

14 August 2017

Grab your wingman....Top Gun is heading to Cosford!

Date: 23 September 2017

Time: Gates open 7.00pm / film starts 8.30pm

Cost: £10 per person in advance / £15 on the gate (subject to availability)

Jumpsuits...check! Aviators...check! Pilots...engage screen!

One of the most iconic aviation movies of all time 'Top Gun' will be showcased on a giant inflatable screen at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on Saturday 23 September 2017. This 80's cult classic military movie is the first to be shown in the Museum's new outdoor event which will take place in the spacious grounds, against a backdrop of aircraft.

Film buffs can enjoy watching Maverick under the moonlight in what is the perfect setting for a film about flight. This evening event will see a huge 24ft inflatable screen erected alongside the VC10 and Hercules aircraft, including digital projectors and sound equipment for a true cinematic experience. No movie would be complete without popcorn and for one night only, the Museum will be transforming an aircraft into a popcorn bar where visitors will be able to step on-board to purchase their essential movie snacks.

It's been over 30 years since 'Top Gun' first graced the big screen but the magic of characters Maverick and Goose will be flying high during this special evening event at the RAF Museum Cosford. This American romantic military action film stars Tom Cruise as Lieutenant Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, a hotshot fighter pilot who's reckless attitude puts him at odds with his fellow pilots. The film follows Maverick and his Radar Intercept Officer Nick "Goose" Bradshaw's journey to refine their elite flying skills, coupled with fighting for the attention of the beautiful flight instructor. Packed with plenty of flying action and romantic comedy, 'Top Gun' is a timeless classic suitable for film lovers aged 12 and over.

In the build up to the movie, why not take advantage of some of the tasty hot food and beverages on offer. The Ironbridge Catering Company will be joining the event, serving a delicious selection of American inspired street food, all served from their converted yellow American School Bus. Then why not enjoy some themed cocktails or a glass of fizz courtesy of Champavan who will be serving drinks throughout the evening from their converted VW Campervan. For those who prefer a hot beverage, Drink Up will be serving hot drinks and snacks from 'Hank', their converted American Dodge Van.

Film fans are encouraged to bring picnic chairs and blankets for their own comfort as the film will be screened outdoors on a grassed area - there is no allocated seating, so arrive early to get the best spot! Visitors are also welcome to bring their own food and drink on the night, all drinks must be in plastic bottles or cans and no BBQ's are permitted.

Ticket holders will also have exclusive after-hours access to the Museum's Hangar 1 when gates open at 7pm. There will be plenty of time to enjoy some of the tasty street food, a cocktail or two and of course stock up on your popcorn, before you settle down to watch the movie at 8.30pm (film start time may alter

slightly, depending on light conditions). The running time is approximately 105mins and the movie is certified 12 years and over, under 16's will not be admitted unless accompanied by an adult.

RAF Museum Cosford Public Events Manager, Abi Betteridge said:

"We are excited to be launching our first ever outdoor cinema event here at the RAF Museum Cosford with the screening of 'Top Gun'. It's such an iconic film and so fitting for us as a venue - where else can you watch a military movie surrounded by real military aircraft? We hope that a great movie, combined with the unique setting and all the added extra's like our aircraft popcorn bar will create an enjoyable and memorable cinema experience for our visitors. Plus, if visitors have any suggestions as to what film they want us to screen next time, we would love to hear their ideas."

If you feel the need.....the need for speed, head to the Museum's website where tickets are now available to purchase in advance www.rafmuseum.org/cosford priced at £10 per person. Tickets will also be available on the evening priced at £15 per person, subject to availability. Parking for ticket holders is free of charge.

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