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Enjoy some of IWM Duxford’s best family-friendly exhibitions and activities.

IWM Duxford is a huge day out with so much to explore. Make sure you and your family experience the top family things on site by following this guide and your map.

TRAIN TO BE A PILOT
Start your day in AirSpace where some of the world’s most famous aircraft are on display. Use our interactives on the upper level find out if you have what it takes to be a pilot. Get hands-on as you learn how an aircraft flies and stays in the air. Then test your skills and see how good a pilot you could be!

DID YOU KNOW?
The first people ever to qualify as pilots did so over 100 years ago in 1910!

TRAVEL THROUGH TIME
Hop on our visitor bus and get off at Land Warfare. In this exhibition, you can walk through a landscape of war on land during the 20th century. Enter the Normandy Experience at the back of the hall, and feel what it would be like to be a soldier during D-Day.

DID YOU KNOW?
On D-Day, paratroopers were sent to capture the ‘Pegasus’ and ‘Horsa’ bridges. They sent back the code words ‘Ham’ and ‘Jamb’, which meant both bridges had been captured intact.

GET A SELFIE WITH A SPITFIRE
In Battle of Britain, discover how the RAF defended the skies during these key battles in the Second World War. Whilst here get a family selfie with our famous Supermarine Spitfire. (If it’s not in the hangar it will be on the airfield so look outside for it)

DID YOU KNOW?
Spitfires were introduced to RAF Duxford in 1938.

GET HANDS ON
Walk over to Historic Duxford. In this small historic building explore the sights and sounds of Duxford’s past and people.

DID YOU KNOW?
Duxford hasn’t just been the home and workplace of thousands of men and women, it has also been the home to plenty of animals, such as ‘Flash’ the Alsatian, ‘Rangy’ the Spaniel, and ‘Spot’ the cat!

DRESS UP LIKE AN AMERICAN PILOT
Walk over to the American Air Museum and learn about Duxford’s connection to the US Army Air Forces. Once inside, take the right ramp to find the B-17 Flying Fortress. Search the displays near this aircraft to find the dress-up station, where you’ll be able to try on the jackets of a B-17 crew. Which jacket would you most like to wear?

DID YOU KNOW?
At its peak strength in 1944, the USAAF (United States Army Air Force) employed over 450,000 Americans across Britain!