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Part 1: Introduction

Headline:

Fly Through the Clouds on Soaringsports.com Champaign Balloon Rides

Quick Intro: Text:

Have you ever glided through the sky in a hot air balloon? It is probably the most calming and at the same time the most exciting experience of your life. It is somewhat like flying in a small plane or a helicopter but powered aircraft fly where they plan to go. A balloon goes wherever the wind takes it. And the sensation feels very much like sailing like a bird. Join us at Soaringsports.com Champaign Balloon Rides. Call 800-555-5555 to reserve your ride now!

Catch Phrase:

Fly With the Birds in Champaign

Call to Action:

Call the Balloon People at (888) 555-5555 Today!

Support Text:

Soaringsports.com Champaign offers more hot air balloon options than anyone in Illinois. Phone hours are 9 am to 1 am seven days a week. Although April through October are our most popular months, hot air balloons can fly year round and if you are brave enough to fly in the winter, so are we. Although the two hours during sunrise and the two hours during sunset are the most popular times, hot air balloons can fly at any time of the day.

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Soaringsports.com Champaign Balloon Flights Offer the Most Options in Illinois

Shared Balloon Rides

A balloon capacity is 8 passengers. If your group is fewer than 8 the cost effective option is to join others on a shared ride. There is nothing else quite like a hot air balloon ride, floating through the clouds and waving at the birds that fly by. Soaringsports Champaign Hot Air Balloon Rides can provide a calming yet exciting ride that feels a whole lot like "blowing in the wind".

Private Balloon Rides

A private balloon ride might be a very romantic way to “pop the question”. Or bring along the preacher, the maid of honor and the best man to get married 2000 feet in the air. Private balloon rides can be a creative way to show someone around town. And a reunion of old school friends might find the experience unique. Private hot air balloon rides can be booked at any time of the day.

Tethered Balloon Ride

A tethered balloon ride is ideal to give a large group of people the chance to ride in a hot air balloon. Although the balloon will rise only 25 to 100 feet off the ground it gives passengers the opportunity to see over the trees and look at everything from the air. A typical tethered balloon ride is five minutes long and the ride can handle about 45-50 passengers per hour.

Gift Certificate

A gift to ride in a hot air balloon is a gift that will be remembered. Most people purchase two shared ride tickets as a gift. But, Soaringsports.com Champaign can arrange private balloon rides for any number of people. Gift certificates are valid for two years and will be accepted at over 100 locations throughout the United States. Our customer service representatives can arrange any options you desire.

Call to Action

Call 888-555-5555, 9am to 1am seven days a week to reach our friendly and knowledgeable agents who can answer questions and reserve flights at over 100 locations around America. Our customer service staff can also make suggestions of the options we offer to make your balloon flight more sensational. Balloon rides are fun for all ages. Go on a family outing or take a group from the office and appreciate the relaxation and thrills of floating on air.

Main Content

Headline:

Float through the clouds on a Hot Air Balloon Ride with Soaringsports.com Champaign

1. Introduction

A ride on a Soaringsport.com Champaign hot air balloon ride feels vaguely like flying in a helicopter or a small plane. The difference is that powered aircraft fly where they desire. A hot air balloon goes where the wind takes it. Flying in a balloon provides total relaxation and at the same time constant excitement. The combination cannot be matched by any other experience.

Your adventure begins by watching the inflation of the balloon. The balloon, which is known in the industry as the envelope, is carefully laid on the ground. The ropes which connect the basket are laid in straight line. First fans start the inflation. Then it is finished by the burner, which is mounted on the basket and is the heat source of a hot air balloon. The balloon is then standing upright and is ready to board. First the pilot and the passengers climb in the basket. Then the pilot and the ground crew make final safety checks. Then with a roar of the burner, the balloon begins to rise.

First time balloon passengers will experience a sensation unlike any other as the term “floating on air” takes on a whole different meaning. The sensation is very calming and comfortable but at the same time looking down at the earth is engrossing. Make sure you are ready to take photos and videos of your balloon flight. Taking a pair of binoculars is also apropos.

Soaringsports.com Champaign first concern is safety. Seats are padded in the back and on the sides and there are safety belts for use in some landings. Our second concern is the passengers amazing encounter of flying in a balloon.

The balloon ride takes about an hour but expect to spend 2-1/2 – 3 hours with us including the balloon inflation and the ride back to the take off site. Soaringsport.com Champaign offers many options, indeed a wider selection than anybody in Illinois. Call 800-555-5555 today to talk to our flight specialists

2. City Specific Information

Champaign is a city in Illinois about 135 miles south of Chicago and 124 miles west of Indianapolis, Indiana. There are approximately 84,000 inhabitants, making it the tenth most populous city in Illinois and the fourth most populous city outside the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

The campus of Illinois University Urbana-Champaign, with 44,000 students, is shared by Champaign and Urbana. Parkland College which has 18,000 students is located in Champaign. Due to the student populations and the numerous technology companies the area is often known as the Silicone Prairie. Champaign is home to major offices of Abbott, Archer Daniels Midland, Caterpillar, Deere & Company, Dow Chemical, IBM, State Farm Insurance and Intel, all of which are Fortune 500 companies.

