

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY & GENERAL INFORMATION
Wednesday, 18th – Sunday, 22nd May



The annual NATO Tiger Meet will take place between 16th and 27th May, hosted by the Spanish Air Force on BA Zaragoza. We will be attending for part of the exercise, including the Spotters Day.

In January the NATO Tigers Association announced that a Spotters Day would be held on Friday, 20th May followed by an Open Day at the weekend.

We have added an extra day – which will be spent at the end of the runway photographing the Tigers as they come into land.

Everyone who books on the tour will be registered for their Spotters Pass and any Open Day entrance ticket by us. However, as no details have been released the prices are not included in the tour price.

Also included is a visit to the huge Museo del Aire in Madrid and its fabulous collection of over 140 aircraft (pictured right).



Zaragoza has a civil airport with direct services from London's Stansted Airport on Ryanair. However, we are aware that when a flight is full some passenger's cabin baggage, although checked in, has been placed in the aircraft's hold; this is usually done at the gate, for photographers with thousands of pounds of expensive camera equipment, that could be a problem. Therefore, we have decided that the main group will fly from Heathrow Airport on the scheduled services of British Airways to Madrid, then by coach to Zaragoza.

If you would rather fly with Ryanair we can book these flights for you too. Alternatively, you can book on the tour on a Land Only basis and book your own flights to/from Zaragoza with Ryanair.

We travel in-country by chartered coach (see appropriate paragraph on page 4 of General Information) and stay 4 nights at the Ibis Zaragoza Centro hotel, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Every year our tour to NATO Tiger Meet is one of our most popular trips: please complete your booking form as soon as possible to guarantee your place.

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY

Between 08:30 and 09:10 please check-in with British Airways in Terminal 5 at London's Heathrow Airport. Then meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts who will be gathering adjacent to Column G, located in the Departures Hall immediately before the self-service check-in podiums (not the usual line of check-in and fast bag-drop desks). Latest check-in time advised by the airline is 2 hours prior to departure, i.e. 08:40.

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5
✈ Madrid

Flight: BA 514

Departs: 10:40
Arrives: 14:10

Meeting our local driver we board our private coach and drive to the Ibis Zaragoza Centro hotel where we stay 4 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. Facilities include on-site restaurant, bar and Wi-Fi.
Website: www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3317-ibis-zaragoza-centro/index.shtml

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 19th MAY

Depart the hotel at 08:30 for a full day at the end of the runway photographing aircraft on final approach. We return to the hotel when the last afternoon 'wave' has landed.

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 20th MAY

We await final details of the start and finish times of the Spotters Day.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, 21st MAY

At 07:30 we will leave the hotel and return to the airbase for a full day at the Open Day airshow.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, 22nd MAY

We set off for Madrid at 08:00, arriving at the Museo del Aire just over 3 hours later.

On display here, inside the various hangars and in the grounds outside, are 141 aircraft.
Website: www.aviationmuseum.eu/World/Europe/Spain/Cuatro_Vientos/Museo_del_Aire.htm

We will ask to see any aircraft undergoing restoration and in their storage area (to be confirmed).

The museum closes at 14:00 so we then transfer to Madrid Airport (about a 30 minutes drive) and check in with Iberia for our flight back to Heathrow.

✈ Madrid
✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Flight: BA 461

Departs: 18:20
Arrives: 19:40

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

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227614
From £ 649.00	Based on sharing a twin bedded room, with private facilities. Bed and breakfast.
From: £ 100.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land only (please speak with one of our consultants before booking)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Flights on the scheduled services of British Airways from London's Heathrow Airport
- UK and Spanish airport taxes, and UK Passenger Service Charge
- All coach transfers as stated
- 4 nights hotel accommodation in rooms with en-suite facilities
- Continental breakfast daily
- Admission to the Museo del Aire in Madrid (FOC)
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals, other than those as stated above
- Any charge for attending the Spotter Days
- Any charge for the Open Day airshow
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Gratuity for coach driver
- Tips and gratuities

Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £300.00 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: www.worldtravelguide.net for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

UK/EU passport holders do not require a visa to enter Spain.

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, we suggest you visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provides both a *web site* <http://abta.com/go-travel> and an Information Line, telephone: 020 3117 0599. This line is open between the hours 10:00 – 16:00, Monday-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 minibus, 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 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 UK driver's license. Therefore, we do not undertake any tours using 9-18 seater minibuses 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: British Airways will transport 1 piece of 'checked' baggage per person free of charge, the total dimensions of which must not exceed 190cm x 75cm x 65cm (75in x 29½in x 25½in), including the handle, pockets and wheels. Maximum weight is 23kg (50lb).

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of London's Heathrow Airport you may take 1 carry-on bag (and 1 personal item). Your main piece of hand baggage can be up to the dimensions of 56cm x 45cm x 25cm (22in x 18in x 10in), including handles and wheels. You must be able to lift the bag into the overhead locker unaided. Carry-on baggage must be stowed in carry-on compartments of the aircraft, under a seat, or in an overhead locker. Your bag must also fit into the bag gauge, available at the check-in area. All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold.

Hand, or cabin, baggage is limited to one item no bigger than 25cm (9.85 inches) deep x 56cm (22 inches) long x 45cm (17½ inches) high, and which you must be able to lift unaided into the overhead locker onboard the aircraft, plus one 'personal item', i.e. laptop, briefcase, etc..

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.

All equipment which contain batteries must be fully charged, e.g., mobile phone and cameras. Any that are not fully charged will be taken by airport security staff and returned to you when you next pass through the airport. Should you be detained for questioning and miss your flight, Ian Allan Travel cannot be held responsible.

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 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 – and many U.K. regional airports.

Meals

On this tour continental breakfast only is included in the tour price.

Health Requirements

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

Climate and Dress

The month of May is characterised by rising temperatures, with daily highs increasing from 20°C to 25°C over the course of the month. Most days it is warm with over 14 hours of sunshine.

Local Currencies

The local currency is the Euro. Major credit cards are widely used. The hotel will change Sterling and Euro travellers cheques but the rate will be low, and only in small amounts.

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; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. 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 Users or Walking Disability

Wheelchair users, and anyone who has a walking disability (including those who can walk only a limited distance and/or a slow pace), may well be stopped by the Spanish Air Force from going on the base - this is a Spanish flight safety regulation, not an Ian Allan Travel decision.

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 Spain (instead of flying from London's Heathrow Airport with the main group), we will be very pleased to provide a 'Land Only' price: NO FLIGHTS will be included.

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 up with the group at the hotel in Zaragoza; it does not include the transfers from and to Madrid. Should your arrival and departure plans coincide with that of the group, a seat will be offered on the coach if available at a supplement of £30.00 **each way**. This payment will be due with your final payment.

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 bare 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.

"Purple" Meet & Greet Car Parking at London's Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5: from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive to the Short Stay Car Park connected to the terminal, to the "Drop Off and Pick-Up" parking bays, and hand your car over to the representative. On your return, your car will be waiting for you in the same location. 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 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.

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