

Dear AirVenture Guest,

AirVenture is a must-see event for any aviation enthusiast! If you're coming from another country, you have unique logistics to prepare for. This guide is meant to help you not only plan your trip to Oshkosh, but also to help you once you're here.

GETTING STARTED

RECOMMENDED APPS

» **EAA Events App**

Download the EAA Events App to make the most of your visit! With this app, you can access grounds and transportation maps, food vendor locations and menus, forum schedules, and more.

For more information and to download the mobile app, visit EAA.org/App.



» **Language Translation App**

For those who need language assistance, we recommend downloading a translation mobile app. Translation services are available at the International Visitors Tent, but using a mobile app can help with navigation and offer additional comfort during your travels to and around Oshkosh. Access the latest version of these apps via Google Play or the App Store.

GETTING TO OSHKOSH

FLYING TO THE U.S.

Some low-cost airlines offer very good ticket prices to the U.S. Check several airlines to find the best one for you. Chicago O'Hare (ORD) is the largest international airport within driving distance (three to four hours from Oshkosh), but you might also consider a commuter flight from any major U.S. airport to some of the smaller, closer airports. Dane County Regional (MSN) in Madison, General Mitchell International (MKE) in Milwaukee, Austin Straubel International (GRB) in Green Bay, or Appleton International (ATW) in Appleton, are all less than a two-hour drive to Oshkosh.

To get the best deal on airfare, book your flights as early as possible.

TRAVELING FROM THE AIRPORT TO OSHKOSH

» **Transportation Options**

Depending on which airport you're flying into, there are a couple of options for you to get to Oshkosh.

HIRE A DRIVER THROUGH UBER OR LYFT.

When doing this, make sure that you know the following details:

- Exactly where the driver should pick you up.
- That the driver can get to the spot to pick you up.
- The driver's phone number.

RENT A CAR FROM THE AIRPORT AND DRIVE TO OSHKOSH.

Here are some tips for renting cars:

- Preorder your insurance online ahead of time.
- Print a copy of what you've ordered and keep it with you.
- Some agents may ask you to purchase additional insurance; if you know what coverage you need and order it in advance, there shouldn't be a need to purchase more.

» **Toll Roads**

Although there are no toll roads in Wisconsin, Illinois does have tolls. I-Pass is an automatic electronic payment system for the highway tolls in Illinois and surrounding states.

If you're flying into ORD and driving into Wisconsin, there are a few ways to pay the Illinois tolls.

PAY AT THE MANUAL TOLL BOOTHS.

- Manual tolls are more expensive than I-Pass automated tolls.

RENT AN I-PASS.

- Before you travel, add the rental vehicle's license plate as well as the start and end dates for the rental period to your I-Pass account.

PURCHASE AN I-PASS.

- Consider this option if you come frequently to Oshkosh, or if you plan to visit other areas of the U.S. where an I-Pass can be used.
- Purchased I-Pass devices can be used on certain toll road systems elsewhere in the U.S., such as E-ZPass.
- The devices do not expire, and you can add money to your account online.

For more information about I-Pass, visit GetIPass.com.

TRANSPORTATION WHILE IN OSHKOSH

During your stay in Oshkosh, consider using Uber or Lyft instead of a rental car if you are:

- Staying in Camp Scholler.
- Staying at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.
- Not planning on traveling off-site frequently.

Bicycles can be used in Camp Scholler and off-site but are not allowed on the AirVenture grounds. The Goodwill store not far from the airport often has used bicycles for sale.

For more information on shuttles and bus routes during AirVenture, visit EAA.org/AirVenture/Transportation.



STAYING IN OSHKOSH

There are many options for lodging during AirVenture. Reservations fill quickly! Book your arrangements as early as possible to ensure appropriate accommodation for your group size, style, and budget.

CAMPING

There are several camping opportunities around the AirVenture grounds:

» **Camp Scholler**

Features individual campsites that are available for tents and vehicles of all sizes.

- Some sites also feature electric and water hookups.
- Open to EAA members only; at least one person in your group must be an EAA member when booking a space.
- On-site shower facilities, electronics charging stations, Wi-Fi, and other amenities are available.
- For your basic grocery and camping needs, Red One Markets are located in multiple locations on-site.

