



A comprehensive 11-day tour visiting all the major aviation museums and collections of Washington State and Oregon, including the Evergreen Museum at McMinnville and their star exhibit (pictured left): the unique “Spruce Goose” of Howard Hughes!

The tour’s finale is Olympic Aviation Museum’s (OAM) annual airshow, featuring their own and visiting warbirds.

Optional flights should be available at the Museum of Flight (Waco’s), Seattle (floatplanes), and warbirds of the OAM.

We fly from London’s Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of United Airlines – **please note that United Airlines now operates from Terminal 1**; travel in-country is by air-conditioned midi-coach, and we stay each night in a comfortable hotel on a bed and breakfast basis. Please note that the gratuity for the coach driver is not now included in the tour price.

We recommend Bob Ogden’s excellent reference book “Aviation Museums and Collections of North America” for details of all the museums on this itinerary. Published by Air Britain it is also available from Ian Allan Bookshops and Midland Counties Books.

It is essential that you read very carefully the new “ESTA” entry requirements on page 4 as were introduced in January 2009 by the US authorities. Failure to ensure you have the correct documentation when checking in will mean your participation in the tour is likely to come to an abrupt end!

When completing your ESTA application you are required to give the address of your first night’s stay, which is: Holiday Inn Seattle-SeaTac Intl Airport, 17338 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA 98188.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 13th JUNE

Between 06:30 and 08:05 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts at United Airlines’ check-in which is located in Departures on the first floor of Terminal 1 at London’s Heathrow Airport. We recommend you check in no later than 08:05.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1	Flight: UA 921	Departs: 10:05
✈ Washington Dulles Airport		Arrives: 13:30

After Passport Control we collect our luggage from Baggage Reclaim and proceed through Customs; we then hand back our luggage at the United Airlines’ Transfer Desk and proceed to the departure gate of our onward flight to Washington State.

✈ Washington Dulles Airport	Flight: UA 150	Departs: 16:35
✈ Seattle SeaTac Airport		Arrives: 19:28

Collecting our luggage from Baggage Reclaim we transfer the couple of miles to the Holiday Inn–SeaTac International Airport using their courtesy transfer service. We stay the 3-nights at the hotel on a bed and breakfast basis. There is a restaurant and lounge bar on site. Website: www.ichotelsgroup.com

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 14th JUNE

In the morning we meet our local coach driver, and depart for our first visit to the fabulous Museum of Flight (MoF) at Boeing Field. Possible, optional Waco flights. Website: www.museumofflight.org

Then to Snohomish County Airport, the new home for Paul Allen's Flying Heritage Museum, whose incredible collection includes: a Zero-Sen, Oskar, Polikarpov Rata and PO2, Fieseler Storch, FW-190D, Me-109, Me-163 Komet, Tomahawk, Mustang, Hellcat, Thunderbolt, Spitfire and Hurricane. Website: www.flyingheritagemuseum.com

DAY 3: MONDAY, 15th JUNE

A free day for spotting at SeaTac International Airport, or for visiting Seattle's downtown's tourist attractions: e.g.: Space Tower. Also available downtown are floatplane flights.

DAY 4: TUESDAY, 16th JUNE

At 09:00 we visit the MoF's Restoration Facility in Everett. Website: www.museumofflight.org/restoration-center

We also call in at Legend Flyers to see the progress on their third 'new' Me-262 (pictured).

Then to Olympia and the Olympic Aviation Museum whose excellent collection includes: an F-4U Corsair, P-51 Mustang, a Zero, BAC167 Strikemaster and several 'Vietnam war' choppers. Website: www.olympicflightmuseum.com

We then drive over the state line into Oregon, staying 4-nights on a bed and breakfast basis in Wilsonville, south of Portland, at the Super 8 Motel. American Continental Breakfast is included. Website: www.super8.com



DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, 17th JUNE

Today we visit the Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum; among its exhibits is a F-104G, TF-104G, Jet Provost Mk3A, MiG-17, MiG-21, A-26C, Canadair Sabre Mk6 and a Fouga Magister! Website: www.classicaircraft.org

Then to the Oregon Air National Guard Memorial Park; on display here is: F-15, F-101B Voodoo and 2 F-4C Phantoms. Our third visit of the day is to the Oregon Military Museum: Cessna o-1A Bird Dog, F-4C Phantom, F-86F Sabre, OV-1 Mohawk and various 'Vietnam war' helicopters.

