

OSHKOSH 2026

The largest aviation event in the world!

**This is single tour for both IAAT and COAP brands.
You must indicate when booking which type of accommodation/transport
option you require.**

PLEASE READ THE THREE OPTIONS CAREFULLY

ITINERARY (all times local) Sunday 19th – Monday 28th July



One of the most popular tours every year. Enjoy 6 action-packed days at the annual EAA AirVenture.

As you would expect at the world's largest aviation event there is a great deal to see and do, so having 6 full days at the show enables you to do it at a leisurely pace. The slower you go, the more you will see.

This year's EAA theme for the event is '**The Freedom of Flight**'.

So, what exactly is there to see? In a word "lots"! 2025 was a record-breaking year, with approximately 704,000 people attending the event. International visitors returned in a big way with 2,305 attendees registering at the International Visitors Tent representing 94 countries. On Wittman Field itself there were 16,246 aircraft operations in an 11-day period.

There were 2,543 show aircraft, plus:

- 995 vintage aircraft
- 910 home builds
- 975 homebuilt aircraft
- 361 warbirds
- 101 ultralights and light planes
- 134 seaplanes and amphibians

As well as the aircraft landing, taking off, on the ground and flying in the daily airshow there is also:

- Over 900 trade exhibitors in 5 huge exhibition halls.
- Giant 'Fly Market' selling non-aviation and aviation items, from bits and parts to whole aircraft!
- All the leading general aviation aircraft companies with their latest products
- The floatplane 'Splash-In' on nearby Lake Winnebago
- Optional flights in the EAA's **B-17 Flying Fortress**, **B-25 Mitchell**, **B-24 Liberator**, **B-29 Superfortress**, **Ford Trimotor** (possibly a Bushmaster), and several **Bell 47** helicopters (all subject to final confirmation)
- Demonstration flights during the mornings
- An afternoon airshow each day, most including warbirds with pyrotechnics



- The EAA's Air Museum: a collection of aircraft including rare types and world record-breakers
- Theater In the Woods – nightly musical entertainment on the show ground.



It may also be possible to arrange a guided tour of the Basler Turbo Conversions factory on the south side of the airfield, although you should contact them directly. Basler Turbo are now the only company doing Dakota conversions... And they are busy!

If you are interested, please contact Sarah Marshall at smarshall@baslerturbo.com

Our groups have enjoyed these tours many times in the past, but places are now only on a first come, first served basis - no group bookings. Click here for Basler's website: <https://www.baslerturbo.com/>

It is important to note that to attend the EAA Airventure Oshkosh event you do need to be a member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association).

Details on how to obtain membership, which can be done on the day, or in advance (at a reduced rate of \$48) can be seen at: www.eaa.org/en/airventure/eea-airventure-tickets .

The cheapest option for attending all 6 days is to join the EAA (as an International Member) and to buy a Weekly pass. As of **January 2026** the price quoted to purchase this online is **\$159**.

For those who meet the criteria, you can apply for media accreditation via the EAA's website, which includes free admission, food and non-alcoholic drinks!

For 2026, we will be taking a large group of travellers from the UK from the Ian Allan Aviation Tours and the Centre of Aviation Photography (COAP). **All tour prices will be shown on a Land Only basis** as standard. This is because of the way the airline industry now uses dynamic pricing as standard, so flight costs are only applicable at the time of your booking.

You will always have the option of flying on the same flights as the Tour Manager (TM) - and details are outlined in the itinerary - or you may choose to travel from your local airport of choice. You simply state on the booking form that flights are required, and then as the booking process progresses you will be invited to contact **Alex** at **HC Travel** to book them in addition to the tour. His phone number is: **+44 (0) 1256 771755** or via email: Alex.Dubonos@hctravel.com

For this trip the preferred flights being used by COAP/IAAT TM's will be via Dublin. This is to take advantage of the opportunity to clear US immigration and customs in Dublin and reduce queuing and associated delays when arriving in the United States.

