

Flight Planning

Hot Air Balloons, like all aircraft, require flight planning and one of the most important items in planning a balloon flight is the outside temperature, and the estimated passenger payload. In order to properly plan your flight we must know your weight **if you weigh more than 225 lbs.** Passengers weighing more than 250 lbs may be required to pay additional costs for their ride. Please remember that unless you have purchased a *Couples Sweetheart Ride* you will be in the basket with the pilot and a couple of other passengers more than likely.

If you weigh more than 225 lbs, and you do not notify us prior to the flight, and we are not able to accommodate you due to weather conditions, wind, or any other unforeseen condition; your flight certificate will be forfeited and all money paid for the balloon ride will be lost.

Physical & Health requirements

In order to ensure your safety and enjoyment during a hot air balloon ride, please consider the following:

- You should be in good overall health
- If you are age **60 or older** please let us know
- If you've had a recent surgery or injuries of any sort please let us know
- You must be able to stand for at least one hour
- You must be able to bend your knees slightly for landing
- Passenger must not be pregnant or suspect being pregnant
- Persons with disabilities will be accommodated on an individual basis

Flight Briefing

Before the flight, your pilot will give you a pre-flight briefing on what to expect. **Please pay close attention the pilot's instructions.** Pilots are happy to answer questions and explain the principles behind balloon flight to passengers if time permits. The pilot's most important task is to fly the balloon and ensure your safe enjoyment of the balloon ride.

- Pay close attention during the pre-flight briefing
- Adhere to the pilot's instructions at all times
- Never exit the basket without the pilot directing you to do so
- If you see something that concerns you please advise the pilot (powerlines, trees, bird houses, etc.)
- Relax, have fun and enjoy the flight
- Do not pull on any ropes in the basket
- Enter and exit the balloon from the upwind side
- Do not enter or exit until the pilot instructs you to do so
- Keep your hands down inside the basket
- Be polite to spectators on the ground
- Be polite and respectful of landowners where we land
- Face forward in front of the pilot and bend your knees when we land
- Tell everyone you know how much fun you had!