

ULTIMATE AVIATION & SPACE TOUR

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY
Friday 9th – Saturday, 24th October 2020

16 AMAZING DAYS

A fully escorted small group Aviation & Space Tour with fully personalised service for anyone who loves the thrill of Aviation and the excitement of Space travel. Our exclusive tour offers amazing value and with our well-travelled and experienced Tour Manager you will experience some of the best the US has on show both in the Air and in Space.

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DAY 1: FRIDAY, 9th OCTOBER

After arriving in Los Angeles, your accommodation is booked for a relaxing night at a quality Hotel (included in tour cost). In the afternoon you may like to visit the nearby Western Museum of Flight or take a Hop on – Hop off Bus tour of Los Angeles, including Hollywood.

DAY 2: SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

We board our air-conditioned luxury coach to the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino, California. The Planes of Fame Air Museum collection now numbers close to 160 aircraft. The majority of these are maintained in pristine condition and are on display throughout the Museum. A fully guided tour is included which provides the history and context associated with the Museum's extensive collection of aircraft. Experienced Tour Guides will make your visit a special one by relating stories that demonstrate the role aviation has played in society.

Included is a flying display and the opportunity to fly in a restored WWII aircraft. The tour departs at 16:00 for our hotel.

DAY 3: SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER



We travel to Edwards USAF Base for the Aerospace Valley Airshow. The best of the best USAF aircraft and pilots will demonstrate the capability of USAF. The 2020 Aerospace Valley Air Show will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds, a variety of presentations from military services and other organisations will be present including the B-2 Spirit, B-1 Lancer, B-52 Stratofortress, KC-46, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, there will be over 60+ aircraft on display.

DAY 4: MONDAY 12th OCTOBER

We transfer to Los Angeles airport and our flight (included in tour cost) to Houston, Texas where "everything is bigger in Texas".

On arrival in Houston we travel to Lone Star Museum. The 130,000 square foot facility houses the Museum's renowned flying collection of historic aircraft, a \$1 million dollar, high-tech Aviation Learning Center and dynamic hands-on exhibits. The Lone Star Flight Museum is pleased to offer flight experiences (at your cost) in the the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, North American B-25 Mitchell, North American T-6 Texan, Boeing PT-17 Stearman, Fairchild PT-19 Cornell and the Cessna T-41 Mescalero.

We depart at 17:00 for our accommodation.

DAY 5: TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER



We depart this morning for an all-day sensational behind the scenes tour of Johnson Space Centre. Our tour will explore where and how astronauts train, learn how NASA Mission Control Center communicates with the International Space Station and

discover the past, present and future of space exploration. We will visit iconic locations such as Apollo Mission Control Center and Orion Mission Control room. Tour the current Mission Control and explore Rocket Park, home to the massive Saturn V rocket, the most powerful rocket ever flown. Walk the floor of the Space Vehicle Mock up Facility in Building 9 where astronauts train and scientists and engineers develop the next generation of space exploration vehicles. This visit will impress your Space experience.

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY 14th OCTOBER

Today we travel in our luxury coach to National WWII Museum in New Orleans. The National WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations will understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. The Museum features immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, and an expansive collection of artefacts and first-person oral histories, taking visitors inside the story of the war that changed the world.

DAY 7: THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER

FREE DAY IN NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans is a Louisiana city on the Mississippi River, near the Gulf of Mexico. Nicknamed the "Big Easy," it's known for its round-the-clock nightlife, vibrant live-music scene and spicy, singular cuisine reflecting its history as a melting pot of French, African and American cultures.

DAY 8: FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

Today we visit the USS Battleship Alabama Memorial Park. We can board and inspect the USS Alabama, USS Drum (Submarine), visit the artillery and tank exhibits and the Medal of Honour Aircraft Pavilion to view their extensive aircraft collection, historic vehicles and war artefacts. The Medal of Honour Aircraft Pavilion, home of an extensive aircraft collection, historic vehicles and war artefacts.

Among the collection is the Red Ball Express display, honouring those men who ran supplies during WWII and a Red-Tail P-51 airplane, the planes flown by the famed Tuskegee Airmen. One of the newest additions to the collection is Marine One, a recently restored VH1-N/ Bell 212 helicopter used by Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and George H. W. Bush. One of the stars of the collection is a super-secret spy plane, the A-12 Black Bird. With a wingspan of 65 feet and 125 feet in length, this airplane flew 2,300 miles per hour and 93,700 feet high. It was used by the CIA in 1965 for spy missions.

