



THINGS TO KNOW... THINGS TO EXPECT!

Plan ahead and optimize your experience...



Ocean City, Maryland has so much to offer whether visiting as an individual, couple or family! If you plan to make the trek to enjoy the 2010 OC Air Show; why not take advantage of the amenities of Ocean City! Plan your extended stay by arriving early, booking at one of our partnering hotels, enjoying the beach, boardwalk, shops, restaurants and evening entertainment. Avoid the traffic of a Town hosting four great weekend events and find the presence of mind to relax!

In this document, we provide you with key details to consider when building your schedule for a fun-filled air show and Ocean City experience!

GET TO KNOW OC!

Ocean City, Maryland is rich in history, beach space and things to see and do. Your enjoyment is Ocean City's mission with its white-sand beaches, world famous Boardwalk, spectacular golf courses, accommodations, superb dining, boating, bay and deep-sea fishing, nature tours, water sports, art galleries, museums, and antique and outlet shopping. Splash in the surf, or sit back and watch the waves roll in and out. Paddle a canoe or kayak. Take a hike on a nature trail. Fly a kite or build a sand castle. Explore the heritage of the Lower Shore by visiting scenic nearby towns and touring the wonderful museums and art galleries.

FANTASTIC FISHING - Spend a day out at sea on a charter boat in search of white or blue marlin, bluefish, and tuna; or venture out in smaller craft in the bay waters to catch flounder, trout and sea bass.

NATURE ABOUNDS - Enjoy a scenic afternoon or after dinner evening cruise along our waterways. Eco-cruises provide the chance to see porpoises and whales off Ocean City's coast. Or take one of the inland bay cruises in search of wildlife closer to land. Numerous species of wild birds inhabit the area, including pelicans, herons, egrets, piping plover and bitterns. A trip to nearby Assateague Island takes you to a treasure trove of barrier island life where the famous wild horses can be found wandering the island.

WATER SPORTS - Ocean City offers a variety of water sport experiences. Rent a boat and glide along the bay. Or take out jet ski and dash across the waves. For a bird's eye view of Ocean City, enjoy parasailing high above the bay or ocean. You can also enjoy kayaking, canoeing, surfing, and windsurfing.

GREAT GOLF - Ocean City is the premier golf vacation destination. Golfers can enjoy numerous area championship golf courses, including Ocean City's own course, Eagle's Landing, named one of the top 10 municipal golf courses in the U.S.A., all within a very short drive of the beach.

DINING - Choose from many waterside settings for a fine dining experience. Since its earliest days, Ocean City has been known for its outstanding menu offerings and our restaurants offer everything from famous Eastern Shore seafood fresh from the docks, to a variety of ethnic cuisines. Delicious seafood favorites including Maryland's famous blue crab, lobster, oysters, clams and daily from ocean waters tempt the discriminating diner.



MAGICAL EVENINGS - Enjoy an evening stroll on Ocean City's famous Boardwalk, the three-mile promenade-by-the-sea. Amusement rides, specialty shops and a vast assortment of treats await your visit.



PERFECT FOR YOU - From inspiring sunrises over the Atlantic to breathtaking sunsets on the bay, every season offers a reason to visit Ocean City. Families have been vacationing in our resort for generations.

Visit the shore and make Ocean City, Maryland your place in the sun. For more information, call the Ocean City Department of Tourism and Visitors and Convention Bureau at 1-800-OCOCEAN (1-800-626-2326) or visit their web site at www.ococean.com.

OCEAN CITY'S WORLD FAMOUS BOARDWALK

The Boardwalk is a must-visit attraction. Its turn-of-the-century charm starts with the traditional wood walkway that stretches three miles along the coast from the Inlet to 27th Street. An early **morning bicycle ride** along the Boardwalk is a great way to begin every day in Ocean City. Numerous bicycle rental shops are conveniently located to get you on your way but make sure you rent your bikes before 10:00am to get in your riding time!



Enjoy browsing through the **Boardwalk shops** for that perfect souvenir. Then take time to indulge in a treat from one of the many eateries along the way. Eastern Shore seafood, Maryland fried chicken, pit beef barbecue, sizzling cheeseburgers, freshly baked pizzas funnel cakes, ice cream and famous french fries are just a few of the menu offerings available along the Boardwalk.

