

**NOVEMBER 2017 – LATEST NEWS:** Due to the ever-increasing size of the airshow the organisers are now considering the static display being on Deblin AFB with the flying programme at Radom AFB and we await confirmation.

**PROVISIONAL ITINERARY & GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**



Polish Air Force airshows are always popular with European enthusiasts as the organisers have a very good reputation for attracting a wide range of participants from other armed forces. As this is their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary the word is already out that this will be a very large show with aircraft attending from many countries. Our itinerary includes:

- 2 full days at the airshow
- Deblin: Polish Air Force Museum
- Krakow: the huge collection in the national Polish Aviation Museum

We fly on the scheduled services of British Airways from Terminal 3 at London's Heathrow Airport; travel in-country by chartered coach (see appropriate paragraph in General Information page 4) and rail; stay in comfortable hotels in the Radom and Krakow area on a bed and breakfast basis; and are accompanied throughout by one of our well-travelled and experienced Aviation Tour Managers.

We expect this tour to be very popular for 2 reasons: it's the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Air Force – and, the tour takes place over the UK's August Bank Holiday weekend. So, as demand for seats on the flights will be high, we recommend you book early to avoid disappointment!

With an early departure from Heathrow Airport and a late arrival back, why not ease the stress and strain and stay at an airport hotel for the Thursday and/or Tuesday nights: contact us for rates.

**PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)**

**DAY 1: FRIDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Between 05:00 and 06:00 please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts, at the British Airways check-in area in **Terminal 3** at London's Heathrow Airport. Latest recommended check-in time is 2 hours before the flight departs, so 05:25.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3  
✈ Warsaw

Flight: BA 846

Departs: 07:25  
Arrives: 10:50

After the usual arrival formalities we meet our driver, board our chartered coach and drive south to Deblin to visit the excellent collection of aircraft in the Polish Air Force Museum.

As well as exhibits inside there is also an outdoor exhibition of more than 80 aircraft, helicopters and other types of technical equipment, including missiles and radars. Website: <http://muzeumsp.pl/> (use *Google translator for English version*).



Arriving in Radom we stay 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis at the Promenada Hotel, Radom. Rooms are en-suite, Wi-Fi is available and there is a restaurant and bar on-site with other options in the city centre.



### **DAYS 2 & 3: SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Both mornings, at 07:30, we leave the hotel for a full day at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Air Force Airshow on Radom Airbase. Pictured left is one of the participants at the 2017 Radom Airshow: an immaculate looking MiG-21 Lancer of the Romanian Air Force.

### **DAY 4: MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

This morning we take a leisurely drive south to Krakow arriving in the early afternoon. We stay overnight at the Vienna House Easy Chopin Hotel on a bed and breakfast

basis. Rooms are en-suite with satellite TV and the hotel's facilities include free wi-fi, a restaurant serving Polish and international dishes and a bar. The Old Town with its medieval market square is just a short walk away. Website: [www.viennahouse.com/en/easy-cracow/the-hotel/overview.html](http://www.viennahouse.com/en/easy-cracow/the-hotel/overview.html)

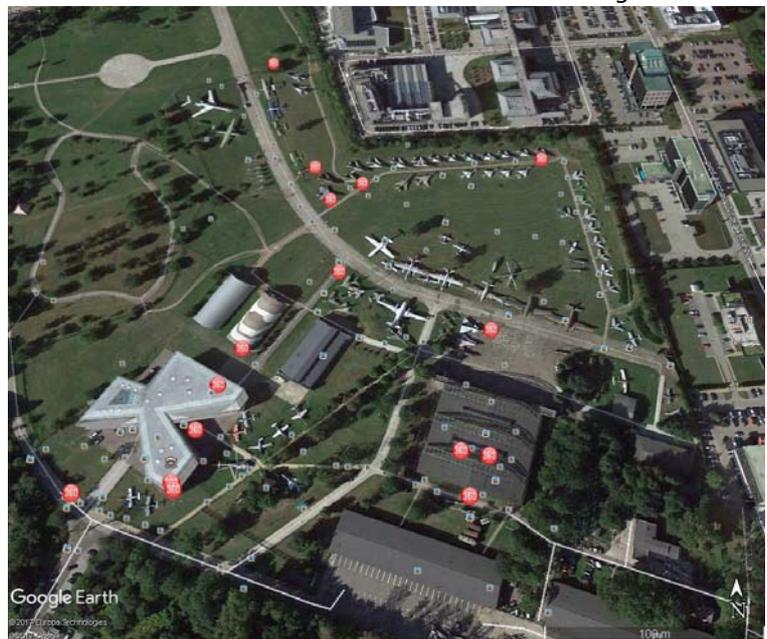
The rest of the day is free to enjoy time at leisure in the city.

### **DAY 5: TUESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

At 09:30 we leave our hotel and drive the 5 miles to the Polish Aviation Museum and its huge collection of aircraft (*pictured right*).

Located on the site of the no-longer operational Krakow Rakowice Czyżyny Airport, the airfield, established by Austria-Hungary in 1912, is one of the oldest in the world.

The collection consists of over 200 aircraft, both outside and inside various buildings, including several that are unique, including sailplanes and some 100 aircraft engines.



