

# 2026 Convention & Travel Information



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# Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome you to the European Airshow Council Convention 2026!

We have landed in the stunning city of Athens—a place where ancient history blends seamlessly with a modern creative edge. It is the perfect backdrop for our community to gather, bringing together the finest airshow professionals, supporters, and industry leaders from across Europe and beyond.

Over the coming days, this convention is your runway. Whether you are here to engage with cutting-edge exhibitors, sharpen your skills in our workshops, or debate the future of flying displays in our discussion panels, our program is designed to inspire, educate and entertain.

We encourage you to soak up the vibrant culture, cuisine, and unique charm of Athens during your stay. Thank you for being the fuel that drives this industry forward.

Together, let's soar to new heights. Welcome to EAC26!

Charles Skiera  
EAC Executive

# The Council

The European Airshow Council (EAC) is an organisation that represents the interests of airshow organisers, performers, and related stakeholders across Europe. Established to promote and enhance the quality and safety of airshows, the EAC works to identify best practices, develop programs, and provide a platform for communication and collaboration among its members.

Key objectives of the European Airshow Council include:

- **Safety:** Advocating for high safety standards in airshows and providing guidance on risk management to ensure the safety of performers and audiences.
- **Promotion:** Supporting the airshow industry by promoting airshows as essential events for aviation enthusiasts, families, and communities.
- **Networking:** Facilitating the exchange of information and experiences among airshow organizers, performers, and other stakeholders in the aviation industry.
- **Standards:** Developing and promoting standards for airshow operations, including guidelines for event planning and execution.

The EAC also works closely with aviation authorities and regulatory bodies to ensure compliance with aviation regulations and to address any changes in legislation that may affect airshows. Through its initiatives, the EAC aims to foster a vibrant and safe airshow environment in Europe.



# The EAC Board



## DR MANOLIS KARACHALIOS

### EAC Chairman

Manolis is a former F-16 pilot and instructor with the Hellenic Air Force. He was the Zeus Demo Pilot in 20XX and is now a safety professional focussing on Display Flying. He became EAC Chairman in 2023.



## GEOFFREY BUEKENBERGHS

### EAC Vice Chairman

Geoffrey joined the EAC Board in 2023 and became Vice Chairman. He is the Airshow Director of the well known and prestigious International Sanicole Airshow and a keen GA Pilot.



## CHARLES SKIERA

### EAC Executive

Charles is a Flying Display Director with experience across the Globe. He is Co Director of R5 Air Displays Ltd, joining the EAC Board as Executive to the Council in 2015.



Jorg Thurnheer  
Board Member  
Aviation Regulator



Pablo Gonzalez  
Board Member  
Event Organiser



Jean-Noel Bouillaguet  
Board Member  
Flying Display Director



Zbynek Pavlacik  
Board Member  
Event Organiser



Mike Ling MBE  
Board Member  
Display Pilot



Helen Webb  
Board Member  
Marketing Consultant



Massimo Farugia  
Board Member  
Event Organiser



Alberto Moretti  
Board Member  
Flying Display Director



Gilbert Beukenberghs  
Honorary Chairman  
Event Organiser

# The Convention

The European Airshow Council Convention is an annual event that brings together airshow organizers, performers, and industry professionals from across Europe and beyond. This convention serves as a key platform for networking, sharing knowledge, and discussing industry trends and challenges.

Key features of the European Airshow Council Convention typically include:

- Workshops and Seminars:** The convention includes a series of workshops and seminars led by experts in the field. These sessions cover topics such as safety protocols, regulatory updates, marketing strategies, and best practices for organizing successful airshows, displays and activities.
- Networking Opportunities:** Attendees have the chance to connect with fellow airshow organisers, pilots, and industry stakeholders, fostering collaboration and partnerships.
- Exhibitor Displays:** The convention may feature exhibitors showcasing products and services relevant to the airshow industry, including displays, events and airshow related products.
- Safety and Best Practices:** The EAC emphasizes safety, and sessions may focus on discussions around best practices and advancements in safety measures for airshows.
- Awards and Recognition:** The convention may also include awards to recognize outstanding contributions and achievements in the airshow community.
- Regulatory Updates:** Information about changes in regulations affecting airshows and aviation operations is typically shared, helping attendees stay informed about legal and compliance matters.

Overall, the European Airshow Council Convention serves as a vital event for anyone involved in the airshow industry, providing a valuable opportunity for education, networking, and collaboration.



# Who Attends the Convention?

Since the first convention, we have seen participants from over 37 nations, from both the civilian and military airshow communities. From display crews to event organisers, insurance providers to marketing experts, we are pleased to welcome all those involved in the airshow community, reaching far beyond the bounds of the European continent.



