

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

As with any form of aviation, there are certain risks. It is important that each passenger understand the critical aspects of a flight, and that they assume the risks inherent to flight; including - but not limited to - the chance of personal injury, personal property damage, and the loss of life or property.

Weather is a key component of a safe flight. Although we plan our flight based on a complete analysis of current and forecast weather and winds, winds aloft forecast and weather advisories, there is a possibility that weather conditions could in fact not materialize as planned - or even deteriorate. There is also the possibility that actual winds during takeoff, flight and landing could exceed forecasted safe values. This could cause a faster than normal approach and landing speed. A faster ground speed during high wind landing could increase the risk of injury. In such cases there is the possibility that a landing may be hard and the basket may drag for some distance until enough heat is released from the envelope allowing the basket to come to a stop.

Pilots are certified in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards and requirements. Pilots are certified as Commercial Pilots - qualifying them to carry paying passengers in a balloon. The Pilot-In-Command has complete and ultimate authority in all decisions related to flight - including set-up, inflation, flight, landing and securing/packing all equipment after a flight. The Pilot-In-Command is your best SAFETY RESOURCE AND SAFETY DEVICE during your flight. Always feel free to ask questions about ANY concerns or worries at ANY time. It is important that you always follow a Pilot's instructions and directions. This will include - but is not limited to - where to stand, how to move around, what items NOT to touch, which ropes/handles to hold, and how to prepare for landing.

Equipment (including the entire hot air balloon system and related accessories) is maintained and inspected in accordance with FAA standards and requirements. The airworthiness and reliability of all equipment is the judgmental decision of the Pilot-In-Command.

All of our flights are conducted in a safe and responsible manner. This information is provided to better inform you of some of the potential risks involved with hot air ballooning. There are no guarantees against adverse weather conditions or equipment failure. There is also no guarantee that the flight will last the full target time of 30 - 45 minutes. Certain conditions including - but not limited to - degrading weather/wind conditions, equipment failure or degradation in performance, medical emergencies, fuel remaining, daylight remaining may preclude you from a complete 30 - 45 minutes of flight.

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I have taken the time to read and understand all the information above and the passenger briefing. I assume all risks without any reservation, pressure or persuasion. I hereby release and will hold harmless The Flying Mazzocchis, any of its employees, contractors, estates and heirs from any liability or claim for injury or damage. I affirm that I have no pre-existing or known health risks and/or conditions (i.e., pregnancy, heart condition, skeletal/muscular concerns and/or complications, etc.) that could preclude me from participating in a hot air balloon flight which may involve excitement and/or physical/mental exertion.

Passenger Name: _____ Age _____

Signature*: _____

Date: _____

- If passenger is under the age of 18 years, a parental signature is required.

The Flying Mazzocchis Passenger Briefing

- Introduce yourself as the pilot, also introduce crew members
- No smoking
- Explain the inflation to launch process:
 - Pull the system out of the truck
 - Hook up the balloon and basket
 - Turn on the fan and begin to fill the envelope with cold air
 - Make sure to stay away from the fan and to keep all ropes, hands and other loose objects far away
 - Once the envelope is tightly packed, will do a final walk around the envelope and check cables, etc before turning on the burners
 - Fill the balloon with hot air – as the air enters the balloon, it will start to stand up
 - Once balloon is standing, will do a final check and then, when instructed, will ask passengers to enter the balloon
- Explain safety when in the basket
 - Once inside the basket, under any circumstances, do not get out until the pilot tells you to
 - Can move around (if there is room), but do not pull on any ropes or blast valves (point out to passenger)
 - May be asked to shift positions so pilot can see the direction we are traveling in
 - May hang on to uprights or top of tanks while in flight, but do not drape arms or other body parts over the side of the basket
- Explain landing procedures
 - When we are ready to land, face the direction the balloon is traveling
 - Keep knees slightly bent (but not locked in a bent position)
 - May hold on to uprights or top of tanks, but do not drape arms or other body parts outside of the basket and do not pull ropes or blast valves
 - As balloon touches the ground, the basket will stop, but envelope will want to keep moving, so basket may tip over. This is ok, hang on and stay in the basket until it comes to a complete stop and pilot tells you to exit.
 - In the event of a windy landing, face the direction you are traveling, hold on to an upright or top of the tank and bend knees slightly. The basket will most likely tip over completely onto its side and drag along the ground. Keep all body parts inside the basket and do not get out until instructed to by the pilot.
- Ask if want to help out (not necessary)
 - If want to, assign roles to each passenger, make sure to go over fan safety again
- If don't want to help, may take pictures, as long as they stay away from the fan, be careful of all ropes, and stay down wind of the balloon as it stands up.
- Ask if there are any questions, have them sign waiver.
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Signature

Date