



**Thursday 14 April 2016**

## **The American Air Show at IWM Duxford Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May**

Celebrating the reopening of the transformed *American Air Museum*

May Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May) will see the American Air Show at IWM Duxford, celebrating the reopening of the newly-transformed *American Air Museum*.

Over the weekend, vibrant flying displays will be accompanied by evocative living history, veterans' voices and powerful film and music to show the developing relationship between Britain and America through the World Wars, Cold War and into the present day.

In addition to the dynamic flying display, visitors will be able to meet living history groups representing the United States Air Force in the Second World War and during the Vietnam era, listen to nostalgic music performed by Miss Holliday Swing, The Bluebird Belles and Pete Wayre and explore the newly-transformed *American Air Museum*, containing the best collection of American aircraft on display outside North America.

Highlights of the flying programme include:

- Epic flying displays depicting the bomber operations of the Second World War, the war in the Pacific and the Vietnam War.
- Thrilling contemporary displays by the Patrouille de France (Saturday only), the Red Arrows (Sunday only) and the Eurofighter Typhoon.
- Two replica Royal Aircraft Factory SE5a biplanes and a replica Nieuport 17, representing the relationship created between Britain and America during the latter stages of the First World War.
- Four North American Harvards, key training aircraft for British and American pilots, take to the skies to represent the British-American alliance reinforced while America remained neutral in the Second World War. The Harvards are followed by a Spartan Executive and a Ryan STA, glorious 1930s aircraft that were also used for training purposes.
- Archive sound and film footage places visitors on an Eighth Air Force bomber airfield in the Second World War as the ground crew await the arrival of the last B-17 Flying Fortress to return from a mission. B-17 Flying Fortress *Sally B* flies in, accompanied by two P-51 Mustangs and a TF-51 Mustang, the fighter aircraft that accompanied the huge bombers for part of their mission. Following a poignant display by B-17 Flying Fortress *Sally B*, the Mustangs are intercepted by a Hispano Buchón (Messerschmitt Bf 109) and a thrilling tail chase ensues.
- As two Douglas C-47 Skytrain aircraft fly in, large screens are filled with footage of American paratroopers and, in a filmed interview, Henry 'Duke' Boswell, a paratrooper in the Second World

War, describes his experiences as a young man carrying out combat jumps, including on D-Day, 6 June 1944. The two C-47 aircraft are followed by a de Havilland Dragon Rapide and a Piper L-4 Club.

- Demonstrating the war against Japan in the Pacific, a North American B-25 Mitchell, Mitsubishi A6M Zero Replica, Curtiss P-40 Warhawk, Grumman FM-2 Wildcat and Goodyear FG-1D Corsair, take to the skies accompanied by archive film footage of the Doolittle raid.
- In commemoration of the decade-long Vietnam War two North American T-28 Fennecs take to the skies to the unmistakable sound of Jimi Hendrix. Bell UH-1 Iroquois ('Huey') and Hughes OH-6 Cayuse ('Loach') helicopters fly through accompanied by the dramatic *Ride of the Valkyries* by Wagner. The Vietnam display concludes with a display by a North American OV-10 Bronco and a Shorts SC-7 Skyvan to the rousing music of The Doors.

The story of British and American collaboration in conflict concludes with an exploration of modern warfare and the causes of conflict in the Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq.

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## Notes to Editors

- All flying is subject to weather, serviceability and operational commitments.

Tickets for IWM Duxford's American Air Show must be booked in advance; no on the day tickets are available. Tickets are now on sale at <http://www.iwm.org.uk/events/iwm-duxford/airshows/2016/the-american-air-show>

### Ticket Prices

Ticket prices for The American Air Show (Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May)

To purchase tickets online go to:

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/events/iwm-duxford/airshows/2016/the-american-air-show>

### Day ticket

Adult (16 years and over)	£29.50
Child (5-15 years)	£19
Child (under 5)	Free
Disabled Visitor (Proof of disability allowance required)	£19
Carer (One carer per disabled visitor)	Free
Family (two adults, up to three children)	£83
Friend of Duxford Adult	£22.80
Friend of Duxford Child	£15.20
Friend of Duxford Senior	£18.90

### Group Day Tickets

Group adult	£24.25
Group child (5-15 years)	£15.60
Group disabled (Proof of disability allowance required)	£15.60
Coach driver	Free
Registered tour guide (one per group)	Free

Group rates apply to groups of 10 or more paying visitors. Group tickets can only be booked by telephone by calling 01223 499 353.

