

**A VISIT TO BROOKLANDS, WEYBRIDGE, SURREY
TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2017**

Brooklands Museum is the birthplace of British motor sport and aviation. Established in 1907 as the first purpose-built motor racing track, Brooklands rapidly became a world centre of technology and engineering excellence and the site of speed records by Malcolm Campbell, John Cobb and others. Aviation followed swiftly, with powered flight developments by early pioneers including A V Roe and Tommy Sopwith. Brooklands was a major aircraft factory during World War II. In the post-war years it was responsible for a succession of military and civil aircraft, and contributed significantly to the design and manufacture of Concorde. Since the end of aircraft production in 1987, much of the original site has been maintained to allow visitors to view this unique industrial heritage site.

Highlights of the museum include:

- The AIRCRAFT PARK, with aircraft built at Brooklands including the Vanguard, Viscount and VC10
- The newly-refurbished Bellman hangar housing the museum's AIRCRAFT FACTORY, featuring the history of aircraft manufacture and a view on future technology
- The FLIGHT SHED with display of historic aircraft**
- The MOTORING VILLAGE, with historic racing vehicles, the Grand Prix Exhibition and cycle and motorcycle displays
- The 1907 CLUBHOUSE, evoking the atmosphere of pre-war Brooklands
- Parts of the original RACE TRACK and test hill
- The STRATOSPHERE CHAMBER, built to test aircraft under extreme conditions and recently opened for exhibition
- The LONDON BUS MUSEUM, presenting the history of bus transport since its earliest times
- An opportunity to take a virtual flight on CONCORDE and a pre-war motor race experience in the new 4D THEATRE (NB. 4D Theatre not recommended for persons with heart or back conditions etc.) – at extra cost, see below.



We will travel by coach from Bookham (departing 9.30 a.m) and our visit will include an introductory talk on the museum, a voucher for coffee and cake and the opportunity to view the museum's exhibits at your own pace. Lunch may be purchased in the museum's Sunbeam Café. The party is expected to leave Brooklands at 4.00 p.m., arriving at Bookham by about 5.00 p.m.

*The cost for the day will be **£22** per person plus £5 per person for the Concorde Experience and £5 per person for the 4D Theatre (or £9 per person for the two activities), if required. **Places for Concorde and the 4D Theatre (which are limited) need to be paid for at the time of booking.***

*** The Aircraft Factory and the Flight Shed are part of an extensive development of the museum's facilities and are expected to be open in time for our visit.*