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NZ / USA AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS TOUR 2026

A fully hosted tour

3rd -14th April 2026

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Tour:	**NZ USA Aviation Enthusiasts Tour 2026**
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Hosted by fellow **aviation** enthusiasts this tour has been **specially curated** to delight your senses whilst taking in some of the best cultural experiences of two amazing countries. Stay in **high quality** accommodation each night; enjoy comfortable coach transfer; and a good balance of free time and planned activity. First, we fly to New Zealand's south island where we visit the **Wanaka** region and attend the **"Warbirds over Wanaka"** Airshow. Held every alternate year, this is the biggest and best warbird airshow in the southern hemisphere. A day with **Gold Pass access** and privilege is a great start to your tour. From **New Zealand** we fly to the west coast on the **United States of America**. In 2026 America celebrates its 250th anniversary with celebrations planned across the country. You spend 5 nights based in the **Santa Monica** region from where you take in several day trips, taking in the **SoCal Commemorative Airforce** Museum and the **Edwards Airforce Base Flight Test Historical Centre**. Visit the **Plane of Fames Museum** in Chino which boasts over 100 amazing aircraft. Follow that with a tour of the **Yanks Air Museum**, also in Chino. Yanks have over 200 aircraft on display. Transfer to Tucson Arizona before visiting the **PIMA Air and Space Museum** in Tucson, before taking a guided tour of the vast space of the **Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Boneyard**. This is certainly one of many highlights of your trip. Travel west to the seaside town of **San Diego**, know for being home to the **United States Navy**. Here you will spend time aboard **USS Midway CV-41**, and amazing WW2 era aircraft carrier with significant naval and aviation history. If that isn't enough for you, on the following day you head to **Long Beach** to tour another significant naval asset, **battleship USS** IOWA BB-61. Marvel at the sheer size and might of this famous battleship before taking in **one final group dinner**, where we can share tales of our trip over a lovely dinner. This tour will leave you with **unforgettable memories** and many **new lifelong friends** with whom you share experiences and interests.

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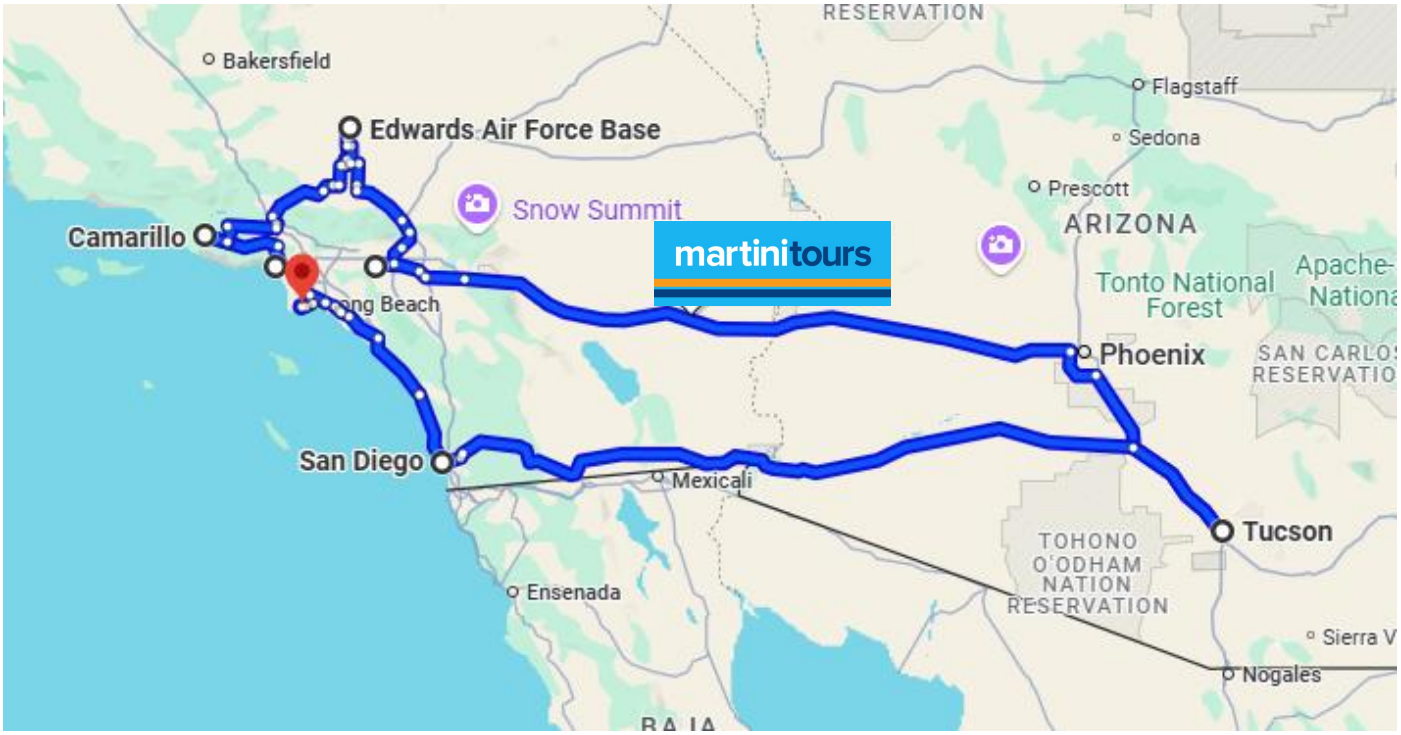