Children of all ages enjoy the **Boardwalk's amusements** and arcades. From the antique carousel to a thrilling roller coaster ride, the amusements beckon all. Get a birds-eye view of the barrier island from atop the ferris wheel on the pier and test your skills at the many games found along the southern end of the Boardwalk and pier. Street performers entertain the passersby, while kites of all shapes and sizes soar overhead.



The **Ocean City Boardwalk Tram** is a great way to experience the sights and sounds of Ocean City's Boardwalk. The Ocean tram operates from the Inlet to 27th Street, a distance of almost three miles along the scenic Boardwalk. Trams begin or end their route at the north (27th Street) or south (Inlet) stations, and stop at most locations along the way to load or discharge passengers. You may also request the tram to stop at most locations along the route should you desire to board. Trams are wheel chair accessible. Tram fare is for one-way passage only. **Discount fares are available by way of a punch card. Inquire at either tram station, or ask the tram conductor. The tram operation is subject to prevailing weather conditions. See station operators or call 410-723-1606 or 410-289-5311 for further information.**

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Birding and nature walks are scheduled throughout the year at Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum, 410-632-2032. Delmarva Birding Weekend takes place the last weekend in April at various locations throughout the county. Call for your free bird guide and checklist at 800-852-0335.

A number of **hiking trails** exist in both the Pocomoke River State Forest and Park and at Assateague Island National Seashore. Some are handicap-accessible. For a complete listing of trails, call 800-852-0335. Worcester County Tourism Office P.O. Box 208, Snow Hill, MD 21863, 800-852-0335 or 410-632-3110, www.visitworcester.org, email: econ@ezy.net

EVENT WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Not only does Ocean City, Maryland have plenty to offer throughout the tourist Season, it also offers several special events the same weekend as the OC Air Show!

June 5, 2010

Council of Baltimore Ravens Roosts Annual Parade

The parade is scheduled to take place on Baltimore Avenue from 19th Street to approximately 33rd Street (end of Baltimore Ave.) with parade staging from 15th Street to 19th Street. Expected start time is 10:00am with the parade running northward with an expected end time of 12:00pm. The annual parade showcases over 50 member roosts from MD, DE & PA, as they show pride for the Baltimore Ravens. Players, cheerleaders, mascots, bands, floats & more appear in this two-hour parade. Featured appearance by the Pep Band of Baltimore's Marching Ravens. Contact Sue Draper for additional information, sdraper65@verizon.net. www.councilrr.com.

June 5-6, 2010

OC Car & Truck Show

This custom car event takes place all weekend at the Convention Center, 40th St. & Bay. It is the largest automotive & youth culture event in Ocean City & on the East Coast with hundreds of vehicles & live musical acts performing all weekend. There is an admission charge for this event. Event times are Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Contact Brian Stoehr for additional information, 302-436-0183. www.occarshow.com, occarshow02@aol.com.



June 5-6, 2010

Sand Duels Beach Soccer Tournament

The Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge will be held at the south end of the boardwalk north of the pier and is Maryland's original and largest sand soccer tournament. Both youth and adult soccer teams from 12 states and 3 countries will make their way to this alcohol-free event supported by OC Rec and Parks and the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City. For more information visit www.ocbeachsoccer.com.

AIR SHOW SCHEDULE

The official schedule for the 2010 OC Air Show provides entertainment throughout the day from Thursday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 6th.

Thursday, June 3, 2010

- 4:00 pm Air Show Happy Hour - Location TBD
- 7:00 pm Performer Welcome Party - Open to the Public
Sunset Grille - Sunset Ave, West Ocean City -
Leap Frogs Jump! Kid's activities.

Friday, June 4, 2010

- 8:00 am Breakfast with the Performers
Layton's Restaurant - 16th Street and Coastal
Highway
- 12:00 n OC Air Show Preview
Show Center at 16th Street
- 3:30 pm Air Show Happy Hour
Ocean View Grill - 16th Street & Boardwalk
- 7:00 pm Air Show Take Off Party - Open to the Public!
Seacrets - 49th Street on the bay

Saturday, June 5, 2010

- 8:00 am Breakfast with the Performers
Layton's Restaurant - 16th Street and Coastal
Highway
- 9:00 am Display Village Opens
15th, 16th, 17th Streets & Inlet Parking Lot
- 10:00 am The Drop Zone and Show Center Beach Open
Show Center Beach - 16th Street
- 11:00 am The Clubhouse and VIP Club Viewing Stand Open
Show Center Beach - 16th Street
- 12:00 n OC Air Show - Listen live on 101.1 FM
Show Center at 16th Street
- 4:00 pm Air Show Happy Hour
Pepper's Bar and Grill - 16th St. & Boardwalk
- 7:30 pm Air Show Beach Party
16th Street on the beach - Seals/Airborne Joint
Night Jump!