Civilian / Military Split

The Convention unites a breathtaking cross-section of the aerospace community, spanning both the Civilian and Military sides of the tarmac. From the visionary Organizers crafting the spectacle to the death-defying Pilots executing the maneuvers, the vigilant Safety Personnel ensuring smooth operation, and the charismatic Commentators bringing the action to life—every critical role is represented.

What's changed? In recent years, our growth has soared! A surge of vital service providers—including sophisticated Event Ticket Sales platforms, cutting-edge Marketing Specialists, dynamic Media Providers, and essential Engineering Support Suppliers—have recognised this Convention as the single best place to forge partnerships.

The true magic lies in the atmosphere: it's a purposefully relaxed and informal environment designed for high-impact, low-pressure networking. Here, participants can genuinely meet, greet, and engage with pivotal industry contacts, easily forming the deep, personal, "ground-level" relationships that are the true engines of future airshow success.

# Convention Events

Wed 25

AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military FJ Display Pilots Safety Workshop (Invitation Only)</li> </ul>
PM 1330 -1700 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Military FJ Display Pilots Safety Workshop (Invitation Only)</li> <li>• Flying Display Directors Safety Workshop</li> <li>• Formation Display Pilots Safety Workshop</li> <li>• Sustainability Working Group</li> </ul>
Evening 1930-2200 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official Welcome Drinks Reception and Buffet (Networking)</li> <li>• Exhibition Area Open</li> </ul>

Thu 26

AM 0900-1230 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official Convention Opening</li> <li>• Exhibition Area Open</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Coffee Break (Networking)</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Lunch (Networking)</li> </ul>
PM 1330 -1730 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Coffee Break (Networking)</li> <li>• Presentations &amp; Workshop Session</li> </ul>
Evening 1930-2300 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EAC Airshow Gala Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Pre Dinner Drinks Reception</li> <li>◦ Dinner</li> <li>◦ EAC Annual Awards</li> <li>◦ Marketing Awards</li> <li>◦ Airshow Dinner Prize Draw</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Fri 27

AM 0900-1230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day 2 Opening</li> <li>• Exhibition Area Open</li> <li>• Presentations</li> <li>• Coffee Break (Networking)</li> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul>
PM (1330-1700)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing Workshop (TBC)</li> </ul>

Additional content and Speakers will be confirmed on the Convention pages of the website as we move closer to the event date and announced on our social media channels also.

# Our Host City

**Athens; Where 3,000 Years of History Meets a Modern, Mediterranean Buzz**

Forget dusty museums—Athens is a living, breathing paradox where the past isn't just remembered, it's the backdrop to your cosmopolitan adventure. Climb the sacred rock of the Acropolis and watch the sunset paint the Parthenon gold, then descend into the vibrant streets of Plaka, where ancient ruins sit side-by-side with chic sidewalk cafes and buzzing rooftop bars. Savor a slow-cooked Moussaka that tastes like mythology, then discover world-class street art in the grit of a modern metropolis. From the birthplace of democracy to a coastal city brimming with electric nightlife, Athens doesn't just invite you to visit history—it dares you to live it, making it the essential, soul-stirring start to any Greek journey.



## Make a Break of it.....

After the intense focus of convention days, a short break offers a crucial opportunity for cognitive decompression. By shifting gears from high-stakes professional engagement to cultural immersion, you prevent burnout and allow your brain to process the wealth of information gathered. Furthermore, turning your EAC visit into a city break provides exceptional value by leveraging your already-paid travel expenses. Why pay for a full round-trip flight and accommodation only to dedicate it entirely to business? By adding just two or three days, you unlock the destination's unique cultural assets—be it the history of Athens, the art of Venice, or the cuisine of another European hub. This not only makes the most economical sense but also transforms a purely business trip into a valuable, memory-making experience.

## Must-Visit Attractions:

- **The Acropolis:** The sacred heart of ancient Greece, home to the magnificent Parthenon, the Erechtheion, and the Propylaea. Ascend early to beat the crowds and the heat.
- **The Acropolis Museum:** Located right below the hill, this spectacular modern museum houses nearly all the artifacts found on the Acropolis rock, including the stunning original Caryatids.
- **Plaka & Anafiotika:** Wander the charming, labyrinthine streets of Plaka, the oldest historical neighbourhood. Don't miss the tiny, Cycladic-style village of Anafiotika nestled on the northern slopes of the Acropolis.
- **Ancient Agora & Temple of Hephaestus:** Explore the birthplace of democracy, seeing the ruins of the original marketplace and the beautifully preserved Temple of Hephaestus.
- **Monastiraki Square:** A bustling hub for shopping, street performers, and the Flea Market. It offers spectacular views of the Acropolis and easy access to the adjacent Psyri neighborhood.
- **Mount Lycabettus and Observation Deck:** Take the funicular (or climb) to the city's highest point for the ultimate 360-degree panorama, especially breath-taking at sunset.

