

2026 INDY 500 TOUR



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Meet and Greet with Scott Dixon & Indy 500 Victory Celebration Banquet

From **\$9505.00**

Land only twin share

18 - 26 May 2026

Escorted by Willie Kay

The excitement. The tradition. The speed. The fun. It is the month of May. It is Indianapolis. It is the Indianapolis 500.

No other motor sports facility has the rich history and tradition of the City of Indianapolis and the Racing Capital of the World, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. There's nothing like it.

The 'Greatest Spectacle in Racing' has a special meaning to race fans and the traditions of the Indy 500 create an annual celebration of speed, pageantry and people like no other. Experience the excitement of being part of the largest single day sporting event in the World and to be at the centre of this incredible race, more history and speed surely await during the 110th running of the Indianapolis 500'. Add a chapter to your lifetime memories at the Indy 500, An American Memorial Day tradition for over 115 years.

'You won't want to miss the greatest race in the World and we look forward to hosting you at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2026 for the 110th running of the Indy 500.

110TH RUNNING OF THE INDIANAPOLIS 500

Being there, it's everything



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Willie Kay is a former speedway and circuit driver, car owner, Indy Car crewman. Director of Speedway New Zealand for eleven years and promoter of Western Springs Speedway and Baypark Speedway tracks for 21 years. Willie has escorted motorsport tours including the Indianapolis 500, Formula One Grand Prix, Vintage Car events, V8 Super Cars, major international speedway races and international aviation events for thirty-five years.

Motorsport in its many facets has been his life and work and Willie takes no greater pleasure than to share his experience, knowledge and contacts for the benefit of tour members.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Indianapolis Airport transfers on 18th and 26th May
- Eight Nights at the Drury Plaza Hotel, Indianapolis
- Daily cooked buffet breakfast at the Drury Plaza
- Evening "Kick Back & Relax" sessions with hot food and cold beverages at the Drury Plaza
Get together drinks with your host
- Group transfers for the duration of the tour
- Entry to Indy 500 and Pit/Gasoline Alley access
- Tickets to Carburation Day and Pit Stop Challenge.
- Tickets to the Carb Day Classic featuring the Silver Crown Hoosier 100, USAC Midgets and Road to Indy races at Indianapolis Raceway Park
- Tickets to Legends Day and Indy 500 Public Driver's Briefing
- Indy 500 Parade
- Entry to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum
- "Kiss the Bricks" Track Tour
- Photo opportunity with the famous Borg Warner Indianapolis 500 Winners Trophy
- Tickets to local race meetings as per Itinerary (tbc)
- Visit the Racing Headquarters of an Indy Car Team and vintage race car restoration shops
- Grandstand Seats at the Indianapolis 500
- Boxed lunches on the days of the Indy 500 Parade and the Indy 500
- Indy 500 Old Timers Dinner and Auto Racing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Indy 500 Victory Celebration Banquet
- Local sightseeing in Indianapolis
- Sporting Tours Merchandise
- Services of tour host Willie Kay (subject to a minimum of 12 persons travelling)

ITINERARY

MONDAY 18 MAY Arrive Indianapolis

On arrival at Indianapolis you will be met by Willie Kay and transferred to the Drury Plaza Hotel.

TUESDAY 19 MAY

Visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the recently renovated Indianapolis Speedway Museum, take a lap around the famed oval with a stop at the "Yard of Bricks" at the start/finish line for a photo opportunity or to "kiss the bricks". Visit the merchandise, souvenir and gift shops.

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

Visit the private automobile museum of Ray Skillman for a personal tour of classic, historic and special cars, racing cars and memorabilia. Lunch at the museum is included. In the evening attend the Auto Racing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and the Indianapolis 500 Old Timbers Recognition Dinner. This event is the annual gathering of former drivers, mechanics and crews and is attended by some current drivers of the Indy 500 and other sanctions and celebrities.

