

EAA AirAdventure Oshkosh Tour

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY **Saturday, 20th - Sunday, 28th July, 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.

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will celebrate their 50th consecutive year in Oshkosh during 2019, so they will look back at half-century of unforgettable highlights at Wittman Regional Airport.

Our tour includes 6 action packed days on Wittman Field home of the EAA. EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh is the world's largest aviation event, there is so much to see and do and having 6 full days at the show enables you to do it at a leisurely pace. AirVenture Oshkosh never fails to deliver – it has an amazing mix of pretty much every conceivable form of aviation both on the ground and in the air.



In 2018 more than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were 19,588 aircraft operations in the 11-day period from July 20-30, which is an average of approximately 134 take-offs/landings per hour.

Total show planes: 2,979: 1,160 homebuilt aircraft, 1,094 vintage airplanes, 377 warbirds, 185 ultralights and light-sport aircraft, 75 seaplanes, 22 rotorcraft, 52 aerobatic aircraft, and 14 hot air balloons.

A must do at Oshkosh is to book a flight on the Ford Tri-Motor, Bell 47 helicopter or the B-17.

Another must see while at Oshkosh is the EAA Aviation Museum with a collection of more than 200 historic airplanes along with world-class galleries and displays.

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DAY 1: SATURDAY, 20th JULY

After long flights you will look forward to a relaxing night at the Hilton Hotel (included in tour cost) located at the O'Hare International Airport. When you collect your luggage make your way to the hotel which is by an internal walkway between the terminal and the hotel.

We have requested rooms with views of the Chicago Airport runways.

This evening (dinner your own expense) we plan for everyone to get together for a 'meet and greet' in the hotel's SPORTS EDITION BAR at 19:00 to be presented with your exclusive tour apparel.

DAY 2: SUNDAY, 21st JULY

After breakfast (at your own expense) check out at 09:30, we board our air-conditioned luxury coach at 10:00 for our drive north to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. We will make a stop at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee; time to enjoy a tour (Museum tour cost is included) and/ lunch in their café. (at your own expense). At 14:00 we depart for Oshkosh.

Later that afternoon (approx 16:00) we arrive at the University Wisconsin (UWO) in Oshkosh and check in to your room at the Horizon Village; we stay 7 nights in **air conditioned suites** on a room only basis. Located around the campus are various restaurants and bars. Favourite place for breakfast is the Blackhawk all-you-can-eat cafeteria. A great meeting spot after a long day at Wittman Field is Kelly's Bar around the corner from our accommodation.

We will organize a trip this afternoon to Walmart for those who require items such as toiletries, camp chair, batteries etc.

DAY 3 – 8: MONDAY, 22nd JULY – SATURDAY 27th JULY

You have 6 full days at AirAdventure Oshkosh 2019 to enjoy the thrill and excitement at your own leisure. Each morning there are multiple streams of aircraft landing one after the other on both runways, including demonstration flights of new aircraft.

Today it is important to get an early start; the check-in to Wittman Field (EAA Airadventure) can be quite busy. I recommend an early breakfast (07:00) at the Blackhawk Cafeteria (own expense) then catch the Go Transit Bus to EAA Airadventure at 08:00, the bus stop is outside the Blackhawk Cafeteria. My recommendation is to buy a Weekly Pass for US\$20. (2018 prices, remember to have the exact amount).



In the afternoons at 14:30 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'! You will see two night airshows, Wednesday and Saturday.

You can catch a shuttle from the hurly burly and crowds on Wittman Field to the relative peace and quiet of the wooded shores of Lake Winnebago, and the beautiful floatplane base which is home to the EAA's "Splash-In". You can see 50 or more floatplanes ranging in size from small Cessna's and Cubs, to larger types like the Grumman HU-16 Albatross, Catalina, and even a rare Piaggio. Relax in the shade; enjoy a

drink, a BBQ or sandwich. Jump on board the electric boat for a tour around the anchorage. Most days pleasure flights are available!

Don't forget to visit the International Marquee and register your name.

DAY 9: SUNDAY, 28th 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).

North of Chicago is the town of Kenosha; at the airfield is one of "Sanders Aeronautics" restoration facilities. This company is famous for restoring warbirds - especially Hawker Sea Fury's! We hope to be given a short tour, (visit to be confirmed); if it is we may depart the UWO slightly earlier).

We arrive at O'Hare International airport in the afternoon for flight connections back to Australia or transfer to your next destination. And we say goodbye to those continuing on their way to Dayton and Washington DC.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- One night accommodation at the Hilton Chicago O'Hare Airport (Runway View Room)
- Seven night's accommodation at the Horizon Village – University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, (**Fully Air-conditioned Suites with WIFI**)
- Meals: room only in Oshkosh & Hilton Chicago O'Hare Airport
- Entry to Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee (Fully Guided Tour)
- Services of an Global Aviation Tours Manager 24/7
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Global Aviation Tours Apparel

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals
- ESTA
- Travel insurance
- Membership of EAA and Entry to Wittman Field AirAdventure
- Any optional pleasure flights
- Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Any other tips and gratuities