

## NO SENSATION OF HEIGHT OR MOTION

Even if you have a fear of heights, you won't have a fear of ballooning... there is no sensation of height in a hot air balloon!

When you stand on a tall building and look over the side, you get that fearful feeling because of the perspective. You can see the building all the way to the ground giving yourself something to judge the height against.

When you're flying in an airliner at 35,000 feet and look out the window, it's just scenery going by – this is the same feeling you will get in a hot air balloon.

Furthermore, because hot air balloons travel with the exact speed and direction of the wind (instead of trying to fight the wind direction/speed like you would in an airplane) there is no sense of motion in the balloon! Passengers with height phobias and motion sickness tendencies are great candidates for ballooning.

## BALLOONING SAFETY

Hot air ballooning is one of the safest, and simplest, forms of flight known to man! To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, Hot Air Expeditions safety measures include:

### PILOTS

All Hot Air Expeditions pilots have thousands of hours of flying experience and each is certified with a Federal Aviation Administration Commercial Pilot's License.

### EQUIPMENT

Our balloons are of the highest quality and are regularly inspected by a Federal Aviation Administration approved facility to ensure they remain in perfect working order.

### PRE-FLIGHT CHECK

Prior to every flight, the envelope, rigging and gondola are inspected by your pilot to ensure safety standards are met.

### WEATHER

Hot Air Expeditions is committed to only flying in safe weather conditions. In the event of poor weather, your flight will be re-scheduled at your convenience.

## ATTIRE

Comfortable, casual clothing is always recommended on our ballooning excursions, as we are enjoying nature in a desert environment. The temperature in the balloon is about the same as it is on the ground, so be sure to dress appropriately for the day's anticipated temperatures. On any given day, we recommend:

- Closed toe shoes
- Hat
- Light jacket
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Camera

## GOURMET DELIGHTS

### CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

Southwestern Vegetable Quiche  
Warm Croissants  
Soft Cheese  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Orange Juice  
Sparkling Cider  
Chilled Champagne

### SUNSET HORS D'OEUVRES

Pizza Rounds topped with Bar-B-Que Duck or Southwestern Vegetables  
Miniature Quiche baked with Sundried Tomatoes  
Lemon Tartlets  
Dark & White Chocolate Truffles  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Sparkling Cider  
Chilled Champagne

Our cuisine is deliciously prepared by the nationally-acclaimed Vincent Guerithault, chef and owner of Vincent's on Camelback restaurant. Guerithault, a native of France where ballooning first debuted, has made a breakthrough in combining the finesse and elegance of classic cuisine with the rustic ingredients of the American southwest.

Vincent was the first chef ever to receive a Citation of Excellence from the International Food and Wine Society. For more than a decade, Zagat Restaurant Survey has ranked his restaurant "Most Popular" and "Best in Area" and Mobil Travel Guide has awarded it Four Stars for years.

\*Menu subject to change

\*Afternoon flights operate seasonally, November through March

## MEMORIES

"We would like to thank you for such a nice time.  
It was the best part of our trip to Arizona."  
- John & Vicky S.

"Hot Air Expeditions offers the best ballooning in Phoenix. Flights are long, the staff is charming, and the gourmet treats are out of this world."  
- Fodor's Travel

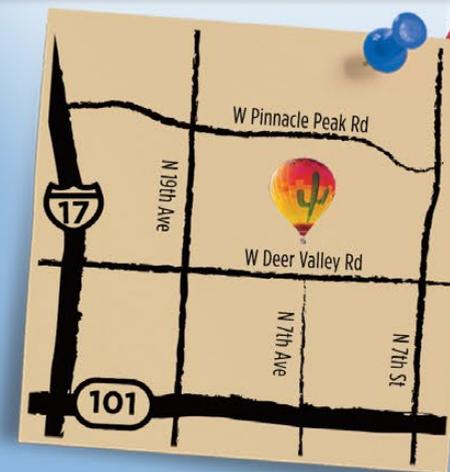
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### CHECK-IN LOCATION

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## BACK TO EARTH AGAIN

Throughout your flight our ground crew navigates the balloon over desert lanes and roads to be ready and waiting for you upon landing.

After the descent you are greeted in the traditional manner with flutes of chilled champagne, and treated to the legendary ceremony that balloonists' all over the world have been sharing for more than a century. Then, almost magically tables are set with linens and china in the heart of the Sonoran Desert for your scrumptiously prepared gourmet cuisine from the award-winning Vincent's on Camelback restaurant, truly a treat!

And finally, to prove your difference from ordinary mortals, you will be inducted into the Ballooning Society and awarded the Certificate d'Ascension En Machine Aerostatique. There is nothing finer.

## THE INFLATION

After the briefing, your pilot will inflate the hot air balloon utilizing motorized fans. Once the envelope is filled with air, the propane burners are ignited to heat the air inside. In about thirty minutes, the balloon is ready for flight. Once inflated, you will join your pilot in the beautiful hand-crafted wicker basket. The luxurious, oversized basket allows for stunning 360 degree views for all, ensuring everyone enjoys the ride to the fullest.

## UP, UP AND AWAY

As you gently leave the Earth, you will be amazed at how light the balloon feels. During the approximate one hour flight, you'll take in unobstructed views of the desert and it's surrounding beauty, great for capturing gorgeous photos.

During part of the flight your pilot will fly close to the ground, typically under 400 feet, as this altitude allows for the sights and sounds of the desert to be fully enjoyed. We commonly see jackrabbits, quail, roadrunners and coyotes, and from time to time encounter deer, javalinas and other desert animals. Your pilot will point out the exotic desert plant life on the ground below and descend to within inches of trees and cacti, much to everyone's delight.

Alternatively, your pilot will also rise higher, up to 5,000 feet, in order to provide a marvelous overview of the valley. Local landmarks and points of interest you can see from higher altitudes will be pointed out, as well as history of the Valley of the Sun will be given.

You will be amazed at the excitement and curiosity generated by the passage of our balloons. Occasionally cars will follow us over the narrow dirt roads in the desert to rendezvous with us after landing.

TOTAL TOUR TIME: 3-4 HOURS



## AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

Ballooning is an exhilarating experience for everyone - from the neophyte adventurer to the seasoned veteran, from the young to the more mature. "A magic carpet ride" and "riding on a cloud" are two phrases that have been used to describe the beauty, exhilaration and gentleness of ballooning. Traveling at speeds of five to six miles per hour, there is virtually no sensation of motion because you are flying with the wind.

## IN THE BEGINNING

Your adventure begins upon arrival at our Sonoran Desert launch site. Here, you will receive a pre-flight briefing detailing how hot air ballooning works, flying best practices and other facts you should know to make your flight as enjoyable as possible.

MORNING FLIGHTS AVAILABLE DAILY, YEAR-ROUND

AFTERNOON FLIGHTS AVAILABLE SEASONALLY, NOVEMBER-MARCH