

Wednesday 24th - Sunday, 28th June, 2009



The event that all aviation enthusiasts have been waiting for – after a 4-year absence - the Austrian Air Force's latest “Air Power” air show!

Last held in 2005 it was regarded by all those that attended to be the best air show of the year (in fact for several years), and now that the modernisation of Zeltweg airbase has finished and the Typhoon's have started to arrive, it's 'business as usual'.

We attend both days of the air show, on the Friday and Saturday; and on the Thursday we will park up outside the airbase to log/photo aircraft arriving. (Those members of the group who have purchased a Spotters Package will be dropped off/picked up at the entrance).

As depicted in our photograph above, we can expect to see aircraft old and new, military and civil.

We fly from London's Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of Austrian Airlines, out of Terminal 1 and once in Austria we travel by de-luxe, air-conditioned coach.

We stay 4-nights, on a bed and breakfast basis, at the Ibis Hotel in the delightful city of Graz which has a long tradition as a student city (its six universities have over 44,000 students), and the "Old Town" is one of the best-preserved city centres in Central Europe. The Ibis is a 2-minutes tram-ride, or a 10-minutes walk, from the historic part of the city centre.

Please note: the 500 “Spotters Packages” that were previously available for 1, 2 and 5 days are now sold out.

This tour is already proving to be a popular tour for 2009, and why not, with a great air show in prospect!

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 24th JUNE

Between 07:00 and 08:00 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager in the Austrian Airlines check-in area, in Terminal 1 at London's Heathrow Airport. Latest check in time we recommend is 08:00.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1
✈ Vienna

Flight: OS 452

Departs: 09:25
Arrives: 12:45

After the usual arrival formalities we meet our driver and transfer by coach to Graz. On arrival we visit the Austrian Aviation Museum located at the airport.

Late afternoon we arrive at the Ibis Hotel, popular with all our previous groups, staying 4-nights on a bed and breakfast basis.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 25th JUNE

We spend today at Zeltweg AB, on Arrivals Day. Those enthusiasts who have purchased a Spotter's Package will be taken to/picked up from the entrance; all other enthusiasts have the option of a free day in Graz, or spending the day at a suitable spot on the base's perimeter, for example, on final approach to the runway.

DAY'S 3 & 4: FRIDAY, 26th & SATURDAY, 27th JUNE

Departing the hotel each morning at 07:30, we spend 2 full days at “Air Power 2009”.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, 28th JUNE

This morning we drive back to Vienna Airport, arriving at midday, with free time for spotting/photography before checking in with Austrian Airlines for our flight back to London. Latest check-in time is 17:45.

✈ Vienna
✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1

Flight: OS 457

Departs: 19:45
Departs: 21:20

Awaiting our luggage in Baggage Reclaim, we bid each other “auf wiedersehen” – until we meet again!

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227909
From: £ 799.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
£ 128.00	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 Austrian Airlines from London’s Heathrow Airport, as stated
- UK & Austrian airport taxes & UK Passenger Service Charge (subject to change)
- All coach transfers and transportation as stated
- 4-nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Continental breakfast each morning at the hotel
- Admission to all museums as stated
- Two days admission to “Air Power 2009” Air Show
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals, other than those as stated above
- Travel insurance – see General Information
- Visas – see General Information
- Special access to Zeltweg airbase for Arrival’s Day on 24th June
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Tips and gratuities (other than for coach drivers)

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.

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 for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

UK passport holders do not require a visa to enter Austria.

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 – Austrian Airlines

Hold baggage – Austrian Airlines currently allow 1 piece in the aircraft's hold up to a maximum weight of 20kg. Where it is clear that a passenger cannot manage one bag of 20kg, they will be able to check-in an additional bag free of charge, as long as the sum weight of both bags when totalled does not exceed 20kg. Any amount in excess of 20kg 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

On this tour continental breakfast each day at the hotel is included in the tour price.

Health Requirements

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

Climate and Dress

The weather in June should be pleasantly warm with temperatures in the mid-high 70s°F, however we recommend a sweater or jacket for the cooler evenings.

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 Austria (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 Graz and no airport transfers are included. However, should your flight arrival and departure times at Vienna 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 bear 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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