

# Chesapeake Bay Balloon and Wine Festival

## Passenger Guidelines 2017

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Hot air ballooning is a wonderful sport. Our pilots follow all of the safety guide lines to make our sport one of the safest in the aviation world. Final decision as to fly/no fly due to weather conditions is made during the pilot briefings 30 minutes before each flight. Your attendance is required. You will be required to sign an insurance release form. For a flight to take place, winds should be forecasted to be less than 7 miles per hour on the surface and less than 20 miles per hour at 3000 feet with no threat of rain. And no thunderstorms forecasted within 100 miles of our flying area. Your flight is schedule for 30-45 minutes in duration.

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### **Pre-Planning:**

--Our balloons can carry on average 3-4 passengers depending on the heat of the day.  
--We match the weight limit of the balloon to the combined weight of passengers in your party. For instance, if a balloon can carry four passengers with a combined weight limit of 700 pounds for all passengers, then your party of four having a greater combined passenger weight over that 700 pounds would need to be assigned to a larger balloon if available or your party would need to be assigned to two balloons. Children should be able to stand at least 45" tall so they may see over the basket. No holding of small children during flight.

**Be on time:** You will need to be at passenger registration tent next to the launch field to sign in 45 minutes before your planned flight. Scheduled launch times are:

Friday evening flight: 6:30PM

Saturday morning flight: 6:00AM

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Sunday morning flight: 6:00AM

**What to wear:** Appropriate attire required. Temperature drops about 4 degrees for each 1000 feet of elevation. Bring sweater or jacket if cool day. With some heat coming off the burner and back out of the envelope during your flight, you should not feel that much colder. No high heels for the ladies.

**Your physical condition:** If a passenger weighs more than 280 lbs, it is pilot discretion as to determination if person will be able to fly. No pregnancies or recent back/leg/hip operations. You must be able to stand for at least 45 minutes. The fun of each balloon flight is the wonder of the flight and uncertainty as to where to land. We have very calm landings and sometimes Rock-n-Roll landings where we are rolling on top of each other in the basket as the pilot brings the balloon under control. We want to be sure you could experience such a landing safely.

### **Your participation:**

#### **Pre-flight balloon setup and inflation:**

--You will be asked if you wish to participate in the hands-on balloon set-up (always a thrill for all) at launch and the balloon pack-up at landing site.

Pilot will give you a briefing as to what to expect during each phase of setup, flight, landing and pack-up. Follow pilot directions.

#### **Flight experience:**

--Prepare to experience the wonder of flight. We fly where the wind takes us! Often our flight distance is 2-8 miles. There may be other passengers on board with you.

#### **Landing, Packing Up and Landowner Ceremony**

--Upon landing with landowner permission, the pilot coordinates the pack up of the equipment with the chase crew and passengers.

--A champagne or apple cider toast will take place with the landowner and any interested neighbors and spectators.

--Your chase crew will bring you back to the launch site. For the evening flights, we hope you stay to participate/help your pilot in the balloon glow to begin at 8:30PM.

### **Payment per person is \$235:**

You will be asked to pay:

----- a non-refundable \$35 deposit using Paypal.com and pay to [flights@Ballooningusa.com](mailto:flights@Ballooningusa.com). If payment is not received within 5 days of booking flight, you will be removed from our flight list.

----- \$200 cash per person at flight time paid directly to the pilot upon arrival.

Plan on having a wonderful experience that you will long remember!

Passenger Registration Form:

[www.chesapeakebayballoonandwinefestival.com/forms/passengerregistration.php](http://www.chesapeakebayballoonandwinefestival.com/forms/passengerregistration.php)

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