



Ten years, one unmissable weekend: The English Riviera Airshow celebrates its 10th anniversary with its most spectacular event yet as RAF line up is confirmed

The Red Arrows, Typhoon and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will headline a landmark three-day celebration

The Royal Air Force has confirmed four of the RAF's most iconic display teams will perform in the English Riviera's landmark 10th anniversary Airshow this year.

From Friday 29 to Sunday 31 May, the skies above Paignton Beach will be taken over by the iconic Red Arrows, the Typhoon display team and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Free to attend and open to all, the three-day event on the English Riviera coastline is expected to draw around 200,000 spectators during the long weekend, making it one of the largest free airshows in Britain.

Organised by Torbay Council in partnership with the English Riviera BID Company, along with local businesses and organisations, the 2026 edition marks a decade since the very first English Riviera Airshow took to the skies in 2016, and organisers have pulled out all the stops to ensure the anniversary edition is unforgettable.

This year carries an additional piece of history, as Wing Commander Sasha Nash who is the first woman to ever lead the Red Arrows will make one of her first public appearances in the role above the English Riviera coastline.

In addition to this record first, a festival village, ground-based entertainment, an opening-night celebration, and the full force of the RAF's finest display teams will be at the show set against the iconic seaside backdrop.

"The English Riviera Airshow has grown into one of the most anticipated events on the UK airshow calendar, and this 10th anniversary year is going to be truly extraordinary," **said Carolyn Custerson, CEO of the English Riviera BID Company.**

"With so much happening over the three days - both in the air and on the ground, including the first time Wing Commander Sasha Nash leads the Red Arrows - we'd encourage everyone to make a full weekend of it and experience all the English Riviera has to offer."

The world-famous Red Arrows will perform on both Friday and Saturday, giving spectators the rare opportunity to witness their iconic Diamond Nine formation and their trademark red, white and blue smoke trails over the ocean.



The Typhoon display team will impress crowds on both Saturday and Sunday with the thunderous roar of its twin Eurofighter engines announcing its arrival long before it appears overhead, delivering heart-pounding passes and dramatic climbs.

History lovers will be thrilled that the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight has been confirmed for all three days, bringing Spitfires, Hurricanes and a C47 Dakota aircraft to the English Riviera's skies in a moving tribute to those who served.

With a record number of visitors expected across the long weekend, accommodation is likely to fill quickly, therefore early booking is strongly recommended. The region offers a wide range of options to suit all budgets and group sizes, from family-run B&Bs and action-packed holiday parks, to self-catering cottages and seafront hotels, all within easy reach of the airshow.

For more information about the English Riviera Airshow, please visit:

<https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/whats-on/featured-events/english-riviera-airshow>

For more information about accommodation offerings across the English Riviera, visit:

<https://www.englishriviera.co.uk/accommodation>

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About the English Riviera

The English Riviera Business Improvement District (BID) Company is a collaborative effort between over 1000 local businesses, authorities, and stakeholders dedicated to enhancing the tourism experience and promoting sustainable economic growth for Torbay.

With 22 miles of stunning coastline the English Riviera covers Torquay, Paignton and Brixham. Torquay is the birthplace of Agatha Christie, the world's greatest crime writer, and the resort offers a vast array of culture, history, water activities, spas, festivals, entertainment and food and drink experiences.

As a designated UNESCO Global Geopark, the English Riviera has gained international recognition for its 400 million years of geological heritage and is promoted as one 'Earth's Extraordinary Places.' The resort is also an international cruise port.

For more information for consumers visit www.englishriviera.co.uk and for businesses visit www.englishriviera.co.uk/bid.