

NEW FLIGHT TIMINGS

One of the special aviation themes being celebrated at this year's EAA Convention and Fly-In at Oshkosh - the largest aviation event on the planet - is the 75th Anniversary of the Piper Cub. It is planned to have the largest number of Cubs together on the same airfield - ever!

There is plenty to see and do over the 6 full days we spend on Wittman Field:



- 5 huge exhibition halls
- hundreds of presentations
- scores of technical 'hands-on' workshops and briefings
- 10,000+ aircraft comprising warbirds, classics, antiques, home-builds and microlights
- a large 'fly market'
- the EAA's fabulous Airventure Museum
- the "Splash In" on Lake Winnebago
- visit to Basler Conversions - old DC-3s transformed into modern turbo-prop Daks!
- optional flights in Bell 47s, a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and a Ford Trimotor

In addition to all that, during the morning there are demonstration flights, mass aircraft arrivals, and every afternoon a 5-6 hour airshow including special warbird shows with pyrotechnics!

Nearby Lake Winnebago is the idyllic location for the many floatplanes attending the "Splash-In", ranging from little Cubs and Cessnas to big beasts like the Catalina and Albatross. The shaded, tree-lined lakeside is the perfect place to sit back, relax and watch the floatplanes come and go. There is gazebo café where you can enjoy a BBQ meal, burgers, sandwiches, soft drinks etc. You can also take a boat ride around the moorings and cruise along the lines of tied up aircraft. There are even opportunities for pleasure flights!

There is a good chance that the Historic Flight Foundation will be bringing their immaculately restored Douglas DC-7B to Oshkosh (see page 2) - the same one we chartered last year to fly around the Caribbean - and we are discussing the possibility of a local pleasure flight. Interested? - then please annotate your booking form.

To enjoy the 'Oshkosh experience' you need to take your time, and you will need all 6 days to wander around Wittman Field.

We have confirmation of a fascinating tour of Basler Turbo Conversions, as enjoyed by or past groups. Located on the south side of the airfield, Basler take old and weary DC-3s and convert them into zero-time, turbo-powered freighters (and gunships). In effect they are doing what we all know to be true: "the only replacement for a DC-3 is a DC-3"!

Our annual 'pilgrimage' to Oshkosh is always one our most popular trips - and when you have been to this awesome event you will know why!

Details on how to obtain EAA membership and an indication of admission prices are shown on page 7 "General Information". n.b. 2012 rates not yet released.

Flights are from London's Heathrow Airport, currently on the scheduled services of American Airlines, to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. All transfers in the USA are by specially chartered coaches as stated.

You have the choice of staying in the South Gruenhagen Hall of Residence at the University of Wisconsin (UWO) in Oshkosh itself, or at the Days Inn motel in Appleton, 25 miles to the north. See page 4 for details.

Over the period of the Olympic and Paralympic Games all airlines operating into and out of London's airports have been obliged to impose very strict restrictions for group travel and group seats have to be confirmed with passenger names many months in advance. As such, any late or last minute bookings are likely to be subject to a fare increase therefore you are advised to confirm your booking on this tour as soon as possible.

Want to spend less – or more days – at Oshkosh and/or North America? Please call to discuss your requirements.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local & approximate)

DAY 1: SUNDAY, 22nd JULY

Between 05:00 and 05:45 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts, at London's Heathrow Airport, in American Airlines' check-in area; this is located in "Departures" on the ground floor of Terminal 3. Latest check-in time advised by the airline is 2 hours prior to departure, i.e. 05:45.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3
✈ Chicago

Flight: AA 99

Departs: 07:45
Arrives: 10:10

After Passport Control we collect our luggage from Baggage Reclaim and proceed through Customs; in the Arrivals Hall we meet our driver and board our de-luxe air-conditioned coach for the drive north to Wisconsin. Mid-afternoon we arrive at our first stop: the University of Wisconsin (UWO) in Oshkosh, at the South Gruenhagen Hall of Residence (7 nights room only basis), then the Days Inn-Appleton (7 nights including American Continental Breakfast basis). See page 4 for details of the 2 accommodation options.

DAY'S 2 - 7: MONDAY, 23rd - SATURDAY, 28th JULY

6 full days at Oshkosh 2012!

Enthusiasts staying at the UWO travel to/from the show on the EAA shuttle coach service which operates from dawn 'till late. Cost in 2011 was \$2.00 roundtrip (2012 prices not yet available).

Those staying in Appleton at the Days Inn: our chartered schoolbus will depart each morning at 08:00 and arrive Wittman Field by 08:45. At 18:30 each evening we depart from the EAA Bus Depot back to Appleton. Transfers are included in the tour price.



At 09:00 on the Wednesday we have arranged for our group to have a personal tour around a unique aviation company: Basler Turbo Conversions. This optional visit is free and will last around 2 hours, after which, our schoolbus will drop us off at the EAA Bus Depot. Basler get many requests for visits at this time, so this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Pick-up times will be: 08:00 at the Days Inn Appleton & 08:30 Halls of Residence, UWO Oshkosh. Those enthusiasts staying in Appleton, and who do not wish to visit Basler, will be taken to the EAA Bus Depot immediately after dropping the rest of the group off at Basler at 08:45.

DAY 8: SUNDAY, 29th JULY

Our de-luxe, air-conditioned, coach will depart the Days Inn, Appleton at 09:00; and arrive at the Halls of Residence at the UWO at 09:30. At 09:40 we set off for the 'overspill airfield' at Fond Du Lac, a few miles south of Oshkosh, and make a 30-45 minutes or so stop to see what aircraft are there.

