

Your Hot Air Balloon Flight

Prior to your flight, Delta Hot Air Balloon will provide you with the necessary information and instruction for you to take part. You should become knowledgeable about the risks involved and, where applicable, assume personal responsibility for your actions.

You Understand –

1. That you must comply with any and all instructions given by the Pilot and/or Crew on the day of your flight - whether you are on the ground or in flight.
2. That no smoking is permitted either on the launch field or at any time near to or in the balloons.
3. The dangers posed by moving retrieve vehicles when manoeuvring on the launch and landing fields.
4. That all mobile phones and other electronic devices should be switched off (or put to flight mode) for the duration of the flight. Use of devices is only permitted in respect of camera applications.
5. That in the event of you feeling unwell or unhappy at any stage of the flight, you should inform your Pilot immediately.
6. That sometimes, during the flight or on approach to landing the balloon can come into contact with trees or other objects and upon landing, the basket can tip and bounce or drag along the ground before coming to rest. The balloon and basket are designed for your comfort and safety and since contacts with trees, tipping and bouncing, or dragging along the ground are normal occurrences with balloon flights and landings, such events do not constitute an “accident”.
7. During landing you should adopt the correct landing position within the basket and maintain a firm hold on the handles (as advised by your Pilot prior to flight). You should remain in this position until your Pilot advises otherwise and subject to this position being adopted, landing should not cause you any undue injury. However, please be aware that all balloon flights do carry some degree of risk.
8. That once advised by your Pilot of the landing position, you should practice this position and ensure you are confident of your ability to maintain it until the balloon is safely stopped on the ground and your Pilot has informed you it is safe for you to move. If you have any reservations regarding this fact, you should inform your Pilot immediately.
9. That as hot air balloons can't be steered (they travel on the wind); a landing location cannot be selected prior to take off. You are aware that landing sites may include fields which may be muddy/ wet and so confirm that you are wearing appropriate clothing (i.e. warm, comfortable layers and flat sensible shoes or trainers) and fully able to transverse such terrain. If you are not dressed appropriately, you may not be permitted to fly.

You Confirm that –

1. You are physically able to take part in the experience and are able to demonstrate this, if required, to your Pilot i.e. you are able to climb in, out and over the sides of the basket (which is approx. 42 inches or 1.1m high), stand unassisted for at least an hour (the approx. duration of the flight) and adopt the correct landing position (as advised by your Pilot but which does include bended knees and maintaining a firm grip on the handles).
2. You are confident of your ability to understand, follow and react in a timely manner to any instruction given by your Pilot.
3. You do not have any pre-existing medical condition which could be affected by the ballooning experience or prevent you from safely taking part. If you are unsure whether your medical condition could impact upon your ballooning experience, you should seek professional medical advice in the first instance however, **all medical conditions should be disclosed to your Pilot and/or Operator to enable them to assess your suitability to fly - they may request a certificate of fitness to fly from a doctor or specialist. If your Pilot and/or Operator is unsure of your suitability to fly and you are not in possession of a certificate of fitness to fly, you may not be permitted to fly.** In order to avoid disappointment on the day of flight, please ensure that all medical conditions are disclosed prior to the booking of your flight date as some medical conditions may mean you will not be permitted to fly.
4. You will not be carrying medication for any pre-existing medical condition during the flight – if you do require the carriage of medication, please inform your Pilot and/or Operator prior to arriving for your flight as it will not be possible to cater for some forms of medication on the flight.
5. You are over the age of 16 and are of a height of at least 4ft 6in (1.4m). If you are under 16 years of age, you will be accompanied by a responsible adult.
6. Your weight is below 18 stone/ 115 kgs.

7. You are not pregnant.
8. You are not suffering from any *significant* medical condition or have recently undergone surgery.
9. You are not under the influence of drink or drugs.
10. You have no further special needs which your Pilot may need to take into consideration to ensure the safe operation of the flight.
11. You give consent; subject the use of such equipment by your Pilot and/or Operator, to be filmed during your flight experience (ground and/or flight). You consent to the use/ reuse of any/ all footage obtained by your Pilot and/or Operator. You agree that your Pilot and/or Operator shall have full, exclusive ownership of any recording taken and you shall have no rights whatsoever to the Material. You release your Pilot and/or Operator from any and all liability arising out of their use of the Material. You agree not to make any claim against your Pilot and/or Operator as a result of the recording or use of the Material (including, without limitation, any claim that such use invades any right of privacy and/or publicity and any claims based on defamation or libel or false light).

Ballooning is a potentially dangerous activity and as such poses a risk of injury (whether minor or serious) with every flight. While training and adherence to approved operating standards minimises these risks, they cannot be eliminated. No guarantees as to a participant's safety can be given and Delta Hot Air Balloons or any related parties do not make any claim that any flight will be accident or injury free. Participants take part STRICTLY AT YOUR OWN RISK. If you do not understand and accept the risks inherent in ballooning activities, you should not participate in them.

By signing this document, you agree to the contents and are aware of your responsibilities and the potential risks associated with ballooning.

Name:

Signature:

Date:

* Accident - Defined as an unusual or unexpected event which is outside the normal parameters of operation as per the Carriage by Air Acts (Implementation of the Montreal Convention 1999) Order 2002.