



Zeppelins are extinct.

They have disappeared from the world, and we will not see their like again.

In the years after the First World War few people believed that aeroplanes would ever develop into a safe, efficient and affordable way to travel long-distances. The airliners of the day had only a short range – 500 miles at most – though that was probably plenty for the passengers because they were uncomfortable, cold, and noisy – and far from reliable.

What a contrast with airships, especially Zeppelins! They could cruise for thousands of miles, carrying more passengers in far greater comfort than aeroplanes. They had kitchens and toilets and, on trans-ocean flights, cabins and showers as well. They were a little slower than airliners but, more importantly, they were two or three times faster than the ocean liners they were competing against.

HOTELS IN THE SKY

The times.... of the
The people.... **Zeppelin**
The sheer glamour.... years

This entertaining presentation by Mike Ogden, richly illustrated with photographs and original newsreel footage, celebrates a lost technology and a lost way of travelling the world.

The talk is available for a fee in North Nottinghamshire, North Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. Venues further afield may be possible. Fee and travel cost details are given on the website:

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In the 1920s the future of long-distance air travel belonged firmly to the airship.

See and hear about the first Zeppelin flight in 1900, the founding of the world's first airline in 1909, the first-ever trans-Atlantic passenger flights, and the grand vision of linking Britain's world-wide empire with rapid airship transport;

Savour the unique pleasure of travelling by Zeppelin, and contrast it with modern air travel;

Meet some of the celebrities who made airship travel so fashionable in the 1930s;

And experience the awful moment when **THE ZEPPELIN YEARS** came to a sudden and violent end.