Continuing to Chicago, we make a brief stop for lunch en-route (at your own expense), and check-in at O'Hare International Airport by 15:10 for our overnight flight back to London.

✈ Chicago

Flight: AA 86

Departs: 18:10

DAY 9: MONDAY, 30th JULY

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3

Arrives: 07:50

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: 227218: STAYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – ROOM ONLY BASIS |
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| From £ 1,299.00 no increase from 2011 | Based on sharing a twin bedded room |
| From £ 156.00 | Single room supplement |
| On request | Land only (please speak with one of our consultants before booking) |
| COST PER PERSON | TOUR: 227218: STAYING AT THE DAYS INN MOTEL, APPLETON – BED AND BREAKFAST BASIS |
| From £ 1,655.00 | Based on sharing a twin bedded room |
| From £ 410.00 | Single room supplement |
| On request | Land only (please speak with one of our consultants before booking) |

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Return scheduled flights with American Airlines from London's Heathrow Airport
- ✓ UK and US airport taxes & UK Passenger Service Charge, currently £331.00 (but subject to change)
- ✓ Seven nights accommodation in Oshkosh or Appleton
- ✓ American Continental Breakfast at the Days Inn, Appleton (room only basis at the University)
- ✓ All coach transfers and transportation, as stated
- ✓ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- ✓ Gratuity for coach drivers

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Meals, other than those stated above
- ✗ Membership of the EAA – see General Information, page 7
- ✗ US visa (not required by UK passport holders entering the USA under the visa waiver scheme)
- ✗ ESTA – see General Information, page 5
- ✗ 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)

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS: OSHKOSH OR APPLETON

South Gruenhagen Hall of Residence, University of Wisconsin

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' cost \$2.00 in 2011 (2012 prices are not yet available) and is not included in the tour price.

Days Inn Motel

Located 25 miles north of Oshkosh, on the outskirts of Appleton (the birthplace of Houdini), is the Days Inn. 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, only a breakfast room; however, there is a good selection of restaurants and fast-food outlets within a 400-yard walk. There is a mini-supermarket at the adjacent petrol station and 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 adjacent/nearby restaurants, and at various outlets on Wittman Field. Transfers to/from Wittman Field are by specially chartered schoolbus, the cost of which, is included in the tour price.

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 51p per minute).

IMPORTANT – MANDATORY REGULATIONS FOR ENTRY TO THE USA - Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA)

Anyone seeking entry to the USA must have an "Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA)", which was introduced by the US government in January 2010 for all persons flying into the United States under the Visa Waiver Scheme. This includes all UK passport holders.

This means that all travellers are required to apply for authorisation to travel under the scheme before arriving at their departure airport. The changes affect all passport holders from 34 countries currently participating in the Visa Waiver Scheme (includes the UK).

You must apply prior to departing on this tour. You can only apply online at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> From September 2010 a charge of \$14.00 was introduced for all new ESTA applications. If you apply on the above website there are NO OTHER CHARGE WHATSOEVER for this service - but be warned, there are several unofficial websites that offer you this service but will charge a higher amount.

The application process will take approximately 15 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 however you are required to update your ESTA each time you visit the USA. After 2 years you will have to apply for another ESTA.

We have heard of instances where an ESTA has been cancelled by the US authorities without prior warning or notification to the holder! Therefore, we recommend you check your ESTA when planning your travel to the USA.

We also strongly recommend that you keep a photocopy of the ESTA with your passport.

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. 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 1 piece of 'checked' baggage per person, measuring up to 35½ x 29½ x 16ins (90 x 75 x 43cm), and weighing no more than 50lb (23kg).

Cabin Baggage: Economy passengers may take 1 piece of hand baggage on board. Individual dimensions not to exceed approx 9 x 14 x 22 inches (23 x 36 x 56cm), and 13lb (6kg) in weight. In addition to the cabin baggage allowance, the following personal items may be carried on board: a handbag, pocketbook or purse i.e. which is appropriate to normal travelling dress and is not being used as a container for the transportation of articles which could otherwise be regarded as baggage; an overcoat or wrap; an umbrella (pointed or/and sharp prohibited) or walking stick; a small camera and/or pair of binoculars.

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, due to security requirements, you are strongly advised to contact the airline for the latest information nearer to the time of your departure.

EAA Admission 2012

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 (\$56.00), and pay for a weekly pass for \$110.00: total \$166.00; non-member rate is \$37.00 per day or \$222.00 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 (e.g. 2 other members of the group), at the Members Guest Rate of \$145.00 (week) or \$30.00 per day. Please note that the above prices are for 2011: 2012 rates are not yet available.

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, American Continental Breakfast is provided at the Days Inn, Appleton; no meals are included if staying at the UWO.

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.

Electric Mobility Scooters

A limited number of electric mobility scooters and golf carts are available for rental. Details available on request.

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 would be pleased to quote 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. This is particularly relevant where travel on specific domestic flights forms part of the itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour at either the Days Inn, 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 at Chicago O'Hare Airport coincide with that of the group, a seat will be offered when available for an appropriate supplement. Oshkosh is not served by scheduled airlines, however, Green Bay is a nearer option than Chicago.

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 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.

'Meet & Greet' Car Parking, London's Heathrow Airport: from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive directly Terminal 3, stop in the Drop Off/Pick Up area (second or third lane outside the terminal), and hand your car over to the waiting driver. After checking for visible scratches, damage etc he will then take it to an off-airport, secure car park. On your return, call the company from Baggage Reclaim and the driver and your car will be waiting for you in the same location. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers. 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.

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