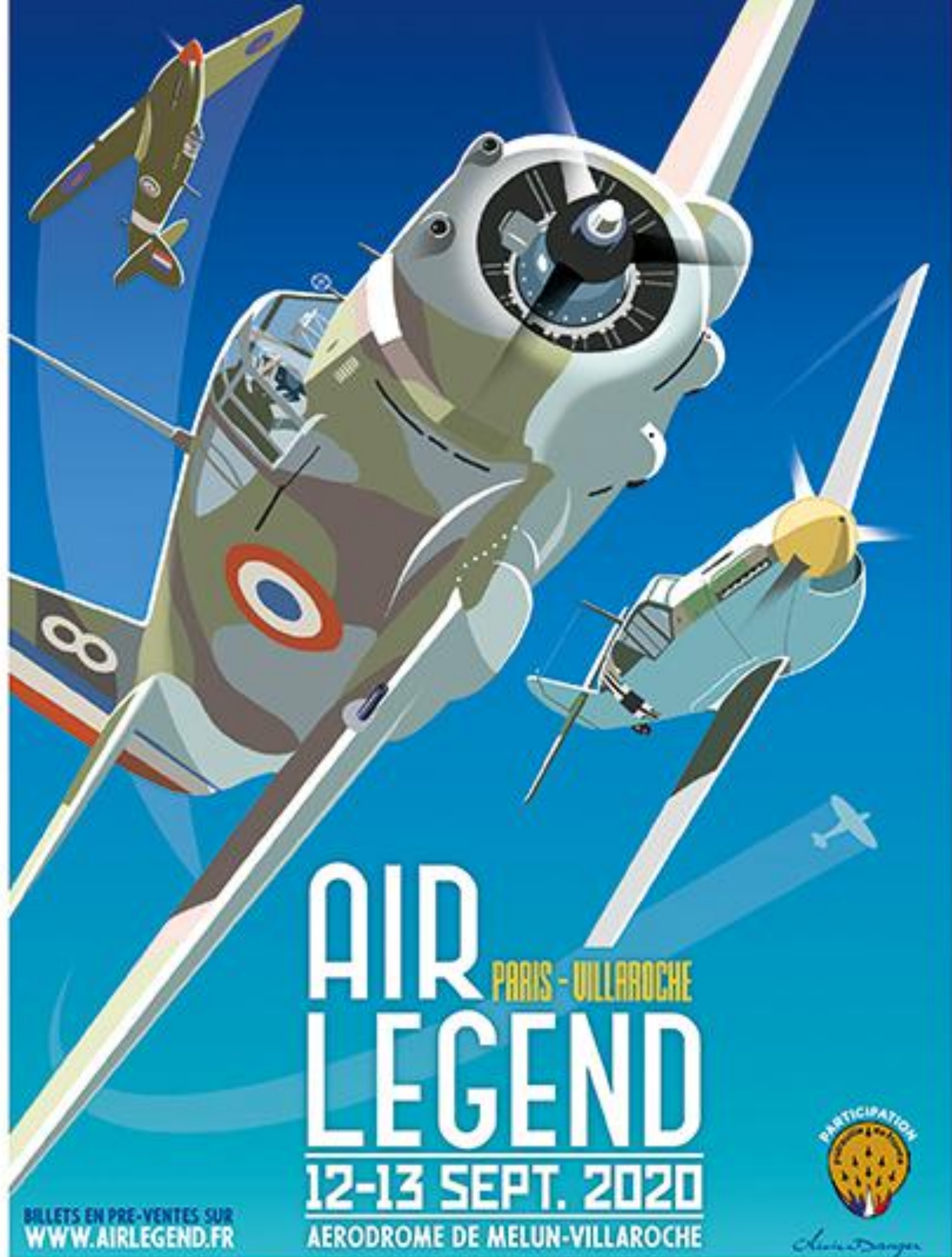




AIR LEGEND

PARIS - VILLAROCHE

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AERODROME DE MELUN-VILLAROCHE

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PRESENTATION

The Paris-Villaroche AIR LEGEND airshow is a must-see event, that takes place every second week-end of September, on the Melun-Villaroche airfield, 25 miles South-East of Paris.

This exceptional event offers you the opportunity to see iconic aircraft in flight, some of which very rarely seen in airshows.

It is also the only event in France where the public can come so close to all the airplanes and their pilots, such as the jets of the [Patrouille de France](#).

Come and admire the flight display of over one hundred aircraft, from the iconic Spitfire or Blenheim 1939 bomber, to classic and modern jets!

During the morning, visit the static aircraft display, where speakers will be available to give you insights about their history and answer your questions.

Before the airshow, you will be able to enjoy the performance of classics of the 1940's by the UK's premier Wartime Act, [The D-Day Darlings](#), acclaimed following their success on 2018's [Britain's Got Talent](#) and their hugely successful debut Album "I'll Remember You" charting number 15 in the official album charts and receiving a BRIT Break through Award.

