

Le Ballon Bleu - ORDER FORM for a hot-air balloon flight with 'after-flight' festivities and baptism ceremony in the Combrailles

1st passager

Name: First name:
Age: Weight:
Address:
Postal code: Town:
Phone : Mobile :
E-mail:

2nd passager
Name: Age: Weight: Address and phone:

Invoice address:

Name:
Address:
ZIP code : Town:
Phone: Mobile phone:
E-mail:

Costs for party invitation document : FREE if sent as a pdf.

*Payment of the flight will be on the day of the flight. See below for the **total** cost for the passengers.*

- Flight 2 persons, standard : € 550,—
- Flight Crazy Ladies (2 persons, total weight 130 kg) : € 440,—
- Flight '3 Feathers' (3 featherweights, total 180 kg) : € 605,—

A party invitation certificate is not a valid flight ticket. The passengers have to pay their full part of the flight costs the day of the flight. Air law does not permit the pilot to gain any salary or profit from the flight according to the rules for cost sharing flights.

For Crazy Ladies and '3 Feathers' flights, weight limits and other special conditions apply. See our website for details or call us.

Preferred date/period for the flight

Normal flight season runs from April to end October

Gift with personalized invitation certificate (sent electronically)

Remarks:

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Reception of these forms will be confirmed by e-mail.

Payment (on the day of the flight):

By French bank cheque in the name of Frank Schweppe or Le Ballon Bleu, at the following address:

Le Ballon Bleu, Les Buissons, 63390 Sauret-Besserve.

By SEPA bank transfer after reception of an invoice by e-mail.

I have read the general conditions, and declare that none of the passengers suffers from any condition that can endanger them during the flight and landing.

Name: Date:

Signature:

Le Ballon Bleu - Conditions for individual balloon flights - Cost sharing flights, from 2021

Demand for a flight

A demand for a flight can be made by phone, postal mail, e-mail or direct at the following address: Le Ballon Bleu, 130 Rue des Buissons, 63390 Sauret-Besserve.

We sell no prepaid tickets. A fully filled demand form serves to prove that the demand is serious. Confirmation will be sent by e-mail, along with an invoice with bank details. The passengers' share in the costs of the flight is normally paid the day of the flight before take-off.

As there is no sale of tickets or downpayments, the flight takes place under the European rules for non-commercial private flights on a cost-sharing basis. The pilot/owner of the balloon does not get any salary and does not make any profit on these flights. Regulations only allow for this when flying a balloon with a certified maximum load capacity of 4 persons, pilot included.

The demand concerns balloon flights taking off in the geographical area of the Coeur des Combrailles, Auvergne, France.

It is entirely up to the passengers to contact Le Ballon Bleu and set a date for their flight. We usually fly two passengers along with the pilot (the maximum number of persons on board, pilot included, is four and in that case, strict weight limits apply to the passengers). The usual flight season runs from early April to end October; winter flights are very rare. If the flight attempts must be cancelled due to bad weather conditions, the flight may be tried again as often as needed, on condition that our balloon and our pilot are still available and certified for flights. Le Ballon Bleu has no obligation to guarantee a flight. We are not responsible for any costs (travel, lodgings...) incurred by the passengers in case a flight has to be cancelled at a late stage or on site.

Costs

There is no fixed price due to the status of 'cost sharing flights'. TVA (BTW/VAT) are part of the sum paid. Costs mentioned on our web site and in our brochures, posters etc. are indicative of the costs incurred. The actual costs depend on the development of fixed and variable costs (insurance, maintenance/repairs, fuel, vehicle costs etc.) and will be explained when the demand is made by phone or e-mail.

Conditions for flight

Le Ballon Bleu is held to the conditions of the Warsaw Convention and European and French regulations concerning aerial activities and transport of passengers. According to air law, the pilot is the master on board and has authority on all persons on board the aircraft. He/she has the authority to refuse access to any person who or any object which may present a danger to the safety of the flight or the order on board.

