

# AEROPLANE

**"AEROPLANE" MONTHLY AVIATION TOUR**

(in association with Ian Allan Aviation Tours)

## **MALTA 2012 INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW, MUSEUMS, SIGHTSEEING & TIME AT LEISURE**

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September - Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2012**



Mix as much aviation as you like with some summer sun, add the blue, clear skies and waters of the Mediterranean, and a cool drink – and you get the perfect cocktail: a long weekend on the George Cross island of Malta during the 2012 International Airshow!

This annual 2-day event, held at Luqa Airport, has a reputation for attracting interesting types of aircraft from countries throughout Southern Europe and the Mediterranean. You have the choice of attending on the Saturday and/or Sunday.

There is also an optional 4-day package available which includes "Arrivals" and "Departures" on the Thursday and Monday (transfers would be at your own expense): please see page 4.

We visit the Malta Aviation Museum Foundation whose excellent collection of aircraft include a Spitfire, Hurricane, Fiat G-91 and C-47.

Also the National War Museum located in St Elmo's Fort, where several principal exhibits are displayed in the main hall, including the Gloster Gladiator "Faith", an Italian E-Boat, a Bofors anti-aircraft gun, the Willis Jeep 'Husky'; and the George Cross, awarded to the people of Malta by King George VI for their fortitude, courage and determination during World War II.

Optional excursions you can enjoy include: boat tours of Grand Harbour; and 'around the island' pleasure flights out of Grand Harbour in a DH Otter - see page 5 for details.

We stay 4-nights at the opulent Victoria Hotel (superior 4-star) in the popular resort of Sliema, located a few minutes drive from Capital City of the island, Valletta. The fabulous view, left, was taken from one of the hotel's bedrooms, some of which look out over the Grand Harbour and Valletta.



The Sliema promenade offers on one side stunning views across to Valletta and on the other, open sea views. The promenade, which runs for several kilometres from Gżira just south of Sliema to St Julians, is ideal for a relaxed early morning or afternoon stroll or jog. There are plenty of seats along the promenade and on an evening the seafront becomes a sociable meeting place for locals and visitors alike.



We fly on the services of a Air Malta from London's Heathrow Airport, and our transfers and transportation on the island are by air-conditioned coach – not, unfortunately, in one of the many classical UK charabancs, pictured, which are in the process of being replaced!

This 5-day break is perfect for you and your partner, with the freedom to do as little or as much aviation as you wish, combined with sightseeing, enjoying the nightlife, or just relaxing!

Why not extend your stay – please email or phone to discuss your plans.

## **PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)**

### **DAY 1: Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Between 08:00 and 09:20 please meet your Tour Manager (from Ian Allan Aviation Tours), and fellow enthusiasts, at London's Heathrow Airport, at Air Malta's check-in area; this is located in "Departures", on the first floor of Terminal 4. Latest check-in time advised by the airline is 09:20, however, as this is a very busy time of the day we recommend you check in by 08:50.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 4  
✈ Malta

Flight: KM 101

Departs: 10:50  
Arrives: 15:00

After the usual arrival procedures we transfer by chartered coach to the Victoria Hotel, located in the very fashionable, and popular, town of Sliema and only a few miles from Valletta. Website: [www.victoriahotel.com](http://www.victoriahotel.com)



### **DAY 2: Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**

We spend an enjoyable day driving around the island visiting the famous "Sound Wall" (the WWII aircraft early warning 'device'), and Fort Rinella which boasts the world's largest cannon 'The Armstrong'; website: [www.malta-info.co.uk/attractions/rinella-battery](http://www.malta-info.co.uk/attractions/rinella-battery)

We visit the very interesting collection of aircraft in the Malta Aviation Museum Foundation located in Ta 'Qali (pictured is their superbly restored Hurricane; website: [www.maltaaviationmuseum.com](http://www.maltaaviationmuseum.com)

During our travels, lunch (at your own expense) can be taken during our stop in the beautiful, old town of Mosta whose main attraction is the Rotunda - a huge round church with the third largest unsupported dome in the world. Time permitting we also visit the walled town of Mdina.

### **DAYS 3 & 4: Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**

Each morning you have the option of accompanying your Tour Manager by coach to the 2012 Malta International Airshow at Luqa Airport; website: [www.maltairshow.com](http://www.maltairshow.com)

Please note that only one day's admission is included in the tour price; if you know you will attend on both days – or you wish to have the 4-Day Package, including Arrivals and Departures Days (see details on page 4), please annotate your booking form and we will pre-purchase admission tickets.

Alternatively, a day of leisure enjoying what you want to do!

Why not take a boat tour of Grand Harbour – or a fabulous, spectacular 30-minutes flight around the island in a DH Otter floatplane, from Grand Harbour! See page 5 for details.

**DAY 5: Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**

At 09:00 we depart the hotel and drive into Valetta to Fort St Elmo where we look around the National War Museum whose exhibits include the famous Gloster Gladiator "Faith"; website: [www.visitmalta.com/national-war-museum](http://www.visitmalta.com/national-war-museum) Why not enjoy lunch (at your own expense) at the "Malta Experience Café", located a short walk from the museum, with its superb views overlooking The Grand Harbour.

Mid-afternoon we arrive at Luqa Airport and check-in for our flight back to London.