- Help raise money for EAA chapters by attending daily pancake breakfasts at the Camp Scholler Chapter Pavilion.

To reserve your spot, or to learn more about planning your stay at Camp Scholler, visit

EAA.org/AirVenture/Plan-Your-EAA-AirVenture-Trip/EAA-Camping-and-Lodging/Camp-Scholler.



» **Other Campgrounds**

There are other campground in the area; search online for details.

» **Aircraft Camping**

If you're flying into KOSH, you can camp under your airplane's wing. Open to EAA members only.

For details on aircraft camping, visit **EAA.org/AirVenture/Plan-Your-EAA-AirVenture-Trip/EAA-Camping-and-Lodging/Airplane-Camping.**



HOTELS

Hotels in and around Oshkosh fill up quickly — often a year in advance. Room rates may be higher during AirVenture. Book early and look for deals when choosing a hotel.

OTHER LODGING

» **University Dormitory**

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UWO)

- Offers dormitories at an affordable price.
- Shared restroom and shower facilities.
- Shuttle bus available to and from the university and AirVenture grounds.
- For more information on UWO rentals, visit UWOsh.edu/Conferences/EAA-Lodging.

» **Private Housing**

Many residents rent out rooms, or sometimes their entire houses, to AirVenture guests through a variety of websites such as Airbnb and VRBO. The location, amenities, and cost all vary, as each homeowner sets their own pricing. Review all details carefully, and ask the host questions if you need clarification on anything.

STAYING CONNECTED IN OSHKOSH

Before coming to Oshkosh, check with your cell phone service provider to see if your phone/SIM card will work in the U.S. You also have the option to purchase a SIM card or Tracfone from a provider's store location in Oshkosh.

WI-FI AND APPS

The AirVenture grounds and many Oshkosh business locations offer Wi-Fi. Aside from email and social media, you can stay connected with others via apps such as Messenger or WhatsApp. Make sure to coordinate in advance with friends and family regarding which app will be preferred.

AIRVENTURE TEXT ALERTS

You can receive timely AirVenture text alerts to your phone! To sign up, just send a text with one or all the following codes, to 64600:

- **OSHFUN** — For notable features and attractions (maximum of eight texts per day).
- **OSHALERT** — For any necessary weather alerts.
- **OSHARRIVAL** — For updates on the status of AirVenture arrivals.

Text message rates may apply; check with your cell phone provider.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE IN OSHKOSH

GROCERY AND DINING AT AIRVENTURE

» **Red One Market**

Grocery store offering basics for camping and travel, such as milk, snacks, and bags of ice.

For more details and market location information, visit EAA.org/AirVenture/Features-and-Attractions/Shopping.



» **Food and Concessions**

Many menus have vegetarian (V) and gluten-free (GF) options available.

For a full list of food vendors at AirVenture, visit EAA.org/AirVenture/Plan-Your-EAA-AirVenture-Trip/Food-and-Concessions.



OFF-SITE GROCERY AND DINING

» **Grocery and Essentials**

Pick 'n Save, located within walking distance of Wittman Regional Airport, is a full grocery store with a liquor department, deli, and bakery. Wisconsin state law prohibits the sale of alcohol after 9 p.m. You can purchase alcohol in bars and restaurants, but drinks must be consumed on the premises.

Target and Walmart are department stores that offer grocery, clothing, pharmacy, and other items of interest. Target is located near Pick 'n Save. Walmart is not within walking distance of AirVenture but is open 24 hours a day.

» **Restaurants**

Oshkosh and surrounding towns have restaurants with many cuisines available. Plan for extended wait times at any nearby location during the week of AirVenture. Some restaurants offer delivery, often via third-party delivery services, for a small fee.

TIPPING

It's customary to tip restaurant waiters and delivery drivers around 20% of the total bill. You can decide to tip more or less, depending on the quality of the service.

It's customary to tip bar or tavern bartenders a few dollars.

Welcome to Oshkosh!

Should you need any further information while you're visiting AirVenture, send an email with your inquiry to membership@eaa.org.