

Saturday, 23rd June - Friday, 6th July



- **Wings over Pittsburgh Airshow**
- **Portsmouth-Boston Airshow**
- **Boston Harbor “War of 1812 Centennial” Airshow**
- **Aviation collections in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island & New Hampshire**
- **Boston Pops Orchestra “July 4th” Concert – see below**
- **Tall Sailing Ships & Naval Vessels from around the world, Boston Harbor**

What better time of the year to be touring the Colonial States of the USA than over the 4th July Independence Day holiday, which this year will also be commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 (18th June 1812 – 17th February 1815), the conflict fought between the United States and Great Britain over British violations of U.S. maritime rights. Special events include a gathering in Boston Harbor of tall sailing ships and warships, from around the world; and a concert by the world-famous “Boston Pops” orchestra: we understand this will be an open air concert, and although NOT part of the tour, we will provide details when released. Transfers and tickets are not included in the tour price.

The US Navy’s “Blue Angels” (above) are scheduled to perform at the Portsmouth and Boston airshows.

Our itinerary also includes up to FIFTEEN aviation museums (visits to Air National Guard (ANG) collections to be confirmed), including Piper Aircraft, Mid-Atlantic, Golden Age, New England and Quonset!

We are currently flying from London’s Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of American Airlines; travel in-country is by air-conditioned coach; and we stay each night in a comfortable hotel on a bed and American Continental or Hot Breakfast basis.

This tour features fabulous ‘aviation’ visits, beautiful scenery, historic places, and special celebrations and commemorations of British/American Colonial times! Perfect for having a tea party in Boston Harbor!!

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE

Between 09:00 and 09:50 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts, at London’s Heathrow Airport, at American Airlines’ check-in area in “Departures”, on the ground floor of Terminal 3. Latest check-in time advised by the airline is 10:50, however, as this is a very busy time of the day we recommend you check in by 09:50 hrs..

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3	Flight: AA 47	Departs: 12:50
✈ Chicago		Arrives: 15:20

After Passport Control we collect our luggage from Baggage Reclaim, proceed through Customs, hand our suitcases in at American Airline’s Transfer desk, and go to the gate of our onward flight to Pittsburgh.

✈ Chicago	Flight: AA 3945	Departs: 18:25
✈ Pittsburgh		Arrives: 20:50

Meeting our local coach driver we transfer to Beaver Falls, a 20-minutes drive from the airport, and check-in at the Holiday Inn for a stay of 2 nights. The hotel has a restaurant and lounge bar on-site. <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/beaver-falls/beapa/hoteldetail>

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 24th JUNE

We leave the hotel at 08:00 for a full day at the “Thunder over Pittsburgh Airshow” which takes place at the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Station. <http://www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com/>

DAY 3: MONDAY, 25th JUNE

Departing at 08:30 our first stop is at the Pittsburgh Air National Guard (ANG) to see their 5 gate guardians, including a rare F-102 Delta Dagger plus P-51 P-47, F-84, F-86 and A-7 Corsair. Please note that this, and all other military visits, can only be confirmed nearer the time. <http://www.171arw.ang.af.mil/>

Then to Beaver County Airport, home of the Air Heritage Museum; here we will see both fully restored warbirds and those undergoing restoration. <http://www.airheritage.org/history.html>

Continuing across Pennsylvania, mid-afternoon we arrive in Lock Haven for our visit to the Piper Aviation Museum and its excellent collection of classic Pipers. <http://www.pipermuseum.com/>

We stay tonight at the Harrisburg East Holiday Inn; its facilities include an on-site restaurant and bar. Website: <http://www.hiharrisburg.com>

DAY 4: TUESDAY, 26th JUNE

We are on the road again by 08:30, to the small town of Bethel and the excellent collection of classical aeroplanes belonging to the Golden Age Air Museum; they offer optional, biplane flights. Pictured right is their 1917 Rumpler C.V., a beautiful replica built by our very own Slingsby Aircraft! www.goldenageair.org



