



AIRVENTURE



DAYTON, CHICAGO, OSHKOSH & the EAST COAST 2025

14 July - 03 August 2025

Day 1 - Monday 14 July 2025

DAYTON

Meet the Tour escort & group members at the Hilton Garden Inn, Dayton, the birthplace of Aviation, home of the Wright Brothers, and known as the city that "taught the world to fly".

(Own arrangements to Dayton).

STAY AT: Hilton Garden Inn, Dayton

Day 2 - Tuesday 15 July DAYTON

A morning visit to the **Wright-Dunbar Interpretive Centre, & Wright Brothers Memorial** followed by lunch at the **Engineers Club Dayton**, Orville Wright's Club. Afterwards we visit **historic Huffman Prairie**, where the Wright Brothers perfected both their flying skills and their aircraft, and **Carillon Historical Park**, an open air museum showcasing all of Dayton's technological achievements.

Day 3 - Wednesday 16 July DAYTON

Today is spent at the **US Air Force Museum**, on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the largest & oldest military aviation museum in the world. Exhibits include hundreds of aircraft from the days of the Wright Brothers, through the First and Second World Wars, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam & onto the Space Age. Follow in the footsteps of presidents, astronauts and test pilots. In the William E. Boeing Presidential Gallery, walk through 4 presidential aircraft, including the Boeing VC-137C that served as Air Force One on the day of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. See the only remaining XB-70 Valkyrie & the C-141C *Hanoi Taxi*, which airlifted the first American prisoners of war out of North Vietnam in February 1973. Other highlights include the famous Boeing B-17F Memphis Belle, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress 'Bockscar' and the Doolittle Raid exhibit.

Day 4 - Thursday 17 July DAYTON

This morning we visit the **WACO Air Museum**, preserving the history and planes of the WACO Aircraft Company, which produced various models of open-cockpit & cabin biplanes between 1919 & 1946. Afterwards enjoy the **Armstrong Air & Space Museum** in Wapakoneta,

Ohio, the hometown of aviator and astronaut Neil Armstrong. Marvel at the museum building resembling a futuristic moon base, before exploring aerospace history from the early space programs and the Space Race to current space exploration. See the Gemini VIII spacecraft, Neil Armstrong's Gemini and Apollo spacesuits, and an Apollo 11 moon rock.

Day 5 - Friday 18 July

DAYTON - CHICAGO

We depart this morning to Chicago, on the shore of Lake Michigan & the third largest city in the USA.

STAY AT:

Hilton Hotel O'Hare Airport

Day 6 - Saturday 19 July CHICAGO

A day at leisure to explore Chicago. Take the train to Downtown Chicago, to view the famous Chicago architecture of Art Deco buildings and the towering skyline. Enjoy a sightseeing cruise along the Chicago River, visit Navy Pier or the Museum of Science and Industries Transportation Gallery; or watch aircraft taking off and landing at O'Hare Airport, one of the worlds busiest airports. The choice is yours.

Day 7 - Sunday 20 July

CHICAGO - OSHKOSH

A morning transfer to the **Russell Military Museum**, dedicated to the wars and conflicts involving the USA. The museum displays helicopters & fixed wing aircraft, together with over 300 vehicles including tanks, jeeps, cannons, & rifles. Afterwards a lunch stop at the Brat Stop, an authentic Wisconsin experience, before travelling to Oshkosh, your home for **EAA AirVenture 2025**, via a stop at Walmart for essential supplies.

STAY AT:

University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

Day 8 - Day 13

Monday 21 - Saturday 26 July

OSHKOSH

Six days to enjoy the ultimate venue for aviation enthusiasts, - **EAA AirVenture "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration"**. The 72nd 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 14 - Sunday 27 July

OSHKOSH - WASHINGTON

A morning departure to Chicago O'Hare Airport, for your flight to the Nations Capital - Washington DC.

STAY AT:

Holiday Inn Capitol Washington

Day 15 - Monday 28 July

WASHINGTON

Enjoy a morning visit to **The National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico**, a lasting tribute to U.S. Marines - past, present, and future. Follow in the footsteps of Marines: from the yellow footprints that young recruits must fill at boot camp to the boot prints left in the sands of Pacific island beaches during World War II, in the snow of the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War, and in the red dirt of Hill 881 South in Vietnam.

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Day 15 - Monday 28 July **cont.**

This afternoon we visit the Smithsonian's museum, the "**Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center**", for the display and preservation of historic aviation and space artifacts, and home to the Paul E Garber collection. Hundreds of aircraft and spacecraft are on display in two massive hangars, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress *Enola Gay*, and the Space Shuttle *Discovery*. Watch air traffic at Dulles Airport from the observation tower.

Day 16 - Tuesday 29 July

WASHINGTON

A visit today to the **Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum**, part of the great Smithsonian Institution. The museum offers visitors a dazzling array of flying machines and spacecraft never before assembled in one place. Exhibit areas house artifacts ranging from the Wright brothers' 1903 Flyer, Lindbergh's "*Spirit of St. Louis*", the Bell X-1, and the North American X-15, to a touchable Lunar rock sample. You will also see dozens of airplanes, spacecraft, missiles, rockets and engines, all part of the historical and technological world of air and space flight. Afterwards time to explore the "Capital" at your leisure.