Health, age and weight

Le Ballon Bleu is not competent to judge the physical condition of any flight participant. Every passenger must ensure that he or she does not suffer from any medical condition incompatible with a balloon flight, if necessary by consulting their doctor. Passengers must be able to enter (climb into) the basket under their own power, remain upright in the basket without seats or other support for the duration of the flight and absorb an impact comparable to a jump from the second step of an average stairway (about 30 cms). Our basket is not equipped to transport people suffering reduced mobility. Le Ballon Bleu strongly advises any passenger who has recently been the subject of surgery to consult their doctor before deciding on a flight. Pregnant women may not fly in our balloon(s). Children younger than the age of twelve (12) years may not fly. It is the responsibility of the parent or legal representative to communicate the age of a minor to be embarked.

Maximum individual passenger weight is 120 kgs. For a '3 Feathers' flight the combined weight of the 3 passengers should not exceed 180 kgs, for a 'Crazy Ladies' flight (2 lightweight passengers) should not exceed 130 kgs.

The load calculations for balloons are based upon an average weight per passenger of 75 kilograms. A flight may be cancelled when the total true passenger weight exceeds the load limits for the prevailing conditions (especially temperature at the expected flight altitude and minimum fuel load for the expected flight trajectory).

Flight conditions

A balloon flight is entirely dependent on the weather. Only the pilot is authorized to decide whether or not the prevailing/forecast conditions will permit a safe flight. Le Ballon Bleu reserves the right to cancel a flight due to weather conditions (including temperature relative to the actual take-off mass of the balloon) up to the moment of take-off for safety reasons. In no case will Le Ballon Bleu be liable for any costs incurred by passengers due to a flight cancellation, whatever the reason.

As the flight is entirely dependent on the weather, Le Ballon Bleu does not guarantee any trajectory. The average duration of a flight is around one hour plus or minus 15 minutes. The pilot has the right to modify/adapt the flight duration, the take-off site, the flight planning and generally everything concerning the flight.

Insurance

Our balloon is insured for third-party liability insurance covering each passenger for amounts according to European regulations concerning the transport of passengers. Valuables carried by our passengers are not included in the coverage, and neither are the costs of damage to clothing as a result of the flight and other activities related to the flight (transport, baptizing ceremony...). The insurance does not cover suicide or voluntary injury. The insurance is valid from the beginning of inflation/launch preparations to final deflation of the balloon after landing. Passengers are advised to ensure they have accident insurance that covers flying in a balloon as a passenger.

Flight confirmation

We ask passengers to contact Le Ballon Bleu by phone within 24 hours before the planned flight to confirm, around 21:00 hours the evening before a planned morning flight at the latest. Weather conditions and the likelihood of a safe flight will then be discussed and the final planning presented.

Cancellation by the passengers

If a passenger cancels their flight within 72 hours before a reserved or planned flight, or if the passenger does not show up for the planned rendezvous on the day of the flight, the passenger will be stricken from the list of demands. Passengers who cancel more than 72 hours in advance stay on the list and can contact us to set a new date if they wish.

Clothing; safety (French air law, Arrêté du 04 janvier 2011 relatif aux conditions d'utilisation des ballons libres)

Smoking is legally prohibited on board and in the vicinity of the balloon. Passengers must follow the instructions of the pilot. Passengers are not allowed to leave the basket without authorization of the pilot, even after landing. We strongly advise passengers to wear solid protective shoes or boots and clothing made from non-synthetic fibers (cotton, wool; no nylon or polyester in direct contact with the skin). Clothing should completely cover arms and legs. We strongly advise passengers to bring along a full set of spare clothing.

Photography

Many people take many photos during balloon flights, preparations and after-flight festivities. In some areas and countries, authorities may prohibit publication of aerial images of 'sensitive' or 'strategic' locations; it is up to the photographer to ensure publication rights for such images taken during a flight in our balloon.