Sunday, June 6, 2010

- 8:00 am Breakfast with the Performers
Layton's Restaurant - 16th Street and Coastal
Highway
- 9:00 am Display Village Opens
15th, 16th, 17th Streets & Inlet Parking Lot
- 10:00 am The Drop Zone and Show Center Beach Open
Show Center Beach - 16th Street
- 11:00 am The Clubhouse and VIP Club Viewing Stand Open
Show Center Beach - 16th Street
- 12:00 n OC Air Show - Listen live on 101.1 FM
Show Center at 16th Street
- 4:00 pm Air Show Happy Hour
Brass Balls Saloon - 11st Street on the Boardwalk

The flight schedule for the event is not finalized until the day of the event pending weather, performer, USCG and Town of Ocean City variables.

PLAN AN EXTENDED STAY

Ocean City, Maryland is an amazing Town to enjoy before and after the OC Air Show. There are numerous reason to plan an **overnight excursion** to this family-friendly beach resort town. Not only does an extended stay give you the versatility to enjoy the many amenities the Air Show and Town have to offer, but also allows you to avoid the headaches that come along with several large-scale events and the expected traffic. Each hotel or motel offers **parking in conjunction with an overnight stay**. This is an important commodity when available general parking will be at a premium. Arrive early and stay the weekend! Below are a list of hotels supporting the Air Show:

Harrison Group Hotels & Rstrnt (410) 289-4444
(Parent Company)

Hilton Suites Ocean City Oceanfront (410) 289-6444
32nd Street & Oceanside, Ocean City, MD 21842

Holiday Inn Hotel - Oceanfront (410) 524-1600
67th Street Oceanside

6600 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites-Boardwalk (877) 786-9480

Oceanfront & Boardwalk on 17th Street
1701 N Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD

Quality Inn Oceanfront Ocean City (410) 524-7200
54th Street, Oceanside

5400 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD

Quality Inn Boardwalk Ocean City (410) 289-4401

Boardwalk and 17th Street (HEADQUARTERS)

1601 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD

Plim Plaza Hotel (410) 289-6181

104 N Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD

Harrison Hall Hotel (410) 289-6222

Boardwalk at 15th Street

1409 Atlantic Ave, #2, Ocean City, MD

Flagship Oceanfront Hotel (410) 289-3384

26th Street & Boardwalk

2600 N Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD

Seabonay Motel 410-289-9194

28th St. Oceanfront

Ocean City, MD 21842

Oceanic Motel 410-289-6494

710 South Philadelphia Avenue

Ocean City, Maryland

Courtyard by Marriott (410) 289-5008

Two 15th Street, Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Park Place Hotel (410) 289-6440

207 Atlantic Ave, Ocean City, MD

Commander Hotel (410) 289-6166

1401 Atlantic Ave, #1, Ocean City, MD

Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel Ocean City

(410) 524-3535

10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD

Go to www.ococean.com for additional options.

SIX THINGS YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR

1. LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE

One of the normal by-products of an air show is the creation of **traffic**. If you wish to avoid the slow movement of congested roadways, plan to **arrive early** in the morning and **stay into the evening**. Given all of the attractions, not to mention the beach, that Ocean City has to offer, this should be an easy action plan for the OC Air Show attendee. With the addition of the other events taking place in Ocean City during the same dates as the air show. AND with the actual air show program beginning at 12:00pm, local arteries into the town may begin to become congested as early as 8:30am with stalled movement by 9:00am. This will especially be true on Saturday. Sunday may offer a little more of a time cushion - expect traffic movement to stall by 10:00am.



Following the completion of the air show, traffic on the major roadways leading out of Ocean City will build-up beginning at 3:15pm and remain an factor until approximately 6:00pm. Once again this is a **normal effect of an air show** attracting over 100,000 spectators per day - especially an air show that is generally free to view from the beach.



