

Designer Tours

Bespoke Special Interest Group Tour Operator

Ver1-Oct

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Regrettably, the Rand Dollar has yet again declined

The R/\$ was R14.75/\$1 for Oshkosh 2022 - Oshkosh 2023 was computed at R17.10/\$1 (02Dec'22), a 16% increase.
The R/\$ was R17.10/\$1 for Oshkosh 2023 - Oshkosh 2024 was been computed at R19.15/\$1 (02 Oct'23), a 12% increase.
This factor alone increased the 2023 Tour Sharing Fare by R4,100.

More regret. Horrific USA Room Rates commenced last year, more that 33% was the average.

09 Jun 2022, a Bloomberg report. Hotel prices increased by around 33% across the U.S. over the last year.
Click on > <https://www.gobankingrates.com/saving-money/hotels/hotel-prices-soaring>

The Country Inn (Radisson), our hotel, is currently online quoting \$499 a night

Fortunately in 2022, our contract for 2023 was set for two years. The 2024 rate impacted the Tour Sharing Fare by R1,400.
But - at \$499 plus for 2025 - we fear that 2024 will be our last Oshkosh Tour.

Please see the last page below for a list of all hotels who still (as at 02 Oct) have rooms availab

le from 21-28 July.

The Tour starts at O'Hare Airport on Sun 21 July at 1230h
And ends at O'Hare Airport on Sun 28 July at 1430h

OSHKOSH 2024 * 8 Days * 21 - 28 July

Monday to Saturday SIX FULL Days at Airventure in Oshkosh

Single - One King Bedded Suite - **R63,200**
Sharing - One King Bedded Suite - **R40,300** - per person

King Bedded suite 24sqm:- bedroom plus en suite Lounge with Sleeper Sofa, Armchair, Large Desk
Two TV's, Free Wifi & Mini Fridge

Sharing - One King Bedded Suite or Two Queen Bedded rooms - **R40,300** - per person

Two Queen-sized bedded rooms 22sqm:- a really spacious 22 sqm – Desk, TV, Free Wifi & Mini fridge

Weather Issues

Weather issues caused an average of over 30,000 USA flight delays, during each July month since 2016
Note that in this count, a "delay" of less than two hours is not included

For that reason, we advise that you should arrange your flight to arrive on Saturday, 20 July
We suggest that you should accommodate at the Hilton O'Hare Airport Hotel
For details click on > [Meeting-in-Chicago](#)

The Hilton O'Hare Hotel

From Terminals Two and Three - stroll through the underground walkway
From Terminal Five to Terminal Two - no cost Underground Shuttle Train

Sharing - King Bedded Room or Two Queen Beds - R1,200 per person
Single - King Bedded Room - R2,400 per person
Breakfast is not included in the rate

Deposits

R8 000 is required to confirm commitment and secure your valuable room.

Deposits are refundable on cancellation until 15 May 2024.

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Card - Please advise us, and we will email a Payment Request from PayFast. Click on > [Pay Fast](#)

Final Payments

Final payments, being the selected Tour Fare less deposits paid, are due by 30 May 2024 latest.

The Tour Fare Includes

Accommodation	- 7 Nights with breakfast at the Luxurious Radisson Appleton Country Inn
Welcome Dinner-Drinks	- Sunday 21 st evening at the Machine Shed
Luxury coach to Appleton	- Sunday 21 st
Luxury coach daily transfers	- Monday to Saturday
Luxury coach to O'Hare Airport	- Sunday 28 th
Loan of a lightweight folding camp chair for watching the daily airshows in comfort	

Excluded from the Fare

Airfares to and from Chicago and EAA entry cost.

Rand/Dollar

The fares quoted were computed on the 02 October 2023 - Bank Selling rate of R19.050/\$.

The fares will be adjusted to the rate applicable on final payment – due by 30 May 2024.

Or on receipt of full payment at an earlier date, the R/\$ rate on that date will be computed as the final amount.

Special Events

The EAA Airventure. Six Days, Monday to Saturday.

The EAA Airventure. EAA Night Airshows on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

The Harley Davidson Museum. A 90 minute visit.

Inclusive Meals

Breakfasts included daily, except on Sunday 21 July.

Welcome Dinner-Drinks at the Machine Shed on the arrival night at Appleton.

An own menu choice dinner, with local beers, wines and softs provided.

Accommodation

Appleton WI - The Country Inn and Suites (Seven nights)

Click on > [Appleton Country-Inn & Suites](#)

Four Star, Modern, Spacious and Luxurious. Rooms are huge, attractive, clean, functional and very comfortable

It is the Inn's location which counts heavily in its favour. It is a matter of 50 metres from the Machine Shed Restaurant

The Machine Shed is also the pick-up point for the daily transfers to and from the Oshkosh Airshow

Plus ten good and inexpensive eateries and huge shopping mall and "food-court", all within a kilometre of the hotel

Chicago IL - The Hilton O'Hare Hotel for Saturday, for 22 July arrivals.

