

Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre

Blenheim, Marlborough

Aviation Museum & Biplane Joyrides



Home to two exhibitions, the original, Knights of the Sky is film director, Sir Peter Jackson's own collection of WW1 aircraft and artifacts. The story of aviation in the Great War is brought to life in sensational sets by WingNut Films, some recreating actual incidents and featuring mannequins by Weta Workshop. The rare memorabilia are worthy of any national collection and ranges from beautifully crafted 'trench art' through to personal items belonging to the famous Red Baron himself.

Dangerous Skies is a new exhibition featuring aircraft from WW2 including the world's only flyable Avro Anson Mk.1 and a Griffon-powered Spitfire. Women pilots feature more prominently in this exhibition and in a world first (outside of Russia) the Battle of Stalingrad leaps off the pages of history in a truly thought-provoking cinematic experience.

Joy flights are also available in an open cockpit Boeing Stearman or a Yak3 Russian fighter. See our website for details.

Omaka is open daily until 5pm and offers exclusive merchandise and great coffee!



Knights of the Sky – The Great War Exhibition Highlights Tour

The Knights of the Sky exhibition is a unique visitor experience featuring Sir Peter Jackson's own collection of WW1 aircraft and artifacts. The story of aviation in the Great War is brought to life in sensational sets created by the internationally acclaimed talent of WingNut Films and Weta Workshop. A must-do for all visitors to Marlborough, you don't have to be an aviation enthusiast to be swept up in the displays and stories of a bygone era including the exploits of the Red Baron.

Scheduled Highlights Tours operate twice daily during the summer season. Private tours are by prior arrangement. You can also explore the exhibition unguided.

Departs: 10am & 1.30pm Duration 30 minutes

Dangerous Skies – World War II Exhibition Highlights Tour

Following the ground-breaking success of the Knights of the Sky – the Great War Exhibition, the story of aviation continues with Dangerous Skies in World War II. The aircraft, some exclusive to Omaka, are given the trademark theatrical treatment the museum has become famous for. Move through the exhibition in a sequence that takes you on a geographical journey as well as an historical one.

Scheduled Highlights Tours operate twice daily during the summer season. Private tours are by prior arrangement. You can also explore the exhibition unguided.

Departs: 11am & 2.30pm Duration 30 minutes

Classic Wings Vintage Aeroplane Rides

We have moved into yet another branch of heritage aviation with the establishment of a vintage joy flights operation at our base at Omaka Airfield, Blenheim. Our Boeing Stearman is configured with three seats so that couples can travel together in the front cockpit and share the wonderful experience of flying over the stunning scenery of New Zealand's premier wine-growing region of Marlborough. We have a range of different flights available covering a broad spectrum of attractive localities around the province. So come on over and fly with us. You'll enjoy a unique vintage aviation experience with Classic Wings!

The cockpit allows for 2 of slim size to sit side-by-side. The seat is approx. 32" (81cm) across, so it's pretty cozy!

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Departs flexible | Duration 10 minutes

Additional Information

Open 7 days

1 May-30 November, 10am-5pm
1 December-30 April, 9am-5pm

Wheelchair access



Directions

79 Aerodrome Road is 5 km from the centre of Blenheim off New Renwick Road.

Terms

CHILD POLICY Family friendly

CANCELLATION 24 hours 100% | cancellation due to weather or mechanical reasons, full refund

SEASON Open year round

CHRISTMAS Closed on Christmas Day

Accommodation in this area

- [The Peppertree](#)
- [McCormick House](#)