

Hot Air Ballooning-Sri Lanka



Kandalama-Sigiriya

Hot Air Ballooning is unique from all other forms of flight as there is little sensation of motion or perception of height. Balloons travel with the wind & at the same speed, which makes for one of the magical sensations of the flight. "Sensational tranquility" ... is how many describe it whilst others as "surreal, peaceful and quiet". Floating at heights of 500 to 2000 feet on average, this feeling of peace and tranquility is apparent from the extent of sighs & smiles as the earth seems to slowly descend & rotate below you whilst the views rapidly expand. After the excitement of the takeoff (and its preparations with the inflation of the balloon), within moments you are at ease & in awe of the lofty spectacle while you effortlessly drift over the treetops, wildlife, lakes & rivers, cultural sites, local urban homesteads & landmarks like Sigiriya Rock. Ballooning adds an intimacy with the landscape & people that most guests volunteer as "an experience of a lifetime" whilst floating over the Sri Lankan countryside in gentle, panoramic harmony with nature. Apart from the occasional burst of the burners there is little to disturb the unusual noiseless environment.



Your Typical Flight

A sunrise hot-air balloon flight is a complete morning travel experience starting with your arrival at our meeting point (Kandalama Hotel) in the heart of the Cultural Triangle shortly before sunrise. From here we transfer you to the takeoff point normally at the edge of the Kandalama Tank (Lake) just meters from the hotel. The preparation and inflation of the balloon, flight briefing, takeoff, the flight, landing & retrieval plus return to your hotel after a champagne breakfast is, in all, about 3-4 hrs. You'll be back at your hotel in time generally by 8:30-9:00am A typical flight is scheduled for take-off commencing soon after dawn to take advantage of the cool morning atmosphere and view the landscape also waking to a new day. The exact start time varies depending on the season and will be nominated when you make your reconfirmation call between 4 pm and 5 pm the day prior to your flight. Generally the arrival time at the launching point is 0630am. On the morning of your flight you will receive a wake-up call one hour prior to the meeting time. This call is put through ONLY if the weather is suitable for a flight. Cancellations are rare! No call - No flight! But you must be in reach of a telephone or be able to be reached i.e. via your hotel. On the assumption that Sunrise is at approx 0700hrs then the following would apply as a typical flight.



Ballooning Itinerary

06:00 - 06:45



Transfer from hotel to takeoff point, being sure to arrive at our meeting point by 0645 hrs but confirmed the evening prior.



06:45 - 07:00



We transfer you to the takeoff and experience the fun of assisting the pilot and crew in preparing the balloon for takeoff. This can be as memorable as the journey in the air. The launch and picturesque landscape at sunrise, as nature awakens to the first rays of the new day is the reward to an early start.....

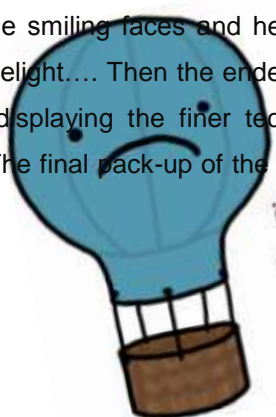
07:00 - 08:00



By sunrise you are aloft and enjoying your flight with all the beauty and magic that ballooning offers

08:00 - 08:30

Landing.... the smiling faces and hearty welcomes of the local villagers coming to greet you is an unexpected delight.... Then the endeavors of the retrieval by our ground crew together with the pilot, at his best, displaying the finer techniques of landings and maneuvers. It's all part of the flight experience. The final pack-up of the envelope and equipment plus lots of laughs & photos add to the memories.



*I'm sorry, little boy.
You just suck as a
mode of transportation.*

08:30 - 09:30

Coming down to earth and the reality of returning to life as seen from the ground, whilst retaining the perspective of that of a bird, we head for a deserving breakfast of champagne, juice & fresh tropical fruits. Our van meets you and with the pilot you're returned to your hotel or waiting vehicle with your Flight Certificate in Hand.

Note: Flight times will vary slightly based on the time of sunrise



Your trip includes

- A 3 to 4 hour travel experience
- Approx. One hour flight +/- depending on conditions
- Champagne & Tropical Fruit Breakfast
- Transfers back to your vehicle / Kandalama
(Your driver can follow the flight with our ground crew and meet you on landing!)
- Adventure Asia Int. Balloon Flight Certificate
- A great start to your morning!

Breakfast

Breakfastbring a friend

Balloons include a post flight breakfast. Extra visitors such as non flying family are welcome (€5.)
Champagne, fruit juice, water, tropical fruits.

Gift voucher

Why not purchase a gift voucher for that special person in your life. Just call us and order over the phone or mail us.

Weather:

Flights only take place if the weather permits. Get an early morning wake up call from your hotel. Pilot confirms your departure the evening prior.



Luxury Ballooning Package

Item	Time	Activity
Extra Sleep In	06:30 am	Chauffeured private pickup at your hotel, with time to spare taking you direct to the launch spot
Chauffeured vehicle transfers Pre flight drinks	06:45 am	Arrive just in time to see your balloon inflate & sip a pre-flight drink. Take off & experience the fun & unique sensation of hot air ballooning. Your balloon floats for approx. an hour over the picturesque landscape at sunrise, breathe in the wide-open spaces and take in the best views with your binoculars.
60 minute scenic Balloon Flight	07:00 am	Take in the unique views of landscapes, villages, people and landmarks with a wide panorama along the coastline only fully appreciated from the air and only at the intimate pace of a balloon flight.
Champagne Breakfast	08:00 am	On landing enjoy a tropical fruit, fresh fruit juice and Champagne Breakfast to toast your flight in the true French tradition.
Your resort & breakfast	09:00 am	Coming back to earth, you'll be whisked off by your chauffeured vehicle to your resort, to enjoy a private breakfast..... on route if you wish!
Flight Certificate	Late return	Maybe a stroll after breakfast or even make a picnic breakfast on route back to your hotel with a few more photographs! The return transfer is available at your disposal; please advise your driver when you wish to depart for your hotel. You will be issued with your flight certificate signed by your pilot.
Price: Euro 250/- (Adult) Euro 210/- (Children <12)		All Times approx & subject to change



Package Rates

1: Flight only package or Flight Voucher

Fees Euro's per person		
Foreign Guests	Children <12yrs	Resident Expat's
€150	€130	€105*

2: Luxury Balloon Package

Fees Euro's per person	
Foreign Guests	Children <12yrs
€ 250 each	€210



Tickets / Bookings

Tickets can be purchased / bookings can be done by contacting us on the numbers on the last page. Bookings are best made **three weeks in advance**. A payment or deposit is required before your flight can be confirmed. You need to deposit your fees **t weeks in advance**. Your bank deposit slip guarantees a balloon flight on a confirmed day, as detailed herein. (Please retain your deposit slip to prove the payment)

Flying is for all ages. However it is suggested children should be approx 1.2m in height so as to avoid parents holding children. Our youngest guest was 1 year old and our oldest 87 years (Sir Arthur C. Clarke). Children must be supervised. It is also recommended that pregnant women do not fly, only for reasons of caution. Passengers should be in Dambulla / Kandalama region the night prior to the flight because they must be presented early in the morning by 6.00 at starting point.

Cancellations:

If you choose to cancel your ticket it is fully refundable but only with a minimum of **five** working days notice for two passengers and **seven** working days notice for three or more passengers.

Bank Details:

Bank Name: NDB Bank
Address: 456, Main Street, Negombo
Telephone: 0094312220246
SWIFT CODE: NDBS LK LX
Bank Code: 7214
Branch Code: 009

Account Number: **009144000037**
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