## Culture and Cuisine:

- **Local Food:** Indulge in traditional Greek dishes like Moussaka (a baked casserole), Souvlaki (meat skewers or wraps), Greek Salad with feta, and fresh seafood by the coast.
- **Ouzo and Wine:** Experience Greek spirits like Ouzo (anise-flavoured) or Tsipouro, and explore the rich and diverse landscape of modern Greek wines, particularly those from the Peloponnese region.
- **The Taverna Scene:** Enjoy a slow, multi-course dinner at a traditional taverna with live Bouzouki music in the Koukaki or Exarchia neighbourhoods.

## Transportation:

- **Athens Metro:** The metro is extremely clean, efficient, and user-friendly, connecting the airport and port (Piraeus) to all major city centres. Bonus: several stations (like Syntagma) display impressive archaeological finds!
- **Walking:** The historical centre is very pedestrian-friendly, with many streets around the Acropolis closed to traffic, making walking the best way to soak in the atmosphere.
- **Trams and Buses:** An extensive network complements the metro, offering easy access to coastal areas like Glyfada.

## Tips:

- **Currency:** The official currency is the Euro (€).
- **Language:** Greek is the official language. English is widely spoken in all tourist areas, hotels, and restaurants.
- **Tickets:** Purchase the combined archaeological site ticket to save time and money when visiting multiple ancient sites.



# Travel to Athens



Traveling to Athens is relatively easy, with various transportation options to suit different preferences and locations:

## By Air:

- Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (ATH): The main international airport located approximately 33 kilometers (20 miles) east of the city centre. It serves a vast network of destinations globally. From the airport, you can reach the city centre efficiently via the Metro (Line 3, direct), the 24/7 express Airport Buses (X95 to Syntagma Square), or by taxi.

## By Train:

- Athens Central Railway Station (Larissa Station): While less common for international arrivals than in Central Europe, the station connects Athens to major cities within Greece (like Thessaloniki) and provides regional services.
- Trains are a comfortable option for domestic travel, and the station is conveniently linked to the city's Metro network.

## By Sea/Ferry (Gateway to the Islands):

- Piraeus Port: The largest passenger port in Europe and the main gateway for ferries connecting Athens to the Cyclades, Crete, and other Aegean islands.
- The port is easily reached from the city centre via the Metro (Line 1, direct), making island-hopping highly accessible.

## By Taxi:

- Taxis from Athens Airport (ATH) to the city centre have fixed rates: €40 during the day (5 a.m. to midnight) and €55 at night (midnight to 5 a.m.), covering the ~30-45 min trip, including surcharges, and you'll find official yellow taxis at Exit 3 of Arrivals. Always ensure you take a taxi from the official rank to avoid scams, or use apps like Uber/Free Now for convenience, with pre-booking also offering fixed prices.

## By Car:

- Athens is accessible via well-maintained national highways. However, driving within the city centre is often congested, and parking is challenging and expensive. It is highly recommended to use the Metro and public transport for central sightseeing.

## Public Transportation within Athens:

- Once in the city, the Athens public transport network—comprising the Metro, Trams, and Buses—is modern, efficient, and covers all major tourist areas and coastal suburbs. The Metro is the fastest way to travel and features impressive archaeological displays in many stations (like Syntagma).
- Purchasing a multi-day pass is the most economical way to utilize the system.

## Immigration and Hellenic Entry Requirements



Please check whether you require any specific travel documentation to enter Greece. Please also check with government immigration site for more detailed information. Requirements vary, UK visitors may be subject to the new EES process and should allow sufficient time at the airports for delays in processing.

# Convention Hotel

The Royal Olympic Hotel is a family run five star property in the centre of Athens. The hotel lays just in front of the famous Temple of Zeus and National Garden. We are underneath the Acropolis and only 2 minutes walk to the new Acropolis Museum. After our complete renovation that finished in 2009, the Royal Olympic was transformed to an art hotel very elegantly decorated and more important very well looked after in every detail. One of the aspects given particular attention to, was to create a very personal hotel and as much environmentally friendly as possible. Our Roof Garden Restaurant – Bar opened recently offering the ultimate dinning and wining experience in front of the most spectacular view in Athens. Our famous chef will be delighted to guide you through the secret paths of Greek cuisine while enjoying the unforgettable view.