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2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the United States Of America. We anticipate additional activities and celebrations during the year.

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2026 NZ/USA *AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS* TOUR SCHEDULE V0.001

(This draft schedule remains subject to updates and variations)

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Fri 3rd April 2026	Flight from Melbourne to Auckland / Queenstown New Zealand		Overnight Wanaka (1)
Sat 4th April 2026	Warbirds Over Wanaka Airshow		Overnight Wanaka (2) Group Dinner
Sun 5th April 2026	Flight to Los Angeles International Airport Queenstown via Auckland to LA – Air NZ (16 hrs)		Overnight Santa Monica (1) Group Dinner
Mon 6th April 2026	Free day – California		Overnight Santa Monica (2)
Tues 7th April 2026	Commemorative Airforce Museum – Camarillo		Overnight Santa Monica (3)
Wed 8th April 2026	Edwards Airforce Base Flight Test Historical Centre		Overnight Santa Monica (4)
Thursday 9th April	Planes of Fame Museum - Chino	Yanks Air Museum - Chino	Overnight Santa Monica (5) Group Dinner
Fri 10th April 2026	Travel to Tucson Arizona		Overnight Tucson (1)
Sat 11th April 2026	PIMA Air and Space Museum – Tucson	Davis-Monthan Air Force Boneyard - Tucson	Overnight Tucson (2)
Sun 12th April 2026	Travel to Sandiego	USS Midway CV41 Aircraft Carrier Museum	Overnight San Diego (1) Group Dinner
Mon 13th April 2026	USS IOWA BB61 Battleship Museum – Long Beach		Overnight Santa Monica (1) Farewell Dinner
Tuesday 14th April 2026	Depart LAX		

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DAY 0 AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND Friday 3rd April 2026

Morning For those travelling with the group, we arrive at Melbourne International airport, meet your Tour Host and fellow travellers. Check in and prepare for your flight/s to Queenstown New Zealand

Board your flight, arriving in New Zealand before a coach transfer to Wanaka.