In the afternoon we arrive in nearby Reading, home of the excellent Mid-Atlantic Museum with its large display of aircraft, including 1 of only 4 existing Northrop P-61D “Black Widow” night-fighters which is nearing its restoration; like on previous visits we hope to be given close-up access. Optional T-6 and biplane flights are available. <http://www.maam.org/aircraft.htm>

Tonight we stay in Shillington at the Best Western Plus Reading Inn and Suites. Adjacent to the hotel is a Greek restaurant (serving Greek and American meals), with several other restaurants and a sports bar within a short walk. <http://bestwesternpa.com/shillington-hotels>

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, 27th JUNE

This morning we head east into Connecticut, to Collinsville, and the small but very impressive variety of aircraft in the Smith Collection which includes a Naval Aircraft Factory N3N-3!

An hour down the road is Windsor Locks: we stay the next 2 nights at the Fairfield Inn, situated adjacent to Bradley International Airport. Located across from the hotel is one of Applebee’s restaurants and bars.



DAY 6: THURSDAY, 28th JUNE

We plan to start today with a visit to the 103rd Airlift Wing of the Connecticut ANG, at Bradley International Airport, who currently fly the C-21 (Learjet); and to see their Delta Dagger, Thunderbolt II and Super Sabre gate guardians. <http://www.103aw.ang.af.mil/>

Also located at Bradley is the New England Air Museum and its huge collection of some 125 aircraft and 200 aero engines; and the 58th Bomb Wing Memorial – the first B-29 Superfortress unit which flew combat missions in WWII (pictured). <http://www.neam.org/exhibits/collections.asp>

DAY 7: FRIDAY, 29th JUNE

Departing the hotel at 08:30 we arrive an hour later at the 104th Fighter Wing of the Massachusetts ANG at their base on Barnes Field. They currently fly F-15s, but we also want to see their Thunderbolt II, Super Sabre and Thunderstreak gate guardians. <http://www.104fw.ang.af.mil/>

At Barnes Municipal Airport we call in at the Pioneer Valley Military and Transportation Museum which has a Percival Provost T.1 and Fairchild Cornell on display. <http://www.pvmtm.org/about.htm>

In the afternoon we arrive in Stow, headquarters of the Collings Foundation. Some of their incredible collection of warbirds are based here, including a Fiesler Storch (pictured right) <http://www.collingsfoundation.org>

We stay overnight in the Comfort Inn, Auburn. There are several shops, restaurants and a lounge bar located within a short walking distance. <http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-auburn-massachusetts-MA038>



DAY 8: SATURDAY, 30th JUNE

Driving over into the state of Rhode Island we stop by the Quonset Air Museum. The restoration of vintage aircraft is this museum's specialty and some of their 30+ aircraft are on display while being restored, giving visitors an opportunity to view the process and get a sense of what it takes to restore a historic aircraft. <http://www.theqam.org/>

Driving on to Falmouth we arrive at Otis ANG base where we have requested access to photograph their 6 gate guardians: HU-16, two T-33s, Sabre, Super Sabre and Thunderstreak.

Late afternoon we arrive in New Hampshire and, for the next 2 nights, we stay at the Hampton Inn-Portsmouth. A short walk away is Ruby Tuesday's restaurant and bar.



DAY 9: SUNDAY, 1st JULY

Departing the hotel at 08:00 we spend a full day at the Boston Portsmouth Airshow on Pease ANG base, 1 mile down the road. Participants include the US Navy's aerobatic team the Blue Angels.

DAY 10: MONDAY, 2nd JULY

Today we drive to Loudon to see the dozen or so classical aeroplanes in the Dexter Collection, followed by a similar number in the Jackson Collection in Rochester.

Late afternoon we arrive in Quincy, a southern suburb of Boston and only 5 miles from the downtown/harbour area. We stay 3 nights at the Best Western Adams Inn hotel. On-site is the Adams Pub, a full service restaurant serving food and drinks, complete with a terrace giving spectacular views overlooking the Neponset River. There are several other eating places within walking distance, including an Applebee's, a 99 Restaurant, a McDonalds, and Chinese and Mexican restaurants. <http://www.bwadamsinn.com/>

Travel between the hotel and the downtown/harbour area is by suburban train from the nearby MBTA "North Quincy" train station: transfers to this station are by the hotel's courtesy van, or a 10-minutes stroll.

