

# Historic Aviation Tours

*by enthusiasts for enthusiasts*



## What do we want?

We aim to bring back to you the sights and sounds and the feeling of aviation in full action the way it used to be during the 50s and 60s.

We travel to new and exciting spotter friendly airports with loads of new spotting objects serving the needs of the “incurable” spotter among you, within an affordable range. However, we want to travel in style.

We rent a historic plane and land directly on the airfield and turn the camera equipped “mob” loose !

We try to form only small groups in order to ensure free movement on board.

We do not want “business as usual”, we want to celebrate the aircraft, its crew, the history and share your adventures and memories. We love to seize the moment, sit back, relax and enjoy.

The idea is to make you happy and create unforgettable memories.

## Who is our target group?

We are looking for you, the easy going, open minded and tolerant team player, who wants value for money and is looking for more than just adding a new type to your collection. We are looking for you, if you love flying and enjoy the thrilling sights and sounds and the “fragrance” of a long forgotten era of exciting aviation, when the sky was filled with black smoke emerging from the exhaust pipes of flying factories.

We are looking for those who are after more value for money than usually offered by commercial “all inclusive” tours.

## How do we achieve this?

Through very hard work and continuous networking.

We establish direct contacts to those operators who are open minded and we try to avoid involving cost driving agencies whenever possible.

We try to minimize risks through long and careful preparation, concentrate on one plane and place the organization in only a few hands. We work together with trustworthy operators who share and understand our passion for historic aviation. We conduct surveys among you to choose the right date, plane and location.

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## How much do the tours cost?

Even though we negotiate best possible market conditions avoiding cost driving airports, routings and agents, the tours are not cheap, because we charter a large plane, travel in small groups trying to avoid crowds whenever possible.

The price depends on the actual circumstances, such as fuel, taxes, fees, insurance premiums and especially on the actual size of the group. To ensure the best value for your money, the calculated price includes only the plane charter.

We assist in booking and gathering information about reasonable bargains for room & board, transfers and access.

Our philosophy is strictly non-profit and non-commercial . In case we do have possible left overs from the collected amount, we use the money to extend the flight, try to offer an additional stop, negotiate spectacular low passes, fly bys. Whenever possible, we try to avoid additional costs by including airport transfers, covering charges for ramp tours, optional tours to places of interest.

## Where to find us ?

You will find all information about our tours here

<http://familie-wimmer.com/hobby/hr16/aviation-tours/index.html>

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## Who are we?

We are a bunch of incurable aviation enthusiasts and we recently joined our forces to make the impossible possible



**Michael**

**(Michael Reich), “Minister of Finance”**

Michael collects the charter fare from our participants and organizes the financial transactions with the operators. He owns and runs a travel agency in Switzerland and organizes special tours to the “unexplored Africa” together with his partner. Since Michael can read and write, he is an incurable aviation freak, he loves flying, has eye whitened the transatlantic crossings on the Breitling Super Constellation and DC-3 and many other thrilling flying adventures on all continents.

Michael lives on the north side of beautiful Lake Zurich in Switzerland.



**Steve**

**(Stephen Harry Kinder), “Master of Disaster”**

Steve is “the” Steve ! He is an aviation legend himself. Steve is famous for leading the most awesome tours to the most remote places on this planet, where getting arrested at gunpoint on spying charges is as normal as stopping in front of a red traffic light elsewhere.

Steve is also an expert for piston engined aircraft and the aviation of the former Soviet Union. Most of the tours to the CIS are unthinkable without Steve.

Steve shares his passion with us through frequent articles in the PROPLINER magazine and related publications.

Steve lives close to Manchester, UK.



**Daniel**

**(Daniel Frohriep-Ichihara), “Dan the Cam”**  
(here with his wife Eriko)

Daniel is responsible for networking and the tour preparation, all the PR and preparing a tour DVD.

Daniel is a notorious (video) camera addict. Whenever you spot him with a video camera in his hand, better get out of his way. He is absolutely focused and determined on filming all flights onboard historic aircraft with a special focus on Russian planes. Whenever Daniel is in “his element”, “Mr Panic” is close to a heart attack. Once however his mission is completed, rehab over a pint of beer can work miracles and you may call off the ambulance !

Daniel's special focus on Soviet planes has its roots in his upbringings at the edge of the runway 25R at Berlin-Schönefeld airport in former East Germany. Daniel simply can not forget all those childhood memories of the TU-104s, 114s, 124s, IL-14s and 18s and Comet 4s roaring over his house in final approach with flaps fully deployed and gears extended. Daniel wants to share his mission to preserve the sights and sounds of the 50s and 60s with you and has so far published four aviations DVDs featuring the L-188 Electra, the IL-18, AN-24 and TU-134.

Daniel lives in Mainz, Germany, some 20 miles west of Frankfurt Airport.