

## **DAYTON & WASHINGTON DC TOUR**

### **PROVISIONAL ITINERARY** **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July - Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**A fully escorted small group Aviation Enthusiasts Tour with quality personalised service for anyone who loves the thrill of aviation. Our exclusive tours offer personalised service throughout by our well-travelled and experienced Tour Manager.**

### **PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)**

#### **DAY 1: SUNDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> JULY**

This morning our coach departs the UWO campus at 09:00 and heads south, en-route a stop will be made for lunch (at your own expense).

We arrive at O'Hare International Airport in the afternoon and say goodbye to our colleagues who are leaving the tour for flight connections back to Australia or transfer to your next destination.

We continue to the small town of Logansport, Indiana where we stay overnight at the Holiday Inn Express on a bed and breakfast basis. It has an indoor swimming pool and free Wi-Fi. 2-minutes' walk from the hotel is an Applebee's restaurant and bar, a Bob Evans Steakhouse and two fast food outlets.

#### **DAY 2: MONDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> JULY**

At 09:30 we drive the few kilometers to the Grissom Air Museum. Normally closed on Mondays it is opening especially for our group! The museum was named after US astronaut Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, it was founded in 1981 and currently has 28 aircraft in its collection, including a rare 2-seat TF-102 variant which was flown by former President George W. Bush, a F-100 Super Sabre flown by Apollo 11 Astronaut and first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong, a B-25 that starred in the cult film Catch-22 as "Passionate Paulette".

A special visit is planned to the American Huey 369 Museum it has 3 Bell UH aircraft fully restored to flight mode. The real surprise is the "Gun Ship 049 Vietnam 1965 -71, only two of these Gunships are restored to flight mode and flights will be available (weather permitting).

We then take a lunch break (at your own expense) before driving across Indiana into Ohio: about a 3-hour drive. Arriving in Dayton we stay 2 nights at the Holiday Inn Dayton/Fairborn on a bed and breakfast basis; facilities include on-site restaurant, lounge, indoor swimming pool and free Wi-Fi.



#### **DAY 3: TUESDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> JULY**

At 08:45 we depart the hotel and spend all day at the gigantic US Air Force Museum in Dayton - Ohio, it is the world's largest military aviation museum featuring more than 360 aircraft, aerospace vehicles and missiles covering over 17 acres of indoor exhibits. Examine a Wright Brothers plane, sit in a jet cockpit and walk through a NASA shuttle crew compartment. There is an IMAX Theatre, art gallery, large aviation shop with hundreds of books plus gifts and souvenirs. Meals and snacks can be enjoyed at the Valkyrie cafeteria or the Refueling Café (at your own expense).

The outdoor Air Park features: a Boeing C-17 Globemaster III; Boeing EC-135E ARIA; Lockheed AC-130A Hercules; Lockheed C-60A Lodestar; McDonnell Douglas F-15A Eagle; Northrop YC-125B Raider; a replica Airfield Control Tower as used by the US 8th Army Air Force in England in World War II. You will need more than one full day at this fabulous museum to see everything at a leisurely pace.



#### **DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, 31st JULY**

At 08:45 we depart the hotel and enjoy a second full day at the National Museum of the US Air Force.

Alternatively, for those who wish, today we will visit Aviation Heritage at the Huffman Prairie Flying Field and Interpretive Centre, this 84-acre field is where Wilbur and Orville Wright perfected their flight skills in the Wright Flyer III, the world's first fully controllable airplane. In the afternoon time is available to visit the famous Packard Car Museum.

At 17:00 we depart and return to the Holiday Inn to collect our luggage which we placed in the hotel's storeroom this morning. We then go to Dayton Airport, about a 30 minute drive away, and check-in with American Airlines for our flight to Washington's downtown airport. This flight is included in the Tour cost.

Dayton Airport	Flight: AA 5037	Depart: 18:59
Washington's Ronald Reagan Airport		Arrive: 20:34

On arrival we board our waiting coach for the short 10 kilometre transfer to the Comfort Inn Downtown DC/Convention Centre on 13th Street NW where we stay 3 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. Facilities include free Wi-Fi and a small shop serving snacks, coffee, soft drinks etc. There are many restaurants, cafes and bars in the downtown Washington DC area.

#### **DAY 5 & 6: THURSDAY, 1st & FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST**

You have two (2) free days to explore Washington DC at your leisure. I recommend you visit the attractions just after their scheduled opening time to avoid crowds. Entry fee is free to the following attractions, National Air and Space Museum, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Capitol Hill, Union Station, Arlington Cemetery and the Pentagon 911.



Memorial or just relax with a visit to amazing bars and restaurants or visit the Outlet shops for a great bargain. Travel around the capitol is quick, easy, cheap and safe on the underground transportation system or take a cruise down the Potomac River to Maryland's.

#### **DAY 7: SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST**

At 09:00 we depart our accommodation as a group to the Steven Udvar-Hazy (SUHC) Centre next door to Dulles International Airport. Our luggage will remain in the coach which is locked. We will spend most of the day at this outstanding collection of Aircraft and space vehicles.

The huge SUHC has an amazing collection of aircraft: ranging from a 1903 Wright Flyer, the famous B-29 "Enola Gay", the Apollo 11 Command Module to the Space Shuttle Columbia. Also at the Centre is the



Airbus IMAX Theatre, Donald D. Engen Observation Tower with its 360-degree bird's-eye view of Washington Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area (good photos of landing airliners are possible), the Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar where preservation of the NASM's collections takes place - a glassed-in mezzanine provides a view of restoration projects in progress. There is a fast-food café in the Centre (lunch at your own expense) and a shop selling aviation books, and souvenirs.

At 15:00 we depart for Washington's Dulles International Airport (a 15min drive) and our flight connections back to Australia or to your next destination.

## **DAY 8: SUNDAY 4th AUGUST**

Inflight

## **DAY 9: MONDAY 5th AUGUST**

Arrive in Australia.

### **TOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

- Flight on American Airlines from Dayton to Washington DC
- All transfers and transportation by coach
- 6 nights' accommodation (Bed & Breakfast)
- Admission to the Grissom Aviation Museum (US Air Force Museum, NASM & Udvar-Hazy Centre are free)
- Admission to 369 Huey Museum
- Services of an Global Aviation Tours Manager 24/7
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Global Aviation Tours Apparel

### **NOT INCLUDED**

- ESTA
- Travel insurance
- Membership of EAA and Entry to Wittman Field AirAdventure
- Any optional pleasure flights
- Huey Helicopter Flights (Estimate \$US100 20min flight)
- Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Any other tips and gratuities