

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**



A bi-annual, and very popular, tour to the ILA Aerospace Exhibition and Airshow, held at Berlin Brandenburg Airport. With several large exhibition halls, a huge static park and a daily airshow, it's easy to see why the event is such a big hit with aviation enthusiasts.

Our itinerary includes one full day at the show - with the possibility of a second visit on our free day in Berlin (own arrangements).

Before arriving in the German capital our travels will take us via the historic towns of Halle, Leipzig and Dresden, visiting several aircraft collections; and the excellent

aviation museums in Cottbus and Eberswalde (Finov). Plus the huge collection in the Luftwaffe Museum on the ex German and RAF airfield at Gatow!

We also have a specially extended, guided tour of the famous World War II POW camp in Colditz Castle! As well as the history of the castle itself, we will also look around the Oflag IVC Escape Museum; hear about some of its famous inmates like, for example, a certain Douglas Bader; and the numerous escape attempts - including the incredible Colditz Glider!

There are full days at leisure in Dresden and Berlin, to enjoy as you wish.

Information on all the aviation visits can be found in Bog Ogden's excellent reference book "Aviation Museums & Collections of Mainland Europe" published by Air Britain and available from Ian Allan Bookshops and "Ian Allan Plus" (formerly Midland Counties Books).

Whilst some of the websites quoted in the itinerary are in German, English translations are normally available on Google, by typing "English" in 'Preferences', or using "babelfish".

We fly on the scheduled services of BMI (British Midland) from London's Heathrow Airport; travel in-country by air-conditioned luxury coach; and stay each night in a comfortable hotel on a bed and breakfast basis. Tour price includes one day's admission to ILA 2010 and all aviation museums and collections as stated.

This tour is also a perfect holiday for non-aviation minded persons!

## **PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)**

### **Day 1: Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> June:**

Between 12:00 – 13:15 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts, in British Midland's check-in area, located in Departures (First Floor) of Terminal 1 at London's Heathrow Airport. Latest check in time is 13:15.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1  
✈ Berlin Tegel Airport

Flight: BD 845

Departs: 14:45  
Arrives: 17:35

After the usual arrival formalities we meet our local coach driver and transfer to the historic city of Halle, the birthplace of Handel, approximately 90-minutes to the south. We stay the night at the "Dormotel Europa Halle" on a bed and breakfast basis. There is a restaurant and bar on-site.

Website: [www.dormotel-halle.de](http://www.dormotel-halle.de)

## Day 2: Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June:

This morning we first visit Leipzig Airport which is home to 2 classic Soviet airliners, an Ilyushin Il-18 and, in storage, an Ilyushin Il-62; we have asked to see both ([http://leipzig-halle-airport.de/en/index/reisende\\_besucher/erlebnis\\_flughafen.html](http://leipzig-halle-airport.de/en/index/reisende_besucher/erlebnis_flughafen.html)); then to the Luftfahrt und Technik Museumspark in nearby Merseburg (<http://www.luftfahrt-technik-museum.de/ausflug.html>).



In the afternoon we visit the famous WWII POW camp – Colditz Castle for a specially extended guided tour, during which we will see actual escape artefacts and uniforms produced by the ingenious POWs in the Oflag IVC Escape Museum (<http://www.schloss-colditz.com/engl/Colditz-Castle-for-english-spoken-people.html>)

At approximately 18:00 we arrive at the L Hotel Dresden Altstadt, located in the historic Old Town area, where we stay 3-nights on a bed and breakfast basis. [www.leonardo-hotels.com/L\\_Dresden\\_Altstadt\\_Hotel](http://www.leonardo-hotels.com/L_Dresden_Altstadt_Hotel)

## Day 3: Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June:

A day at leisure to enjoy as you wish in the city of Dresden.

## Day 4: Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June:

At 09:00 we depart for visits to 3 aviation collections: the Verkehrsmuseum (Photo Fee: €1.00; Video Fee: €2.50) ([www.verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de](http://www.verkehrsmuseum-dresden.de)); Militarhistorisches Museum ([www.militaerhistorisches-museum.bundeswehr.de](http://www.militaerhistorisches-museum.bundeswehr.de)); and the EADS Elbe Flugzeugwerke Sammlung.

## Day 5: Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June:

Departing Dresden at 09:00 we first visit the Flugplatzmuseum at Welzow before continuing to Cottbus (pictured) with its excellent museum (website: [www.flugplatzmuseumcottbus.de](http://www.flugplatzmuseumcottbus.de)).

