



Gentle Breeze
Hot Air Balloon Co., Ltd
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PRE-FLIGHT BRIEFING

~Sign & return this page on the day of your flight~

Below outlines some of what to expect for your ballooning excursion. Please review prior to the day of your flight, keeping in mind ballooning should not be compared to an airport gate & boarding an airplane. This is a physical activity, please take all briefing serious for your safety.

PRE-FLIGHT:

- All passengers will obtain a verbal safety briefing prior to flight.
- During rigging and layout of the equipment, you may be requested to assist with small tasks. Please ask if you are not clear or have questions.
- For inflation, the basket is laid on its side; **STAY CLEAR OF THE INFLATOR FAN(S)**. These fan(s) may inadvertently pick-up loose debris & loose clothing.
- Be cautious & stay clear of the safety line connecting the basket to the chase vehicle. (This safety precaution during inflation removed during lift off.)
- Once in the designated grass launch area, stay there or in the parking area.
Do not walk or stand on the any of the paved taxiways or runway.
- Stay clear & do not touch any of the airplanes, other aircraft or airport lighting.

INFLATION: There are two steps to inflate a balloon:

1. 'Cold' inflation – basket on its side & fan(s) blow air into the balloon.
 2. 'Hot' inflation – pilot lights the burners, heating the air inside the balloon & the balloon rises. The fan(s) & burner produce loud noises.
- Two people hold the 'mouth' of the balloon open for 'cold' inflation. You may be asked or volunteer if you like. Your crew/pilot will outline easy steps to follow.
 - **BREEZY** inflations: commonly the pilot 'pre-boards' a few passengers with instructions. Pre-boarding requires passengers to enter the basket during the cold inflation period, while the basket remains on its side. Pre-boarding expedites departure & assists the pilot to stabilize the basket during hot inflation.
 - Commonly the basket may rock back & forth & not stay completely flat on the ground. If basket movement occurs, hold onto the handles or the upper structure. Keep your knees flexible to absorb bounces. Do not strap anything around your neck. The pilot will continue heating the balloon until the balloon reaches the proper temperature for lift.
 - It is normal to experience A LOT of radiant heat from the burners. You may want to bring a head covering. In this situation, it **WILL BE** loud & hot.
 - When the balloon is inflated in a upright position, (if you are not already in the basket) the pilot asks you to climb in using the foot holes in the sides of the basket. Once in the basket the pilot may direct you where to stand in order to ensure their full visibility during launch. Once airborne, you may reposition yourself.
 - Flight time determined by fuel consumption begins when fuel flow starts. (Hot inflation)
Please be ready to board by standing close to the basket when you hear the noise from the burners.

**NO OPEN TOED SHOES, SANDELS OR HIGH HEELS.
CLOSED TOED SHOES REQUIRED FOR FLIGHT.**