There are three options to choose from with Oshkosh 2026:

1. **FLETCHER** - You will be accommodated on the campus of the University of Wisconsin (UWO) in Oshkosh in the **Fletcher Halls Accommodation**. Return transfers between Chicago O'Hare Airport and Oshkosh are by specially chartered coach. Once at Oshkosh there is a dedicated shuttle bus service and your tour includes a week's pass for this service.
2. **HORIZON** - You will be accommodated on the campus of the University of Wisconsin (UWO) in Oshkosh in the **Horizon Village Accommodation**. Return transfers between Chicago O'Hare Airport and Oshkosh are by specially chartered coach. Once at Oshkosh there is a dedicated shuttle bus service and your tour includes a week's pass for this service.
3. **HOTEL** - You will be accommodated about 45 minutes from the Oshkosh event site in Green Bay at the **Super 8 By Wyndham Hotel**. Return transfers between Chicago O'Hare Airport and Oshkosh will be via minibus/minivan. These vans will be available to the Green Bay travellers each day to undertake a daily service to the showground and direct to other venues (such as Lake Winnebago) as required. The nature of the vans means that if multiple vans are being utilised, options may exist to stagger times to suit different people.

Details about the different types of accommodation available at the University location are included on **page 6** of this document.

All travellers will have access to a joint team of dedicated **COAP** and **IAAT** Tour Managers who will be in-situ throughout the tour.

ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: SUNDAY 19th JULY

Please go to British Airway's check-in or bag-drop desks in Terminal 5 at London's Heathrow Airport. Then meet your Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts, who will be gathering in the Departures concourse. Latest recommended check-in time by the airline is at least 2 hours prior to departure:

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5	Flight: EI8324	Departs: 06:20
✈ Dublin Airport, Terminal 2		Arrives: 07:45

After landing at Dublin we clear US immigration and customs without switching terminals before boarding our connecting flight:

✈ Dublin Airport, Terminal 2	Flight: EI123	Departs: 11:35
✈ Chicago O'Hare International, Terminal 3		Arrives: 14:00

After Baggage Reclaim travellers will be met and directed to either the coach transfer to the University accommodation or to the minibus/minivan transport to Green Bay.

Early evening will see journeys completed as the various accommodations are reached. All university accommodation is on a room only basis, and Green Bay Hotel accommodation is on a Bed & Breakfast basis.

DAYS 2 - 7: MONDAY 20th - SATURDAY 25th JULY



Six full days at Oshkosh 2026 to enjoy as you wish ... entirely at your pace. It is usual for travellers to undertake their own activities, so you have the choice of when to go, and when to come back, based around transport times.

Should you need to contact your Tour Manager during the day his mobile number and accommodation room number will be listed in your details closer to the trip.

Each morning sees up to four streams of aircraft landing one after the other on both runways, plus demonstration flights of new aircraft by their manufacturers.

The very popular **Ford Trimotor**, and possibly a **Bushman**, are continually taking to the sky giving pleasure flights, as are the **Bell 47 'MASH'** helicopters at the Pioneer Museum - and the **B-17**, **B-25** and **B-29** flying out of Appleton Airport! **All aircraft rides must be pre-booked** - preferably on your first day or even before departure, try <https://www.eaa.org/airventure/features-and-attractions/aircraft-rides-at-airventure>)

Throughout the day, every day, there are seminars, presentations and technical workshops; the 5 exhibition halls and the 'Fly' Market will be doing good business.

In the afternoons the daily airshow takes off, featuring antiques, classics and new types. On several days there are specially extended airshows featuring warbirds - with lots of pyrotechnics including the awesome, mile-long 'Wall of Fire'!

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation at selected from one of three available options
- ✓ All transfers and transportation, as stated
- ✓ Services of COAP and Ian Allan Tour Managers

NOT INCLUDED

- × Flights to the USA
- × Meals
- × ESTA – see General Information (page 7)
- × US visa (not required by UK passport holders entering the USA under the visa waiver scheme)
- × Travel insurance
- × Any optional pleasure flights
- × Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- × Other tips and gratuities

THESE TOURS ARE BASED ON A LAND-ONLY PRICE. FLIGHTS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TOURS AND YOUR BOOKING ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.COAPWINGS.COM/TERMS-CONDITIONS](https://www.coapwings.com/terms-conditions)

THIS INFORMATION RELATED TO ALL TRAVEL AND TOURS OPERATED BY COAP WINGS // COAP MEDIA // IAN ALLAN AVIATION TOURS

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS AT THE UWO OSHKOSH

Option (i): Hall of Residence (Fletcher), University of Wisconsin

These rooms are basic student accommodation comprising 2 x single bed, set of drawers, wardrobe, desk, chair, shelves and mirror. There is no washbasin in the room and all washing facilities (sinks, showers and baths) are a communal facility on each floor. The Hall and the rooms have climate control. These rooms can be booked for single person or twin occupation.