At approximately 18:00 we arrive in Berlin, staying 4-nights at the excellent Hotel Excelsior, located in the city centre and within walking distance of the famous shopping boulevard the Kurfürstendamm – or Ku-Damm. Also nearby is the famous Cathedral, the Zoological Garden, Europa Center, Victory Column, KaDeWe department store. Many more interesting sights, shops, restaurants and bars are easily reached on foot.



## Day 6: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June:

Today, at 09:00, we set out for our visit to Luftfahrtshistorische Sammlung Finow in Eberswalde, where most of the aircraft are on display in and around old Soviet Air Force hardened aircraft shelters!

Returning to the centre of Berlin we visit the Technik Museum with its very interesting collection of aircraft (<http://www.sdtb.de/English.122.0.html>). At 18:00 we arrive back at our hotel.

## Day 7: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June:

At 07:30 we depart for a full day at ILA 2010 at Berlin Brandenburg Airport.

Today is a Trade Day with an afternoon international airshow. Please note that Media Passes will be requested for all members of our group (to be confirmed). Website: [www.ila-berlin.de](http://www.ila-berlin.de)

At 18:00 we depart back to the hotel.

## Day 8: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June:

A day at leisure to enjoy as you wish: spotting at Tegel, sightseeing and/or shopping in Berlin or a second day at ILA (not included in the tour price).

## Day 9: Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June:

At 09:30 we leave the hotel for our visit to the huge collection of aircraft in the Luftwaffen Museum, located on the ex-Luftwaffe and RAF airfield of Gatow. Website: <http://www.sdtb.de/English.122.0.html>

Mid-afternoon we transfer to nearby Tegel Airport and check-in by 16:00 for our British Midland flight back to London.

✈ Berlin Tegel Airport

Flight: BD 846

Departs: 18:10

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1

Arrives: 19:05

Whilst waiting for our luggage in Baggage Reclaim we take the opportunity to bid auf Wiedersehen before going our separate ways!

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227004
£1,155.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
£ 328.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land-only (excluding train) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

### TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ⇒ Return flights on the scheduled services of BMI (British Midland) from London's Heathrow Airport
- ⇒ All transfers and transportation by de-luxe, air-conditioned coach
- ⇒ 8 nights accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- ⇒ Continental Breakfast each morning
- ⇒ One day's admission to the ILA 2010 Aviation Exhibition and Air Show
- ⇒ Admission to all aviation museums as stated in the itinerary
- ⇒ Special, extended tour of Colditz Castle
- ⇒ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- ⇒ Coach driver's gratuity

### NOT INCLUDED

- ⇒ Meals, other than those stated as being an included item
- ⇒ Travel Insurance – see General Information for details
- ⇒ Any charge for taking photographs and/or video at the museums
- ⇒ A second day at ILA 2010
- ⇒ Admission to any museums other than those stated in the itinerary
- ⇒ Any optional flights arranged on-tour
- ⇒ Personal expenses, e.g. telephone calls, laundry etc
- ⇒ Tips and gratuities (other than for the coach driver)

### **CHANGES TO THE FINAL ITINERARY**

Unforeseen World events, changes in the geo/political situation, no-notice or minimum notice changes due to operational reasons may result in the itinerary being amended. Whilst we will keep you fully informed, Ian Allan Travel Ltd cannot be held responsible for any visit or tour being cancelled due to world events, or circumstances, beyond our control.

Your attention is drawn to the Booking Conditions in our 2010 Aviation Tours brochure and on the reverse of the Booking Form.

### **PAYMENT FOR IAN ALLAN AVIATION TOURS**

A deposit of £250.00 per person per tour should accompany your Booking Form, with any cheque being made payable to "Ian Allan Travel Ltd". The balance is due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

### **FCO CONSULAR ADVICE**

The FCO's consular service is a major operation. Every hour of every day consular staff around the world are advising and helping British nationals. We suggest you visit [www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo](http://www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo) for up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting.

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provide an Information Line, telephone: 0901 201 505 (calls currently charged at 50p per minute).

### **PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport, which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide website: [www.wtgonline.com](http://www.wtgonline.com) for general information on passports, visas and health requirements. British/EU Nationals do not require a visa to enter Germany.

### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Currently there are no known compulsory health requirements for visiting Germany. For the latest information we recommend you consult your doctor or local health centre.