They will perform at the Paris Villaroche Air Legend event as a quintet and will take you back in time, at the sound of iconic songs of the 1930-40's.

Also included with your ticket entrance, flight simulators of aircraft such as the P-47 Thunderbolt, Airbus A320 and the French Armée de l'Air will offer visitors the opportunity to experience piloting, with the assistance of experts.

[Reenactment villages](#) depicting RAF, Luftwaffe, Armée de l'Air 1940, "France 1940", with vintage vehicles (cars, motorbikes), will immerse you in a 1940's atmosphere. You will be able to watch the reenactors give life to scenes of the past, and also talk with them to learn about the equipment and vehicles they will demonstrate in situ.

A kids village will also be available to entertain the youngest.

The exhibitors' village will present top quality stalls, from France but also coming from Britain, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and other European countries. They will offer for sale a wide choice of aviation-themed items such as new and second-hand books, illustrations, picture frames, artisanal objects, photography, flight jackets and much more!

Food stalls and restaurants will welcome you all along the week-end, for a quick snack or for a full sat-down meal.

Among the stars of the airshow:

- The Blenheim, early WWII bomber
- The Lysander, famous for its secret operations in occupied territory
- An exceptional number of 1939-45 warbirds: Spitfires, Hurricanes, Curtiss P36, P-40, Mustang P-51, MS406...
- The Patrouille de France



PROGRAMME

Paris Villaroche AIR LEGEND
is two days of non-stop
entertainment!



8h

Gates open



9h

VIP lounge opens



9h-13h

Concerts by the « D-Day Darling », British vocal group



9h-18h

Exhibitors village,
Food stalls & restaurant
1940 reenactment
Kids playground
Flight simulators



9h30-11h30

Aircraft flightline visit
Meet & greet the crews

AND ANIMATIONS



8h-12h

Flight experience in vintage airplanes



Photo: Baptiste Laurent

13h-18h

Airshow

This exceptional show will present legendary aircraft, some of which hardly ever seen in France. During 5 hours each day, the public will enjoy watching over one hundred airplanes in flight ; from Spitfires or 1943 bomber to vintage and modern jets!



Photo: Erwan Garel

19h

« Soirée des aviateurs »
(Saturday only)



Photo: Erwan Garel

THE FLIGHTLINE



JU 52, "Tante Ju" F-AZJU



Stinson AT-19, N1943S



Yak 11, "Moose", F-AZNN



Bristol Blenheim Mk1, G-BPIV



Curtiss P-36C, G-CIXJ



Westland Lysander, G-CCOM

THE FLIGHTLINE



P-40 N5, F-AZKU



HAWKER HURRICANE MK I, G-ROBT



The Ultimate Fighters formation



PBX Catalina G-PBYA



Boeing Stearman Kaydet, PT17 / N2S, F-AZXN (FFW)



Cessna 337 Skymaster, F-HCRF

THE FLIGHTLINE



Piper L4-B, F-GHIP



The Patrouille de France



GRUMMAN TBM-3E " AVENGER", HB-RDG



DOUGLAS AD4N SKYRAIDER, F-AZFN



North American T-6, F-AZCV



Bücker Casa BU-131 Jungmann, F-AZZF

THE FLIGHTLINE



P-51D, F-AZSB "NOOKY BOOKY"



Curtiss Wright H-75A-1 Hawk, G-CCVH



Morane-Saulnier MS-406, HB-RCF



Rafale



Rafale Marine

... and more to come!

AN AIRFIELD WITH A PRESTIGIOUS HISTORY

MELUN-VILLAROCHE: FROM A SMALL AIRFIELD TO A TEST FLIGHT AIRBASE

Located 25 miles South-West of Paris, at the centre of the Brie region, the Paris-Villaroche airfield is a former test flight airbase.

This compound was occupied in turns by the French, then the German and then American Air Forces.

After WWII, the Snecma company established its offices near the runways, whereas Dassault Aviation started testing there their Ouragan, Mystère, Mirage, Balzac, and other aircraft.

Other aircraft manufacturers such as Breguet Aviation, René Hirsch, René Leduc, Morane-Saulnier, or Potez Aviation, the SNCAN and the SNCASO are assembling their aircraft there too.



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At the end of 1946, buildings and hangars are built North of the runways and then a control tower is added.

In December 1947, the Snecma – now known as Safran Aircraft Engines – start their test flights, after moving from the Vélizy-Villacoublay airfield. The engine division of the Safran group has gone down in the history of aeronautics with assembling military engines such as the M53 (Mirage 2000) or the M88 (Rafale) but also the civilian CFM and Leap reactors, that are the most produced aircraft engines in the world. They are used, among others, on the Airbus A320 and the Boeing 737.