The Museum has 22 extremely rare aircraft that once were part of the personal collection of Hermann Göring, which before World War II, were displayed in Deutsche Luftfahrtsammlung Museum in Berlin! These planes were evacuated during the war to rescue them from Allied bombing (the Museum itself was destroyed in Allied air raids), and were found abandoned on Polish territory after the war ended.

Like during our previous visits we hope to be shown those aircraft undergoing restoration and in storage.

Mid-afternoon we return to the city centre and enjoy a couple of hours relaxing in the old medieval area.

Alternatively you can transfer to the airport at a time of your choosing (at your own expense).

We arrive at Krakow Airport and check-in for our British Airways flight back to London: latest recommended check-in time by the airline is 19:15.

✈ Krakow Flight: BA 873 Departs: 21:15  
✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3 Arrives: 22:45

Awaiting our luggage in Baggage Reclaim, we bid each other farewell – until we meet again!

Option: stay overnight in an airport hotel – contact us for details.

PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227825
From £ 785.00	Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
From £ 140.00	Single room supplement
On Request	Land-only (NO flights) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING YOUR FLIGHTS</i>

### **TOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

- Flights on the scheduled services of British Airways from London's Heathrow Airport, as stated
- UK & Polish airport taxes and UK Air Passenger Duty (subject to change)
- All coach and rail transfers and transportation as stated
- 4-nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast each morning
- Admission to both aviation museums as stated
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Optional hotel accommodation at London's Heathrow Airport before and after the tour
- Any admission to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Air Force Airshow (not available as of October 2017)
- Travel insurance – see General Information
- Tips and gratuities (other than for the coach drivers)

### Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £400.00 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. 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.

British passport holders do not require a visa to enter Poland.

### 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. For up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting, we suggest you visit: [www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo](http://www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo)

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provide an Information Line for UK callers only, telephone: 020 3117 0599. This line is open between the hours 10:00 – 16:00, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

### Coach Travel

Ian Allan Aviation Tours only use coaches chartered from reputable companies, with a driver. Where we have had to cancel a tour, due to the small number of bookings, we have looked at the possibility of renting a 16-18 seater mini-van, with our tour manager driving. However, without exception, the hiring of such a vehicle is illegal if any of the occupants make any payment towards the rental price, fuel and/or other expenses - known as "for hire or reward". Any such rental, made without these facts being made known to the rental company at the time of booking, also invalidates all insurance covering the vehicle, contents and persons. The DVLA has also confirmed that any "for hire or reward" rental could breach the normal driving classification of a standard U.K. driver's license. Therefore, we do not undertake any tours using 9-18 seater mini-vans from a rental company; either with our tour manager, or a member of the group, driving.

### Baggage Regulations – British Airways – Departing from London's Heathrow Airport

**Checked Baggage:** Included in your air ticket is one piece of hold baggage with the maximum weight of 50lbs (23kgs) and external dimensions (length + width + height) of up to 62ins (158cms).

**Cabin Baggage:** You may take one piece of carry-on baggage, maximum dimensions 22ins x 18ins x 10ins (56cms x 45cms x 25cms). One personal item such as a small handbag, a small laptop bag or a small backpack that must be placed under the seat in front of you, maximum dimensions 16ins x 12ins x 6ins (40cms x 30cms x 15cms). Maximum combined weight of both items: 17½lbs (8kgs).

Restrictions remain in place for the carriage of liquids, gels, and creams in hand baggage for all passengers departing from and transferring through all EU airports. Some other airports around the world operate their own restrictions. Customers are advised to check before they travel.

Limited quantities of liquids (individual containers must not exceed 100ml or 3½ fl oz), 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. Items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed.

The bag can only contain liquids such as 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.

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

All batteries must be fully charged.

Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit can also be included.

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.

### **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 your suitcase.

### **Meals**

On this tour breakfast is included in the tour price.

### **Health Requirements**

There are no known mandatory or recommended precautions for visiting Poland; however, we recommend you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

### **Climate and Dress**

The weather should be warm, therefore, we recommend summer items of clothing plus a jumper and/or jacket. We also suggest you check the 5-day weather forecast before you pack your suitcase!

### **Local Currency**

The local currency is the Polish Zloty. Major credit cards are accepted, and ATMs are available. If you plan to take traveller's cheques we recommend they are in Euros and small denomination notes (10, 20 or 50) as you are more likely to be able to change these in the hotels. Please note: Euros are NOT generally accepted as payment except in supermarkets.

### **Travel Insurance**

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Aviation Tours are able to offer competitive and comprehensive insurance cover. 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 Aviation Tours.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; Full details are available on request.

These policies 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.

### **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 in Warsaw and leave it in Krakow (instead of flying from London's Heathrow Airport with the main group), we will be very pleased to provide a 'Land Only' price.

Your arrival time should be before the main group's arrival (not after), and your departure back to the UK should be after the group's flight (not before).

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.

### **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 Aviation Tours 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.

### **Pleasure Flights – Disclaimer**

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us, Ian Allan Aviation Tours 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 Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any tour being cancelled, or itineraries affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control.