

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

## **Orland, Norway & Wittmund, Germany** **2 Special Enthusiasts Days; 3 – 4 'End of the Runway Days';** **Open Day/Airshow, Orland**



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September it was announced that the 2012 NATO Tiger Meet (NTM) would move to Norway, to be hosted by 301 Squadron of the Royal Norwegian Air Force on Orland airbase. You may recall that the 2007 NTM was held here. We had a fabulous time at the Enthusiasts Day and at the weekend Open Day airshow.

We have now received confirmation that the special Enthusiasts Day will be on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June and the Open Day airshow on the Saturday. No details or any admission charge to either event has been released to date.

In addition to the Enthusiasts Day on-base, we have also included spending a full day outside the base to get those fabulous landing, taking off and taxi-ing photographs. There are 3 spotting points at both ends and midway along the single runway. All photographs in this itinerary were taken at the 2011 NTM.

We have also been informed by the Luftwaffe that a special Spotter's Day will be held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June on GAF Wittmund, home of Germany's last operational F-4 Phantom unit, the famous Jagdgeschwader (JG) 71 "Richthofen".

Invitations to attend this event have also been sent to other Luftwaffe and NATO squadrons. Will the other European operators of Phantoms – the Greek and Turkish Air Forces come? Assuming visitors fly in the day before and return home the day after the Spotters Day, we are there for 'Arrivals' and 'Departures' Days!



We have also been informed that there are currently 21 Phantoms on JG71. However, as the months go by this number will be gradually reduced. By the time they finally retire the aircraft in next year it is expected that there will only be 4 or 5 aircraft still flying.

Any further worsening of the Euro and economic crises could well result in the bringing forward of the retirement date of this classic fighter as Germany makes savings to its military spending.

In addition to attending the Spotter's Day we also spend 1½ - 2 full days outside the airbase to get landing and/or take-off shots from various locations around the perimeter: see Days 6 and 8.

We await confirmation of our request for a tour of nearby Jever airbase which undertakes F-4 maintenance and the dismantling of Phantoms and Tornados.

We fly from London's Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of SAS and British Airways as stated: please note out from Terminal 3 and back into Terminal 5; transfers are by de-luxe coach throughout.

In Norway, like in 2007, we stay 4 nights on a bed and breakfast basis at the excellent "Orland Kysthotell" in the small town of Brekstad, which is only a 15-minutes walk from the airbase. In addition to our transfers to/from Trondheim Airport, we have chartered a coach for the 'end of the runway day' and the 'enthusiasts day'; however, for the Open Day we will walk to/from the base, at times of your own choosing. Having consulted the hotel manager, they expect many thousands of people from all over Norway to attend this event, with very heavy traffic, and therefore, we are of the opinion that it will be quicker to walk the 1 mile to the entrance.

In Germany we stay 4 nights at the Dorf Wangerland Hotel and Leisure Complex, located only 20 minutes from Wittmund airbase. **We stay here on an "All Inclusive" basis: breakfast, packed lunch, buffet dinner and drinks (tea, coffee, soft drinks, beer and wine). Also, all fully furnished rooms include one double bed, therefore, everyone has their own room – there is no twin-share option except for 'couples'.**

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

### **DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> MAY**

Please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts, at SAS's check-in area in "Departures" on the ground floor of Terminal 3 at London's Heathrow Airport; latest check-in time is 08:20hrs...

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3	Flight: SK 804	Departs: 10:20
✈ Oslo, Gardermoen Airport		Arrives: 13:30

Our onward flight leaves shortly thereafter.

✈ Oslo, Gardermoen Airport	Flight: SK 354	Departs: 14:55
✈ Trondheim		Arrives: 15:50

On arrival we meet our local driver and board the coach to the Pir Ferry Terminal in Flakk, departing on the 17:15 hrs. sailing to Roervik where we arrive at 17:40 hrs.. Driving on to Brekstad we arrive at 19:00 hrs. at the Orland Kysthotell where we stay 4 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. With views overlooking the sea, the hotel's facilities include the "Gamle Dampen Restaurant and Bar". Website: [http://www.kysthotell.no/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=52](http://www.kysthotell.no/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=52)

### **DAY 2: THURSDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> MAY**

We depart the hotel by coach at 08:30 hrs. for a full day outside the airbase. There are 3 spotting/photography locations - at either end of the runway and at the mid-point. See base layout on: [www.scramble.no/airports/publish/enol.htm](http://www.scramble.no/airports/publish/enol.htm) . We return to the hotel by 17:00 hrs..



### **DAY 3: FRIDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

Special "Enthusiasts Day": a very popular event for both photographers and spotters alike. We await the release of further information including start/finish times, any admission charge etc. We transfer to/from the base by coach.

### **DAY 4: SATURDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**

Today is the Open Day airshow and you have the option of either walking with your Tour Manager to the base (time to be advised on tour), or at a time of your own choosing. Please note: WE HAVE NOT CHARTERED A COACH FOR TODAY.