On the 28th February 1948, Colonel Constantin Rozanoff was the first to take off from the Melun-Villaroche airfield in a jet, a Dassault Ouragan fitted with Rolls-Royce Nene engines.

Sadly, he died in a crash on 3rd avril 1954 when displaying the Mystère IV, because of a flight control failure.

During the 1980's, the runways are 60 m wide and 2800 meters long (1 972 m now) and 2 400 meters (now 1 300 m), permitting aircraft over 60 tons to land.

The airfield, that had been managed by the armament direction (DGA), for the Ministry of Defence for a long time, was passed on to the Ministry of Transportation in January 1982. Test flights were then moved to Brétigny, Istres and then at Cazaux in order to avoid the busy Parisian air space constraints.



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FROM PAST TO PRESENT

TODAY, MELUN-VILLAROCHE REMAINS AN IMPORTANT AERONAUTICAL CENTER AND IS DEVELOPPING ITS CIVIL AVIATION SECTOR, OPENED SINCE OCTOBER 2014



Vintage aviation, pleasure flights and the aviation industry are here developing along side each other.

In 2007, the airfield management was transferred to the SYMPAV (Syndicat mixte du pôle d'activités de Villaroche), and the airfield is now used by a centre of [the École nationale de l'aviation civile](#) (ENAC), the [aéro-club « Constantin Rozanoff »](#), the aerial work company [Aéro-Sotravia](#), and the maintenance and painting workshops of Aéropale.

Several associations are dedicated to the conservation, maintenance and flight operation of several vintage aircraft based on [the](#) airfield : the [AMPAA](#), and [French Flying Warbirds](#).

The [Safran](#) group runs also here one of their major sites. Its engine division is assembling military reactors as well as the CFM and Leap power plants, the most produced aircraft engines in the world, that are used on Airbus A320 and Boeing 737, among others.

The airfield is currently developing its business aviation offer.

An average of 50 business aircraft a month is expected within a couple of years.

Since April 2013, a handling company, [Elyxan](#), is providing its services, with a 2 400 m2 heated hangar that can shelter a dozen of jets.



ON THE GROUND ANIMATIONS

EXHIBITORS

A village of exhibitors, with shops and food stalls will welcome you throughout the weekend.

Visiting the [static aircraft display](#), on the morning, will be for you an opportunity to have a close look at the aircraft that will be flying during the afternoon airshow, and meet their crews.

FLIGHT SIMULATORS of diverse aircraft types, such as P-47, Thunderbolt, Airbus A320 and French Air Force, will be available for your enjoyment!

REENACTMENT VILLAGES

Reenactment of RAF, Luftwaffe, and French Air Force 1940's camps, with period vehicles and aircraft, will take you back in time.

You will be able to watch the reenactors stage scenes of the past, and also interact with them and learn details about their material and vehicles that they will introduce to you in their context.



PRICES

INTERNET DISCOUNT PRICE	CHILD (<12 yrs)	TEEN (12-16 yrs)	ADULT (>16 yrs)
ENTRANCE TICKET	OFFERED !	12€ *	24€ *
OPTION FLIGHTLINE VISIT	OFFERED !	5€	5€
OPTION RESERVED SEAT	5€	5€	5€

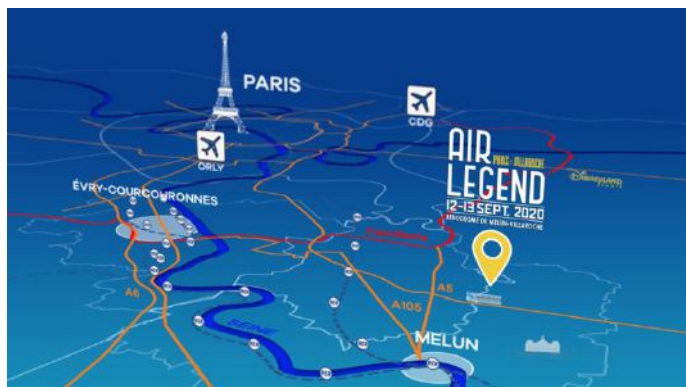
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PRICE AT THE GATE : ADULT ENTRANCE 29€ / TEEN 14€



ACCESS

DRIVE TO THE EVENT/ FREE PARKING



BY CAR FROM PARIS

Take exit 12 or 13 of the A5b
Parking available



Aérodrome de Melun Villaroche
77950 Montereau-sur-le-Jard
FRANCE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Melun train station
Shuttle buses will be available mornings and evenings between the Melun RER station and the airfield.

The shuttle timetables will be published here from August 18th onwards. Information about road and health safety measures will also detailed then.

You will be able to book your shuttle ticket online.

The return ticket will cost €4.

DRIVING TO THE AIRSHOW

[Plan your itinerary](#)



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