



# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE **GREAT MAN**



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Embark on a mini-pilgrimage to pay tribute to Winston Churchill.

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**Q**UITE REMARKABLY, FOR A MAN WHO makes his living writing about cigars, I've never broached the subject of Winston Churchill. Until now, that is.

I've purposely avoided doing so, as it's a rather obvious link. The 20th Century's ultimate hero smoked 10 "Churchill" sized cigars a day for about 60 years of his life and was rarely photographed without one either clasped firmly between his teeth or between those ever-busy fingers.

However, as my old dad once told me, there's a first time for everything. So here goes on my own homage to the man who helped save the planet from annihilation all those years ago.

BACKGROUND: Churchill's birthplace, Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.  
INSET, OPPOSITE: Chartwell in Kent, Churchill's cherished residence.  
INSET, THIS PAGE: Churchill in 1958, on his way to Chartwell to celebrate his 84th birthday.

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