

Sunday, 4th – Thursday, 8th October, 2009

The 2009 Libyan Aviation Exhibition (LAVEX), which includes a daily airshow, is also celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by Colonel Khadafi.

Previous LAVEX's provided plenty of rare and unique aircraft, including those of the Libyan Air Force, and we expect this year's event to be extra special on such an auspicious occasion.

Both civil and military aircraft participate in the static display and flying programme.

You also have the option of visiting Leptus Magna, once one of the leading cities of the Roman Empire.



We fly to Tripoli on the scheduled services of Air Afriqiyah from London's Gatwick Airport; travel in-country is by coach; and we stay 4-nights on a half board basis (breakfast and evening meal) at the 3-star Bab Al Jadeed Hotel in Tripoli. In Libya we are accompanied throughout by a local English-speaking guide and Tourist Policeman, and our tour is led by Steve Kinder who has been to previous LAVEX's.

Details of how to acquire a Tourist Visa for Libya are given on the attached General Information pages. It is essential that you read and comply with instructions exactly.

Also, Libya is strictly 'alcohol free'. If caught entering the country with alcohol or worse still caught drinking alcohol will almost certainly mean that your visa will most probably have expired by the time they allow you to return to the UK!

The tour price now includes 3 days admission to LAVEX 2009, including attending the VIP/Opening Ceremony on the first day and buffet luncheon, a copy of the official catalogue of "Air Show LAVEX 2009", and permission to take photographs. We understand that unlike previous LAVEXs, the taking of photographs now requires official approval and as such is included within the entrance fee levied.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER

Between 09:00 and 09:55 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager in Air Afriqiyah's check-in area, in the South Terminal at London's Gatwick Airport. Latest recommended check-in time is 09:55 hrs..

✈ Gatwick Airport, South Terminal
✈ Tripoli

Flight: 8U 913

Departs: 11:55
Arrives: 16:25



After Immigration, Baggage Reclaim and Customs we meet our local English-speaking guide and board our waiting coach for the transfer to the Bab Al Jadeed Hotel. We stay here 4-nights on a half board basis.

DAY 2: MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER

At 08:30 we depart the hotel for a sightseeing tour of the city by coach, before arriving at the venue of LAVEX 2009 at 10:30. The remainder of the day is spent at the event until 17:00 when we return to the hotel.



DAY 3: TUESDAY, 6th OCTOBER

Departing at 09:00 we enjoy a second full day at LAVEX 2009 returning to the hotel at 17:00.

Alternatively, take up our offer of an optional full day excursion to the historic Roman city of Leptus Magna, the site of some of the most impressive ruins of their empire.

We arrive back at LAVEX at 17:00 to pick up those members of the group who spend the day at the show.

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER

We leave our hotel at 09:00 for a third full day at LAVEX 2009, departing for the hotel at 17:00.

DAY 5: THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER

This morning we transfer to Tripoli Airport and check-in for our flight back to London.

- ✈ Tripoli
- ✈ Gatwick, South Terminal

Flight: 8U 912

Departs: 08:30
Arrives: 11:00

Awaiting our luggage in Baggage Reclaim, we bid each other "farewell" – until we meet again!

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227900
£ 1,140.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
£ 148.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Flights on the scheduled services of Air Afriqiyah from London's Gatwick Airport, as stated
- UK Passenger Service Charge and UK & Libyan airport taxes (subject to change)
- All coach transfers and transportation as stated
- 4-nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Continental breakfast and evening meal each day at the hotel
- 3-days admission (including photographic approval) to LAVEX 2009
- Admission to all museums as stated
- Services of a local English-speaking guide in Libya
- Services of a Libyan Tourist Police officer
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals, other than those as stated above
- Optional full day excursion to Leptus Magna
- Travel insurance – see General Information
- Visa – see General Information
- Required stamp and Arabic translation in your passport – see General Information
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Tips and gratuities (a collection will be taken for the coach driver)

Photos throughout courtesy of Steve Kinder

Instructions for Visa Application – Libya

Firstly, anyone who has done any research on the visa requirements for Libya and how to go about obtaining such will realise what a confusing minefield this issue is. Depending on the information source and who you talk to (both in the same organisation and externally), everyone offers a different set of instructions.

We have therefore consolidated all this information and in conjunction with TLCS (our accredited visa bureau) and our service partner in Libya, have established the simplest and easiest way of securing a Tourist Visa and this service is outlined below. Whilst you are of course entirely at liberty to obtain your own visa, in view of the volume of information together with the documents that you are likely to be asked to provide and the personal time spent co-ordinating all this, you may soon think otherwise.

