

The British Isles were subjected to bombing attack by German aircraft from May 1940 to March 1945.

The attacks were geographically diverse, though **the majority was confined to London and those areas of southern England** most easily reached from Germany's French air bases, or within the range of V-Weapons.

When?	Why? (<i>The German bombing of Britain served different purposes at different times</i>)	Where?
<p>The blitz <i>From May-June 1940 to May 1941</i></p>	<p>- To blockade Britain: To cut Britain off from essential overseas supplies and to force a food crisis.</p> <p>- To undermine the British war production effort (industrial targets: the aircraft and aero-engine factories + shipbuilding, mining)</p> <p>- To demoralize people (soldiers and civilians) and put pressure on British government to seek an Armistice.</p>	<p>London cities in the Midlands – Birmingham and Coventry in particular –and against major port cities, including Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow, Plymouth, Bristol Southampton and Portsmouth</p>
<p>Intermittent raids <i>From 1941 to 1943</i></p>	<p>In 1942, in retaliation for the bombing of the ancient German port cities of Rostock and Lübeck, the German Air Force was ordered to mount spoiling attacks against British cultural sites. "Baedeker raids", The name derives from Baedeker, a series of German tourist guidebooks, including detailed maps, which were used to generate targets for bombing.</p> <p><i>After that the German Air Force had too many tasks to perform at the fighting fronts to be able to do anything against Britain.</i></p>	<p>There were attacks again Exeter, York, Bath , Norwich and Canterbury</p>
<p>The Baby Blitz (operation Steinbock) <i>From November 1943 to May 1944</i></p>	<p>The baby blitz was the last strategic bombing air offensive by the Luftwaffe (using conventional aircraft) . The British called it the 'Baby Blitz' because it was relatively ineffective.</p>	<p>was directed largely at The greater London area Southern England</p>
<p>A campaign by flying bombs (V1) and rockets (V2) <i>From June 1944 to March 1945.</i></p>	<p>Hitler ordered the use of missiles to attack allied cities as retaliatory raids for allied bombings against German cities (to appease German public opinion). The V1 and V2 were called vengeance weapons or V-Weapons) by Germans. Buzz Bomb or doodle bug by allied force.</p> <p>The V1 was a flying bomb (cruise missile), V1 were launched From Dutch or French coast (250 km = 160 miles)</p> <p>The V2 was the first long-range guided ballistic missile (320 km soit 200 miles)</p>	<p>The weapons were inaccurate and carried a small payload and did little damage to Britain's war effort.</p> <p>London a large number of V-Weapons fell to the south of London Surrey and Sussex .</p>

