

My Balloon Aloft

Hot-Air Balloon Flight





Before I go for My Balloon Flight

My family and I can look at the Balloon Aloft website <http://balloonaloft.com> to see what location we want to fly in.

There is information about what to expect on the day of my balloon [flight](#).

There will be other passengers on the day of my flight and maybe lots of balloons. If I want to fly on a quieter day, my family can call the Balloon Aloft office on 02 4990 9242 and ask to fly on a day when there are not too many people. Weekdays have less people and balloons than weekends.



The night before the flight

The night before our flight, my family can place the order for my breakfast and can make a special request if I have any dietary requirements. The online order will look like this and my family will be able to select the meal that best suits me.

Choose your breakfast option

- ☐ BACON BENEDICT (GF OPTIONAL)
BACON, CHARD, POACHED EGGS, HONEY
MUSTARD HOLLANDAISE, TOASTED SOURDOUGH.
- ☐ ROASTED FIELD MUSHROOMS (V) (GF
OPTIONAL) (DF OPTIONAL)
HERB & RED WINE ROASTED MUSHROOMS,
POACHED EGGS, AVOCADO PUREE, GOAT FETA,
DUKKAH ON TOASTED SOURDOUGH.
- ☐ HOUSE MADE DOUGHNUTS
HOUSE MADE DOUGHNUTS WITH STRAWBERRIES,
WHITE CHOCOLATE CREAM CHEESE, BERRY
COULIS

Order Note|

CANCEL

SUBMIT

When I Arrive for My Balloon Flight

When we arrive at the meeting location for our hot-air balloon flight it will be very early in the morning. It will still be dark outside but there will be lights so we can see where to park.

The Balloon Aloft crew will meet us in the carpark and show us where we need to go to check-in for our flight.



Check-in and Passenger Briefing

The crew will tick our names off the passenger list and check us in for our flight.



The pilot or crew will talk to us about where we will launch our balloon and provide information on how to be safe around a hot air balloon.

Bathrooms

If I need to, I can use the bathroom now because there will be no toilets at the balloon launch location or during the flight.



Travelling to the Launch Location

We will get on a bus with other passengers who will be flying with us on our balloon. I will sit in my own seat next to my family. I will wear my seatbelt while on the bus.

The Balloon Aloft crew will drive us to the balloon launch location and talk about where we be flying from today. I can ask them any questions about ballooning.



At the Launch Site

The launch location will be in a paddock or a field with lots of open space.

When we arrive at the launch location, we will get off the bus and the pilot and crew will begin to get our balloon ready for our flight.

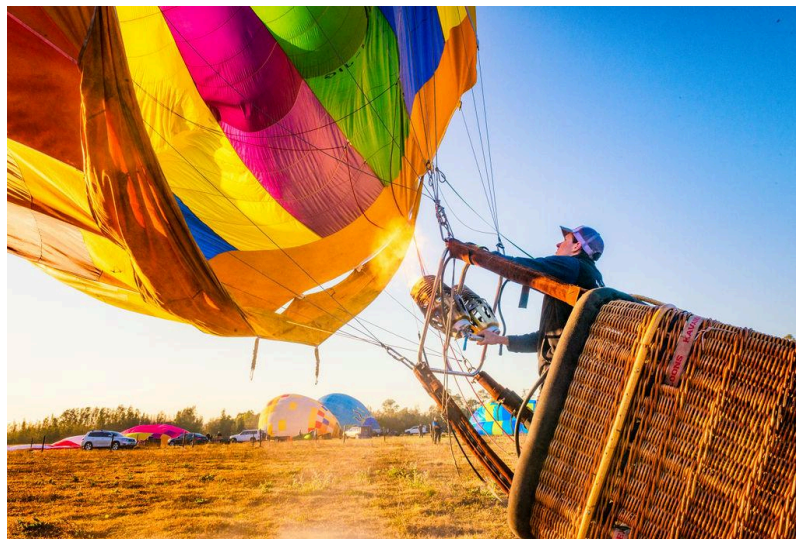
If I feel overwhelmed or anxious, I can stay on the bus a little longer until the Balloon Aloft crew tells me it is time to get into the balloon basket ready for our flight.



Inflating the Balloon

The pilot and crew will inflate the balloon with hot air using a fan. The fan will be noisy. If I want I can bring my own noise-cancelling headphones to use.

The crew will make sure we stand a safe distance away from the fan and that I don't stand or walk between the balloon basket and the car it is tied to at any time.



Safety Briefing

When the pilot is ready, they will talk to us about how to be safe during the flight and how I need to position myself for landing. If I am using my noise cancelling headphones I will need to take these off to listen to the pilot.



Getting in the Balloon

When the hot-air balloon is fully inflated and standing up, the crew will help us to climb into the balloon basket. I will need to use the footholds in the side of the basket to climb in. If I am flying on the accessible balloon, there will be a special door I can use to get in the basket. The crew can help me to get into the basket if I need help for any reason.

Once we are all in the basket, the crew will ask to take our photo so that we have a memory of our hot-air balloon flight.



Balloon Launch

The pilot will keep heating the air inside the balloon using burners. Each time they use the burners they will make a loud whooshing sound. I can use my noise-cancelling headphones during the flight if I want to.

When the pilot is ready, they will launch the balloon as the sun is coming up.

I may feel excited and a bit nervous as the balloon rises up into the air. This is OK. I am allowed to bring my sensory backpack aboard to help me if I want.



The Balloon Flight

During the flight, there will be lots to see like vineyards, rivers, mountains, trees and houses . I might also see animals on the ground below like kangaroos, horses or cows.

My family might take some photos so we can remember our flight.



Inflight Photo

The pilot will take an inflight photo of all of us using a special camera attached to the balloon. This will be sent to my family after the flight.



The Landing

If I am wearing headphones, I will need to take these off when we are coming into land so I can hear the landing instructions from the pilot. They will remind me how I need to be positioned for landing. It's important that I follow all of the pilots instructions during the landing.

The pilot says the landing of the balloon is usually very soft. Sometimes it can be a little bumpy but we will be OK.



Packing up the Balloon

Once we have landed, the crew will help us to get out of the balloon basket.

The pilot and crew will deflate the balloon.

I can help the pilot and crew to fold up the balloon and pack it away with all the other passengers. If I don't feel like helping, that is OK.



Drive back to Meeting Location

Once the balloon is packed away, I will get on the bus and the crew will drive everyone back to the meeting location.



Breakfast

When we arrive back, the crew will show us where to go for our breakfast.

I will be hungry after our balloon flight. I will have already ordered my breakfast the night before the flight. Tea, coffee and drinks will be available for me and my family.





Going for a balloon flight will be fun.