

Мрія

Welcome to what is a rather special AFVA tour, which will simply go by the title - "Мрія".

The purpose of this tour is to give all AFVA/KLM pilots the chance to fly the iconic Antonov 225.

The tour is based on a number of flights completed by Мрія during 2020/21 and concludes with what is, at present, the last flight made by her on 5th February 2022. We say 'at present' because as many will be aware, Antonov plan to rebuild her. This will be at some cost and Antonov are seeking contributions to assist with this. Those who have purchased the AN-225 for MSFS will have the proceeds from the purchase donated to this cause. At AFVA we are attempting to find the best method for any pilots not using MSFS and who would also like to make a donation, keep an eye on the AFVA news page for further information when it is available.

There may of course be those who would like to help with the humanitarian situation in Ukraine, there are many ways to donate via the internet e.g. <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.

To those pilots who partake in this tour and find it enjoyable, perhaps you could consider an entirely voluntary donation to either of the causes above.

Many thanks

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On 5 February 2022, the Antonov 225 took off for the last time from Billund (Denmark), bound for Hostomel Airport on the outskirts of Kyiv, where it landed at 17:30 EET. The ADB320F flight took 2 hours and 5 minutes, covering a distance of 814 nm. After this flight, the An-225 would undergo a technical intervention that would make it impossible to fly, due to maintenance work.

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale military invasion in Ukraine, severely damaging various Ukrainian infrastructure. On the same day, clashes broke out at Hostomel Airport, later called the "Battle of Antonov Airport". This battle between Russian and Ukrainian soldiers, which would only end the day after, the 25th of February, resulted in the Russian victory and the complete destruction of the airport due to the artillery. Soon the first drone images of the hangar where the severely damaged Antonov 225 was parked began to appear. On February 27, on its official Twitter account, the Ukrainian Government confirmed that the Antonov An-225 was destroyed by Russian troops during the battle at the airport.

On 2 April, Ukrainian troops regained control of the airport, where the high degree of destruction left by the conflict was confirmed. With the liberation of the airport, Dmytro Antonov, chief pilot of Antonov, published a video on his Youtube account where he reports and shows the destruction left by the Russian army at the Ukrainian airport. With this video it is finally possible to fully see the state of destruction in which Mriya was left. Along with him, an An-124-100M-150 (UR-82008), as well as several planes that were in the Antonov complex at the airport. With the destruction of the only example in history, its future or its reconstruction remains open, based on the second unfinished prototype, however, the Ukrainian Government left the promise to rebuild the plane.

The Antonov An-225 was written down in the history books for having fulfilled the dreams of some and for having made many others dream... Dream... That was the name that the Ukrainians gave the An-225.

Itinerary

AKM1000 Leg 1	Kiev-Hostomel Ukraine (UKKM) - Baku Azerbaijan (UBBB)	06:00 IST - 11:20 AZBT (3h 20m)
AKM1000 Leg 2	Baku Azerbaijan (UBBB) - Rzeszów Podkarpackie Poland (EPRZ)	09:00 AZBT - 10:05 CET (1h 5m)
AKM1000 Leg 3	Rzeszów Podkarpackie Poland (EPRZ) - Kiev-Hostomel Ukraine (UKKM)	10:15 CET - 12:55 IST (1h 40m)
AKM1000 Leg 4	Kiev-Hostomel Ukraine (UKKM) - Tianjin China (ZBTJ)	06:30 IST - 20:45 CCT (8h 15m)
AKM1000 Leg 5	Tianjin China (ZBTJ) - Manas Kyrgyzstan (UCFM)	19:00 CCT - 23:00 GMT+6 (5h 0m)
AKM1000 Leg 6	Manas Kyrgyzstan (UCFM) - Istanbul Turkey (LTFM)	10:00 GMT+6 - 10:17 IST (5h 17m)
AKM1000 Leg 7	Istanbul Turkey (LTFM) - Rzeszów Podkarpackie Poland (EPRZ)	11:31 IST - 13:09 CET (2h 38m)
AKM1000 Leg 8	Rzeszów Podkarpackie Poland (EPRZ) - Almaty Kazakhstan (UAAA)	13:24 CET - 22:28 UZBT (5h 4m)
AKM1001 Leg 1	Almaty Kazakhstan (UAAA) - Anchorage AK (PANC)	19:05 UZBT - 14:59 ALT (8h 54m)
AKM1001 Leg 2	Anchorage AK (PANC) - Toronto ON Canada (CYYZ)	23:54 ALT - 11:51 ET (7h 57m)
AKM1001 Leg 3	Toronto ON Canada (CYYZ) - Anchorage AK (PANC)	08:34 ET - 11:45 ALT (7h 11m)
AKM1001 Leg 4	Anchorage AK (PANC) - Tianjin China (ZBTJ)	03:55 ALT - 06:29 CCT (10h 34m)
AKM1001 Leg 5	Tianjin China (ZBTJ) - Tokyo-Narita Japan (RJAA)	02:11 CCT - 05:33 JST (2h 22m)
AKM1001 Leg 6	Tokyo-Narita Japan (RJAA) - Anchorage AK (PANC)	09:12 JST - 00:24 ALT (8h 12m)
AKM1001 Leg 7	Anchorage AK (PANC) - Montréal-Mirabel QC Canada (CYMX)	06:18 ALT - 16:50 ET (6h 32m)
AKM1001 Leg 8	Montréal-Mirabel QC Canada (CYMX) - Anchorage AK (PANC)	05:29 ET - 08:29 ALT (7h 0m)
AKM1002 Leg 1	Anchorage AK (PANC) - Tianjin China (ZBTJ)	16:50 ALT - 17:40 CCT (8h 50m)
AKM1002 Leg 2	Tianjin China (ZBTJ) - Almaty Kazakhstan (UAAA)	18:32 CCT - 22:39 UZBT (7h 7m)
AKM1002 Leg 3	Almaty Kazakhstan (UAAA) - Baku Azerbaijan (UBBB)	06:09 UZBT - 07:25 AZBT (2h 16m)
AKM1002 Leg 4	Baku Azerbaijan (UBBB) - Billund Denmark (EKBI)	15:26 AZBT - 17:32 CET (5h 6m)
AKM1002 Leg 5	Billund Denmark (EKBI) - Kiev-Hostomel Ukraine (UKKM)	10:05 CET - 14:27 IST (3h 22m)

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For those pilots using Simulators other than MSFS2020 there are freeware versions of the AN-225 available, some are listed below:

FSX/P3D - <https://www.rikoooo.com/downloads/viewdownload/12/530>

FS2004 - <https://avsimrus.com/f/fs2004-aircrafts-40/antonov-an-225-1285.html>

X-Plane - <https://forums.x-plane.org/index.php?/files/file/59863-antonov-an-225-mriya-give-peace-a-chance/>

Please also read AFV/KLM NOTAM 49 - <https://www.afva.net/notams.do> before starting the tour.

