

THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL
AIR TATTOO

AVIATION CALENDAR 2008



featuring the photography of Simone Ba



F/A-18C Hornet, Swiss Air Force

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 New Year's Day (Obs. & Rep. Bill)	2 Bank Holiday (GCOI)	3	4	5	6
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December 2007

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English Electric Canberra PR9, RAF

February

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EH Industries Merlin HC3 Helicopter, RAF

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31					1 <small>St David's Day (Wales)</small>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <small>St Patrick's Day (IRL)</small>	18	19	20	21 <small>Good Friday (UK & Rep. IR)</small>	22	23
24 <small>Easter Monday (UK & Rep. IR)</small>	25	26	27	28	29	30

February 2008

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April 2008

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Mikoyan MiG-29M OVT, Russian Aircraft Corporation MiG

April

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21	22	23 <small>St George's Day (England)</small>	24	25	26	27
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May 2008

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Rockwell International B1-B Lancer, USAF

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5 <small>Bank Holiday (UK)</small>	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26 <small>Bank Holiday (UK)</small>	27	28	29	30	31	

April 2008

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June 2008

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Bell/Boeing MV-22B Osprey, US Marine Corps

June

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July 2008

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The Red Arrows, (BAe Hawks) RAF Aerobatic Team performing the 'Synchro Pair'

July

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June 2008

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The Black Cats – Westland Lynx Helicopters, RNAS Yeovilton

August

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4 <small>Bank Holiday (SCD)</small>	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25 <small>Bank Holiday (UK)</small>	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Mirage 2000B, French Air Force

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Boeing F/A-18F Super Hornet, US Navy

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North American P-51D Mustang

November

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <small>Remembrance Sunday</small>
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <small>St Andrew's Day (SCOT)</small>

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Northrop F-5E Tiger II of *The Patrouille Suisse*, Swiss Air Force Aerobatic Team

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22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
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January 2009

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Simone Ba

In 2003 Simone visited Russia and the MAKS International Aviasalon, however, his most frequent visits in recent years have been to the UK - with the Royal International Air Tattoo and Farnborough International being top of the list, as well as a number of RAF bases.

Simone's aviation photography has appeared in a number of aviation and photographic websites and, in 2005, together with some of his aviation friends, he created a new aviation website "Aviation-Shots" - featuring high quality pictures and videos. This led to the transition over to digital cameras and lenses - which provided Simone with even greater possibilities and enhanced photographic results.

In spring 2007, Simone got a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to travel on board the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and USS John C. Stennis in the Persian Gulf, where he had 3 days of (almost) non-stop picture shooting. It was hard work but, truly 'a dream come true'!

Simone Ba was born in Verona, Italy in 1974 and took his first aviation photograph when he was just 8, during a visit to the local Air Base at Villafranca-Verona when Italian Air Force 3^o Stormo was flying the F-104. His passion for military aircraft, and for the aviation world in general, began with his love of the Italian aerobatic team - the *Frecce Tricolori*.

Since those early years, Simone's love for photography, together with his passion for aircraft, progressively increased and, in 1998 he decided to start visiting air bases and local airshows to try to capture the action of the fighter aerobatic displays with his film camera.

In 2001, some of his work was published in a local sport magazine called *Sport Scaligero*, as well as on the magazine's website, and Simone introduced an aviation section dedicated to airshows and military exercises he had attended.

His aviation-related activities increased year-by-year and, as well as attending major air shows in Italy and throughout Europe, Simone also visited several Air Forces taking part in normal operations as well as squadron exchanges and exercises (ELITE in Germany, TLP in Belgium, AXALP shooting range in Switzerland, etc).



The aviation photography of Simone Ba

FRONT COVER

The Red Arrows, RAF Aerobatic Team, in formation with a Vickers VC-10

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