DAY 9: SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

Today we witness and watch the flying skills of the Blue Angels, the US Navy's flight demonstration team, one of the best aerobatic teams in the world. It is their Home Coming Airshow (exclusive seating) at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida. We spend all day at the air show. You will not be disappointed.....



DAY 10: SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

Today we visit one of the best aviation museums in the USA. The National Naval Aviation Museum is the world's largest Naval Aviation museum and one of the most-visited museums in the state of Florida. Share the excitement of Naval Aviation's rich history and see more than 150 + beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. These historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft are displayed both inside the Museum's over 350,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds.

We spend all day at the Museum.

DAY 11: MONDAY 19th OCTOBER

Today we visit the US Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker, Alabama. There is over 150+ aircraft and helicopters on display, in addition the museum maintains another 3,000 items in the historical property collection. The museum houses the largest collection of helicopters in the US and airplanes that trace the development and use of aviation by the Army in several areas: troop and cargo transportation; observation, scouting, and liaison duties; medical evacuations; and the use of armed helicopters as an offensive weapon of the combined arms team.



DAY 12: TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER

This morning we travel to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic site and Museum. Before the first African American military pilots became known as the "Red Tails" they wore striped tails as they began their flight training in the Army's PT-17 Stearman bi-plane. Their flying adventure started at Moton Field, in Tuskegee, Alabama, where the Army Air Corps began a military "experiment" to see if African American's could be trained to fly combat aircraft.

After lunch we visit the Southern Museum of Flight, it is one of the largest aviation museum's in Southeast USA. Southern Museum of Flight continues to present civilian,

military and experimental aircraft and memorabilia from the earliest history of powered flight. The museum houses over 100+ aircraft, as well as engines, models, artefacts, and paintings.

DAY 13: WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

Today is an exciting visit behind the scenes at the Space and Rocket Centre. We visit the Marshall Space Flight Centre facilities, including the Propulsion Research and Development Laboratory, the Redstone Test Stand, this is where static tests of the Juno I and Mercury Redstone Launch Vehicles were performed from 1953 to 1961. One of the most interesting stops on the MSFC tour is at the HOSC – the Huntsville Operations Support Center. Also called the ISS Payload Operations Center, this is where you can watch NASA employees communicating directly with astronauts aboard the ISS as they do their science experiments each day. the HOSC helps astronauts manage their time and accomplish the goals of each mission.

DAY 14: THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

This morning we board our flight to Orlando Florida (included in tour cost). On arrival in Orlando we prepare for a rocket launch (if the launch is rescheduled we have a free afternoon in Orlando. Orlando, a city in central Florida, is home to more than a dozen theme parks. Among its claims to fame is Walt Disney World, comprised of parks like the Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center. Other major attractions include Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, with the Wizarding World of Harry Potter straddling both.

DAY 15: FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Today we plan for a rocket launch and a behind the scenes tour of the Kennedy Space Center and a visit to their museum. The special tour goes behind NASA's gates and makes several stops at incredible once in a lifetime photo opportunities, see icons of spaceflight operations like the Vehicle Assembly Building, historic Launch Complex 39, Space-X launch facilities before concluding at the Apollo/Saturn V Center.



The tour will be flexible to view a rocket launch if scheduled for today.

DAY 16: SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER

This morning we depart our accommodation for the Air Command Warbird Museum. The museum has a collection of over 45+ historic warbirds from the beginnings of aviation to the present day.

After lunch we depart for Orlando International Airport, we say our goodbyes to those travelling to other destinations and check in and board our aircraft, homeward bound for Australia.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 night's accommodation at quality accommodation, (Fully Air-conditioned rooms with WIFI)
- Meals: All Breakfast's included
- Luxury Coach travel (with WIFI)
- Two US (Internal) Flights
- Entry to 3 World Famous Air Shows
- Special/Reserved Seating at Air Shows
- Entry to 10 Aviation Museums
- Entry to 3 Space Control Locations
- Special/Private behind the Scenes access at Houston, Huntsville & Cape Canaveral.
- Rocket Launch from Cape Canaveral (dependent on Launch Schedule)
- Services of a Global Aviation Tours Manager 24/7
- Gratuity for coach drivers
- Global Aviation Tours Apparel

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals, other than breakfast
- ESTA
- Travel insurance
- Any optional pleasure flights
- Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Any other tips and gratuities