

Held every 2 years, the Berlin Airshow, or ILA, is certainly as big as the similar events held in Paris or Farnborough; and many would say that its airshow is a great deal better: a good, long crowd-line and a more exciting display with a wide range of civil and military participants. Our tour offers you the option of enjoying 1 or 2 days at the show.



For the first time we visit aviation museums and collections located in what was Eastern Germany, including several very famous aviation sites of World War II:

- ILA 2012 Aerospace Exhibition and Airshow
- Rechlin airfield and museum
- Peenemunde airfield and museum
- Finow (ex)airbase and museum
- Luftwaffe Museum, Gatow
- Deutsches Technik Museum
- 8 other aviation collections
- Various static airliners
- Free day in Berlin to enjoy as you wish

Change of airline: following British Midland's decision to pull off the London-Hannover route (theirs was the only direct service), we now fly on the scheduled services of Lufthansa from London's Heathrow Airport; travel around Germany by chartered, air-conditioned, coach; and we stay each night in a comfortable hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

All our previous tours to Germany and ILA have been very popular, and we expect this tour to be no different!

Limited by time or funds? Then why not simply join our long weekend trip to ILA 2012: 13-16th September. Contact us for details.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER

Please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts, at Lufthansa's check-in area in "Departures", located on the first floor of Terminal 1 at London's Heathrow Airport; we recommend you check in by 07:05hrs...

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 1	Flight: LH 901	Departs: 09:05
✈ Frankfurt		Arrives: 11:50

On arrival we go directly to our connecting flight to Hannover:

✈ Frankfurt	Flight: LH 52	Departs: 13:15
✈ Hannover		Arrives: 14:05

Meeting our local driver we board the coach and depart for "Interessengemeinschaft Ju 52", located on the perimeter of Wunstorf airbase; their small but very interesting collection of historic aircraft includes a Junkers Ju-52, Noratlas, Do-28 and a Piaggio 149D.

<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:YEzQMS0yYL8J:www.tglw.de/+interessengemeinschaft+ju+52&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=uk&source=www.google.co.uk>

Driving on to the south of Hannover, in Ricklingen we stop at the Flugzeug Café am Silbervogel - a Vickers Viscount no less! www.restaurant-silbervogel.de/

Due to our later flights to Hannover we unfortunately cannot now include a visit to the Hubschrauber Museum in Buckeburg.

Arriving back in Hannover we stay tonight at the Concorde Hotel am Leineschloss. Ideally located in the old part of the town, opposite the Lower Saxony Parliament building and the historic town hall. The hotel has a restaurant and bar on-site. http://www.concorde-hotels.de/en/h_a_leineschloss/index.html

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER

This morning we look around the Luftfahrtmuseum Laatzen-Hannover: this collection includes aircraft from the earliest days of aviation to the recent past, including a Sopwith Camel, Spitfire, FW190, 2 Me-109s, MiGs and other French, German, British, Italian, American and Russian types. <http://www.luftfahrtmuseum-hannover.de/>

Next stop is the Fanifly Restaurant in Harbke - actually an Ilyushin Il-18 airliner! Nearer the time the owner will confirm whether they will be open for lunch (optional, at your own expense). <http://jetphotos.net/showphotos.php?location=Other%20Location%20-%20Harbke>

Continuing east, we arrive at Flughafen Magdeburg where we understand there is still an old Interflug Tupolev Tu-134 on view.

Last visit of the day is the Hans Grade Museum at Borkheide airfield. This museum is dedicated to the first German pilot of a motorised aeroplane, in 1908. Also resident here is an ex-Interflug Ilyushin IL-18. <http://www.borkheide.de/flugplatz.htm>

Tonight we stay in Beelitz, southwest of Berlin, at the Hotel Stadt Beelitz. The hotel has a bar and a wine garden on-site, and there are several restaurants within easy walking distance. <http://www.hotelbeelitz.de/index.php?id=29&L=1>

DAY 3: MONDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER

At 09:00hrs. we depart for an industrial park and the Beelitz Monument comprising a Sukhoi Su-7BM and MiG-23M. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aktiefbeeld/5693020496/>

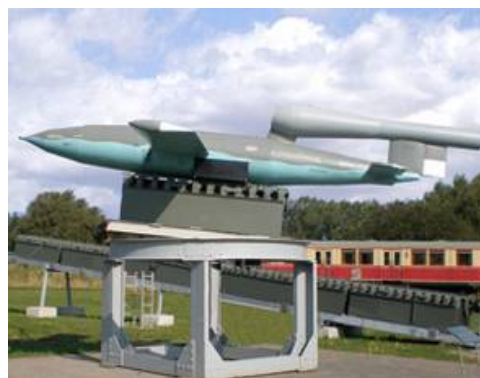
Driving north to Rechlin, it was from here in 1925 that the first secret flights took place of what was to be Hitler's Luftwaffe. During the Second World War Rechlin was the chief testing establishment for new aircraft and weapon systems, and throughout the Cold War was home to a Soviet Air Force fighter-bomber unit until 1993. We visit both the Larz Rechlin Aviation Museum - <http://home.claranet.de/rlm-laerz/>; and the Luftfahrt Technisches Museum, both of which have aircraft collections.

