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IN PLANE VIEW: ABSTRACTIONS OF FLIGHT

*The Smithsonian's National
Air and Space Museum
Traveling Photography Exhibition*

The aircraft and space vehicles of
the National Air and Space Museum
as you've never seen them!



Exhaust cone of the X-15, the hypersonic plane that reached the edge of the Earth's atmosphere.

The iconic aircraft and spacecraft in the Smithsonian's collections embody decades of historical and technological milestones, from the first successful flight to breaking the sound barrier to landing on the moon. Yet rarely do museum visitors focus on the aesthetic attributes of these celebrated flying machines.

In Plane View, an exhibition by the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum photographer Carolyn Russo, redirects our attention to the often-overlooked "simple beauty" of aircraft design. Using fine-art photography to bring out new visual dimensions of these powerful symbols of the 20th century, Russo transforms these into works of art.



Exhaust stacks of a Supermarine Spitfire



Pitts Special upper wing and engine cowling

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