Champaign was established in 1855 and was initially known as West Urbana. Champaign became an independent city when it acquired a city charter in 1860. In 1969, Carl Perkins and Bob Dylan wrote a song entitled “Champaign, Illinois” which was released on Perkins album On Top. The band “Old 97’s” took another tune written by Dylan and wrote new lyrics to create another song named “Champaign, Illinois” which was released (with Dylan’s blessing) on their album, The Grand Theatre Volume One in 2010. The songs are not similar except that Bob Dylan contributed to both of them.

In 1985 Champaign hosted the first Farm Aid concert which attracted 80,000 audience members and raised \$7 million for American family farmers.

In 2005, The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign established the National Science Olympiad Tournament which attracts young scientists from around the country. And in 2013, Champaign was rated the fifth best place to live for a healthy work/life balance in the United States.

Much of the State of Illinois outside of Chicago was mostly flat prairie land before the middle of the Nineteenth Century. Champaign is located on relatively high ground with access to the Kaskaaskia River to the east and the Embarras River to the south.

Champaign has a humid continental climate. Temperatures exceed 90 degrees an average of 24 days a year and typically fall to below 0 degrees, six nights annually.

3. Call to Action

Call now for that Special Balloon Ride!

Part 2: Shared Balloon Rides

Title:

Shared Balloon Rides are the Greatest!

Body:

Have you ever seen a balloon float past and imagined that you were onboard? There are eight passenger seats in the typical hot air balloon basket. Soaringsports.com Champaign can make your dream come true. Shared ride tickets are priced for parties less than eight.

Only similar to flying in a small airplane or a helicopter in that balloons rise above the ground too. There is nothing else quite like flying in a hot air balloon. Powered aircraft flies where it wants. A balloon flies where the wind blows it.

Part of the experience is to see the balloon, or envelope in balloon terminology, inflated. The envelope is laid carefully on the ground with the lines that attach the basket to the balloon in straight lines. Large fans initially start the inflation.

On the basket is mounted the “burner”, which provides the hot air. The inflation of the envelope is completed by the burner until the balloon is standing upright. The pilot enters the basket, then with the ground crew begins the safety checks. Passengers for this trip are loaded and final safety checks are completed.

With a roar of the burner and a wink of the pilot’s eye, the balloon lifts off the ground. And as the ground gets progressively smaller, the term “blowin’ in the wind” might come to mind. Photos and videos are a must, Binoculars are optional but fun.

Enjoy the free feeling of floating in the wind with the cities and the countryside of Central Indiana passing below. Each passenger has a seat that is padded both in the back and also on the sides.

Soaringsports.com Champaign offers hot air balloon rides year round (weather permitting). Of course, April through October are the busiest months. But be aware that hot air balloons work easier in the colder months, so if you can bundle-up and enjoy being out of doors, we can take you on a ride anytime you want.

Like all of the best experiences in life, a hot air balloon ride does come to an end. The first criteria a pilot looks for is an area with no power lines. The overwhelming majority of fatal, and even injury causing hot air balloon accidents are caused when balloons interfere with power lines.

To land, the pilot decreases the amount of heat while opening a small flap at the top of the balloon. Gradually the balloon descends. The pilot tries to adjust the decline aiming at an area large enough to land the balloon.

Under the best of conditions, the pilot sets the balloon down slowly to the ground. Other times the chase crew anticipates where the balloon will land and the crew grabs a rope, pulling the balloon down. After the balloon is dismantled and loaded on the chase vehicle, pilots and passengers ride back to the departure site.

The last nicety is at the launch site, pilots and passengers share a champagne (or carbonated fruit juice) toast to the fun everyone experienced.

Call to Action:

A hot air balloon ride can be the highlight of a lifetime!

Part 3: Private Balloon Rides

Title:

Be Romantic, Take a Private Balloon Ride!

Body:

By far, one of the most impressive thoughts is to reserve a private balloon ride. A private balloon ride can be with just two passengers, and that might be the perfect place to “pop the question”. Or a private balloon ride could include the maid of honor and the best man, not to ignore the preacher. Imagine being married at 2000 feet floating along in a balloon? Now think of just some of the stories you could tell to family and friends through the years.

But besides for romantic reasons, a private balloon ride might be perfect to celebrate that special birthday or a significant anniversary. Family from out of town will talk for years about how you showed them around town by taking them on a private balloon ride just for them!

School mates might enjoy an unusual way to celebrate the years since graduation. Or you might want to close that important business deal. There is no more private place to get someone’s undivided attention.