### **BAGGAGE REGULATIONS: British Midland (BD)**

**Hold baggage** - for Economy Class, currently allow 1 piece in the aircraft's hold, up to a maximum weight of 23kgs (51lbs). Where it is clear that a passenger cannot manage one bag of 23kgs, they will be able to check-in an additional bag free of charge, as long as the sum weight of both bags when totaled does not exceed 23kgs. Any amount in excess of 23kgs and excess baggage charges are likely to be applied.

**Hand baggage** - Passengers departing from or transferring through Heathrow can take 2 standard-sized bags no bigger than 56cm x 45cm x 25cm (22" x 17.5" x 9.85") including wheels, pockets and handles. There is no weight limit for cabin bags, provided passengers can lift the bags, unaided, into the overhead lockers in the aircraft cabin.

Restrictions remain in place for the carriage of liquids, gels, and creams in hand baggage for all passengers departing from and transferring through all EU airports. Some other airports around the world operate their own restrictions. Customers are advised to check before they travel.

Limited quantities of liquids (individual containers must not exceed 100ml or 3.5 fl oz), are allowed as hand baggage but must be carried separately through security in a clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20cm x 20cm (8 inches x 8 inches), or quart size. Items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed.

The bag can only contain liquids such as shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency.

Cigarette lighters are NOT permitted in hold baggage or through the security search. These may be purchased airside.

Hand baggage can also include electronic equipment such as mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray.

Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit can also be included.

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note: you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

## **BAGGAGE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS – UK AIRPORTS**

Since 1st June 2004, any single piece of checked baggage weighing more than 70lbs (32kgs) has not been accepted at check-in by any airline operating from London's Heathrow Airport. The BAA may introduce this limit at their other airports in the UK (and so might non-BAA airports), in an attempt to reduce manual handling injuries amongst airport staff. Please bear this in mind when packing your suitcase.

## **MEALS**

Meals are not included in the price of our tours unless they are included within the room rate as we realise that not everyone wants three meals a day. Continental breakfast is included on this tour.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Travel Ltd are able to offer competitive and comprehensive insurance cover. However, if you do not wish to take out our insurance, you must ensure that comparable or greater cover is taken. The number of your Insurance Policy should be written, if known, on your Booking Form at the time of making the reservation, but no later than the date when final payment is due. A copy of the policy must be forwarded to Ian Allan Travel Ltd.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. Full details are available on request.

These policies also include cover for non-scheduled flights, i.e. pleasure flights, where the aircraft is licensed and insured to undertake such flights, and where a payment is made.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photography is allowed at all the aviation museums we are visiting. Please note that any fees charged for taking photographs or video is not included in the tour price.

## **WHEELCHAIR ASSISTANCE AT AIRPORTS**

Anyone requiring wheelchair assistance at airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and/or airports can no longer provide this service without prior confirmation, therefore, please annotate your booking form accordingly.

## **FLEXIBLE ITINERARY**

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests during multi-day stays in the same place, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure, and no responsibility can be accepted by Ian Allan Travel Ltd for any missed departure nor the consequences of any action where independent arrangements are made.

## OVERSEAS ENTHUSIASTS

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour in Germany (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we will be very pleased to provide a 'Land Only' price on request. This price *does not* include any flights whatsoever and you are strongly advised to contact us before making your own flight arrangements in the event that there has been a change to the published itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour at the first hotel – in Halle – and does not include either arrival nor departure airport transfers; however, should your arrival/departure coincide with that of the group, a seat will be offered when available for an appropriate supplement.

## CONNECTING FLIGHT/RAIL/COACH SERVICES FROM AROUND THE UK

Each tour can only operate once it has received a minimum number of bookings, therefore, we strongly recommend you do not make any non-refundable connecting flight, rail or coach reservations until you have spoken with Ian Allan Aviation Tours (Telephone: 01932 255627).

**Airport Hotel and/or Car Parking:** we can offer special rates for the above at most UK airports, please ask for details.

**'Meet & Greet' Car Parking, London's Heathrow Airport:** from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive directly to the Drop Off/Pick Up lane at Terminal 1 and hand your car over to the waiting driver who will then take it to an off-airport, secure, car park. On your return, the driver and your car will be waiting for you in the same location. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers. Please telephone for further details.

## OPTIONAL PLEASURE/SIGHTSEEING FLIGHTS ~ DISCLAIMER

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us, Ian Allan Travel Ltd will not be held liable for any injuries or death resulting thereon.

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