If you can make reservations in a local hotel, arrive Friday evening and return home on Sunday evening, you will be much better off then the day-tripper and much more relaxed.

2. PARKING IS FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE

Unlike an airport-based air show, a beach front event has very limited parking near the event location. The venue is more user friendly once you are there, but getting parked can be a effort. If you have a hotel room booked for the weekend,

parking is included at your hotel making most scenarios a non-issue. Utilize the local transportation (buses travel in their own bus lanes in most areas of the Town), boardwalk tram service or your own two feet to progress from point A to point B. The Town of Ocean City will have auxiliary public parking set up for the general public. Keep an eye on the web site for parking updates.

3. ORGANIZE FOR A DAY'S WORTH OF NEEDS

The OC Air Show will have food and beverages available for purchase as well as souvenirs. There will also be beach chairs and beach umbrellas available to rent all along the beach and within the Drop Zone section of Show Center Beach. Bring cash to make those items a non-necessity to carry with you. If you choose to bring those amenities, plan on a location to store them such as your car, hotel room or local (within walking distance) friend's house after the event and prior to returning home. Once again make use of your time in Ocean City! If it's a hot day, plan on bottled water (either brought with you or purchased on site) for hydration needs during those treks from one location to another. If you are bringing children, have things for them to occupy their time. Jet aircraft can be loud so ear protection may be necessary especially for younger children. **BRING SUNBLOCK AND HATS** - enough said.



4. BE PREPARED FOR WEATHER

A good friend once said "If you don't like the weather in Ocean City, wait 10 minutes." There is always the possibility of rain showers. Watch the weather forecasts in advance of the Air Show - know what to expect and prepare for more.

If rain or fog hinders the air show, event management will pause the event until a determination is made to either continue following the return of proper conditions or to cancel the event. In the event of a cancellation, Air Show management will make decisions based on duration of event that was cancelled whether to honor rain-out tickets or not the following day. If the weather issue happens on the final event day, there is no recourse as tickets are not refundable - a risk that goes along with an outdoor event. Once again general viewing of the event is free outside of the center premium seating areas.

5. WHERE TO VIEW THE AIR SHOW FROM

Yes, air shows utilize a very large radius of air space - five nautical miles to be exact. But, that doesn't mean that you can get a great seat from just anywhere. The OC Air Show offers more possibilities than most by basing the performances over the Atlantic Ocean just off the beach. Ocean City's beach front is lined with hotels offering oceanfront balconies as private viewing locations with air conditioning and private rest rooms built in. The center of the event is aligned with 16th Street. Premium seating is from 14th Street to 17th Street. Free viewing on the beach is from 17th Street northward and from 14th Street southward.

Air Show audio narration is designed for the Show Center Beach Area and 500 feet to the north and south of its perimeter. **101.1FM will be broadcasting the audio** portion of the event live, so if you plan to sit a distance away from show center OR on a boat on the east side of the aerobatics box, bring a radio with earphones.

The air show experience dissipates as you get further away from show center. Smaller aircraft tend to fly most of their performance within 1,000 feet of show center. The fast demonstrations like the F-18 Hornet and Thunderbirds will utilize almost 12,000 linear feet of beach frontage when they perform. Major crossing maneuvers will still happen close to the center point. **SO, the closer to center, the better the view.** Albeit, the more crowded it will also be. . .

6. INFLATABLES AT SHOW CENTER BEACH

There will be a number of kids inflatable entertainment units at the north and south ends of Show Center Beach. These areas are **Pay-Per-Play** and do require purchasing access to each unit. Event ticket holders or badged individuals do not have FREE access to this area. Ticket holders will have a special combo inflatable unit located within Show Center Beach as FREE use with their ticket.

THE FUNDAMENTALS

Air shows are spectacular live events that create a sense of awe in spectators of all ages - male and female. They are exclusive opportunities to see historic aircraft, amazing aerobatics and modern military jets and bombers rarely seen by the public at large performing to the limit of their capabilities. **Enjoy the experience of this patriotic event by planning ahead and creating realistic expectations.** You will find much more pleasure by doing so and appreciate the effort the day after.

Continue to watch for additional information on the event web site: www.ocairshow.com!