DAY 6: THURSDAY, 18th JUNE

It's time to see one of the "Wonders of the Aviation World": the Spruce Goose! And the other 50+ aircraft in the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville. Website: www.sprucegoose.org

We then go onto another fabulous collection: the Tillamook Naval Air Station Museum with over 30 aircraft on display. Website: www.tillamookair.com

DAY 7: FRIDAY, 19th JUNE

Driving south to Eugene, we visit the Oregon Air and Space Museum whose collection includes an A-4C Skyhawk, A-6E Intruder, MiG-17 and F-86F Sabre. Website: www.oasm.info

Our next port of call is to the very unique Ragwood Refractory Collection, where you should prepare to be transported back in time; this is a remarkable collection of early aeroplanes, many of which date from the 1920's and 30's and are very rare. Read a fascinating report about the collection on: www.thefreelibrary.com/From+the+ground+up-a0139230828



DAY 8: SATURDAY, 20th JUNE

First visit is to “Bomber Foundation” and their B-17G Flying Fortress mounted above a disused petrol station and adjacent to a cafe! Latest reports suggest only the cockpit is now on-site. Website: <http://www.roadsideamerica.com/story/2968>

Then to the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River. According to its website, it’s “the nation’s largest collection of flying antique aeroplanes and automobiles...”. There is a 1917 Curtiss Jenny JN4D and early types of Waco, Davis, Curtiss Wright, Travel Air, Piper, Taylorcraft, Spartan, Buhl, Ryan, American Eagle, Lincoln, Arrow, and many more”. Its excellent website can be found at: www.waaamuseum.org

Returning to Washington State, we spend the next 2-nights at the Super 8 motel in Lacey; American Continental Breakfast is included. There are restaurants etc within walking distance. Website: www.super8.com

DAY 9: SUNDAY, 21st JUNE

Departing the hotel at 07:30 we enjoy a full day at the 2009 Olympic Airshow.

DAY 10: MONDAY, 22nd JUNE

At 09:00 we leave for Seattle SeaTac International Airport, 45 miles to the north. Latest check-in time for our United Airlines flights back to the London is 11:14 hrs..

✈ Seattle SeaTac Airport	Flight: UA 260	Departs: 13:14
✈ Washington Dulles Airport		Arrives: 21:07
✈ Washington Dulles Airport	Flight: UA 924	Departs: 21:46

DAY 11: TUESDAY, 23rd JUNE

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1 Arrives: 10:05

Whilst waiting for our luggage in Baggage Reclaim we take the opportunity to bid each other farewell – until the next time!

COST PER PERSON	TOUR: 227912
£ 1,780.00	Based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
£ 442.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land only (please speak with one of our consultants before booking)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Economy class ticket on scheduled services of United Airlines from London’s Heathrow Airport
- UK and US Airport Taxes and UK Passenger Service Charge
- All transfers and touring by air-conditioned midi-coach
- 9-night’s accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast
- Admission to all museums as stated
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager

NOT INCLUDED

- Optional flights
- Meals, except as stated above
- Travel insurance – see General Information
- Visas: not required by UK Passport holders – see General Information for details
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Additional tips and gratuities



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.

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.

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 to the UK. As was introduced in October 2004, all travellers to the USA under the Visa Waiver Scheme must be in possession of a machine-readable passport.

Non-UK citizens should contact the relevant Embassy in their country of residence for specific information and instructions.

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. 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).

IMPORTANT - NEW REGULATIONS FOR ENTRY TO THE USA

Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA) - Mandatory from 12th January, 2009

From 12th January, 2009 anyone seeking entry to the USA must comply with the mandatory Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA), introduced by the U.S. government for all persons entering the United States under the Visa Waiver Scheme.

The USA government has made changes to its visa-waiver programme meaning travellers will be required to apply for authorisation to travel under the scheme **before arriving at their departure airport**.

The changes, which came into effect in August 2008 on a voluntary basis are now mandatory and will affect all passport holders from 34 countries currently participating in the Visa Waiver Scheme, including UK passport holders.

You must now obtain authorisation (known as ESTA) before arriving at the airport, and **can only apply online** at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>

The application process may take up to approximately 15-20 minutes and authorisation is normally granted immediately but may take up to 72 hours. We recommend that you **apply for authorisation at the time of booking** your place on our tour - or at very latest 72 hours before the tour departs, to ensure you are able to travel.