THURSDAY 21 MAY

Visit an Indy Team Racing Headquarters where you will get an insider's view of an Indy Car Race Shop. Visit a race car restoration shop and local sightseeing of other points of interest in Indianapolis. In the evening attend Circle City Speedway dirt track and supporting events

FRIDAY 22 MAY

This is the last chance for the final chassis tuning for the Indy Cars and is a great opportunity to watch the action. At the completion of the Indy Cars practice session the Indy Car teams hold their Pit Stop Competition competing for US\$150,000. In the evening attend the Carb Night Classic featuring the Hoosier 100 for Silver Crown Cars, USAC Midgets and the USF2000 Road to Indy races at Indianapolis Raceway Park

SATURDAY 23 MAY

Pre-race festivities for the Indy 500 begin with Legends Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Attend the public drivers' meeting and autograph session then watch the 500 Festival Parade through downtown. Nationally recognised as one of America's most prominent parades and featuring extravagant floats, enormous helium balloons, renowned figures and esteemed guests, marching bands and all 33 Indy 500 drivers. The event reflects America's love of parades and is a spectacle well worth watching and is a fitting climax to the build-up to the Indy 500 Race.

SUNDAY 24 MAY

The day we have all been waiting for, the highlight of the Tour. The Indianapolis 500. Pre-race ceremonies include a spectacle of bands, vintage race car demonstration, celebrity introductions, renditions of "America the Beautiful" "God Bless America" the United States National Anthem, the Invocation, the playing of "Taps" and a military flyover provide the entertainment until Driver Introductions at 11:50 am followed by the singing of "Back Home Again. The command "Start your Engines" is given at 12:38pm and the green flag waves for the start of the race at 12:45pm. For the next three hours watch the greatest spectacle in motor racing. Grandstand seats that we believe to be the best in the house have been reserved for you.

MONDAY 25 MAY

Rain day for the Indy 500. In the evening we are privileged to attend the official Indy 500 Victory Awards Celebration Banquet. Walk the Red Carpet and join celebrities, former drivers, sponsors and team owners to hear the Indy 500 drivers make their acceptance speeches as they receive their prize money cheques and awards. The Cocktail Reception starts at 5.00 pm followed by dinner and the Victory Celebration program. More than US\$18 million is distributed at this exclusive event which is televised live and is a great ending to the tour. A table has been reserved for tour members. Business attire (jacket and tie).

TUESDAY 26 MAY

Transfer to Airport

INDY 500 TOUR QUALIFYING EXTENSION

Friday 15 to Monday 18 May

Four intense laps, 16 perfect corners, 230+ mph speeds. Buckle up, because the Indianapolis 500 qualifying will have your heart racing!

The most daring racers in the world go all-out, holding on for 10 nerve-racking miles with the hopes of earning a starting spot in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Kiwi, Scott McLaughlan won the Pole in 2024 with an average speed of 234.220 mph – the fastest pole speed in Indy 500 history and breaking Scott Dixon's pole speed record of 234.046 set in 2022. Experience all the drama as Indy qualifying weekend determines who is on the pole, what position the drivers are starting from and who will make the great race!

Include
3 nights accommodation
Race Tickets
Pit Pass
Return race transfers
Services of Title Host Willie Kay

Qualifying weekend extension package

15-18 May 2025

cost per person

\$1470.00 per person double/twin

\$2090.00 per person single

Extra nights **\$366** and **\$183** Double/Twin

TOUR COSTS

LAND ONLY PACKAGE (excludes air fares)

\$9505.00 per person double/twin

\$11230.00 per person single

Airfares from \$2985 includes airport transfers (subject to availability at time of booking)

BOOKING CONDITIONS

A non-refundable deposit is required to secure a reservation. \$3000 per person. Non Refundable balance of tour cost is due 40 days prior to departure. Sporting Tours reserves the right to amend the deposit amounts based on the composition of your final package or as required by the various suppliers. All supporting events are subject to change and you will be updated if there are any changes.

PLEASE NOTE Tour costs are based on a minimum of 12 persons traveling should numbers fall below the cost will increase accordingly. We will update you with any increases

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