Early evening we arrive at the Baltic Hotel in Zinnowitz, on the island of Usedom; the hotel's facilities include Gynt's Brassiere, a bistro, café terrace, restaurant and Edvard's pub. <http://www.baltichotel.de/>

DAY 4: TUESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER

Driving a few miles to the west along the Baltic coast, we arrive at the Peenemunde Historich Technisches Informationszentrum. It was from this highly secret testing ground near Peenemunde that the first launch of a missile into space took place in October 1942! Slave labourers, concentration camp inmates and Allied prisoners of war carried out the construction work of this large test site which was later used for serial production of the Vergeltungswaffe (Vengeance) V1 and V2 rockets - before it attracted the attention of RAF Bomber Command!

We have asked for a guided tour of this very special and historic site. <http://www.peenemuende.de/>



Stopping by the Sammlung Aeroclub Peenemunde, we take a look at the 2-seater Ilyushin Il-28U, MiG-21US, Mil Mi-8 and Mi-14. All once operated by the DDR Air Force.

Driving on to Neuenkirchen, we have requested a visit to the Interessenverein Luftfahrt Neuenkirchen and their interesting collection of Soviet and DDR Air Force 'cold war warriors'. <http://www.ivln.de/>

Our hotel tonight is the Radissonblu Neubrandenburg. Located in the centre of this medieval town, across from the Marktplatz-Centre Shopping Centre, it has a restaurant and bar on-site. It is short walk to the historic gates and Gothic-style buildings. <http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-neubrandenburg/dining>



DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER

Mid morning we arrive in Eberswalde (from where the world's first radio concert was broadcast in 1923), and the excellent collection of aircraft in the Luftfahrthistorische Sammlung Finow. From 1944 Finow was home of the famous KG200 which flew captured Allied bombers on clandestine missions, and was involved in the unique and unusual "Mistel" programme ('bomber-with-a-fighter-on-top combination'). Exhibits range from WWII to the Cold War, which are located in and around hardened aircraft shelters of this ex-Soviet Air Force airbase! <http://www.luftfahrtmuseum-finowfurt.de/>

Mid-afternoon we arrive in Berlin, where we visit the huge Deutsches Technik Museum, specifically to see their aviation collection.

We stay 4 nights at the 4-star Berlin Mark Hotel. With its own restaurant and bar it is ideally located in a quiet street, yet only a 200 yards walk from the famous, and lively, Kurfurstendamm (more famously known as the Ku-Damm) in the very centre of the German capital.

DAY 6: THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER

A free day to enjoy as you wish: for example, at ILA 2012, sightseeing, shopping or exploring the attractions of Berlin at your own pace.

DAY 7: FRIDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

This morning we depart the hotel at 07:30hrs for a full day at ILA 2012. Like previous tours to ILA we hope to get media accreditation for the show.

DAY 8: SATURDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER

Our first visit is to the Ausstellung Alliierte in Berlin Museum near the old Tegel Airport, and its collection of military vehicles; also on display is a Fouga Magister, but more importantly, a Vickers Varsity T.1! http://www.allierteinberlin.de/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=17&Itemid=29

Then to the similarly named Alliierten Museum belonging to the Allied Museum Association: the museum's exhibits include the French military train, the guardhouse from Checkpoint Charlie, a Handley Page Hastings T.5 and the DHC Chipmunk from the Station Flight, RAF Gatow (is the secret camera still fitted?). <http://www.alliiertenmuseum.de/en/0.php>

In the afternoon, we arrive at the ex-RAF station at Gatow and now the home of the excellent Luftwaffe Museum and its huge collection of aircraft. <http://www.luftwaffenmuseum.de>

Alternatively, a second day at the ILA 2012 Airshow (optional, at your own expense, using public transport or specially chartered coach, depending on numbers; admission not included).

DAY 9: SUNDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER

At 09:30hrs. we transfer to the airport and check-in with Lufthansa for flight to London; latest check-in time is 11:05hrs.

✈ Berlin Brandenburg Airport
✈ Heathrow, Terminal 1

Flight: LH 3374

Departs: 13:05
Arrives: 14:05

Whilst waiting for our luggage we bid each "auf Wiedersehen" – until we meet again!

PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227209
From £ 1,298.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
From £ 280.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING</i>

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ⇒ Return scheduled flights from London Heathrow Airport with Lufthansa
- ⇒ UK & German airport taxes, and UK Passenger Service Charge, currently £102.00 (subject to change)
- ⇒ 8 nights accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- ⇒ Continental Breakfast
- ⇒ All transfers and transportation by chartered air-conditioned coach, as stated
- ⇒ One day admission to ILA 2012
- ⇒ Admission to all aviation museums and collections as stated
- ⇒ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- ⇒ Gratuity for coach driver

NOT INCLUDED

- ⇒ Meals, other than those stated above
- ⇒ 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.

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 Germany. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide website: www.wtgonline.com for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

Non-UK and EU citizens should contact the German Embassy 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 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 – Lufthansa – From London's Heathrow Airport

Checked (Hold) Luggage: one piece of hold baggage is permitted with maximum dimension of 62 inches (158cms); and a weighing no more than 44lbs (20kgs).

Hand (cabin) Luggage: each person can take one item of cabin baggage, no bigger than 45ins (115cms) and weighing more than 17lbs (8kgs); plus one personal item.

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 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.

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. 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.

Continental breakfast is included each morning in the hotel.

Health Requirements

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

Climate and Dress

The climate in Germany could be on the cool side with temperatures around mid 60°F during the day and 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 Hannover Airport (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we would be 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 the 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour as stated above; it 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 1 to the special 'valet parking' area located in short stay car park. 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 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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