



BREITLING JET TEAM FLIES OVER SPECTACULAR AMERICAN SCENERY AND LANDMARKS ON INAUGURAL AMERICAN TOUR

Largest professional civilian flight team performing on jets soars over Chicago, Mount Rushmore, Flathead Lake, Yellowstone National Park and Seattle on first North American Tour

Wilton, Conn. (August 18, 2015) – The [Breitling Jet Team](#), supported by the independent Swiss watch company [Breitling](#), took in some of the most incredible sights during their first-ever North American Tour this summer. Beginning in Milwaukee to participate in the Milwaukee Air & Water Show, continuing through Chicago to one of the nation’s greatest monuments, the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in Keystone, then over America’s first national park, Yellowstone and finally over Montana’s Flathead Lake. Performing in the U.S. for the first time this year, it is fitting that the team took the opportunity to see some of the incredible sights the country has to offer, given the bird’s eye views they have from the cockpits of their seven L-39 C Albatros jets.

These impressive and scenic flights are one of several that the Breitling Jet Team has taken on their inaugural American Tour. Other flights included a breathtaking flight over the New York City skyline, and a flight to salute the iconic French warship, the Hermione. Known for their meticulously coordinated performance in which the team flies within just a few feet of each other at speeds of up to 565 mph, the Breitling Jet Team is currently on a cross country tour with performances scheduled at nearly 20 airshows throughout North America.

“It was truly special to get a chance to see such beautiful parts of the American landscape,” Breitling Jet Team leader Jacques Bothelin said. “Especially the Mount Rushmore National Memorial.”

To date, the Breitling Jet Team counts performances in over 38 countries with a combined 51,900 flight hours. The team continues across the country for performances at the Chicago Air & Water Show August 15 – 16, the Canadian International Air Show September 5 – 7, and the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show September 12 – 13. For the full schedule, please visit: www.breitling-jet-team.com.

The precision and skill demonstrated by the team embodies Breitling’s ties to aviation. Since developing onboard chronographs for airplane cockpits, including World War II propeller-driven fighter planes, Breitling has been known as the authentic partner of aviation. This reputation was solidified in 1952, when Breitling launched its legendary Navitimer wrist chronograph featuring a circular slide rule serving to perform all navigation-related calculations. A cult object for pilots and aviation enthusiasts, it has been continuously manufactured for more than 60 years – making it the world’s oldest mechanical chronograph still in production. Additionally, Breitling has enjoyed longstanding collaborations with some of the world’s greatest flight teams, including the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, as well as the famous Frece Tricolori Italian elite flight team, for whom Breitling developed the original Chronomat in 1984. Other favorites among pilots are the Aerospace watch, which was launched in 1985, and the innovative Emergency timepiece with a built-in transmitter that was originally introduced in 1995 and was recently updated to a new version that launched in 2015 and is the world’s first wristwatch with a dual frequency locator beacon.

To celebrate the Breitling Jet Team’s American Tour, Breitling has produced a Chronomat 44 in a limited edition 500 pieces, the dial is distinguished in eye-catching Breitling Jet Team colors, with the American Tour logo engraved on the caseback. The case houses Manufacture Breitling Caliber 01, officially chronometer-certified by the COSC (Official Swiss Chronometer Testing Institute).



Breitling Jet Team flies over Chicago



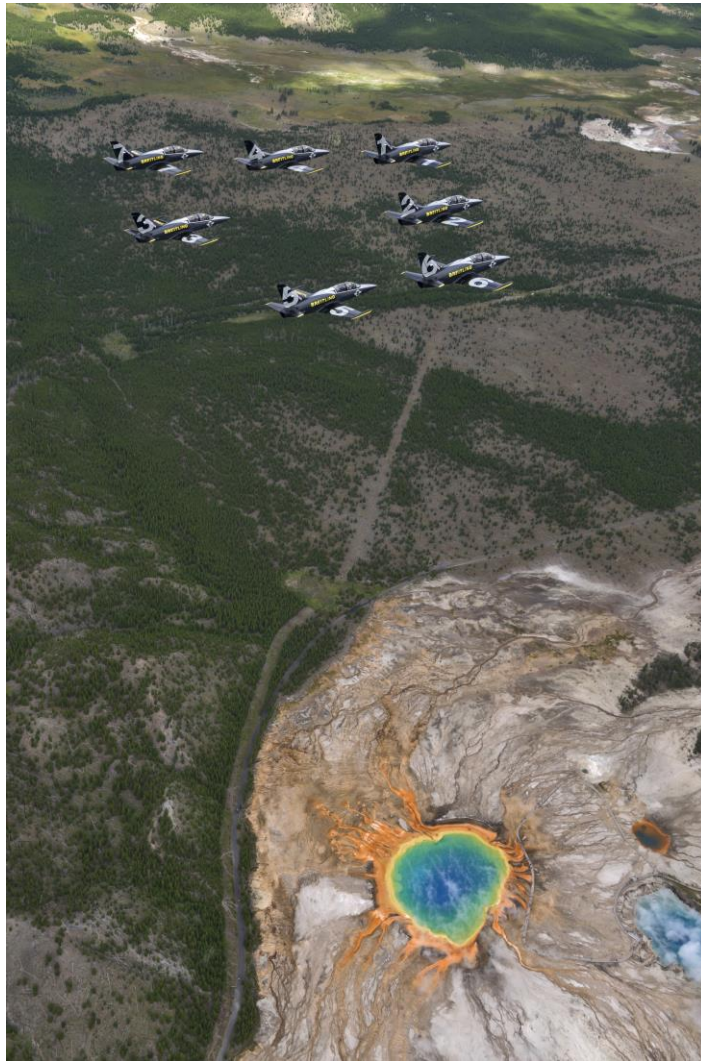
Breitling Jet Team flies over Mount Rushmore National Memorial



Breitling Jet Team flies over Flathead Lake



Breitling Jet Team flies over Yellowstone National Park



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Breitling Jet Team flies over Mt. Rainier

High Res Images of the Flights Available Here: <https://centigrade.egnyte.com/fl/Zqs3paezzP>

ABOUT BREITLING:

A specialist of technical watches, Breitling has played a crucial role in the development of the wrist chronograph and is a leader in this complication. The firm has shared all the finest moments in the conquest of the skies thanks to its sturdy, reliable and high-performance instruments. One of the world's only major watch brands to equip all its models with chronometer-certified movements, the ultimate token of precision, Breitling is also one of the rare companies to produce its own mechanical chronograph movements, entirely developed and manufactured in its own workshops. This family business is also one of the last remaining independent Swiss watch brands.

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