

Friday, 21st – Monday, 24th May, 2010



A long weekend to France's equivalent of "Old Warden", to the annual airshow at La Ferte Alais, the idyllic grass airfield in the rolling hills south of Paris.

Residing here is the large and fabulous Jean-Baptiste Salis collection!

The 2009 show was rated as one of the very best in Europe, featuring aircraft from the early days of flight, to WWI and WWII warbirds, through to the odd modern, noisy 'heavy metal' types. Pictured is the unique and incredible Me 163 Komet glider! Will it be joined by the beautifully restored Focke Wulf FW190 (it went 'tech' last year), and feature in this year's show?

Our tour starts in London at the St Pancras International Rail Terminal from where we travel to/from Paris by Eurostar through the Channel Tunnel. Travel in-country is by air-conditioned luxury coach.

In Central Paris we stay 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis at the historic Carlton's Hotel; in the early decades of the 20th century it was the favourite hotel for many film stars (including Maurice Chevalier who had a room permanently there), as it is in the Montmartre district with its theatres and restaurants. Also within easy walking distance is the Sacre Coeur church and the Moulin Rouge, etc. The Champs de Elysee, Place de la Concorde, Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, etc. are only a 10-minutes Metro ride away (there are 2 stations each a 200 yards walk from the hotel).

Given that the Pound has plummeted against the Euro, this tour represents excellent value for money!

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: Friday, 21st May

Between 09:30 and 10:05 (latest check in time) please meet your Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts at Eurostar's check-in facility, at London's St Pancras International Rail Terminal. We depart on the 10:25 train to the Gare du Nord station in Paris, arriving at 13:47.

We then transfer by private coach the few miles to Le Bourget Airport, arriving at approximately 14:30 at the Musee de l'Air et de l'Espace – one of the finest aviation collections in the world. The Museum closes at 17:00 and we transfer to the Carlton's Hotel situated in the Montmartre district of Paris, arriving at approximately 17:30. We stay 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

DAYS 2 & 3: Saturday, 22nd & Sunday, 23rd May

One full day will be spent at the La Ferte Alais Airshow – the 2009 show was rated one of the best that year in Europe.

.... and one full day will be at leisure to explore Paris as you wish.

Which day we attend the airshow will be decided nearer the time - after consulting the weather forecast!

DAY 4: Monday, 24th May

The morning is at leisure – an opportunity to climb up to the Sacre Coeur with its fabulous views across Paris or maybe a trip up the Eiffel Tower!

At 13:15 our coach departs the hotel and transfers us the short distance to the Gare du Nord railway station; here we check in with Eurostar for the 14:13 service to London's St Pancras International Rail Terminal, arriving at 15:29.

Bidding each other "au revoir", we continue our separate ways!

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227036
From: £535.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
£ 100.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land-only (excluding train) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ⇒ Travel on the rail services of Eurostar (London-Paris-London)
- ⇒ All transfers and transportation by de-luxe, air-conditioned coach
- ⇒ 3 nights accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- ⇒ Continental Breakfast each morning
- ⇒ Admission to La Ferte Alais Air Show
- ⇒ Admission to Musee de l'Air et de l'Espace
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- ⇒ Admission to any museums other than those stated in the itinerary
- ⇒ 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 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

A visa is not required for entry into France by British/EU nationals. However, you must take your passport with you.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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

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.

DRESS CODE

Out of respect and courtesy to our hosts all our visits to aviation museums and aircraft collections/operators will observe a 'casual but smart' dress code. T-shirts, jeans, shorts, flip-flop type footwear etc., are not acceptable; open-necked shirts (golf, polo, etc.) long or short-sleeved, with slacks/long trousers are perfect. T-shirts, shorts, jeans etc. may be worn at all other times.

Any member of the group who dresses inappropriately will not be able to join his fellow enthusiasts on these visits.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography is allowed at the aviation museum we are visiting.

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 – OR LAND ONLY ARRANGEMENTS

For enthusiasts residing in or outside of the UK, who would prefer to join the tour in Paris instead of departing from London with the main group, we are pleased to offer a land only price. No coach transfers on the first and last days are included.

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).

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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