



AIRVENTURE

OSHKOSH & WESTERN USA 2020

11 July - 28 July



Day 1 - Saturday 11 July 2020

AUSTRALIA - LOS ANGELES

Join our members at Sydney Airport for your American Airlines flight to the USA. We arrive the same day, after crossing the International Date Line and transfer to the legendary *Queen Mary*, at Long Beach, for brunch. Afterwards we visit the *March Field Air Museum*, displaying one of the largest collections of military aircraft on the West Coast, to see early aircraft, including the 1903 pioneer which launched the era of powered flight, WWII bombing icons and Cold War fighters.

Day 2 - Sunday 12 July

LOS ANGELES - SAN DIEGO

A morning visit to one of the world's largest aircraft collections, *Yanks Air Museum*, dedicated to exhibiting, preserving and restoring American aircraft and artifacts, including legends like the P-40 Warhawk and the F-86 Sabre. After a lunch stop at Flo's Airport Café, we visit the *Planes of Fame Air Museum* which maintains a fleet of flyable historic aircraft. The collection includes aircraft of the Great War of 1914-1918, planes from the Golden Age of the 1920s and 1930s, the warbirds of WWII and the jet age of the Korean & Vietnam Wars. The Museum is also home to the 475th Fighter Group hangar, a collection of stories from the group & displaying the Museum's flying Lockheed P-38J Lightning, the "23 Skidoo". Late afternoon transfer to San Diego, the birthplace of US naval aviation and home of the largest US Naval Base on the west coast, the principal homeport of the Pacific Fleet.

Day 3 - Monday 13 July

SAN DIEGO

A morning visit to the *San Diego Air & Space Museum*, an aviation and space exploration museum preserving & celebrating aviation and space flight history and technology. Afterwards a visit to the *USS Midway Museum*, to experience life at sea aboard one of America's longest-serving aircraft carriers & displaying more than 30 restored aircraft and helicopters on the Hangar and Flight Decks.

Day 4 - Tuesday 14 July

SAN DIEGO

A day at leisure to explore San Diego.

Day 5 - Wednesday 15 July

SAN DIEGO - TUCSON

An interesting day today as we travel by coach through the forests of southern California & the desert towns of Arizona to Tucson, "The Old Pueblo" and home of the old wild west.

Day 6 - Thursday 16 July

TUCSON - SCOTTSDALE

A tour this morning of the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AMARG), also known as the "Boneyard", the U.S. military and government aircraft storage facility at the famous *Davis Monthan AFB*. (subject to Base restrictions & security clearance) Afterwards we visit *Pima Air & Space Museum*, home of the Arizona Aviation Hall

of Fame and the 390th Memorial Museum, featuring the restored Boeing B-17 *Flying Fortress*. The Museum displays 100 years of Aviation history with nearly 300 vintage and current aircraft on display, including the ultimate flying machine, the famous Lockheed SR-71 *Blackbird* and the Boeing B-29 Superfortress "*Sentimental Journey*" of World War II fame. Late afternoon coach transfer through stark desert scenery to Scottsdale.

Day 7 - Friday 17 July

SCOTTSDALE

This morning we join a scenic aerial flight over the *Grand Canyon*. View Tonto National Forest; make a scenic pass through the Red Rock formations of Sedona; and soar past the San Francisco Peaks, Painted Desert and the Navajo Indian Reservation before experiencing one of the world's wonders, the Grand Canyon north & south rims from the air, one of nature's most spectacular sights. Afterwards we visit the *Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum* Mesa, home of the B-17 and B-25 aircraft (subject to aircraft tour commitments). Experience the Working Maintenance Hangar and see the authentic collections of this rare combat museum.

Day 8 - Saturday 18 July

SCOTTSDALE - DAYTON

A morning departure to Phoenix Airport for our flight to Columbus, Ohio. Transfer to the birthplace of Aviation, Dayton, home of the Wright Brothers, and known as the city that "taught the world to fly".

Day 9 - Sunday 19 July

DAYTON

Today is spent at the *US Air Force Museum*, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the largest & oldest military aviation museum in the world. Exhibits include hundreds of aircraft and missiles from the days of the Wright Brothers, through the First and Second World Wars, the Cold War and Korea to the Space Age. Walk in the footsteps of presidents, astronauts, test pilots and those brought out of captivity in the Presidential Gallery, where the Museum's collection of Presidential aircraft are displayed. A Boeing VC-137C known as SAM (Special Air Mission) 26000, used by eight presidents & the aircraft that served as Air Force One on the day of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. In addition to Air Force One, you may walk through the presidential aircraft of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower; see the only remaining XB-70 Valkyrie; *Bockscar* - the Boeing B-29 Superfortress that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki & the C-141C Starlifter "*Hanoi Taxi*", which airlifted the first American prisoners of war out of North Vietnam in 1973.

