



## INSTRUCTION OF PREPARING FOR FLIGHT AND FLYING BY HOT AIR BALLOON

Dear Passenger,

**Every person who at least once saw the earth from the basket of hot air balloon would never forget impressions and emotions he gained. For the flight to be really safe and giving the feeling of freedom you should be aware of the following nuances:**

1. In summer the flights by hot air balloons usually take place in the morning (5am-9am), while termics (vertical air flows) did not start and in the evening (6pm-9pm), when termics become quiet. In autumn- spring morning flights start a bit later (8am), and evening - earlier (4pm).
2. The flight by air balloon totally depends on meteorology: nebulosity, rainfall, visibility, wind force etc. Usually meteorology is forecasted, but quite often the forecast is inaccurate or incomplete. Therefore, even when you arrive to the place of take off for safety's reason the flight can be cancelled.
3. The average duration of the flight by hot air balloon is one hour, but the whole procedure (with preparation for the flight, instruction, fitting of the balloon etc.) lasts for 3-4 hours.
4. 3-5 people fly in one air balloon. If you would like to fly without other people you should discuss that with the organisers of the flight in advance.
5. Flying hot air balloon is followed by crew in a car. Balloon pilot has constant radio connection with the car. After the flight hot air balloon and passengers are brought back to the place of meeting.
6. During the take off the pilot will ask you to help to prepare balloon for the flight, certainly if you agree and are prepared for that. If you have some health problems or are pregnant it is better to consult the doctor before it. In any case, you must inform the pilot about your health problems or pregnancy.
7. For preparing and during the flight it is better to wear trousers, jacket or long sleeve shirts (desirable from flameproof material), to wear clunky shoes and have leather gloves. In the mornings the grass is usually wet, therefore, gumboots are more comfortable. In the evening at the place of landing there can be many gnats, therefore you would feel more comfortable wearing long sleeve shirts. Preparing for the flight, during the flight or after landing you may smudge a bit, so do not prank much. The baskets of some of the air balloons are quite low, for that reason it is advisable to have a cap, which could protect you from the heat of burners.
8. It is forbidden to use alcohol, narcotic and psychotropic substances and smoke before and during the flight.
9. When flying up the temperature drops 6,5 degrees per kilometre. You will fly not higher than 1 kilometre high.
10. You may take camera at your own responsibility. It is recommended to put camera in soft holster, which could it from possible mechanical damage during landing. Passengers are responsible for their personal things during and after the flight.
11. Before the flight the pilot gives instructions to passengers. You should be careful during instruction. Do not be shy to ask if something is unclear. The instructions of the pilot which are related to the flight are obligatory for you. You should be attentive to the pilot during the whole flight.

**Please fill in, sign and give this instruction to your pilot.**

**We wish you a pleasant flight!**

I have got acquainted, understood and promise to follow:

Name, surname	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail	

I do not mind that the information about aeronautics should be sent to my given address and telephones.

Date

Signature