

Frequently Asked Questions

What aircraft are available for flight experiences? What is the cost?

Currently, the Lone Star Flight Museum is pleased to offer flight experiences in the B-17 Flying Fortress B-25 Mitchell, T-6 Texan and Stearman.

B-17	\$425	T-6 Texan: \$290
B-25	\$375	Stearman: \$225

How do I schedule a flight?

You can reserve a flight experience by calling toll-free 1-888-FLY-LSFM (1-888-359-5736) Or go online and print off our request form, fill it out and mail it in with your payment. Our website will be available for online booking soon.

Can I book a whole flight?

Yes, it is possible to book a whole flight and we offer a discount for the convenience.

I bought a flight experience. Am I required to pay admission to the museum?

We encourage you to share your experience with family and friends, but the cost of the flight covers aircraft expenses only. When rides are conducted at the museum, you and one guest are allowed complimentary admission to the museum. Others in your party will be charged regular admission, and we offer discounts for groups of 20 or more. While you are at the museum, take a few moments to tour the aircraft displays and the exhibits in the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. Our regular admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students 5-17, and children under 5 are admitted free.

What happens during a flight experience?

BOMBERS

- 1. Arrival:** We ask you to arrive **45** minutes prior to your scheduled flight time to get acquainted with the aircraft and crew. You will be asked to fill out a liability waiver, and if you have not paid in full, the balance will be requested at this time.
- 2. Preflight:** Shortly before boarding the airplane, we will discuss aircraft safety with you and the other riders. Seating assignments and flight procedures will be discussed at this time. You will then be taken aboard the aircraft. All passengers must be seated and wear a seatbelt for engine start, taxi, takeoff and landing.
- 3. During Flight:** Once the aircraft is in the air, you will be allowed to move about the aircraft. Take this time to visit the various compartments of the aircraft like the nose, bomb bay, navigation/radio, cockpit and waist sections. For safety reasons it is not possible to enter the ball turret or the tail turret in the B-17. Explore as much as you like and feel free to take pictures and video.
- 4. After Flight:** Once you exit and the crew has secured the aircraft, feel free to pose for pictures for a few moments before the next flight loads up. Use caution around the engines as they may still be hot. For flights originating out of our Galveston facility, be sure to tour the museum before you leave.

TRAINERS

1. **Arrival:** Please arrive at least one hour ahead of the scheduled flight and check in at that gift shop. You will be given a release form to sign and will be asked to settle your account if you have not paid in full.
2. **Preflight:** You will be directed to the flight line to await your safety briefing by the pilot. The pilot will then help you into your seat, strap you in and then get in as well. **DO NOT GRAB THE STICK OR ATTEMPT TO USE THE PEDALS.**
3. **Flight:** Enjoy yourself and scenic Galveston.
4. **Landing:** Remain Seated until you have been instructed by the pilot to begin exiting the aircraft.

How long does the flight experience last?

Each flight experience lasts approximately 35-40 minutes, of those 20-25 minutes will be in the air.

I am flying in a Stearman, will the pilot perform any aerobatics?

No, according to our specific FAA regulations, the pilot will not be performing any aerobatics.

What should I wear or bring?

BOMBERS: Please try not to bring baggage of any type onboard as space is tight. Pictures and video are encouraged. Smaller snapshot cameras tend to work best as the tight spaces may be difficult for larger 35 mm cameras and equipment. We are sorry, but the Lone Star Flight Museum is not responsible for the loss or damage of items such as cameras in flight. Ear plugs and a head set will be provided. The aircraft can be drafty at times, so you may consider bringing a light jacket or sweatshirt for the flight during the colder months. Close-toed shoes are a strong recommendation; *please no flip flops!* Also, baggy clothing or clothing that may get caught is not recommended.

TRAINERS: We encourage photography. Please be aware, however, that the Stearman is open cockpit. Though the pilot will not be performing any aerobatics, there is a chance the camera may fall out of your hands and outside the aircraft. We recommend a disposable camera, just to be safe. Sunglasses are a good suggestion to protect your eyes when flying in the Stearman. The Lone Star Flight Museum is not responsible for any lost or damaged belongings. Both aircraft are not climate-controlled so prepare for the weather as best as you see fit. Please dress for the Stearman as if it were 10 degrees cooler. Close-toed shoes and non-baggy clothing are recommended. Also, skirts may not be the best attire, as you will be climbing the wing of the aircraft.

Are there any age restrictions?

Yes - passengers must be **18** years of age or older.

Are there any weight restrictions?

Some may apply. These aircraft have some tight fits. These restrictions are in place not because of unsafe weight on the aircraft but because the rider may simply not be able to get into the space for the seat. If you can get in it, you can fly in it.

Do I need to be a pilot or a military veteran?

No – anyone can enjoy a Flight Experience. You need not be a pilot or military veteran.

I'm a pilot, will I be allowed to handle the controls of the airplane?

You will be allowed into the cockpit section during the flight to observe the pilots, but FAA regulations prohibit you from occupying a pilot seat or interfering with the pilots during the flight.

Do I need to be an LSFM Member?

No – it is not mandatory to be an LSFM Member to ride in the airplane. However, a discount is given to LSFM Members.

How many seats are available on each flight?

There are 5 seats available on the B-25 and 5 on the B-17 at the present time and these are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority is given to pre-paid passengers and they are notified of the flight date 2 days ahead of time. A minimum of 4 people are required per flight on the B-25 and 5 on the B-17. If fewer than the minimum are booked, we will try to reschedule the flight that day. If rescheduling is not possible, these flights may be cancelled and passengers may elect to remain on the master list to be scheduled at another time or receive a refund.

How accessible is the airplane to people of limited mobility?

Our aircraft were not designed for standard passenger operations; however, we have successfully flown people of limited mobility. Some physical exertion is required and weight restrictions may apply. For any other health concerns, please consult your physician.

What happens if the weather is bad?

If mechanical or weather problems occur at the time of your scheduled flight, alternatives will be discussed with you whether to reschedule the flight for a later time, date or location. Weather and/or mechanical problems may delay or cancel a scheduled flight. Every effort will be made to reschedule these flights.

What if I have other questions?

If you have further questions, please call: 1-888-359-5736, or drop us an email at flight@lonestarflight.org.

Is a waiver of liability required?

Yes.