### Tickets to park

Parking (vehicles less than 9 seats inc driver)	£5
Disabled Parking	Free
Mini coach parking (vehicle 10-35 seats inc driver)	£10
Large coach parking (vehicle over 40 seats inc driver)	£15

### Weekend Tickets

Adult	£42.50
Child (5-15 years)	£28
Child (under 5)	Free
Disabled visitor	£28

(proof of disability allowance required)	
Carer	Free
(one carer per disabled visitor)	
Family (two adults and up to three children)	£120.35
Friend of Duxford Adult	£33.95
Friend of Duxford Child (5-15 years)	£22.40
Friend of Duxford Senior	£27.20

### Weekend parking tickets

Parking (vehicles less than 9 seats inc driver)	£10
Disabled parking	Free
Mini coach parking (vehicle 10-35 seats inc driver)	£20
Large coach parking (vehicle over 40 seats inc driver)	£30

### Premium passes for The American Air Show

Offering you some of the best seats in the house, the Gold and Silver Pass enclosures are located right at the heart of the action. With their own entrance onto the flight line walk, our sumptuous marquees are fully-equipped with cash bars, refreshment points and luxury toilets. When the flying starts, you can enjoy the air show from an exclusive flight line garden seating enclosure.

Premium pass tickets are only available by booking in advance.

#### Gold Pass

With an upgraded marquee and dining area, in Gold Pass you have the option of dining from our Gourmet Deli Bar or bringing your own picnic. There will also be a light breakfast option available to purchase on arrival and an afternoon tea.

Please note that Gold Pass is not suitable for children under the age of 16.

#### Ticket prices for Gold Pass

##### Day Tickets

Gold Pass	£82.50
Group Gold Pass (per person)	£75
Gold Pass with meal	£111.50
Meal upgrade	£29

##### Weekend tickets

Gold Pass	£142.50
Gold Pass with meal	£200.50

Please note that car parking is included in the cost of Gold Pass tickets.

#### Silver Pass

Silver Pass offers a great location for the day with activities for children and a relaxed environment. You can purchase drinks and snacks over the counter or bring your packed lunch into our casual café-style seating area. Silver Pass is perfect for groups and families looking for an informal day.

## Ticket prices for Silver Pass

### Day Tickets

Silver Pass Adult	£57.50
Silver Pass Child (5-15 years)	£32.50
Silver Pass family (two adults and up to three children)	£132.50

### Weekend Tickets

Silver Pass Adult	£102.50
Silver Pass Child (5-15 years)	£55
Silver Pass family (two adults and up to three children)	£242.50

Please note that car parking is included in the cost of Silver Pass tickets.

It is now also possible to purchase, in advance, tickets for the seating enclosure at The American Air Show (£5 per person per day; £10 for a weekend seating enclosure ticket) and The American Air Show souvenir programme (£6 per programme).

## IWM Duxford

IWM Duxford is Britain's best-preserved Second World War airfield, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War. Its story reflects the landmark achievements made in aviation history. IWM Duxford is Europe's premier aviation museum, where historic buildings intersperse with state-of-the-art exhibition halls, including AirSpace and the American Air Museum. Historic aircraft can regularly be seen taking to the skies from Duxford's wartime airfield. Through the rich displays of aircraft and the powerful stories of the men and women involved, we tell the story of the impact of aviation on the nature of war, on people's lives and on the social and economic history of the region. With one of the finest collections of tanks, military vehicles and artillery in the UK, we also show the impact of technological development on war and conflict.

Open Daily:

Summer 2016: 12 March to late October 10am to 6pm. Last entry at 5pm.

## IWM

IWM (Imperial War Museums) tells the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the First World War.

Our unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, we tell vivid personal stories and create powerful physical experiences across our five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. We challenge people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.

## First World War Centenary

2014 - 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM will mark the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across the country, including the opening of brand new First World War Galleries at IWM London in 2014. For more information visit [www.1914.org](http://www.1914.org)