## CONVENTION SPECIAL RATES

We have secured a special rate for convention delegates and partners, which continues into the weekend to allow those wishing to make a short break of their Convention visit an easier and cost effective experience. Rooms are limited and are booked separately to your convention booking using the link below **The Rate will only be available until 10th January 2026!**



[\*\*EAC Convention Hotel 2026 – reservation link\*\*](#)



## **FACILITIES**

- Rooms & Facilities for Disabled Guests
- Non Smoking Rooms
- Family Rooms
- Sound proofed rooms
- Safety Deposit Boxes
- Heating
- Air conditioning
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Gym
- Business Centre
- Library
- Outdoor Swimming Pool (Seasonal)
- Conference Rooms
- Meeting & Banquet Facilities
- Terrace
- Multilingual Staff
- 24 Hour Rooms Service
- Wi-Fi Internet Complimentary
- Laundry & Dry Cleaning
- Ironing Services
- Shoe Shine
- Valet Parking
- Luggage Storage
- Currency Exchange
- Fax/Photocopying
- **Upon Request:**
- Baby Sitting, Transfer, Indoor Parking, Massage
- All rooms feature bathroom amenities , hairdryer and mini bar
- Pets are not allowed



## **ADDRESS:**

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117 43, Athens, GREECE

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+30 210 92.88.400



To visit the main hotel website  
click below:



# Convention Booking Rates

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## Convention Tickets

Ticket Type	Includes	Early Rate	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 26
FULL DELEGATE TICKET	All Presentations, Social Functions, Exhibition Area and Seminar Session.	E450.00	E560.00
DELEGATE GUEST	Social Functions and entry to the Exhibition Area	E360.00	E470.00
EXHIBITOR ONLY	3x3m Exhibition Stand with Blue Panels, TV Screen access to the Exhibition area and Social Functions for 2 people	E950.00	E1050.00

## Seminar Tickets

\*Seminar Sessions are free of charge for those purchasing a Full Delegate Ticket. Select the free option at checkout.

Seminar	Session Aimed At	Early Rate	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 26
Flying Display Director Workshop*	Flying Display Directors, Regulators, Flying Control Committee, Safety Personnel.	E80.00	E95.00
Formation Safety Workshop*	Display Pilots engaged in formation flights	E80.00	E95.00
Sustainability Workshop*	Event Organisers, Suppliers, Sustainability Professionals	E80.00	E95.00
Fast Jet Solo Display Workshop*	Invitation Only	E80.00	E95.00

## Exhibition Spaces

\*Exhibition Stands may only be booked with a Full Delegate ticket.

Space	Includes	Early Rate	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 26
Exhibition Stand with Screen*	Power, Screen, 3m Display Stand with Blue Panels and Table.	E75.00	E95.00
Exhibition Stand without Screen*	3m Stand with Blue Panels and Table	Free	Free
Exhibition Space*	No Panels or Screen. 3m space	Free	Free

## Partnership Packages

Our range of partnership packages include a number of benefits including delegate places, exhibition spaces and more, plus the opportunity to get wider exposure for your brand and organisation. Check out the Partnerships brochure for more information on this page.



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Click the icon above to visit the booking portal!

# Partnering...

We have a great range of partner opportunities for the Convention from overall partner packages to specific and bespoke events, some of which include complimentary Delegate spaces and more. To find out more, visit the website or e-mail [charles@european-airshow.com](mailto:charles@european-airshow.com).



Partner Benefits	Platinum SOLD	Gold x2	Silver x3	Bronze x8
<b>Convention Places</b>	<b>AEROPACT</b>	<b>aerocreatuu</b>		<small>R AIR DISPLAYS LTD</small>
Full Delegate Places for the Convention	4	2		
<b>Advertisements</b>				
EAC Website Pip Up Ad	1			
Partner Promotional Presentation (5 mins) to Full Delegation	1			
EAC Convention Programme Advert	Full A4 Page	1/2 Page		
EAC Partner Page on EAC Website	Full Entry	Full Entry		
Video Advert during Break Periods	Partner Provided	Partner Provided	Partner Provided	
EAC Website Sponsor Introduction	1	1	1	
EAC Social Media Partner Introduction	1	1	1	1
<b>Logo Placement</b>				
EAC Presentation Slides	Yes	Yes		
Convention Printed Programme Cover	Yes	Yes		
Convention Programme Partner Page	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Social Media Sponsors Slide	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Selected Social Media Posts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Delegate Welcome Letter (Printed)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EAC Website (for 12 months)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Convention Booking Page	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Additional Visibility</b>				
EAC Pop Up Banners with Logo	Yes	Yes		
Prime Placement of Sponsors own Pop Up Banners.	Yes	Yes		
Dedicated EAC Partner Banner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Partner mentions during introductions and relevant sessions/activities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>2026 Package Cost</b>	<b>SOLD</b>	<b>6500 Euros</b>	<b>2500 Euros</b>	<b>1250 Euros</b>



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