



Breitling Jet Team completes twelve-month Asian Tour

The Breitling Jet Team is the first civilian Jet display team to complete a tour encompassing Asia, Russia and Europe.

Navigating 40,000 kilometers the equivalent distance of the world's circumference the Breitling Jet Team, consisting of seven L-39C Albatros jets has set a world first taking their unique and polished performance to new audiences in China, South East Asia, South Korea, Japan, Moscow, and Eastern Europe.

The seven highly experienced pilots negotiated challenging transits over the mountains of Mongolia, jungles of Borneo, South China Seas and the Gobi Desert to name but a few. A full time team of seven technicians worked around the clock and in temperatures from -18 to +45 degrees to keep the aircraft in top-flight condition and allow the pilots to consistently pull high G and high-speed maneuvers. The team respected for their precision and reliability performed all expected 28 displays and delighted crowds of over 5.5 million.

As well as experiencing new cultures the team met new friends on the ground and in the air such as the prestigious national aerobatic teams; Chinese August 1st team, South Korea Black Eagles, Indonesian Jupiter team, Malaysian Smokey Bandits, Thai Blue phoenix, and the Russian Knights.

From the aerial perspective the team enjoyed flying low and in close formation over some of the world's most iconic and notorious landmarks including: Petronas Towers, Borobudur Temple in Indonesia, Mount Fuji, the Great Wall of China and the historic city of Prague.

As a special welcome back into European skies the team was greeted by two Swiss Air Force F/A-18 supersonic fighter jets and escorted across Swiss air space. After basing their operations in foreign countries for the past 12 months the pilots are enjoying having their aircraft back in Dijon.

Jacques Bothelin comments:

"It has been an adventure beyond belief, the tour has had challenges but nothing we could not as a team overcome. The hard work and dedication from the pilots, technicians and support crew has been humbling. We have had such a warm welcome everywhere we have been; the local people and organizations in each location worked so hard and given us such a warm welcome we can only thank them and hope one day we will come back for another visit!



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We enjoyed sharing our team and love for flight with the public, VIP passengers and media we hope we have provided a unique insight and been not only good ambassadors for Breitling but also for aviation in general... every new pilot we can inspire around the globe is a win for us!"

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