Click on > [Hilton Chicago O'Hare Airport](#)

Four Star, Modern, Spacious and Luxurious. Our hotel's location is brilliant. Across the roadway from Terminals 2&3, but accessed by a 100m underground walkway. Terminal 5 provides a no charge railway shuttle to Terminal 2

Convenient and attractive Bar-Restaurant.

Daily Transport to and from Oshkosh

On arrival at the hotel, group members are provided with the timetable for the shuttle service and a Shuttle Service Pass. This pass allows the holder one daily journey from the Machine Shed to the Oshkosh main gate, and back.

For Airventure '23 the service operated hourly (0800h to 2000h), there and back. The 2024 schedule is not yet available.

On Wednesday and Saturday nights, the EAA features a "Night Airshow". A special coach departs for the hotel at 2230h.

Our hotel is located in Appleton. It is the first town northwards from Oshkosh, 37 km on the I-41 Highway.

The Oshkosh Airfield entrance borders the I-41 Highway. The coach trip takes about 25 minutes.

A special roadway, which is open only for coach traffic, provides rapid access directly to the Main Gate.

The Machine Shed is 50 metres from the hotel. It is the pick-up and drop-off point for those attending the show who are accommodating at one of the six hotels in the area.

Folding Camp Chairs

On arrival at the hotel, group members are provided with a folding camp chair with the tour member's names "tagged". The chairs are light and easy to carry.

On arrival at the airshow, the chairs can be stowed in the International Visitors' Marquee.

Chairs can be positioned from where best observation of the afternoon's airshow can be achieved.

We have yet to experience a case of a missing chair.

On departing from the airshow daily, chairs should be stowed in the International Visitors' Marquee.

On the final day, chairs should be returned to the hotel.

Tour Escorts

Our Oshkosh groups have been annually escort-directed since 1995 by Calvin Fabig and Wendy Moulton

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Please contact us should you have any questions regarding the tour

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Disclaimer

In the following conditions, "DT" means Designer Tours, P.O. Box 373, Constantia, 7848, SA, and "The Client" means the person or persons in whose name and/or on whose behalf the booking is made.

A. There is no contract between DT and the client until DT has received the deposit, and the final payment, which must be settled by the date specified. If not paid in that time, DT reserves the right to cancel the booking with consequent loss of deposit.

B. DT has the right at any time and for any reason to cancel the contract prior to the date of departure. If it does so, its liability shall be limited to refunding the monies paid by the client, and or to amend, alter, withdraw or vary any facility it has published, or to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary. In either case DT shall not be liable for any damage, additional expense or consequential loss suffered by the client.

C. No person, other than DT, in writing, has the authority to vary, add, amplify, or waive any description, representation, term or condition set forth in this offer.

D. In the event of DT exercising its rights to amend or alter the tour after such has been booked, the client shall have the right to continue with the tour as amended or altered, or to cancel the contract and to be repaid in full. In neither of these circumstances shall DT be liable to the client for any damage, additional expense or consequential loss suffered by the client.

E. No liability on the part of DT, arising in any way out of this contract, shall exceed the total amount paid or agreed to be paid for the tour and shall in no case include any consequential loss or additional expense.

F. DT, shall, in no circumstances whatsoever, be liable to the client or any person travelling with him for any death, personal injury, sickness, accident, loss, delay, increased expense, consequential loss or any misadventure howsoever caused, or any act omission or default of any hotelier, carrier, or other person, or by any servant or agent employed by them, who may be engaged or concerned in the provision of accommodation, refreshment, carriage facility or service for the client or for any person travelling with him, however caused, or the temporary or permanent loss or damage to baggage or personal effects howsoever caused. In this condition, the expression "howsoever caused" includes negligence on the part of any person.

G. In entering into the contract, DT, in addition to acting for itself, is, and shall be deemed to be, acting as agent and trustee of its servants, agents and contractors, and as agent and trustee of all operators and their servants, agents and contractors, who at any time, directly or indirectly, take part in the effectuation of the tour. All such persons and companies shall to this extent be, or deemed to be, parties to the contract and shall be entitled to the benefit of the same immunities and exemptions from liability as are available to DT under these conditions.

H. Each of these conditions shall be severable from the other, and if any provision be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless have full force and effect.

J. This agreement constitutes the whole agreement between the parties, and no terms, conditions, representations or warranties not contained herein shall have any force or effect.

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Rooms available in the Oshkosh Area

Area	km from EAA	Booking.com as at 02 October 2023	Cost	Cost
		Hotel Name	Room only	Room only
		All breakfast inclusive unless specified	Rand 8 nights	US\$ 1 night
Oshkosh	4	Motel 6 (no breakfasts)	R45 594	\$299
	4	La Quinta	R72 690	\$477
Kaukauna	51	Days Inn	R66 011	\$433
Appleton	37	Baymont Hotel	R35 284	\$232
		Travel Lodge	R38 160	\$250
		Howard Johnson	R43 003	\$282
		Copper Leaf	R51 042	\$335
		La Quinta	R52 634	\$345
		Holiday Inn	R64 788	\$425
		Country Inn	R76 001	\$499
		Hampton Inn	R104 574	\$686