### **DAY 5: SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

At 06:15 hrs., after breakfast, both tour groups depart the hotel and return to Roervik and cross over to Flakk on the 07:25hrs. ferry. Dis-embarking at 08:00hrs. we arrive Trondheim Airport by 09:00 hrs.. Latest check in for our flight to Copenhagen is 10:00 hrs..

✈ Trondheim	Flight: SK 2881	Departs: 11:05
✈ Copenhagen		Arrives: 12:40

Time to stretch our legs before boarding our onward flight to Hamburg.

✈ Copenhagen  
✈ Hamburg

Flight: SK 649

Departs: 14:25  
Arrives: 15:15

Meeting our local driver we board our chartered coach and transfer to Wangerland-Hohenkirchen, near Wittmund, to the Dorf Wangerland Hotel and Leisure Complex; we stay 4 nights on an "All Inclusive" basis. Website: <http://www.booking.com/hotel/de/dorf-wangerland.en.html?dcid=1;dva=0>

**DAY 6: MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

We spend today on the perimeter of Wittmund airbase - 'Arrivals Day' for those flying in to attend the Spotters Day, and photographing Phantoms taking off and/or landing, from the various off-base locations: <http://www.scramble.nl/airports/publish/etnt.htm>



Photo courtesy of: Steve Comber

**DAY 7: TUESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Today we attend the official Spotter's Day on-base. We await details of timings, admission charge (if any) etc.

**DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

We await confirmation of our request to visit GAF Jever (hopefully in the afternoon) which currently maintains and dismantles both Phantoms and Tornados! Today is also 'Departures Day' - time to photograph the visiting aircraft as they return home.

**DAY 9: THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

At 08:30hrs. we set off for Hamburg Airport, arriving around 11:15 hrs., and check in with British Airways for our early afternoon flight back to Heathrow; latest 'group' check-in time is 12:25 hrs..

✈ Hamburg  
✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Flight: BA 969

Departs: 14:25  
Arrives: 15:05

Whilst waiting for our luggage we bid each farewell - until we meet again!

PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227206B
From £ 1,842.00	Package price based on accommodation with private facilities; bed and breakfast basis in Norway and 'all inclusive' in Germany
From £ 234.00	Single room supplement in Norway. Tour price includes single room in Germany
On Request	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING YOUR FLIGHTS</i>

## **TOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

- ⇒ Return scheduled flights from London Heathrow Airport with SAS and British Airways as stated
- ⇒ UK, Norwegian, Danish and German airport taxes, and UK Passenger Service Charge
- ⇒ 4 nights accommodation sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities in Norway
- ⇒ 4 nights accommodation in a room with private facilities in Germany
- ⇒ Continental Breakfast in Norway
- ⇒ All Inclusive Basis (breakfast, packed lunch, buffet dinner, all drinks) in Germany
- ⇒ All transfers and transportation by chartered air-conditioned coach, as stated
- ⇒ Return ferry sailings
- ⇒ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- ⇒ Gratuity for coach driver



## **NOT INCLUDED**

- ⇒ Meals, other than those stated above
- ⇒ Any admission charge to the Orland Open Day/Airshow (individual attendance, not as a group)
- ⇒ Admission to both Photographer/Enthusiasts Day (no details available as of February 2012)
- ⇒ Visa - not required by UK and EU citizens: see General Information
- ⇒ Travel Insurance - see General Information
- ⇒ Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.



**COME ON OVER – MAKE MY DAY!**

### 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 to the UK. UK and EU citizens do not require a visa to enter Norway. 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 and EU citizens should contact the Norwegian and German Embassies in their country of residence for specific information and instructions.

### 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).

### Luggage Regulations – SAS Airlines & British Airways

**Checked (Hold) Luggage:** one piece of hold baggage is permitted with a maximum size (length + width + height) of 62ins (158cms) and weighing no more than 23kg.

**Hand (cabin) Luggage:** each person to one item of cabin baggage, no bigger than 45ins (115cms), and weighing no more than 17.6lbs (8kgs).

Limited quantities of liquids (individual containers must not exceed 100ml or 3.5 fl oz), are now 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. Hand baggage can 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. Also prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit.

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 including mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray.

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.

## **Baggage Weight Restrictions – UK Airports**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Meals**

Continental breakfast in Norway and All Inclusive in Germany is included on this tour.

## **Health Requirements**

There are no known mandatory or recommended precautions for visiting Norway or Germany. However, we do recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

## **Climate and Dress**

The climate in Northern Europe at this time of year should warm with temperatures around 70°F during the day but cooler in the evening. We therefore recommend you take warm, summer clothing, with a jacket.

## **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, 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 at Trondheim Airport in Norway (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we are happy 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.

Please note that the 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour as stated above and includes both arrival and departure airport transfers. Should you not travel with group, for whatever reason (e.g. delayed flight), we are unable to refund the cost of the transfers.

## **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 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 3 to the special 'valet parking' area located in front of the terminal. Here you will be met by a chauffeur and your car will then be taken to an off-airport, secure, car park while you walk a few yards into the check-in area! On your return the chauffeur and your car will be waiting for you in the Valet Parking area in the Short Term car park which is connected to Terminal 5. 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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