Option (ii): Horizon Village

This hall of residence is climate controlled throughout and has en-suite facilities. Each suites comprise: 2 separate bedrooms (each with 2 single beds), a shared furnished living room and kitchenette with a full-size refrigerator and a microwave (no cooker or oven), 2 bathrooms and a single shower.

Bookings for a single room in Horizon will occupy one of the two twin-bedded bedrooms: the other bedroom will be occupied either by another 'single' person or 2 enthusiasts booking on a twin-bedded room basis.

Depending on the number of bookings we receive, we will endeavour as far as we are able not to put 'single' and 'twin-share' bookings in the same Horizon suite, but one single booking in each bedroom.

Please note: Some of the Horizon suites contain 3 or 4 twin-bedded bedrooms not 2; however, we have specifically requested and currently been allocated only 2-bedroom suites. We cannot be held responsible if the UWO allocates larger suites.

Accommodation at the University is on a room only basis. Excellent buffet meals can be enjoyed at the University's "Blackhawk" cafeteria, which serves large breakfasts, lunch and evening meals. In addition, there are several other restaurants, cafes and drinking options on the campus.

Irrespective of which type of accommodation you choose, bedding is provided; so too is 1 small and 1 large towel. However, we recommend you take your own towels. Soap, toothpaste and hair shampoo can be purchased from a small mini-supermarket located a short walk from the halls of residence.

Transfers to/from the university site to the Oshkosh event/Wittman Field are provided on the events specially commissioned shuttle service. A pass for travel all week on this service is included in your trip cost.

Option (iii): Super 8 by Wyndham

This hotel offers services including free hot breakfast including waffles, cereal, yogurt, and more. Additional amenities include Wi-Fi, guest laundry and a 24-hour coffee station.

Each room contains: Queen Bed, Air conditioning, Bathtub/shower combination, Desk, Hair dryer, High Definition (HD) Flat Panel TV, High speed internet connection, Internet access, and an Iron.

Please ensure you select the correct trip on the website, that corresponds to you booking requirements.

(i.e. Fletcher, or Horizon, or Hotel).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport. To enter the USA it needs only to be valid for the duration of your visit. It is each person's responsibility to ensure that their passport is fully compliant as per the rules.

If in doubt, please contact the FCDO – not IAAT - at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

FCDO Travel Advice

We suggest you visit their website at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice> for up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting.

ABTA provides both a web site <http://abta.com/go-travel> and an Information Line, telephone: 0203 117 0599. This line is open between the hours 10:00–16:00 hrs. Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays).

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

Every UK passport holder seeking entry to the USA under the visa waiver scheme must have an "Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (ESTA)".

You should apply for an ESTA well before arriving at the departure airport when the tour departs. You can only apply online at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. The current charge for this is \$21.00 for all new ESTA applications. If you apply on the above website there are NO OTHER CHARGES 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 within a few minutes but may take up to 72 hours. We recommend that you apply for authorisation at the time of booking your place on our tour.

If your ESTA application is unsuccessful you must apply for a US visa from the US Embassy in London: **this can take up to 6 months.**

Once granted, your ESTA is valid for two years, during which time you need not re-apply, however, you are required to up-date your ESTA each time you visit the USA with the address of your first night's stay.

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 Aviation Tours or the Centre of Aviation Photography). 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. It is also extremely unlikely that any travel insurance company would agree any subsequent claim, therefore it is important that you act upon getting your ESTA in good time.

For those travelling on our USA-bound tours, if you have visited North Korea (DPRK) and/or Cuba you may wish read the latest information on the UK's government travel advice website: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa>

First Nights Stay in the USA

All 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.