✈ Malta Flight: KM 102 Departs: 17:00  
 ✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 4 Arrives: 19:25

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

<b>COST PER PERSON FROM</b>	<b>TOUR: 227201</b>
£ 725.00	Based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis Single room supplement Land only ( <i>please speak with one of our consultants before booking</i> )
£ 130.00	
On request	

**TOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

- ✈ Return flights with Air Malta from London’s Heathrow Airport
- ✈ UK and Maltese airport taxes and UK Passenger Service Charge, currently £50.00 (subject to change)
- ✈ 4-nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- ✈ Breakfast each morning
- ✈ Transfers and transportation as stated
- ✈ One day’s admission to the 2012 Malta International Airshow
- ✈ Admission to all museums as stated
- ✈ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- ✈ Gratuity for coach drivers

**NOT INCLUDED**

- ✈ Meals, except as stated above
- ✈ Transfers and transportation when not with the Tour Manager
- ✈ Optional excursions or flights
- ✈ Optional 4-Day Package for 2012 Malta International Airshow – see page 4
- ✈ Travel insurance – see General Information
- ✈ Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- ✈ Tips and gratuities

## **OPTIONAL 4-DAY AIRSHOW PACKAGE**

The 4-Day Package entitles holders to the following:

- **Entry on Friday (Arrivals Day) near the active runway threshold** from approximately 10:30 - 16:00 (subject to airport security permits)
- Free entry on the two public days (Saturday & Sunday) in airshow public areas
- Entry to Park 2 (Static Park) at pre-determined time windows
- **Entry on Monday (Departures Day) near Park 2 (Static Park) from 08:00 - 13:00**
- Free Airshow Souvenir Programme

Please note: the package prices does not include transfers to/from the show if travelling separately from the tour group.

**Price: TBA (€ 75.00/£65.00 in 2011)**



*These scenic tours have been described by passengers as truly exhilarating!*

*Flying at 1,200 feet over land and 500 feet over sea, the bubble windows on the plane have been specially modified and approved so passengers have a full view of what lies beneath.*

The Otter takes off from the majestic Grand Harbour and banks left towards the eastern coast over the vibrant cities of Sliema and St Julian's. It then proceeds north over the resort of Bugibba and St Paul's Bay, over Mellieha bay, and onto Comino Island.

On both sides of the aircraft one can admire the crystal-clear Mediterranean Sea below. Moments later you will be flying over the island of Gozo, over 'Ggantija' the oldest free standing temples in the world.

The aircraft will then circle the fortified city of the Citadel and start descending towards Xlendi Bay.

Flying at 500 feet, on the left are the cliffs of Sannat stretching all the way to the west coast of Malta, past Dingli cliffs.

The aircraft will then climb up to 1,500 feet and proceed towards the silent city of Mdina, heading south towards Grand Harbour and a graceful landing on the water.

The exhilarating spray of water is always a highlight during takeoff and landing.

**2012 Fares To Be Advised**

**2011 Fares Per Person:**

**Adult: € 82.46**

**Premium Seat: € 98.95 – this is a very special seat – it's next to the pilot!**

**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION**

DeHavilland DHC-3 Turbine Otter

Length	13.78 m
Height	3.76 m
Wingspan	17.44 metres
Speed	215 km/h
Maximum Operating Altitude	3000 m
Power	750 hp
Maximum Capacity	14 passengers

**Pre-booking is essential – please call Graham now on 01487 832922 to book your place.**

**Payment for “AEROPLANE” Monthly 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.

**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. A visa to enter Malta is not required.

You may also refer to the World Travel Guide website: [www.wtgonline.com](http://www.wtgonline.com) for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

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](http://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 51p per minute).

**Baggage Allowance – to be advised**

EU/EEA cabin baggage security restrictions require that passenger cabin baggage containing any liquids, gels, pastes, lotions or liquid cosmetics MUST be presented at the airport passenger security point in a transparent re-sealable bag of no more than one litre capacity (e.g. 20cm x 20cm zip lock freezer bag). Only gels, pastes, lotions and liquid cosmetics in containers of 100mls or less will be permitted through the passenger security screening points at all EU/EEA Airports, please note there is a limit of one transparent re-sealable plastic bag per person.

**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. 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 breakfast at the hotel each morning 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 no known mandatory or recommended precautions for travel to Malta; however, we strongly recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

**Climate and Dress**

The weather in Malta should be sunny and warm (high 70’s – mid 80’sF); therefore, summer attire is recommended.

**Currency**

The currency in Malta is the Euro. Banks, bureau de change etc will exchange Sterling cash or travellers cheques, and all major credit/debit cards are accepted.

**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.

### **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 Malta (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we will be very pleased to provide a 'Land Only' price. 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.

Please note that a 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour at the hotel and includes neither arrival nor departure airport transfers although 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 Aviation Tours on 01932 255625 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.

### **Meet & Greet Car Parking**

From your home or overnight hotel, simply drive directly to Terminal 4, to the designated Pick-Up/Drop Off lanes immediately outside the terminal building on the Departures level, where you will be met by a chauffeur. Your car will then be taken to an off-airport, secure, car park while you walk into the terminal! On your return the chauffeur and your car will be waiting for you at the same place you dropped it off. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers – please call 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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