



**BREITLING JET TEAM RETURNS TO THE U.S. FOR THE SECOND AND LAST YEAR OF THEIR INAUGURAL AMERICAN TOUR**

*The World's Largest Professional Civilian Jet Team Kicks Off 2016 Tour at the Melbourne Air & Space Show*

**Wilton, Conn. (April 2, 2016)** – [Breitling](#), the independent Swiss watch brand, is pleased to announce that the Breitling Jet Team will be launching the second year of their American Tour in 2016. The prestigious aerobatic display team is the first and largest of its kind; comprised of seven pilots flying L-39 C Albatros jets in a sophisticated demonstration of precision and speed, at times reaching speeds of 565 mph and flying within just a few feet of each other. Their highly-anticipated 2016 American Tour will take the Jet Team from coast to coast across the United States and Canada.

"Last year in 2015 was really unbelievable as the Breitling Jet Team performed for thousands of people across North America, so we were really excited to bring the team back for the second year of their inaugural North American Tour," Breitling USA President Thierry Prissert said. "The response from last year's tour, was overwhelming and the audiences who came out to see the team last year were simply amazing and excited. The team's precision and synchronized movement perfectly encapsulates the essence of Breitling and our watches."

Breitling established the Jet Team over 13 years ago to celebrate their passion for aviation and share it with fans across the world. The Breitling Jet Team's performance mirrors the style, power, precision, and elegance of Breitling's watches. The 2015 American Tour was extremely well received with aviation enthusiasts from across North America coming to see the team's breathtaking performance at nearly 18 air shows in the U.S. and Canada. The team also had an impressive view of some famous North American landmarks, with iconic flights over the Statue of Liberty, Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley and Mount Rushmore, among others.

"The team had an amazing time last year and we couldn't wait to come back for another incredible exhibition across North America," Jacques Bothelin, Breitling Jet Team Leader, said. "We were excited to kick the year off at the Melbourne Air & Space Show in Melbourne, FL – a new venue for the team – where the reception was very positive and welcoming."

The Breitling Jet Team American Tour will perform at approximately 17 air shows in the U.S. and Canada in 2016. The team will be returning to some of the same air shows they performed at in 2015 including the Sun n' Fun International Fly-In & Expo in Lakeland, FL;

the Bethpage Air Show in Jones Beach, NY;; the Abbotsford International Air Show in Abbotsford, BC, Canada; the Canadian International Air Show in Toronto, ON, Canada and the MCAS Miramar Air Show in Miramar, CA. The team will also be performing at some new air shows in 2016 including the Melbourne Air & Space Show in Melbourne, FL; the Fort Lauderdale Air Show in Fort Lauderdale, FL; the McGuire Air Force Base Air Show in Burlington County, NJ; the Great Tennessee Air Show in Smyrna, TN;; Warriors Over the Wasatch in Salt Lake City, UT; the Intel Oregon International Air Show in Hillsboro, OR; Thunder Over Michigan in Ypsilanti, MI; San Francisco Fleet Week in San Francisco, CA and the Surf City Air Show in Huntington Beach, CA. For a complete schedule, please visit [www.breitling-jet-team.com](http://www.breitling-jet-team.com).

Breitling released two limited-edition commemorative chronographs in conjunction with the Breitling Jet Team American Tour. The Chronomat 44 Breitling Jet Team American Tour watch is limited to 500 pieces and features a black steel case, onyx black dial, and distinct yellow accents, which mirrors the colors of the Breitling Jet Team's fleet of L-39 C Albatros Jets. In the fall of 2015, Breitling released the Chronomat GMT Breitling Jet Team American Tour in a limited edition of 250 pieces to honor the very pilots that inspired its creation. These very special timepieces are available at Breitling Boutiques and select retailers across the U.S. To find the closest retailer, please visit: [www.breitling.com](http://www.breitling.com).



**From Left: The Chronomat GMT Breitling Jet Team American Tour Limited Edition and Caseback; Far Right: The Chronomat 44 Jet Team American Tour Limited Edition**



**The Breitling Jet Team flies over the Kennedy Space Center**



The Breitling Jet Team flies over Mt. Rainier



The Breitling Jet Team flies over Niagara Falls

**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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