

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY & GENERAL INFORMATION
Wednesday, 1st – Sunday, 5th June



Photo courtesy of Julian Herzog

A very popular event on the aviation calendar is the bi-annual ILA Aerospace Exhibition and Airshow, held on Berlin's Brandenburg Airport.

With several large exhibition halls, a huge static park and a daily airshow, it's easy to see why the event is such a big hit with aviation enthusiasts. Pictured at the last ILA is this superb Me262 replica.

Our itinerary includes one full day at the show - with the possibility of a second visit on our free day in Berlin (own arrangements).

Within short drives of Berlin we also visit 2 very interesting aviation museums featuring Warsaw Pact 'Cold War' veterans, in Cottbus and Eberswalde (Finov).

In Berlin we look around the large Deutsches Technical Museum whose new extension houses their aviation exhibits over 2 floors, including classic aircraft like a Ju-52 and Ju-87 Stuka.

We also spend time at the huge collection in the Luftwaffe Museum, located on the outskirts of the German capital on the ex-Luftwaffe and RAF airfield at Gatow.

Tour price includes one day's admission to ILA 2016 and all aviation museums and collections as stated.

We fly on the scheduled services of easyJet from Luton Airport; travel in-country is by air-conditioned coach (see appropriate paragraph on page 4 General Information); we stay 4 nights at a centrally located, comfortable hotel on a bed and breakfast basis; and are accompanied by an Ian Allan Tour manager.

This long weekend in Berlin is also a perfect holiday break for non-aviation minded persons who are free to do as little, or no, aviation as they want!

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 1st JUNE

Between 11:00 and 11:55 please go to easyJet's Bag Drop at Luton Airport – you should have already checked in on-line. Then meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts who will be gathering in the immediate area. Latest check-in time advised by the airline is 90-minutes prior to departure, i.e. 11:55.

✈ Luton Airport
✈ Berlin Schoenefeld Airport

Flight: EZY 2103

Departs: 13:25
Arrives: 16:10

On arrival we meet our local driver, board our chartered coach and go directly in to the centre of the city to the Best Western Plus Amedia Berlin Hotel, located in the popular Kurfürstendamm shopping street with its cafes, restaurants etc.. We stay 4 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. The underground station "Uhlandstrasse" is just a few meters away and the nearest S-Bahn station "Savignyplatz" is a short walk away. The Brandenburg Gate, Berlin TV tower, and the gendarme market are also not far away. Facilities include free high-speed Wi-Fi and free phone calls to 24 selected countries; bar; the El Dorado Spanish restaurant and tapas bar; a terrace with views of the famous "Kudamm".

Website www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-plus-amedia-berlin-kurfuerstendamm-95473

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 2nd JUNE

At 08:30 we depart by coach and travel south of Berlin, making a 'convenience' stop en-route.

We arrive at the Flugplatzmuseum Cottbus when it opens its doors at 10:30. Part of this very interesting collection of Cold War aircraft and helicopters are pictured right. Website: www.flugplatzmuseumcottbus.de.

After the visit we will make a short stop for lunch (at own expense).



Driving to the north of Berlin we visit the 25+ aircraft in the unique Luftfahrt Historische Sammlung Finow. This is situated on the former World War Two Luftwaffe top secret test airfield, which later became a Soviet front-line fighter base!

The museum is set in and around a Hardened Aircraft Shelter (HAS) dispersal – probably the only such museum/collection of its kind in the world, giving you a very rare opportunity to see a Warsaw Pact HAS.

There are 2 wrecked aircraft from 1945, one a FW-190. Website: <http://luftfahrtmuseum-finowfurt.de/>

We arrive back at our hotel around 18:00.

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE

A full day at ILA 2016 Aerospace Exhibition & Airshow, Berlin Brandenburg Airport, transferring there and back by chartered coach. One day's admission is included in the tour price.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, 4th JUNE

A free day in Berlin as you wish: a second day at ILA; photographing/logging from the excellent viewing terrace at Tegel Airport; sightseeing, shopping, taking it easy. Travel around Berlin is very simple and easy on the overland and underground train systems and the local bus services.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, 5th JUNE

Departing the hotel at 10:00 we drive the few miles to the Deutsches Technical Museum: its new extension houses the maritime and aviation collections.

At 13:00 we head to the west of the city to the Gatow district, home of the fabulous Deutsches Luftwaffenmuseum located on the ex-Luftwaffe and RAF airfield (*see right*). According to its website there are 214 aircraft in its collection.

Should you wish to take lunch or a snack, the museum has a cafeteria in hangar 3 and drink and snack vending machines in hangar 7.



Alternatively, enjoy a second free day as you wish. Place your luggage in the hotel's storeroom. Transfer to the airport would be at your own expense (taxi?), where you would meet up with the rest of the group at 18:00.

At 16:45 the group departs the museum for Schoenefeld Airport, about an hour's drive away, and for our easyJet flight back to Luton; recommended latest check-in/bag drop time is 20:05.

✈ Berlin, Schoenefeld Airport Flight: EZY 2106 Departs: 21:35
 ✈ Luton Airport Arrives: 22:25

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: 227632
From £ 799.00	Based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
From £ 162.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land only (<i>please speak with one of our consultants before booking</i>)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✈ Flights on the scheduled services of easyJet from Luton Airport as stated
- ✈ UK and German airport taxes and UK Passenger Service Charge, subject to change
- ✈ One item of Hold Baggage
- ✈ Coach transfers and transportation as stated when with the main group
- ✈ 4-nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- ✈ Breakfast
- ✈ One days admission to ILA 2016
- ✈ Admission to all museums as stated
- ✈ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager when with the main group
- ✈ Gratuity for coach drivers

NOT INCLUDED

- ✈ Any supplement caused by an increase in the easyJet fare
- ✈ Transfers and transportation when not with the main group
- ✈ Any optional excursions or flights
- ✈ Travel insurance – see General Information
- ✈ Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- ✈ Tips and gratuities, other than for the coach drivers

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 to the UK. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide: www.worldtravelguide.net for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

UK and EU passport holders do not require a visa to enter Germany.

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 – easyJet – Departing from Luton Airport

Checked Baggage: each passenger that pays to check a bag can bring a maximum of 20kg and maximum dimensions of 275cm (length + width + height).

Cabin Baggage: each passenger is allowed one piece of hand baggage on-board. The easyJet hand luggage size is 56 x 45 x 25 cm, including the wheels and any handles. There is no weight limit on cabin baggage.

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 electrical devices, e.g. cameras, laptops, i-pads, mobile phones etc, must be fully charged. If not they, and you, may have to undergo additional security checks which could result in you missing

your flight; in which case – depending on the co-operation of the airline - you may have to purchase new tickets (if you do not board your first flight then all other flights are automatically cancelled).

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.

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 is included in the tour price. Please note that there are no complimentary food or drinks on easyJet flights.

Health Requirements

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

Climate and Dress

The weather in June is very similar to the UK, however, it should be a few degrees warmer in the daytime. We therefore recommend summer attire with jumper and jacket.

Currency

The currency in Germany is the Euro. Banks, bureau de change etc will exchange Sterling and Euros in cash and Euro traveller's cheques; all major credit/debit cards are accepted. ATMs are widely available.

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 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 Berlin (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 and does not include the transfer from Schoenefeld Airport on Day 1; should you wish to board the coach at the airport there is a supplementary charge of £20.00 payable with your final payment. Transfer to the airport on the last day is included in the tour price.

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 Luton Airport: from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive to the Valet Parking bays in the Short Stay car park adjacent the terminal 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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