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Discover some of the most iconic and famous aircraft in our collection with this tailored guide.

At IWM Duxford we have over a century of history spread out across our huge site. With so much to see, it’s hard to fit it all into one day. Make sure you see our top five aircraft highlights on site by following this guide and using your map.

**THE AIRCO DH 9 In Air and Sea**

In this hangar, you will find the Airco DH 9 bomber, which was one of the first types of aircraft stationed at RAF Duxford when it opened in 1918. Found in an Indian elephant stable, and restored to flying condition by the Historic Aircraft Collection, this is the only First World War bomber flying anywhere in the world.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Airco DH 9 was the first British aircraft to have an internal bomb bay. Before this, bombs would be hung from the wings of the aircraft and released by hand!

**HANDLEY PAGE VICTOR BK1A In Conservation in Action**

Here, the Handley Page Victor BK1A is undergoing conservation work and is the only aircraft of its type left in the world. The Handley Page Victor was a British jet-powered strategic bomber during the Cold War.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Our Handley Page Victor started as a normal B1 in 1959, became a B1A after electronic countermeasures equipment were added in 1960, and finally became a Handley Page Victor BK1A when it was converted into an air-refuelling tanker in 1965.

**AVRO LANCASTER MKX In AirSpace**

In here you’ll find an example of the most successful British heavy bomber used during the Second World War; an Avro Lancaster MKX. If you want to see inside this impressive aircraft, book yourself onto ‘The Inside View: The Lancaster’.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Avro Lancaster could carry one of the most destructive bombs in the world – the Grand Slam. Weighing 22,000lbs (10 tonnes), the Grand Slam was the heaviest bomb dropped during the Second World War.

**LOCKHEED SR-71 BLACKBIRD In the American Air Museum**

From the entrance, walk down the left ramp to find the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest and highest-flying manned aircraft. This is the only Blackbird on display outside of the United States of America.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Blackbird could evade a surface-to-air missile launch by simply accelerating to outfly the threat.

**HAWKER HUNTER F6A In Battle of Britain**

Towards the back of the hangar, you will see the Hawker Hunter F6A, a transonic British jet-powered fighter aircraft. The single-seat Hunter entered service in 1954, as the first jet-powered aircraft produced by Hawker for the RAF. The Hunter took advantage of the newly developed Rolls-Royce Avon turbojet engine.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Although the Hawker Hunter was only used by the RAF until the mid-1970s, the Lebanese Air Force continued using the Hunter until 2014.