IWM Duxford announces bumper 2022 flying season featuring two Air Shows, six Flying Days and two special events

Running from May through to October, IWM Duxford’s flying season brings the historic airfield to life and, this year, a jam-packed programme of events promises plenty of thrilling aerobatics, roaring Spitfires and entertainment on the ground. Tickets to all flying events for 2022 will be on general sale from today.

Returning for 2022, the Duxford Summer Air Show will be taking place on 18-19 June promising fun for all the family with fast-flying, all-action aerobatics and spectacular sights in the air and on the ground. The annual Battle of Britain Air Show will return on 10-11 September offering visitors an immersion into the 1940s when RAF Duxford played a pivotal role in the Battle of Britain, helping to defend the United Kingdom against Nazi air attacks. Expect plenty of Spitfire nostalgia as history is brought to life across the site for this much-loved weekend of flying entertainment.

Thanks to our friends at Aerial Collective, we are thrilled to be able to offer an exclusive prize of an unforgettable flight in a Spitfire. Any visitor who books a ticket to either Air Show before midnight on Tuesday 8 March will be automatically entered into the prize draw.

In addition to these two fantastic weekend events, the IWM Duxford Air Show team will also be welcoming visitors to its Duxford Flying Evening on 27 August to catch spectacular aircraft in flight as dusk descends over the airfield. Whilst Duxford Flying Finale on 8 October will bring together highlights from the year as we say farewell to another fantastic season of flying.

IWM Duxford’s flying season wouldn’t be complete without Flying Days and there will be six of these taking place between May-October 2022. From commemorating D-Day to celebrating the 25th anniversary since the American Air Museum opened at Duxford, each of these individually themed events will present aerial displays and specially curated ground activities.

IWM Air Show Event Manager, Phil Hood, said “Last year, our Air Shows were the biggest in the country and we were thrilled to welcome thousands of visitors back on site for these two fantastic weekends. For 2022, we have been working hard behind the scenes to create even more events to pack into our six-month flying season. Over the coming months there will be more announcements, including display acts and showground content, but we can say for certain that it will be a flying season to remember.”

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Listings Information

Flying Days: VE Day
Saturday 7 May 2022
From a flying-line up commemorating the role of aviation and RAF Duxford in the fight for peace across Europe, to a fabulous vintage-themed showground, step back into 1945 and celebrate VE Day in the historic surrounds of IWM Duxford.

Flying Days: Model Aircraft
Sunday 8 May 2022
Spectacular flypasts, aerial displays and aerobatics all in miniature form thanks to our friends from the British
Model Flying Association. A variety of life-like expertly made remote control model aircraft will be on show on the ground and in the skies.

**Flying Days: Commemorating D Day**
**Sunday 5 June 2022**
This commemorative Flying Day will feature a special flying display and ground entertainment honouring IWM Duxford’s place in history and the role Duxford played in providing air support for Operation Overlord.

**Duxford Summer Air Show**
**Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June 2022**
A weekend for the whole family with the best of everything Duxford has to offer – from aerobatics, to historic warbirds and everything in between there is sure to be something for everyone at this fantastic summer event.

**Flying Days: The Americans**
**Saturday 23 July 2022**
Celebrate the history of two nations united through flight, and learn the history of Station 357, IWM Duxford’s United States Army Air Force fighter unit during the Second World War. This Flying Day will also celebrate 25 years since The American Air Museum in Britain opened at Duxford.

**Flying Days: Young Aviators**
**Monday 1 August 2022**
Kick off the school holidays with this day out especially for young aviation fans, a chance to have burning questions answered like, what’s it like to fly?, or how do you become a pilot? With plenty of chances for the whole family to join in with special flying activities all over the airfield and museum.

**Duxford Flying Evening**
**Saturday 27 August 2022**
See Duxford in a different light with the return of one of last year’s most popular events of the flying season – an after hours’ display with Spitfires at sunset to see out the summer.

**Battle of Britain Air Show**
**Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September 2022**
A weekend of history in the air, on the ground, and even in the clothes you wear! The Battle of Britain Air Show returns to bring the 1940s to life. From vintage aviation and the stories of those who served at RAF Duxford, to music and dancing, see historic Duxford come to life at one of the sites best loved events of the year.

**Duxford Flying Finale**
**Saturday 8 October 2022**
The 2021 event returns to Duxford as this special end of season event brings together favourite acts old and new for a thrilling day of aerial displays over the historic airfield.

**Flying Days: 100 Years of Model Aircraft**
**Sunday 9 October 2022**
Marking 100 Years of the British Model Aircraft Association, there is the chance to meet the community of builders who are passionate about model making and discover how to get involved in this growing hobby across the UK.

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IWM Duxford
IWM Duxford is Europe’s largest air museum, with a fascinating history that dates back to the First World War. Duxford has been a witness to world-changing events over the past 100 years where ordinary people have had extraordinary experiences. Exploring state of the art exhibition halls and historic buildings, visitors can walk in the footsteps of the men and women who served at RAF Duxford. Through the powerful stories of the individuals involved and the rich displays of aircraft, we tell the story of the impact of aviation on the nature of war and on people’s lives. Historic aircraft can regularly be seen taking to the skies from the historic airfield and IWM Duxford also holds annual Air Shows and Flying Days with entertaining ground content and signature flying displays.

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