Day 10 - Monday 20 July

DAYTON

A morning visit to the *Wright Brothers Memorial and historic Huffman Prairie*, where the Wright Brothers perfected both their flying skills and their aircraft. Afterwards enjoy lunch at the *Engineers Club Dayton*, Wilbur and Orvilles Club, before visiting *Carillon Historical Park* an open air museum including the Wright Brothers National Museum and the 1905 Wright Flyer III, the first practical flying machine.

Day 11 - Tuesday 21 July

DAYTON - CHICAGO

Departing Dayton, we travel by coach via the farmlands & cities of Indiana and Illinois to Oshkosh, your home for **EAA AirVenture 2020**.

Day 12 - Day 15

Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 July

OSHKOSH

Four days to enjoy the ultimate venue for aviation enthusiasts, Sport Aviation's World Capital - **EAA AirVenture "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration"**. The 68th Annual Convention will be home to hundreds of show planes and thousands of private aircraft will fill the transient aircraft parking area. From Jennies to Jets EAA has it all, Homebuilts, Antiques, Classics, Warbirds, Light Planes, Ultralights, Rotorcraft and Aerobatic aircraft. Walk along the flight line, visit the Forums area & the Exhibit Buildings, and enjoy the highlight of **AirVenture**, the daily afternoon Airshow spectacular. Evenings offer superb aviation programs and entertainment. A visit to the EAA *AirVenture* Museum; Pioneer Airport; and the picturesque *AirVenture* Seaplane Base are recommended. Oshkosh is a major tourist centre and a truly scenic area to explore.

Day 16 - Sunday 26 July

OSHKOSH - AUSTRALIA

A morning departure to Chicago O'Hare Airport for your return flights to Australia.

Day 17 - Monday 27 July

IN FLIGHT

Day 18 - Tuesday 28 July

AUSTRALIA

Morning arrival in Sydney.



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TOUR COSTS PER PERSON

from Sydney

Single Room: \$9470.00

Share Twin Room: \$8285.00

per person - 2 adults traveling together.

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne & Perth passengers please contact Torii Tours.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

It is a condition of this tour that you read and accept our Responsibility Clauses. Prices are subject to increases in air fares and fluctuation in exchange rates.

Reservations and Deposits

Reservations will be accepted on receipt of an initial [deposit of \\$1000.00](#) per person and [a completed Electronic booking form](#) covering all passengers. Please complete the Torii Booking Form at: www.toriiitours.com

Full payment is due by 11 April, 2020. For bookings received after this date full payment is required on receipt of confirmation.

Deposit & Payment Options:

Deposits and payment can be made by Direct deposit to our bank account, or by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). A surcharge of 1.5% applies to credit card payments.

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Up until 11 March, 2020 your deposit, less an Amendment Fee of \$200.00, will be held as a credit for future tours for a period of three years after which there will be no refund & the deposit will be forfeited to cover our costs. Cancellations received after 11 March, 2020, may incur costs ranging from loss of deposit to 100% of the total tour cost. Any alterations to existing bookings will incur an amendment fee of \$150.00 per person plus any additional charges for recalculation of airfares and/or arrangements. Torii Tours may cancel the tour up to 35 days prior to departure in which case a full refund will be made and Torii will be under no further obligation. We will do all possible to follow the printed itinerary of the tour however, when operating circumstances require variation in itinerary or hotels, then we reserve the right to do so, and further, to amend the itinerary when we consider it in the best interest of the participants to do so. It will be Torii Tours decision solely when and if an itinerary should be amended.

Documentation

A passport valid for all countries to be visited and for return admission into Australia must be carried.

A US Travel Authorization - ESTA - is required to be obtained prior to departure. Information will be supplied by Torii.

Tour Inclusions

Escorted tour in the USA - Economy class airfares - transfers between airports and accommodation - coach travel - sightseeing as specified - Grand Canyon Flight - Admission to attractions **except** EAA Oshkosh - 1 brunch - 10 breakfasts - 1 lunch - 3 Dinners - Australian & USA Airport Taxes - Torii Tours Hospitality area Oshkosh 1700 - 1900 nightly, except Airshow nights - Aussies to Oshkosh pack.

Accommodation:

All cities except Oshkosh: First Class single or share twin/double hotel accommodation with private facilities including breakfast.

Oshkosh: Single bedroom in a 4 bedroom Air-conditioned Suite style room or a twin bedroom in a 2 bedroom Air-conditioned Suite Style room at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Not Included

Admission to EAA Oshkosh - daily bus transfers to and from AirVenture, approx. US\$5.00 return trip or US\$30.00 weekly - meals, *unless specified* - lunch on Day 2 - insurance - baggage charges - passport fees - visa fees - gratuities - items of a personal nature such as laundry, drinks, souvenirs, medications, telephone charges.

Travel Insurance

It is important that you take out an insurance policy covering cancellation, loss of deposit, baggage and medical expenses and other unforeseen events. **Insurance is available through Torii Tours.**

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