

#### Press release

# English Riviera's Spectacular Airshow Returns: 01 - 02 June

UK - May XX, 2024: Prepare for an exhilarating display of aerial prowess as the English Riviera's much-anticipated Airshow returns on 01 - 02 June 2024. Set against the stunning backdrop of the South Devon coastline, this year's event promises to be bigger, bolder, and more breathtaking than ever before.

From gravity-defying stunts to precision formations, the Airshow will feature a dynamic lineup of aerial performances, including appearances by iconic aircraft and state-of-the-art jets. Spectators can look forward to witnessing jaw-dropping manoeuvres and adrenaline-fuelled feats leaving them on the edge of their seats.

Beyond the spectacular aerial displays, the English Riviera's Airshow offers a host of ground attractions and activities for visitors of all ages. From interactive exhibits to delicious food stalls and family entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy throughout the weekend.

For the first time in the Airshow's history, there will be a special opening night on the Friday before the event where visitors can enjoy a great line-up of live music headlined by The Barefoot Bandits. Another new addition for 2024 is a static spitfire where visitors can see the iconic aircraft up close. As well as air and ground displays, there will be a variety of activities and boat trips on the water, giving everyone the chance to see the show from the sea.

Red Arrows Pilot and Squadron Leader Jon Bond, the new Team Leader and Red 1 for the 2024 season said: "This summer is a special occasion for the Red Arrows, it is the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team's 60th display season. We can't wait to bring a new nine-aircraft display to the English Riviera Airshow, celebrating this great heritage and inspiring the future.

"For the new show, people can expect a return of our most iconic shape, the Diamond Nine, which has not been seen since 2021. We have incorporated maneuvers that haven't been performed for more than a decade, while ensuring that staple crowd favourites remain, including the famous Tornado, where two jets roll around the outside of the other seven.

"I'm thrilled to have the chance to continue that legacy in our diamond year and by flying as the Diamond Nine, which I know generations of aviation fans and families have enjoyed."

Cllr Jackie Thomas Cabinet Member for Tourism, Culture & Events and Corporate Services at Torbay Council adds: "We are thrilled to welcome back the English Riviera Airshow including the Red Arrows for another unforgettable weekend of high-flying excitement.

"This event celebrates the spirit of aviation while showcasing the beauty of our stunning coastline. We invite families, aviation enthusiasts, and anyone looking for an unforgettable experience to join us for what promises to be an incredible weekend."

The English Riviera Airshow, held annually since 2016, is the UK's premier aviation event. It combines thrilling flying displays with ground-based festivities, captivating audiences of all ages. The Airshow is a collaborative effort supported by Torbay Council, the English Riviera BID Company, local businesses and organisations, and aviation enthusiasts.

Make a Weekend of it with us this June. Enjoy two-days of exciting free entertainment, experience the English Riviera's hospitality, and explore everything the area has to offer. Plan your English Riviera Airshow break via <a href="www.englishrivierairshow.co.uk">www.englishrivierairshow.co.uk</a>, and explore the English Riviera's incredible accommodation offering via <a href="www.englishriviera.co.uk/accommodation/">www.englishriviera.co.uk/accommodation/</a>.

The official travel partner Great Western Railway offers direct routes to the English Riviera and the Airshow location. Plan and book your journey via <a href="https://www.gwr.com">www.gwr.com</a>.

For more information about the Air Show, to book parking and to see the full lineup of aerial displays, visit <a href="www.englishrivieraairshow.co.uk">www.englishrivieraairshow.co.uk</a> or follow on social media instagram.com/EnglishRivieraAirshow and <a href="www.facebook.com/englishrivieraairshow">www.facebook.com/englishrivieraairshow</a>.

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# **About 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.