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Day 17 - Wednesday 30 July

WASHINGTON

A day at leisure for you to enjoy the sights of Washington. Take a Potomac River Cruise, visit the city's historic landmarks and monuments including the White House, the United States Capitol, the Lincoln Memorial, & the Washington Monument, or step back in time and walk in the footsteps of America's first president at Mount Vernon, the former home of George Washington. The choice is yours!

Day 18 - Thursday 31 July

WASHINGTON - NEW YORK

We depart by coach to the **Air Mobility Command Museum, Dover Air Force Base**, dedicated to military airlift and air refuelling aircraft and the men and women who flew and maintained them. See the Museum's major restoration projects the C-119B Flying Boxcar and the KB-50J Superfortress. Afterwards we depart to the "city that never sleeps" - New York City, and your Manhattan area hotel.

STAY AT:

Holiday Inn New York City Times Square

Day 19 - Friday 01 August

NEW YORK

An exciting day for you to enjoy bustling New York City. Explore New York's most-famous sights at your leisure **aboard a Hop on Hop off Bus**. See Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Central Park, Union Square,

Rockefeller Center, the impressive 9/11 Memorial & Museum or visit the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum aboard the legendary aircraft carrier. The choice is yours.

Day 20 - Sat 02 August NEW YORK

Today we drive through the countryside of New York state and the historic Hudson Valley to visit the unique and magnificent collection of Antique aircraft at the **Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome**. The museum presents one of the largest collections of early aeroplanes in the world, from the Pioneer Era, World War I and the Lindbergh/Barnstorming era - the golden years of aviation, including the 1909 Bleriot, the oldest regularly flying airplane in the Western Hemisphere; the Fokker DR-I Triplane, the most famous fighter of WWI; and a precise replica of the Spirit of St. Louis. Many of the aircraft take to the air during the Saturday afternoon "History of Flight" program which highlights the Pioneer era before WWI, and the Golden Age of Aviation in the '20s and '30s.

A day not to be missed.

Day 21 - Sun 03 August

NEW YORK

The Tour ends after breakfast this morning, for your own arrangements



TOUR COSTS & OSHKOSH ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

PER PERSON *Subject to availability*

University of Wisconsin:

Standard non airconditioned rooms do not have private facilities, restroom and shower facilities are community style on each floor.

Horizon Village Suite Style Air-conditioned Rooms offer accommodation for 4 persons and consist of either 4 Single bedrooms or 2 Twin bedrooms, lounge, bathroom, 2nd toilet and a kitchenette, that are shared between the four occupants.

The Suite Style room configuration cannot be guaranteed and either a single bed room or bed in a twin room will be confirmed.

Standard Twin Room:	\$ 9,250.00 per person - 2 persons traveling together
Standard Single Room:	\$12,200.00 per person
Suite Style Twin Room in 2 bedroom suite:	\$ 9,925.00 per person - 2 persons traveling together
Suite Style Single Room in 4 bedroom suite:	\$12,200.00 per person

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

A minimum of 12 adults is required for the Tour to operate.

The Tour is based on Land arrangements only. **Flights are not included.** (except flight from Chicago - Washington)

Flights can be arranged on your behalf from Australia to the Dayton area & return from New York if preferred.

To request a reservation please complete the **Torii Electronic Booking Form** at: www.toriiitours.com

On receipt of your Booking Form a reservation will be offered and if acceptable to you, **a non refundable deposit of \$500.00 will be required within 48 hours.** Oshkosh Horizon Suite Style accommodation is again limited for 2025. (This is not a selling ploy, it is severely limited! Due to building demolition at the university)

Final payment is due by 10 May, 2025

For bookings received after this date full payment is required on receipt of confirmation

Deposit and Payment Options:

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 final payments.

Bank Account: NAB North Sydney
Account: Torii Tours Clients A/c
BSB: 082 212
Account #: 53 321 2612

Sorry, we are unable to accept deposits or payments by cheques at this time.

Cancellations:

➔ If you cancel your reservation after payment and **prior to May 30, 2025**, a cancellation fee will be applicable.

➔ If you cancel your reservation **after May 30, 2025**, for any reason, your payment is not refundable.

Torii Tours may cancel the tour up to 35 days prior to departure in which case a full refund will be made. 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 Tours.

Tour Inclusions

Escorted tour in the USA - coach transfers - sightseeing as specified - Admission to attractions **except** EAA Oshkosh - 13 breakfasts - 3 Dinners & 1 lunch in Dayton - **Airfare Chicago to Washington** - Torii Tours Hospitality area Oshkosh 1700 - 1900 nightly, except Airshow nights.

Dayton, Chicago, Washington & New York:

First Class hotel accommodation including breakfast.

Not Included

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

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

COVID-19 vaccination and testing requirements for all travellers arriving in the USA are no longer required.

Please refer to the following websites for updated information before departure.

Australia -

www.smarttraveller.gov.au/COVID-19

USA - <https://www.usa.gov/covid-international-travel>

It is recommended that you carry an **International vaccination certificate** with you.

Torii Tours take no responsibility if travel or entry into the USA is denied due to regulations not being met.

Travel Insurance

It is important that you take out an insurance policy covering cancellation, loss of deposit, baggage and medical expenses, including Covid19, and other unforeseen events.



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