

## **JET FROM NEW ZEALAND TO MAKE 11,000 MILE JOURNEY TO JOIN RAF COSFORD AIR SHOW 2018**

Travelling from the other side of the globe, the Royal New Zealand Air Force will be celebrating RAF100 alongside the Royal Air Force on Sunday 10th June at the RAF Cosford Air Show, with their B757-2K2 airliner set to perform in the flying display.

The Boeing 757, which first flew in 1982, is more commonly used by commercial airlines and many visitors to the Air Show may have travelled on the aircraft type during their summer holidays! The Royal New Zealand Air Force, however, use their aircraft for strategic airlift operations, carrying cargo and personnel, including VIP transport and humanitarian aid delivery. This includes operations to deliver supplies to research facilities where the aircraft operates from an ice-runway.

On its trip to the UK, the aircraft will carry exhibits from the Air Force Museum of New Zealand which will be on display at the Air Show, spread across the 'Vintage Village' ground displays. Air Show Deputy Director, Marilyn Summers, said, "Showcasing the relationships that the Royal Air Force has with countries around the globe is an important part of our RAF100 celebration. It's fantastic that the RNZAF will be sending their B757 to display at the Air Show and to have input from the Air Force Museum of New Zealand as part of our unique ground displays."

Tickets for the RAF Cosford Air Show are selling at an unprecedented rate due to the unique nature of this year's centenary celebrations. Organisers are advising the public that they should buy their Air Show tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as they look set to sell out in the coming weeks. They are available from the Air Show website and a selection of local outlets including Tourist Information Centres and the RAF Museum. Further details can be found at [www.cosfordairshow.co.uk](http://www.cosfordairshow.co.uk).

**Notes to editors:**

- Please ensure the event is referred to as the “**RAF Cosford Air Show**” as this will fall in line with our branding and corporate identity.
- The RAF Cosford Air Show 2018 will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- The RAF Cosford Air Show is an **ADVANCE TICKET ONLY** event. Those who travel to the event without a ticket will not be admitted.
- Our official website is [www.cosfordairshow.co.uk](http://www.cosfordairshow.co.uk)
- When posting on social Media, please ‘tag’ our official channels:  
Facebook Page:     **RAF Cosford Air Show (Official)**  
Twitter Handle:     **@CosfordAirShow**
- Air Show tickets are currently priced £29.00, and are available online at [www.cosfordairshow.co.uk](http://www.cosfordairshow.co.uk).
- Admission is **FREE** for all under-16s accompanied by an adult.
- For those travelling by train to the RAF Cosford Air Show, joint travel/air show tickets are available from any manned railway station in the UK. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.
- Full Details of aircraft scheduled to participate in the Flying Displays and Static Displays can be found on the website. More aircraft will be announced over the coming months.
- For further information on the event, in-depth interviews or pictures please contact the Air Show Office email [press@cosfordairshow.co.uk](mailto:press@cosfordairshow.co.uk), visit the website or call 01902 377922
- For further information about other Royal Air Force centenary events, please visit the main RAF100 website; [www.raf.mod.uk/raf100](http://www.raf.mod.uk/raf100)