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World-class Italian Aerobatic display team and nerves-of-steel Wingwalkers to wow spectators at Bray Air Display 2016

Irish, British and now Italian aerobatics to take to the skies over Bray!

It has been confirmed that the Frecce Tricolori, the Italian aerobatic display team – one of the greatest aerobatic display teams in the world – will take to the skies during the [Bray Air Display](#) this July. Along with the UK's Red Arrows (who were recently also confirmed as part of this year's stellar line-up), the Frecce Tricolori is one of the most experienced and awe-inspiring aerobatic display teams. This will be the first time that the Frecce Tricolori will perform at the event and is a huge coup for the organisers of the popular Bray Air Display which attracted 90,000 spectators to the Co. Wicklow seaside town last summer.

As well as the breath-taking displays of the Frecce Tricolori, spectators will be treated to a dramatic, gravity defying performance by the Breitling Wingwalkers – the world's only formation wingwalking display team and another first for the Bray Air Display. The UK-based aerobatic display team's performance involves a sequence of formation loops and rolls during which so-called 'wingwalkers' perform a dazzling sequence of acrobatic manoeuvres and handstands whilst strapped to the top wings of the team's beautiful Boeing Stearman biplanes!

The team pilots fly the aircraft through a well-rehearsed, energetic routine of aerobatics and close formation flypasts as the wingwalkers wave to the crowd. These manoeuvres include loops, rolls, stall turns and even inverted flight. During all of this, the wingwalkers experience speeds of up to 150 miles per hour (mph) and 'G' forces of up to 4G! For the impressive 'Cockpit Lady' pass, the daring wingwalkers will leave the safety of their static harness and climb down to the cockpit during flight. While standing in front of the pilot's windscreen, secured by a waist harness, they will perform a balletic pose as they soar above Bray at 100 mph!

Se Pardy, Bray Air Display Director said, *"To have none other than the Frecce Tricolori on the bill for this year's event is a real thrill for us. They will put on an amazing show for spectators this July – it really is something to look forward to. We also recently announced that the Red Arrows will perform at the display this year so all in all we have an absolutely incredible line up of world-class performers for spectators to enjoy."*

"The Breitling Wingwalkers' performance has to be seen to be believed," continued Se. *"It is a mind-blowing display and we are really excited to have them perform as part of this year's programme. The calibre of acts that we will have this year confirms Bray Air Display as one of Ireland's – and Europe's – leading air displays."*

2016 will be the 11th year of the Bray Air Display which will include a packed schedule of aerobatic display teams from across Ireland, the UK and Europe led by the acclaimed Irish Air Corp in this significant year of 1916 commemoration. The free, family event takes place thanks to the support of the Irish Aviation Authority, Wicklow County Council and Bray.ie. The event will take place over two days this year, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th July*. The Frece Tricolori and the Breitling Wingwalkers will perform on both the Saturday and Sunday while the Red Arrows will open the show at 2pm on the Sunday.

The Bray Air Display has been established as a hugely anticipated and popular event in the summer festival calendar attracting tens of thousands of spectators. The full event line up will be announced in the coming weeks on the event's new look website www.brayairdisplay.com Follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BrayAirSpectacular> Twitter <https://twitter.com/brayairshow> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/brayairdisplay/> for event updates and details. Subject to licence.

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About Bray Air Display #BrayAirDisplay

The Bray Air Display takes place this year on Saturday, July 23rd and Sunday, July 24th 2016*. This is the Air Display's eleventh year. We are one of Ireland's biggest and best Air Displays attracting 90,000 people to Bray for the display last year.

About the Frece Tricolori

The Frece Tricolori (literally 'Tricolour Arrows') is the aerobatic demonstration team of the Italian Aeronautica Militare, based at Rivolto Air Force Base in the north-eastern Italian region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, province of Udine. They were formed in 1961 as an air force team. The team flies the Aermacchi MB-339-A/PAN, a two-seat fighter-trainer craft capable of 898 km per hour at sea level. The team's official name is: **313° Gruppo Addestramento Acrobatico, Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale (PAN) Frece Tricolori.**

Visit: <http://www.aeronautica.difesa.it/PAN/Pagine/index3.aspx>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FreceTricolori>

About the Breitling Wingwalkers

The World's only formation wingwalking display team is renowned for dazzling spectators at events throughout Europe and beyond. Recent trips have seen the Breitling Wingwalkers displaying at iconic locations in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, China, India and Japan as well at several events across Europe. Painted in their striking orange Breitling livery, the beautiful 1940s Stearman biplanes will roar through the skies at speeds of up to 140mph above Bray, each with a wingwalker climbing around the aircraft and performing handstands while waving to the crowd below.

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