If your application for an ESTA is unsuccessful you must apply for a US visa from the US Embassy.

Once granted, your ESTA is valid for two years, during which time you need not re-apply. Any future visits to the USA during these 2 years will be allowed under your current approval. After 2 years you will have to apply for another ESTA.

For more information, please go to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>, or www.visitusa.org.uk

The responsibility for acquiring an ESTA lies with each individual (and not Ian Allan Travel). If you arrive at check-in without an ESTA (or a US Visa if you were refused an ESTA), you will not be allowed to travel to the USA. No refund of the tour price whatsoever will be possible from Ian Allan Travel Ltd. It is also extremely unlikely that any travel insurance company would agree any subsequent claim therefore it is important that you act upon this information NOW.

Examination of Flight Bookings by US Customs – APIS Information

All airlines flying to the United States are obliged to provide information about US-bound passengers, under an agreement reached between the United States and the European Commission on the 18th February 2003.

Under the agreement, as of 5th March 2003, US customs officials have discretionary power to examine passenger booking information held on computer reservation systems relating to flights beginning, ending, or stopping over in the United States. The European Commission has received guarantees from the United States that this information will be used appropriately.

This requirement, based on the US Air Safety and Transportation law of November 2001, is intended to increase air safety and is in addition to the information supplied when applying for your ESTA (see above paragraph).

Inspection of Luggage by US Transport Security Administration

Items of luggage going into the hold of the aircraft may be opened by US Transport Security Administration (TSA) officials without you being present. In some instances locked suitcases have been forced open, their contents checked, and then re-sealed with tape and a note left inside by the TSA. Most airlines and insurance companies insist that your unaccompanied luggage be locked at all times; the TSA prefer they are left unlocked! The only advice we (and ABTA) can give at this time is that it is your choice whether you leave your suitcases locked or unlocked. You may wish to consult your travel insurance company before making a decision. Or you may purchase a “TSA Approved Lock”, available at various local retail shops (and airports); these locks can be opened by the TSA, thereby, avoiding damage to your luggage.

First Nights Stay in the USA

Airlines flying into the USA are required to provide the American authorities with the full postal address of where each passenger will stay on their first night. This information will be asked for when you check in at your departure airport. The address of where you will stay the first night, and every night on the tour will be included with the final itinerary.

Baggage Regulations – British Airways - Departing London’s Heathrow Airport

With effect from 7th January 2008, passengers’ personal baggage allowance to the USA when travelling in economy class is 2 bags, each weighing no more than 23kgs.

Hand baggage allowance:

Passengers departing from or transferring through some – not all - UK airport can take 2 standard-sized bags no bigger than 56cm x 35cm x 23cm (22” x 14” x 9”) including wheel, pockets and handles).

There is no weight limit for cabin bags, provided customers can lift the bags, unaided, into the overhead lockers in the aircraft cabin.

Hand baggage can include: Electronic equipment including 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.

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, the USA and Canada.

Limited quantities of liquids 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. Individual containers must not exceed 90ml or 3 American ounces, and items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed. The bag can only contain: 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.

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.

Once in the departure lounge passengers may purchase certain items in any shop and take it onto the aircraft as normal. Passengers may be subject to a secondary search at the departure gate before boarding. Any items not on the approved list will be removed.

As baggage regulations can change with little warning, you are strongly advised to contact the airline for the latest information nearer to the time of your departure.

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 normally 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, especially in the USA where dinner tends to be quite large. Furthermore, hotel meals can be expensive and in general, we have found it is better to allow each person to decide for themselves. On this tour either Continental Breakfast or Full American Breakfast is included.

In-flight meals when included within the cost of the air ticket form part of the tour price, however some airlines (primarily European carriers) now only serve refreshments for which they charge accordingly.

Health Requirements

There are currently no known mandatory or recommended precautions required for travel to the USA. However, we strongly recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

Climate and Dress

The weather should be warm and sunny with temperatures in the high 70^osF. The evenings may be a little cooler so a jacket could come in handy.

Travel Insurance

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Travel Ltd can provide competitive and comprehensive insurance cover for the duration of your tour. 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.

The Policies for Canada and the USA 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 Seattle 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. This is particularly relevant where travel on specific domestic flights forms part of the tour itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour at the hotel in Seattle 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.

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.

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