Airshow-goer's Day Checklist

Plus a 2027 UK airshow calendar of dates announced on official organiser sites.

A printable sheet for a day at a UK airshow. Use the checklist before you leave home, and use the calendar only as a starting point. Every date below was taken from the organiser's own website, and was checked on 15 November 2026. Shows change, move or cancel. Confirm times, tickets, closures and rules on the official site before you travel.

Find more events, including ones not listed here, in our aviation events calendar at aviatorfinds.com/aviation-events/.

> **Please read first**
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> This is an independent planning aid from Aviatorfinds. It is not affiliated with any airshow, display team or organiser, and it does not replace the official rules of the show you are visiting. Rules differ from show to show — for example on gazebos, ladders, bags, drones, cooking equipment and seating. Check your show's own website.

Before you leave home

- [ ] Re-check the official show website the night before and on the morning you travel (times, last-minute changes, road closures, what you may bring).
- [ ] Tickets or booking confirmation saved offline, plus a screenshot or print-out in case mobile coverage is poor.
- [ ] Travel plan: official parking or public-transport advice, extra time for queues, and a meeting point if you get split up.
- [ ] Weather forecast for the venue, and a plan if flying is delayed or curtailed.
- [ ] Phone charged, and a power bank if you have one.
- [ ] Bank card and some cash. Some airfields have poor card coverage; some official sites recommend cash.
- [ ] Any official accessibility or assistance arrangements you have booked.

Ears, sun, rain and comfort

- [ ] Hearing protection for everyone who wants it, especially children. Airshows are loud.
- [ ] Sun protection: hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. There is often little shade on an airfield or seafront.
- [ ] Layers and a waterproof. Coastal and airfield weather can change quickly.
- [ ] Comfortable closed shoes. You will walk a long way, often on grass or shingle.
- [ ] Folding seat or blanket only if the official rules allow it, and only where they say you may use it.
- [ ] Water, and a simple packed lunch if you prefer, unless the official site asks you not to bring food.

If you are going with children

- [ ] Agree a meeting point and a simple plan if someone is separated.
- [ ] Write a parent or carer phone number on a card or wristband for younger children.
- [ ] Child-sized ear defenders, sun hat, spare layer and snacks.
- [ ] Check the official site for age guidance, buggy access and family facilities.

Photography

- [ ] Check the official site for any rules on cameras, bags, lenses or professional equipment.
- [ ] Spare memory and charged batteries. Do not step over barriers or leave the public area for a shot.
- [ ] Leave drones and other unmanned aircraft at home unless the organiser has clearly said otherwise. Many shows ban them, and some sites sit inside a flight restriction zone.

Things to leave at home unless the official rules allow them

These are often restricted or banned, but the rule is set by each show. Check first:

- [ ] Drones, model aircraft and remote-controlled aircraft.

- [ ] Gazebos, large tents, tall ladders and anything that blocks other people's view or could be a flight-safety hazard.
- [ ] Barbecues, gas cookers and other cooking equipment.
- [ ] Pets, other than assistance dogs, if the official site says animals are not allowed.
- [ ] Glass bottles or other items listed as prohibited on the official site.

After the flying

- [ ] Allow extra time to leave. Traffic and trains are often slower after a show.
- [ ] Stay behind official barriers until you are told it is safe to move, especially at evening or fireworks shows.
- [ ] Take your rubbish with you, or use the bins provided.

How this calendar was compiled

The list on the next page includes only 2027 dates that were published on the organiser's own website when we checked on 15 November 2026. We did not take dates from third-party airshow calendars. If a well-known show is missing, it is because the official site had not yet published a 2027 date, or still showed a previous year.

• RIAT 2027 is listed at MOD Boscombe Down, Amesbury, because that is what the official RIAT site says. Some unofficial calendars still mentioned RAF Fairford; we did not follow those.

• Where two official events fall on the same date, both are listed, with a note.

• Farnborough is listed separately as not running in 2027, because its official site names the next show as 17–21 July 2028.

• Re-check every official link before you book, and use our events calendar for updates: aviatorfinds.com/aviation-events/.

2027 UK airshow calendar

Dates announced on official organiser websites, checked on 15 November 2026. This is not a complete list of every UK flying display. We have left out any event whose 2027 date was not published on its own official site on that date. Always re-check the official link before you book travel.

