

Sunday, 26th July - Monday, 3rd August, 2009

At the world's largest aviation event there is something for everyone: in fact, there is a heck of a lot for everyone!

5 huge exhibition halls; hundreds of presentations and technical workshops; 10,000+ visiting aircraft comprising hundreds of warbirds, classic and antiques, home-builds, microlights and floatplanes (on Lake Winnebago); a large 'fly market'; and the EAA's fabulous Airventure Museum. Website: www.airventure.org Oh, and morning demonstration flights and a 4-5 hours airshow every afternoon!



Photo courtesy of: EAA

Virgin Galactic's White Knight 2 (above) will be there, and possibly the recently restored Douglas DC-7 from Opa Locka! Pleasure flights in the latter – not the former – may be available (to be confirmed).

There are also optional flights in a B-17 Flying Fortress, Ford Trimotor and Bell 47 helicopters!

To see all this, and at a leisurely pace, you need all 6 days and when the pace gets too hot on Wittman Field take the shuttle bus down to see all the floatplanes – from Cubs to Albatrosses - attending the EAA's "Splash In" on Lake Winnebago. Relax by the shore, have a meal, take a boat ride around the site, or even take a pleasure flight!

You have the choice of staying in a Hall of Residence at the University of Wisconsin (UWO) in Oshkosh itself, or at the Days Inn in Appleton, 25 miles to the north.

At the UWO, rooms are rented out whilst the students are away on summer vacation. Each room is of a basic standard comprising 2 single beds, set of drawers, wardrobe, desk, etc. There is no washbasin in the room: all washing facilities (sinks, showers and baths) are communal on each floor. There is no air-conditioning. Many regulars either take or purchase locally small electric fans. The campus has a number of eating outlets, including the University's own excellent "Blackbird" self-service restaurant which serves large breakfasts, lunch and evening meals. Travel to/from the Fly-In from the UWO is by the EAA's shuttle coach service which operates from early morning until late at night; a daily return 'ticket' costs \$2.00 (2008 pricing and is not included in the tour price).

Located 25 miles north of Oshkosh, on the outskirts of Appleton (the birthplace of Houdini), is the Days Inn (previously the Excel Inn Motel). Single and twin-bedded rooms are large and well furnished, with air-conditioning and private facilities, and offer good value-for-money accommodation. The Days Inn does not have a restaurant; however, there is a good selection of restaurants and fast-food outlets within a 400-yard walk. There is a small shopping mall across the road from the hotel. Complimentary American-style continental breakfast comprising coffee, doughnuts, muffins, pastries, toast, cheese spread etc. is available in the foyer. Full, hot breakfasts are also available in an adjacent restaurant, and at various outlets on Wittman Field. Transfers to/from Wittman Field each day are by specially chartered bus and the cost is included in the tour price.

Details on how to obtain EAA membership and 2009 admission prices are included in the General Information.

Flights are from London's Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of American Airlines to Green Bay, via Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. All transfers are by chartered coach.

DAY 9: Monday, 3rd August

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3

Arrives: 06:50

Whilst waiting in Baggage Reclaim for our luggage we take the opportunity to bid each other “Farewell” – until we meet again.

COST PER PERSON	TOUR: 227916A: ACCOMMODATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, OSHKOSH – ROOM ONLY BASIS
£ 1,199.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room
£ 134.00	Single room supplement
	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

COST PER PERSON	TOUR: 227916A: ACCOMMODATION AT THE DAYS INN, APPLETON
£ 1,450.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room
£ 325.00	Single room supplement
	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Return scheduled flights with American Airlines from London’s Heathrow Airport
- ✓ UK and US airport taxes and UK Passenger Service Charges
- ✓ Seven nights accommodation in Oshkosh OR Appleton
- ✓ American Continental Breakfast at the Days Inn in Appleton
- ✓ All coach transfers and transportation, as stated
- ✓ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- ✓ Gratuity for coach drivers

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Meals
- ✗ Membership of the EAA – See General Information
- ✗ US visa (not required by UK passport holders entering the USA under the visa waiver scheme)
- ✗ Travel insurance – see General Information
- ✗ Optional pleasure flights
- ✗ Personal expenditure, for example, 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.

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 flying into 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 will take 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 in London.

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. Updating ESTA data for repeat visits within the 2 year ESTA duration is recommended but is not mandatory. I.e. upon entry into the USA, the Customs and Border Protection Officer may ask additional questions if your itinerary differs from information you submitted in your original ESTA application. Updating ESTA with new arrival and first night's stay data before every journey you make to the USA could save time at the point of entry and result in fewer questions.

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. The address of where you will stay will be included with the final itinerary.

Baggage Regulations – American Airlines - Departing London's Heathrow Airport

Checked Baggage: American Airlines will transport up to 2 pieces of 'checked' baggage per person, the total dimensions of which must not exceed 62" or 157cm (length + width + height) nor weigh in excess of 23kg (50lb) per piece.

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of London's Heathrow Airport you may take one carry-on bag, not exceeding 45 inches or 114cm linear, including handles and wheels and weighing no more than 18kg (40lb). All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold. Carry-on baggage must be stowed in carry-on compartments of the aircraft, under a seat, or in an overhead locker.

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.

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.

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.

EAA Admission 2009

Full details of EAA membership is shown on their website: www.airventure.org If you plan to attend all 6 days, the cheapest option is to join the EAA as an International Member (\$40.00 + \$16.00 international postage), and pay for a weekly pass for \$107.00: total \$163.00; non-member rate is \$35.00 per day (\$216.00 for 6 days). You can either pay on-line in advance, or on your arrival. Also, EAA members are allowed to take in 2 guests (members of the group?), at the Members Guest Rate of \$147.00 (week) or \$29.00 per day.

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.

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 during our visit with temperatures in the mid to high 80°sF.

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 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 the USA (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 either the Excel Inn motel in Appleton or the Hall of Residence at the University in Oshkosh; it 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.