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From Cambridge with love, day three

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Duxford's Imperial War Museum kept us busy the whole morning of the third day. Even if you're not a history buff or a militaria lover, this fabulous place is bound to put you in a trance. Everything pertaining to man's struggle against the laws of gravity is explained in details, and there are incredibly rich displays of military and civilian plans, in seven huge warehouses.

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH145/I_believe_I_can_fly-----2eb7f.jpg] **" I believe I can fly..." you've got to be quite over-confident, or maybe a bit drunk to try your luck with a pair of wings like these strapped to your back !**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L311xH400/Top_Gun_fantasies-70cb5.jpg] **Sitting in the pilot's seat and manipulating the joystick obviously triggered some Top Gun fantasies in certain people...**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH277/Ladies_underwear_fabric-db9af.jpg] **Guess what material was chosen to drape the wings of the Wright Brothers's first plane ? A very light kind of linen previously used to manufacture ladies' undergarments ! What some people wouldn't do for the love of lingerie...**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L277xH369/member_of_the_Royal_Observer_Corps_searching_the_skies_for_enemy_aircraft-77cfa.jpg] **WW II : A member of the Royal Observer Corps, dutifully searching the skies for enemy aircraft**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH277/Lockeed_SR71A_blackbird-5a45d.jpg] **Lockheed SR71 blackbird reconnaissance plane.... looks kinda cool and lean and mean, doesn't it ?**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH277/downed_messerschmitt_with_propellers_bent_after_a_crash_landing-24244.jpg] **Downed messerschmitt with bent propellers after a crash-landing**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH277/V-2_launching_ramp-b7ec7.jpg] **V-2 launching ramp**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH277/Thumbs_up_-bce48.jpg] **Pilot with a Cassivellaunos moustache gives the thumbs up sign after a successful mission**

In the afternoon, we came to Cambridge for our scheduled boat cruise down the Cam. As a chilly rain was steadily falling, only a handful of brave souls chose to stick with the initial programme, while the rest went to a museum

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[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH247/punting_under_the_bridge_of_sighs-aff92.jpg] **So much nicer to float downstream on a sunny day...**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L300xH400/Anglo-saxon_guide_with_a_south-western_french_accent-03bb2.jpg] **Our anglo-irish guide spoke perfect french, with a french south-western accent !**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH277/college_grouinds_seen_from_the_cam-fd75c.jpg] **College façade, viewed from the river Cam. Left bottom corner, you can make out the tip of someone's nose, but I don't remember who.**

[http://lyc-george-sand-la-chatre.tice.ac-orleans-tours.fr/eva/sites/lyc-george-sand-la-chatre/local/cache-vignettes/L369xH277/singing_in_the_rain-bfd84.jpg] **Shivering under the pouring rain, huddling under blankets, we loved every second of the boat ride**