FLIGHT	DATE	ORIGIN/DESTINATION	DEP/ARR	COMPANY
TBA	3rd April	Melb-Auckland		Air New Zealand
TBA	3rd April	Auckland - Queenstown		Air New Zealand

Afternoon Transfer by Coach to Wanaka

Check In to your hotel

Check into your accommodation
Rest, relax and freshen up before a **group dinner**

Evening Overnight in Wanaka area (1)

DAY 2 WARBIRDS OVER WANAKA AIRSHOW Saturday 4th April 2026

Day **WARBIRDS OVER WANAKA AIRSHOW**

Experience the thrill of Warbirds over Wanaka, one of the Southern Hemisphere's largest airshows, set against the stunning backdrop of Wanaka's alpine mountains. Join us over Easter weekend 2026 for an unforgettable aviation experience at Warbirds over Wanaka, featuring more than 80 aircraft, including iconic warbirds, sleek jets, helicopters, and thrilling aerobatic displays. With your exclusive Gold Pass, enjoy prime grandstand seating, access to the Gold Pass marquee for food and drinks, and a welcome bag with airshow merchandise and a programme. The event features WWII aircraft alongside modern planes from the Royal New Zealand, Australian, and United States Air Forces. This event held every two years, is the largest warbird airshow in the Southern Hemisphere and showcases some of the world's best examples of WWII flying aircraft in action. Warbirds Over Wanaka is famous for attracting a wide variety of privately owned Warbird aircraft along with their modern-day counterparts from the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF), Royal Australia Air Force (RAAF), United States Air Force (USAF) and French Air Force. While the aircraft are the focus of the event, there are many fascinating displays on the ground that have contributed to making this show so successful over the past 36 years. Aircraft confirmed for the 2026 show will be announced from mid-2025 onwards. For a taste of the calibre of aircraft that Warbirds over Wanaka attracts, the 2024 line-up included: De Havilland DH.98 Mosquito; F-16 Fighting Falcon; North American P51D – Mustang; Goodyear FG-1D Vought Corsair, and Avro Anson.

Dinner A Group Dinner is included this evening

Evening Overnight in Wanaka NZ area (2)

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DAY 3 FLIGHT via AUCKLAND to LOS ANGELES Sunday 5th April 2026

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

Main Group Transfer to Queenstown Airport to meet your flight to USA via Auckland

Evening Overnight in Santa Monica, USA area (1)

DAY 4 REST DAY - USA Monday 6th April 2026

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

Evening Group Dinner

Overnight in Santa Monica area (2)

DAY 5 CAMARILLO Tuesday 7th April 2026

Morning Breakfast at your accommodation

COMMEMORATIVE AIRFORCE MUSEUM CAMARILLO

The CAF was founded to acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, and selected aircraft of other nations, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans. More than just a collection of airworthy warplanes from the past, the CAF's fleet of historic aircraft, known as the CAF Ghost Squadron, recreate, remind and reinforce the lessons learned from the defining moments in American military aviation history.

Afternoon Free time at your leisure

Evening You are free at your leisure this evening

Overnight in Santa Monica area (3)

DAY 6 EDWARDS AIRFORCE BASE Wednesday 8th April 2026

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

EDWAREDS AIRFORCE BASE
FLIGHT TEST HISTORICAL CENTRE

The Flight Test Museum is a 12,000 square foot museum facility at Edwards Air Force Base. This facility includes 8500 square feet of exhibits, a forty-seat theatre, research library, gift shop, and administrative offices.

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Exhibits inside the museum cover such diverse subjects as the formation of the ancient lake beds, early homesteading in the area, the first military use of Edwards Air Force Base, flight testing during WWII, breaking the sound barrier, high-speed flight, and the story of Glen Edwards, the base's namesake. Other exhibits include aircraft, flight hardware, rocket engine, and model displays. Museum visitors can learn about the past, present, and future of flight testing in the museum's theatre

Evening You are free at your leisure this evening

Overnight in Santa Monica area (4)

DAY 7 CHINO Thursday 9th April 2026

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

PLANES OF FAME MUSEUM – CHINO

The Planes of Fame is a significant situated at Chino Airport in Southern California. It offers a unique opportunity for visitors to explore the history of aviation and see a wide range of aircraft up close. The museum's collection has grown significantly since its inception. The Museum's Chino location is home to **nearly 100 aircraft**, many of them restored to flying condition. The collection spans the earliest days of aviation, including the First World War, the 1920s and 1930s, World War II, and Korea and Vietnam. On Saturdays and Sundays, the Museum's Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress" is open to visitors to safely enter and learn about the men and women who designed, built, and flew these massive bombers during World War II.