Dates (2027)	Event	Where	Official site
Saturday 8 May 2027	IWM Duxford Flying Days: VE Day	IWM Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR	iwm.org.uk
Sunday 9 May 2027	Shuttleworth Season Premiere Air Show	Old Warden, Bedfordshire, SG18 9DT	shuttleworth.org
Saturday 29 May 2027	Shuttleworth Military Air Show	Old Warden, Bedfordshire, SG18 9DT	shuttleworth.org
Saturday 5 June 2027	IWM Duxford Flying Days: D-Day	IWM Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR	iwm.org.uk
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 June 2027	Duxford Summer Air Show Children aged 15 and under go free, according to the official page.	IWM Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR	iwm.org.uk
Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June 2027	Shuttleworth Festival of Flight Air Show	Old Warden, Bedfordshire, SG18 9DT	shuttleworth.org
Friday 16 to Sunday 18 July 2027	Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) New venue from 2027. Tickets were on sale when checked.	MOD Boscombe Down, Amesbury	airtattoo.com
Saturday 24 July 2027	Shuttleworth Summer Air Show	Old Warden, Bedfordshire, SG18 9DT	shuttleworth.org
Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 August 2027	Airbourne: Eastbourne International Airshow Described on the official site as a free seafront airshow.	Eastbourne seafront, East Sussex	eastbourneairshow.com
Saturday 14 August 2027	IWM Duxford Flying Evening An evening event. Same date as Shuttleworth Wings & Wheels.	IWM Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR	iwm.org.uk
Saturday 14 August 2027	Shuttleworth Wings & Wheels Air Show Same date as the Duxford Flying Evening.	Old Warden, Bedfordshire, SG18 9DT	shuttleworth.org
Thursday 26 and Friday 27 August 2027	Clacton Airshow Free event, organised by Tendring District Council.	Clacton-on-Sea seafront, Essex	clactonairshow.com
Saturday 28 August 2027	Shuttleworth Flying Proms Air Show	Old Warden, Bedfordshire, SG18 9DT	shuttleworth.org
Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 September 2027	Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show Children aged 15 and under go free, according to the official page.	IWM Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR	iwm.org.uk
Saturday 25 September 2027	Shuttleworth Season Finale Air Show New for 2027, according to the official page.	Old Warden, Bedfordshire, SG18 9DT	shuttleworth.org
Saturday 2 October 2027	Duxford Flying Finale	IWM Duxford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4QR	iwm.org.uk

Two events on the same date

Saturday 14 August 2027 appears twice: the official IWM Duxford Flying Evening and the official Shuttleworth Wings & Wheels Air Show. They are at different venues. Choose one official site and confirm before you travel.

Not a 2027 event

The Farnborough International Airshow is not running in 2027. The official site lists the next show as 17–21 July 2028 (farnboroughairshow.com and farnboroughinternational.org, checked 15 November 2026).

Not yet dated on the official site

These were checked on 15 November 2026. We have not printed a 2027 date because the organiser's own site did not give one, or still showed a previous year.

• The Royal Air Force Air Show at RAF Cosford (the RAF announced a rename from "RAF Cosford Air Show" from 2027). The official site cosfordairshow.co.uk still showed 2026 information, including road closures for Sunday 14 June 2026, when we checked. No 2027 date is included here.

• Wales Airshow (Swansea Bay): the official site said the event will return in 2027, but did not publish 2027 dates and still showed 25 and 26 July 2026. See walesnationalairshow.com.

• Southport Air Show, the Bournemouth Air Festival, and other seaside or military shows whose official pages did not list a 2027 date when checked.

• Further IWM Duxford Flying Days in 2027, other than VE Day and D-Day: the official airshows page said more Flying Days would be announced. We have not invented those dates.

We will add shows to a later edition once they appear on the official site. Meanwhile, check aviatorfinds.com/aviation-events/.

Sources and checking date

Facts in this download were checked against the official sources below on 15 November 2026. Rules, dates, fees and show arrangements can change. Always confirm on the official page before you rely on a figure or a date.

• Royal International Air Tattoo official site (16–18 July 2027, MOD Boscombe Down, Amesbury): https://www.airtattoo.com/

• IWM Duxford Flying Season 2027 official page: https://www.iwm.org.uk/airshows

• Shuttleworth official air show listing and individual 2027 event pages on shuttleworth.org, including Festival of Flight, Summer Air Show, Wings & Wheels, Flying Proms and Season Finale.

• Airbourne: Eastbourne International Airshow official site: https://www.eastbourneairshow.com/

• Clacton Airshow official announcement, 11 September 2026: https://clactonairshow.com/clacton-airshow-dates-revealed-for-2027/

• Farnborough International Airshow official pages for the 2028 dates: https://www.farnboroughairshow.com/ and https://farnboroughinternational.org/farnborough-international-airshow/

• RAF Cosford official site (no 2027 date found): https://cosfordairshow.co.uk/

• BBC News, 14 June 2026, report of the RAF announcing the rename to The Royal Air Force Air Show from 2027 (used only for the rename, not for a 2027 date): https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy0pz838y7o

• Wales Airshow official site (2027 return mentioned, dates not published): https://www.walesnationalairshow.com/

We did not use third-party airshow calendars as the source of any date. Aggregator sites that still listed RIAT 2027 at RAF Fairford were not followed; the official RIAT site states the move to MOD Boscombe Down.

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