

VAYU on-the-spot report

Visit to Musée de l'air at Le Bourget, Paris



With a rich history dating way back to its establishment year of 1919, the National Air and Space Museum of France, natively called Musée de l'air is a prominent Museum situated at the Paris, Le Bourget Airport. Over the years, the venue underwent several expansions and renovations, eventually evolving into the comprehensive institution it is today. Strategically situated at Europe's oldest airports and an essential hub for aviation history, the museum holds great significance for aviation enthusiasts, history buffs, and even French nationalists. Back in time, the airport gained international recognition when Charles Lindbergh landed there in 1927 after his historic solo transatlantic flight commenced from New York on his custom-built monoplane: Spirit of St. Louis.

The museum boasts a remarkable collection of over 350 aircraft, making it one of the largest aviation and aerospace museums globally. Visitors can explore legacy aircraft from both military and civilian backgrounds, including iconic airframes such as the supersonic airliner: Concorde, the Jumbo-Jet: Boeing 747, and legendary World War I and World War II fighter planes. These exhibits

cover a wide range of historical periods and technological advancements, providing a captivating journey through the evolution of aviation.



Fouga CM.170 Magister with Ariane 5 rocket in the background