WARBIRD FLIGHT – OPTIONAL EXTRA

For those who want a more personal WW2 fighter experience, there is an opportunity today to fly in a **P-51 Mustang**, America's most iconic warbird of World War 2. Feel the power of the Rolls Royce Merlin engine as you take off into the sky. (Must be pre-booked and STA - US$1,895)

Afternoon **YANKS AIR MUSEUM – CHINO**

Yanks Air Museum hosts one of the world's largest aircraft collections, with **more than 200 aircraft**, many of them airworthy. Painstakingly rebuilding these titans of American aviation history is hard work, with mechanics and craftsmen working by hand (sometimes for decades) to return craft to their original state.

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Visitors are encouraged to view the aircraft and learn about their history, their stories, and their journey from graveyard to restoration. See legends like the P-40 Warhawk, the F-86 Sabre, F-16B Fighting Falcon, F-15A Eagle and many more!

Evening **Group dinner is included this evening**

Overnight in Santa Monica area (5)

DAY 8 To TUCSON, ARIZONA Friday 10th April 2026

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation before checking out**

Travel to Tucson, Arizona

Afternoon You are free at your leisure this afternoon

Check in to your new accommodation
Overnight in Tucson area (1)

DAY 9 TUCSON, ARIZONA Saturday 11th April 2026

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

PIMA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

The Pima Air & Space Museum is one of the largest non-government aerospace museums in the world. Spread across 80 acres (32 hectares) and five indoor hangars, the grounds display some 125,000 artifacts and 300 aircraft, including the world's smallest biplane, presidential planes, MiGs, a German buzz bomb, and an SR-71A Blackbird. Featuring **about 400 historic aircraft**, from a Wright Flyer to a 787 Dreamliner. The museum has grown immensely and today encompasses six indoor exhibit hangars (three specifically dedicated to WWII).

Afternoon **DAVIS-MONTHAN AIRFORCE BASE BONEYARD**

With the end of World War II and victory over Japan and Germany assured, the United States found itself with a large inventory of aircraft, numbering about 65,000. These were temporarily stored and subsequently disposed of at 30 airfields, with the largest concentrations at seven major depots such as Kingman Army Airfield in Arizona and Walnut Ridge Army Air Field in Arkansas. While some planes went into civilian usage, most were scrapped and their metal components melted and sold. Other planes were kept for future usage, and stored at several locations, including Warner-Robins, Victorville, Pyote Army Air Field in Texas, and Davis-Monthan AAF. Immediately after the war, the Army's San Antonio Air Technical Service Command established a storage facility primarily for B-29 Superfortress and C-47 Skytrain aircraft at Davis-Monthan. Many of the B-29s would be pressed back into service as the Korean War escalated in the early 1950s, and would see service again as bombers, KB-29 aerial tankers and weather reconnaissance.

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A Group Dinner is included this evening

Evening Overnight in Tucson area (2)

DAY 10 SAN DIEGO Sunday 12th April 2026

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation before checking out**

Transfer to San Diego, California

Afternoon **USS MIDWAY CV-41 MUSEUM**

USS *Midway* is a historical naval aircraft carrier museum in San Diego, California, United States, located at Navy Pier. The museum consists of the aircraft carrier *Midway*. The ship houses an extensive collection of aircraft, many of which were built in Southern California. The USS *Midway* was the United States' longest-serving aircraft carrier of the 20th century, from 1945 to 1992. Approximately 200,000 sailors served aboard the carrier, known for several naval aviation breakthroughs as well as several humanitarian missions. It was the only carrier to serve the entire length of the Cold War and beyond. It is currently a museum ship in San Diego, California. *Midway* opened as a museum on 7 June 2004. Admission includes a self-guided audio tour, narrated by former *Midway* Sailors to more than 60 locations, including sleeping quarters, engine room, galley, bridge, brig, post office, fo'c'sle, pilots' ready rooms, officer's quarters, primary flight control, and "officers country". Other features include climb-aboard aircraft and cockpits, videos, flight simulators, and a narrated audio tour.

