn about the SOE, the OSS (forerunner to the CIA), and the Jedburgh teams, who not only clandestinely gathered intelligence from occupied Europe but also carried out sabotage and assassination.

*The Kingfisher (B, L)*



Coventry Cathedral

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

## DAY 6: COVENTRY

On the night of November 14-15, 1940, the *Luftwaffe* attacked the city of Coventry. Over 500 bombers approached the industrial city. By the end of the night, Coventry Cathedral was ablaze and over half of the city’s buildings received damage. After the war, speculation spread that Coventry was sacrificed to protect the intelligence operation at Bletchley Park. While Allied intelligence had uncovered German planning for a major raid, there was no definitive target. In the immediate aftermath of the bombing, the clergy of Coventry spoke of forgiveness, and Coventry today leads a network of cities advocating peace and reconciliation after suffering under bombardments.

*The Kingfisher (B, D)*



Beaumanor Hall





Bletchley Park



Bletchley Park Collections

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

## DAY 7: BLETCHLEY PARK

Visit Bletchley Park, the home of Britain's WWII codebreakers. Located along the rail line north of London and between Oxford and Cambridge, Bletchley Park could attract the country's top mathematicians. During a guided tour, learn of WWII SIGINT and strategic deception through the recruitment, codebreaking, and computing operations at Bletchley. Through the exhibits in the various buildings, find out how the intelligence gained at Bletchley truly impacted the war. Historian and author Dermot Turing, the nephew of Alan Turing, will discuss Bletchley Park during our visit. *The Kingfisher (B, D)*



MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

## DAY 8: DEPARTURES

A morning group departure brings guests to London Heathrow Airport for their flights home. *(B)*



## HOTELS

### RUBENS AT THE PALACE

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 KINGFISHER

Located in Bedford and nestled on the River Great Ouse, The Kingfisher is an historic riverside pub and boutique hotel with traditionally furnished rooms, all with en suite bathrooms. Additional amenities include TVs and free Wi-Fi, plus tea and coffeemaking facilities. The pub offers delicious locally sourced cuisine serving traditional British fare and relaxed friendly service.



## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Exclusive itinerary designed by the International Spy Museum and The National WWII Museum
- Special access to sites not offered on other tours
- Full-time logistical Tour Manager
- Expert local guides
- Roundtrip 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

## PRICING

\$7,495.00 per person, double occupancy  
 \$9,295.00 per person, single occupancy  
 \$230 per person taxes and fees  
 \$1,000 deposit



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