All hot air balloon rides start the same. The balloon, called the envelope in the industry, is laid on the ground. The ropes attaching the basket to the balloon are laid in straight lines. The inflation begins with large fans and are finished by the “burner” in the basket. The burner is what makes the air hot in a hot air balloon.

When the balloon stands upright, the pilot enters the basket. The pilot and the ground crew make preliminary safety checks and the passengers are encouraged to board. After everyone is in the basket, the ground crew makes final safety checks,

With a roar from the burner, the balloon lifts into the air. Initially, first time passengers have never experienced such a thing. Balloons are similar to small airplanes and helicopters only because the all three rise into the air. But powered aircraft go where they intend to go. Hot air balloons go where the wind takes them.

All balloon rides include a toast at the end of the ride (champagne or carbonated fruit juice). But that toast can be shared during the flight, if preferred.

The balloon ride usually lasts about an hour but plan to be involved for 2-1/2 -3 hours including the inflation and a ride back to the launch site.

Balloons are landed by reducing the heat and opening a small flap near the top of the balloon. Ground crews can also grab a rope and pull the basket down.

Not all hot air balloon ride operators reserve private balloons but we at Soaringsports.com Champaign can help plan just the right atmosphere to be deployed to make your private balloon ride supremely remembered.

Call to Action:

A private balloon ride is a special way to surprise that special person!

Part 4: Tethered Balloon Rides

Title: Tethered Balloon Rides are Perfect for Large Events

Body:

A tethered hot air balloon ride is perfect for a fair, a carnival, a grand opening or a sales promotion. A private balloon ride would be the center of attention not only at any private party but in the entire neighborhood surrounding the party.

A tethered balloon goes up to between 25 and 100 feet high, depending on the terrain, the wind and the anchor points, A sign can also be placed on the balloon and a balloon can be noticed surprisingly well.

Typically rides last about 5 minutes in the air. People can certainly see the world from a different perspective, floating in a balloon, even if it is for a short time. Anyone who is capable of stepping into the basket is able to enjoy the ride. And just the excitement of possibly flying in a balloon attracts crowds.

Baskets have eight passenger seats but depending on the weight of the passengers, a tethered balloon ride can lift 45-50 people per hour. The balloon ride usually lasts about two hours. Precise flying time is dependent on the wind, the rise height, the weight of individual passengers and ultimately the legal amount of fuel permitted on board a balloon.

Tethered balloons can only be flown when the wind is under 5 mph. In stronger winds, the balloon might be difficult to control and therefore dangerous. It is the pilot who ultimately decides when it is safe to fly a balloon..

Tethered balloon rides from Soaringsports.com Champaign can fly year round (weather permitting). The most popular flying times are during sunrise and sunset and wind is weakest at those hours too. But balloons can be flown at any hour of the day and into the night. Think big - illuminate a balloon after dark and it can be seen from far away.

Tethered balloons require an area 250 feet by 250 feet which is clear of trees, electric poles or even just electric wires, any bushes or any kind of debris. Four anchor points are necessary like a big tree trunk, well imbedded fencing posts or a heavy vehicle. We bring a big truck to every balloon event but we still need the other three anchor points.

Call 800-555-5555 now to talk to one of our friendly and knowledgeable agents. We can also suggest good practices of crowd control when hosting a tethered hot air balloon ride at your next event. Our phones are answered between 9 am and 1 am seven days a week. Call now to reserve your next balloon ride.

Call to Action:

A tethered balloon ride can be the feature of your event, call now!

Part 5: Gift Certificates

Headline:

Gift certificates are an inspired thought!

Body:

Gift certificates for a balloon ride are a thoughtful choice which should be appreciated by family or friends. Gift certificates are valid for two years and are accepted at over 100 hot air balloon ride providers nationwide.

Soaringsports.com Champaign gift certificates are completely exchangeable person to person. Changing locations may incur a fee.

Hot air balloon rides are a safe and intriguing experience. Flying in a small plane or helicopter is different because powered aircraft go where they want. A hot air balloon goes where the wind blows it. After riding in a balloon the saying "blowin' In the wind" means something totally different. Giving a gift of that experience is a thoughtful and inspired thing to do.

Gift certificates are usually for two shared ride tickets but we at Soaringsports.com Champaign can arrange any combination of shared or private ride gift tickets you want. Call 800-555-5555 and talk to our customer service. Ask questions and purchase the gift right away. Phones are answered 9 am to 1 am seven days a week.

Call to Action:

Give the gift of flight - Call Now!

Part 6: Contact Us

Body:

Call Soaringsports.com Champaign to make a reservation to take a hot air balloon ride, today! Call us about shared hot air balloon rides or about private balloon ride tickets or discuss the possibility of utilizing a tethered ride at your next event. Flying in a hot air balloon is like nothing else. The ability to be floating across the sky in a balloon requires only one phone call. And 800-555-5555 is answered 9 am to 1 am seven days a week by knowledgeable and friendly agents who can assist with whatever you desire.

Call to action:

Call now to fly away like a bird!