Evening Check into your new accommodation

You are free at your leisure this evening
Overnight in San Diego (1)

DAY 11 SAN DIEGO Monday 13th April 2026

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation**

USS IOWA BB-61 BATTLESHIP MUSEUM
LONG BEACH

USS *Iowa* (BB-61) is a retired battleship, the lead ship of her class, and the fourth in the United States Navy to be named after the state of Iowa. Owing to the cancellation of the *Montana*-class battleships, *Iowa* is the last lead ship of any class of United States battleships and was the only ship of her class to serve in the Atlantic Ocean during World War II.

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During World War II, she carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt across the Atlantic to Mers El Kébir, Algeria, en route to a conference of vital importance in 1943 in Tehran with Prime Minister Winston Churchill of the United Kingdom and Joseph Stalin, leader of the Soviet Union. When transferred to the Pacific Fleet in 1944, *Iowa* shelled beachheads at Kwajalein and Eniwetok in advance of Allied amphibious landings and screened aircraft carriers operating in the Marshall Islands. She also served as the Third Fleet flagship, flying Admiral William F. Halsey's flag at the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay. During the Korean War, *Iowa* was involved in raids on the North Korean coast, after which she was decommissioned into the United States Navy reserve fleets, better known as the "mothball fleet." She was reactivated in 1984 as part of the 600-ship Navy plan and operated in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets to counter the recently expanded Soviet Navy. In April 1989, an explosion of undetermined origin wrecked her No. 2 gun turret, killing 47 sailors.
Iowa was decommissioned for the last time in October 1990 after 19 total years of active service,

Evening **Group Farewell Dinner**

Overnight in San Diego (2)

DAY 12 LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL Tuesday 14th April 2026

Morning **Breakfast at your accommodation before checking out**

FLIGHT	DATE	ORIGIN/DESTINATION	DEP/ARR	COMPANY
	14 April	Los Angeles		AIRLINES

Arrive at Tullamarine International Airport; proceed through immigration and collect your bags from the baggage hall and then clear Customs

END OF TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

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COLOUR KEY INDICATORS

Black: **Main Group Program activities in the Tour Overview**

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INCLUSIONS

GUIDES/TOUR DIRECTOR

- Dedicated Tour Director for duration of tour
- Specialist local tour guides at venues or activities in the itinerary
- Gratuities, fees and tips for the specialist guides, coach driver and tour guides plus for all included meals

TRANSPORTATION

- International flights
- Coaches and ground transport as indicated in the itinerary
- All airport transfers

MEALS

- 11 daily breakfasts
- 5 Group Dinners
- 1 Farewell Group Dinner

INCLUSIONS

- 2-night accommodation in Wanaka area
- 6-night accommodation in Santa Monica
- 2-night accommodation in Tucson
- 1 night accommodation in San Diego

ACTIVITIES

- Gold Pass Access to 'Warbirds over Wanaka' Airshow, New Zealand
- Entry to Commemorative Airforce Museum SoCal – Camarillo, USA
- Entry to Edwards Airforce Base Flight Test Historical Centre, California
- Entry to Planes of Fame Museum – Chino, California
- Entry to Yanks Air Museum – Chino, California
- Entry to PIMA Air and Space Museum – Tucson, Arizona
- Entry and guided tour of Davis-Monthan Air Force Boneyard – Tucson, Arizona
- Entry to USS Midway CV-41
- Entry to USS Iowa BB-61

OPTIONS

- P-51 Warbird Flight (additional cost)

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

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- ***Travel insurance is as essential as your passport, regardless of your travel destination. If you can't afford travel insurance, you can't afford to travel!***

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- We advise you to take a small amount of money in cash and some money in an overseas debit/ATM card from your bank or similar

MEALS EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFIED

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