



Hot Air Balloon

From €250pp

Location

Courchevel Altiport 1850

Operation Times

Daily weather permitting - Morning take off (around lift opening) 0900hrs

Operation

Launching

Once the burner system is attached to the basket and then the basket to the balloon you will help the ground crew inflate the balloon. Using a powerful fan at its' base you will be made to hold the envelope open while it fills with air. When there is enough air in the balloon a blast from the burner will heat the air inside building pressure until the balloon starts to lift off the ground. The balloon will be securely fixed to the ground until you and all the passengers get inside the basket. When ready the balloon will be released. Piloting a hot air balloon is largely improvised; even the most experienced pilot does not have complete control over the balloons path. Wind conditions give pilots very few options. Consequently, you cannot really pilot a hot air balloon along an exact course.

Landing

As soon as the balloon is in the air, the pilot is constantly looking for suitable landing sites, in case there is an emergency. When the pilot is ready to land, he will discuss possible landing sites with the ground crew (via an onboard radio). The balloon landing can be a little rough, but the pilot will do his best to minimise the impact.

Duration & Format

10-20 minutes balloon preparation and inflation

1 - 1 ½-hour flight

Restrictions

Minimum age 12+

Suggested Items

Ski Clothing -Jacket, hat, gloves, ski trousers

Numbers

Three balloons available within the Three Valleys

Minimum 2 passengers

Maximum 10-12 passengers

Safety

Wind and Weather

Before launching, pilots will call a weather service to find out about climate and wind conditions in the area. Pilots only fly when the weather is close to ideal - when skies are clear and wind conditions are normal. Pilots also use the weather service to get an idea of which way the balloon will travel, and how they should manoeuvre once they are in the air.



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If enough notice is provided it is possible to have up to 30 people airborne at the same time in up to seven different hot air balloons – pilots with their balloons will be brought in from other resorts. *Contact: Whitetracks for further details*