DAY 11: TUESDAY, 3rd JULY

A full day at the 2012 Boston Harbor Airshow commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 between America and Great Britain. <http://www.gatewayno.com/history/war1812.html>

DAY 12: WEDNESDAY, 4th JULY

US Independence Day – and where better to be than Boston! A day of leisure.

Taking place in Boston over the holiday period is a special concert by the world-famous Boston Pops Orchestra. Also, a gathering of Tall Sailing Ships and warships from around the world. The tour price does not include any charges in connection with these 2 optional visits.

DAY 13: THURSDAY, 5th JULY

Free time until 16:00, when we transfer by chartered coach to Boston's Logan Airport and check-in for our flight back to London; latest check-in time is 17:10.

✈ Boston

Flight: AA 108

Departs: 20:10

DAY 14: FRIDAY, 6th JULY

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3

Arrives: 07:45

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

COST PER PERSON	TOUR: 227220
From £ 1,998.00	Based on sharing a twin bedded room
From £ 488.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land only (please speak with one of our consultants before booking)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Flights, currently on the scheduled services of American Airlines from London's Heathrow Airport
- UK and US Airport Taxes & UK Passenger Service Charge, currently £301.00 (subject to change)
- All transfers by air-conditioned charter coach
- 12-night's accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- American-style continental or hot breakfast each morning
- Admission to all aviation museums and collections as stated
- Admission to the 3 stated airshows
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- Coach driver's gratuity

NOT INCLUDED

- Transfers from the hotel in Quincy to/from downtown Boston
- Meals, except as stated above
- Any optional pleasure flights
- Transfers and/or ticket to the Boston Pops orchestra's concert
- Any admission charge for visiting/going onboard the Tall Sailing Ships and warships in Boston
- Travel insurance – see General Information
- ESTA: required by UK Passport holders entering the USA under the visa waiver scheme – see General Information for details
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc
- Additional tips and gratuities

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.

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) provides an Information Line, telephone: 0901 201 505 (calls currently charged at 51p per minute).

Passports and Visas

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a machine readable full UK Passport which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return to the UK.

Non-UK citizens should contact the relevant Embassy in their country of residence for specific information and instructions.

**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.

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 Authorities – 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).

In addition, since November 2010, the USA has introduced 'Secure Flight Passenger Data', a programme operated by The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA). This is a behind-the-scenes watch list matching program and fulfils a key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission by assuming responsibility of watch list matching from individual airlines. By establishing a consistent watch list matching system, Secure Flight enhances aviation security and more effectively facilitates air travel for passengers. The data captured is the same as APIS but MUST be provided to the airline no later than 72-hours prior to departure or for bookings made within this time period, at the time of booking. We will provide the airlines with this information, but it is imperative that the information you provide to us by way of the Booking Form is correct.

The information we provide the authorities will also include the full postal address of where each passenger will stay on their first night.

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.

Baggage Regulations - American - Departing London's Heathrow Airport

Checked Baggage: American Airlines will transport free of charge 1 piece of 'checked' baggage per person; the total dimensions of which must not exceed 62" or 157cm (length + width + height) nor weigh in excess of 50lb (23kg).

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of London's Heathrow Airport you may take 1 carry-on bag (and 1 personal item), not exceeding 45 inches or 114cm linear, including handles and wheels. All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold. Carry-on baggage must be stowed under a seat, or in an overhead locker. Maximum weight: 40lbs (18kg).

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 iPods). 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.

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. Also, hotel meals can be expensive and we have found it is better to allow each person to decide for themselves. This tour includes American-style continental or hot breakfast.

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 low 80°F. We recommend summer items of clothing with a jacket for the cooler evenings.

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

If you require wheelchair assistance at the airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and airports no longer provide this service without prior confirmation. 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 have included a 'Land Only' price. This price does not include any flights 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 at the Holiday Inn hotel in Beaver Falls, and does not include the transfer from the airport; however, should your arrival coincide with that of the group, a seat will be offered if available.

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 change 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 255625 for the latest special offers.

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 designated Drop Off/Pick Up lane outside the front of the terminal, 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.

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