Unless otherwise agreed, photos taken of the balloon, from out of the balloon during flight and of the related activities (such as inflating, packing up, the baptism ceremony and the traditional champagne toast) by us, our crew members and by our passengers may be used by Le Ballon Bleu for promotional purposes on our websites and in print. Passengers may always have photos portraying them removed from our site(s) if they deem them improper.

Acceptance of the General Conditions

Sending in a demand form and actual boarding by passengers automatically implies full acceptance of these general conditions.

Self-evaluation of physical and mental condition for a balloon flight

(Based on a document written by dr. Claude CHAUVREAU, aeromedical examiner, president of the medical committee of the French ballooning federation and ballooning instructor/examiner)

No need to send us this document, it is only a guide to help you to evaluate if you, or the person you gift a balloonflight to, are medically capable of participating in a balloon flight, before signing the flight demand form.

I am not under medical surveillance for specific diseases or medications

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| 1 Can I climb unassisted in a basket of about 110 cm height, with a step of about 40 cm? | yes/no* |
| 2 Can I stand upright for at least 90 minutes? | yes/no* |
| 3 Can I stand with flexed knees for up to two minutes? | yes/no* |
| 4 Can I jump off a low wall of about a foot/30 cm or two steps of stairs without injury? | yes/no* |
| 5 Do I NOT suffer from psychological problems of phobia? | yes/no* |

I am under regular medical surveillance by a doctor*

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| 6 Do I suffer from fragile bones or joints (i.e. osteoporosis) ? | yes*/no |
| 7 Did I recently fracture a bone, or sprained something? | yes*/no |
| 8 Do I have a prosthetic implant of a hip or knee or similar? | yes*/no |
| 9 Does that limit my movement? Have my force and mobility been reduced? | yes*/no |
| 10 Am I pregnant? | yes*/no |
| 11 Have I recently undergone major surgery? | yes*/no |
| If yes, has the surgical wound sufficiently recovered according to the doctor? | yes/no* |
| 12 Do I have a lung/breathing problem that may present a problem? | yes*/no |
| 13 Do I have a heart condition that prevents me from doing substantial physical effort? | yes*/no |
| 14 Do I use blood thinning/anticoagulation medication? | yes*/no |
| 15 If I am diabetic, did I eat sufficiently before the flight? | yes/no* |
| (LBB : Attention, our flights are always early in the morning, so ensure to eat a good breakfast!) | |
| 16 Do I suffer from other conditions that are not mentioned in this list? | yes*/no |
| 17 Did I understand all the questions in this list properly? | yes/no* |

* I won't compromise my safety and that of others and will ask my doctor for advice first.

If you answered YES to question 1 to 5, you are ready for a magical and fun adventure.

If you are under medical surveillance, talk to your doctor first and answer questions 6 to 17 with them. If your doctor then confirms that he/she considers you medically apt for a balloon flight, you can contact us to organize your adventure.

ATTENTION:

Whatever the opinion of your doctor, Le Ballon Bleu does not accept pregnant women in the basket for a flight. We also advise people of over 80 to not fly in a balloon basket that, like ours, is not equipped to accommodate people with reduced mobility (i.e. seats), because of their general fragility. For reasons of maturity we also advise against flights with children younger than 12 years, even if they are physically tall enough (130 cm) according to many balloon companies that set lower age limits. We base this on our many years of experience since 1986.

Ballooning is an air sport, not a pleasure trip in a barge. Mountains of paperwork, operations and safety manuals and official certifications as air transport companies (which we all have, in fact) are no guarantee for good weather, and ultimately, we always return to the planet at a place and in conditions that we do not know beforehand. For us as balloonpilots/teams that is precisely the adventure we seek, but it does mean that even in good (predicted) weather a landing can be firm, and we may find ourselves in a remote place that is not easy to reach for rescue services (or our retrieve crew).

A balloon flight is a magnificent adventure - but even that is not worth taking unnecessary risks.