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The top must-dos

SOME 20,000 people are expected to flood the Singapore Airshow site at Changi North today when it opens its doors to the public.

The sprawling show site features exhibits from more than 800 companies, from 42 countries.

With so much to see and do, here are some events you should not miss:

- **AERIAL DISPLAY:** The 90-minute display takes place today and tomorrow from 12.15pm. Two aerobatic teams, the Roulettes from the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and the Black Knights from the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), will perform thrilling aerobatics.

In addition, two types of American fighter jets - an F-16C and an F/A-18 Super Hornet - and two jet planes used to train military pilots - Italy's M-346 and South Korea's T-50 Golden Eagle - will stage solo displays.

SHOW TIP: Arrive early to get the best vantage points. These are along the shaded veranda facing the sea. Those willing to brave the sunshine and be closer to the action should consider the fence line near the shore.

- **STATIC DISPLAY:** Get up close to some 60 airliners, business jets, helicopters and warplanes, including some aircraft types people rarely see. These include the sleek B-1B Lancer bomber from the United States Air Force, a C-130J Hercules used for weather research, and the RSAF's Hermes 450B unmanned aerial vehicle which will be displayed in public for the first time.

The Singapore Armed Forces land defence display, which has exhibits



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like the Leopard 2A4 tank and Apache AH-64D attack chopper, should interest military buffs.

SHOW TIP: Beat the heat with an umbrella or cap.

- **MEET THE AEROBATIC TEAMS:** Say hello and take pictures with dashing flyboys from the RAAF Roulettes and RSAF Black Knights at the Feature Pavilion, which is the large white tent at the static aircraft area.

The Roulettes will sign autographs from 3.30pm to 4.30pm today, and 3.45pm to 4.45pm tomorrow. The Black Knights will appear from 2.30pm to 3.30pm today and from 2.45pm to 3.45pm tomorrow.

SHOW TIP: A limited number of Black Knights souvenirs, such as posters, post cards and stickers, will be given out at the RSAF booth at stand A01 in the main hall.

- **SIMULATOR RIDES.** Try your hand at piloting the F-15SG warplane at Boeing (stand U23) or the C-130 Hercules military transport aircraft simulator at Singapore Technologies Electronics (stand G01) in the main hall.

SHOW TIP: The RSAF has ordered 24 F-15SGs and this is the first time the simulator is on show. Be among the first to fly the fighter.

Tickets

Check your tickets before you leave home. Entry to the air show is by pre-paid tickets only. Police will allow only visitors holding valid tickets to enter the 2-km long Aviation Park Road - the only road access to the coastal exhibition site.

Unlike the last air show in 2006, this year's air display is barely visible from Changi Beach.

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