Passports and Visas

Please note that any person (whatever nationality) will require a passport AND visa to enter Libya.

Please also note that a visa will not be issued if your passport indicates that you have been to Israel. You will therefore need to contact your national Passport Office, explain the situation, and apply (and pay for) a second passport. You should not confirm your place on the tour until you have received your second passport.

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 you will depart from Libya (i.e. until at least 4th April, 2010). Your passport MUST contain at least 2 adjacent clean pages when opened out flat.

The visa application process is somewhat complicated therefore in an effort to simplify and speed along the proceedings, we have established the following procedure.

Stages 1-3 of the application will take approximately 3-weeks to complete during which time you will be without your passport. We recognise the fact that many of you are regular travellers and in order to accommodate the time spent without, are proposing to commence Stage 1 of the application on 2 sets of dates namely 27th April and 26th May.

1. Forward your passport by special delivery to Ian Allan Aviation Tours to arrive by either 27th April OR 26th May.

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Together with your passport, please enclose a letter stating your occupation and the name and address of your employer.

2. Ian Allan Travel work with TLCS, a reputable visa agency, with whom we will be arranging for:-
 - (a) A stamp in the format of the bio page to be placed in your passport by the UKPA
 - (b) Translation into Arabic by an accredited translator of your bio page and completion of the stamp as was placed in your passport by the UKPA

3. Once completed, we will scan the relevant bio pages before returning your passport to you by special delivery.
4. The scan of your passport will be forward to our service partner in Libya who will make the visa applications.
5. Upon your arrival in Tripoli, you will be met by a representation from our service partner who will collect your passport, add the visa and return your passport to you whilst you wait.

The cost of providing the above service is £140.00 per passport and includes all administration and processing time, delivery and collection fees, the official translation, the return to you via recorded delivery, communication and liaison with our partner in Libya and the cost of the visa itself. Cheques should be made payable to Ian Allan Aviation Tours and must be submitted with your passport.

We regret that we are only able to provide the service as outlined in Stages 1-3 for UK Passport holders. Non UK passport holders should seek the assistance of a visa bureau in their home country who will complete sections 1 & 2 after which you should scan and forward a copy of the translated bio pages via e-mail to Ian Allan Aviation Tours. We will forward the scan copy of your passport to our partner in Libya with those of the UK applicants. The cost of providing the services as outlined in stages 4 & 5 and the visa itself is £60.00 per passport.

Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £250.00 per person should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance 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.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office (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. For up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting, we suggest you visit: www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo

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

Baggage Regulations – Air Afriqiyah

Hold (Checked In) Baggage: 2 bags weighing no more than 48 kg (i.e. maximum 24 kg each).

Cabin Baggage: 1 piece of carry-on luggage, not exceeding 115 cm, including the handles and wheels (40 cm + 55 cm + 20 cm). The weight may not exceed 10 kg.

Passengers must clearly name-label their baggage on the outside and inside.

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.

Meals

On this tour breakfast and evening meal at the hotel is included in the tour price.

Health Requirements

There are no known mandatory or recommended precautions for visiting Libya; however, we strongly recommend you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

Climate and Dress

The weather in October should be warm with temperatures between high 70s°F and mid 80s°F. Slight chance of a shower.

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.

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.

Land Only Price

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour in Libya (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we will be very pleased to provide a 'Land Only' price.

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. This is particularly relevant regarding the specified domestic flights which form part of the tour itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land only' price is based on you meeting the tour at the hotel in Tripoli and no airport transfers are included. However, should your flight arrival and departure times at Tripoli Airport coincide with those of the main group from London; a seat will be offered if available for an appropriate supplement.

Flight Timings & Connecting Travel Arrangements to Departure Airport

All flight departure and arrival times are correct at the time of preparing each itinerary; however, airlines may change these times with little or no prior warning. In practice such changes are only a few minutes either way and the final itinerary will show the actual times. Clients making their own arrangements to get to the departure airport by air, rail, coach etc., should bare the above in mind if purchasing non-refundable or non-changeable tickets. Ian Allan Travel cannot be held responsible for any changes to flight times and any privately arranged travel tickets to the airport becoming invalid.

Pre-departure

For connecting flights from UK regional airports - please call Ian Allan Travel on 01932 255627 for the latest special offers available.

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

Pleasure 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.

Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/Unplanned Circumstances

In an ever-changing world, events may occur immediately before or during a tour that result in cancellations or changes to the tour itinerary. For example, an increase in security may result in an approved visit being cancelled by the host, etc..

Ian Allan Travel Ltd cannot be held responsible for any tour being cancelled, or itineraries affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control.

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